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### Lt 1, 1903

White, W. C.; White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 28, 1902

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Dear Willie and Edson,—

I have been trying lately to write on the life of Solomon, and I have two manuscripts ready for the copying. *18LtMs, Lt 1, 1903, par. 1*

I have read Edson’s little book *The Story of Joseph*, and I am certain that it is books of this kind that are needed in the Southern field. *18LtMs, Lt 1, 1903, par. 2*

It is several years since light was given me in regard to the need of publishing small books containing Bible stories and others containing some part of the Bible printed as a whole. It pains me to see so many magazines in the homes of the people. Those who cultivate an appetite for such reading do themselves great harm. Can we not provide something better for them? *18LtMs, Lt 1, 1903, par. 3*

The books of *Daniel* and the *Revelation* should be bound together and published. A few explanations of certain portions might be added, but I am not sure that these would be needed. *18LtMs, Lt 1, 1903, par. 4*

This is the suggestion that I made to Elder Haskell, which resulted in the book that he published. The need is not filled by this book. It was my idea to have the two books bound together, Revelation following Daniel, as giving fuller light on the subjects dealt with in

Daniel. The object is to bring these books together, showing that they both relate to the same subjects. *18LtMs, Lt 1, 1903, par. 5*

**Lt 2, 1903**

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 1, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *PM 176; ML 52*.

Dear Son Edson,—

I wish to write you a few words in regard to your proposition with reference to the first four chapters of *Patriarchs and Prophets*. I cannot promise to do what you ask; for the preparation of these chapters would take the time that I need for writing on the life of Solomon and the history of Israel following his reign. I want to move intelligently and wisely, not hurriedly. *18LtMs, Lt 2, 1903, par. 1*

I suppose that W. C. is with you. Counsel with him. He will be able to tell you better than I could what should be done about this matter. I should do nothing without his judgment. *18LtMs, Lt 2, 1903, par. 2*

Yesterday morning we heard that the Review and Herald Publishing building has been burned to the ground. How sad this is! The financial loss that the fire will be to the cause, we do not yet know. I hear that nothing was saved. *18LtMs, Lt 2, 1903, par. 3*

This disaster may make a decided change in affairs. I hope that our brethren will heed the lesson that God is trying to teach them, and that they will not rebuild the publishing house in Battle Creek. God means that we shall not locate in the cities; for there are very stormy times before us. *18LtMs, Lt 2, 1903, par. 4*

We have no time now to spend in contention; the moments are too precious. *18LtMs, Lt 2, 1903, par. 5*

Do nothing, my son, that will give any one occasion to speak evil of you. And if any one speaks evil of you without occasion, do not retaliate; it will not pay. Let us cherish the tenderness and love of Christ. We are to accuse no man wrongfully, and if we are

wrongfully accused, we are to refuse to be provoked. We are to utter no word in retaliation. *18LtMs, Lt 2, 1903, par. 6*

Try to live peaceably with all men, and let the atmosphere surrounding your soul be sweet and fragrant. The Lord hears every unwise word that is spoken. If you will battle against selfish human nature, you will go forward steadily in the work of overcoming hereditary and cultivated tendencies to wrong. By patience, longsuffering, and forbearance you will accomplish much. Remember that you cannot be humiliated by the unwise speeches of someone else, but that when you answer unwisely, you lose a victory that you might have gained. Be very careful of your words. *18LtMs, Lt 2, 1903, par. 7*

I shall be willing to do almost anything that you and Brother Palmer, after consulting with Willie, think is best. I should like to give you something that would help the South. But it will be best for you to counsel with W. C. in regard to preparing books for this field. *18LtMs, Lt 2, 1903, par. 8*

I cannot write more today. *18LtMs, Lt 2, 1903, par. 9*

**Lt 3, 1903**

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 1, 1903

Previously unpublished.

My dear Son Edson,—

I have just read your letter in which you propose to take your printing work away from the Nashville publishing house, and in which you make inquiry in regard to the advisability of securing a printing press and the other facilities necessary for printing your books. I can see, as well as you, that if there is not an entire change in sentiment, the only thing you can do is to withdraw your work from the office there. If you have to do this, be careful not to show any spirit of triumph or retaliation. *18LtMs, Lt 3, 1903, par. 1*

But if you disconnect from the publishing house, and still remain in the Southern field, will not some of the brethren try to hinder the sale of your books? If you remain, I think it is best for you to be given the same position of influence that you have held in the past. This is your right. Three times the Lord has presented to me, in symbols, that you should not be set aside as one who has no voice in the management of the work in the Southern field. *18LtMs, Lt 3, 1903, par. 2*

If the same spirit that has been manifested will continue to be manifested, it might be best for you to sever your connection with the Southern work. Leave the field, if compelled to, and give into the hands of your brethren the work that you have been carrying forward. By all means quietly step out, giving your brethren the field, if they make it too hard for you. *18LtMs, Lt 3, 1903, par. 3*

I am writing you this after reading your letter in which you propose going away where you can be by yourself. You cannot endure constant friction. I know this would not be best for you or for your brethren. I hardly know how to advise you, as I have had no special

light from the Lord. If your work is to be hedged up, if you are to be subjected to constant annoyances, I wish you could leave that section of the country, and take up a work in Southern California—possibly in San Diego, or in Fernando, where the Conference school is located. This winter you could come to “Elmshaven” and take up work on my books, or write books, as you might choose. We should be glad to have you connect with us and would find a place for you. However, these are merely suggestions. *18LtMs, Lt 3, 1903, par. 4*

My dear son, follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit. Walk humbly with God. Value His favor more highly than everything else. Remember that the Lord Jesus is your best Friend, your constant Guardian. *18LtMs, Lt 3, 1903, par. 5*

With love. *18LtMs, Lt 3, 1903, par. 6*

**Lt 4, 1903**

Caro, Brother and Sister [E. R.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 3, 1903

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Dear brother and sister Caro,—

God calls for the service of the whole being. He will not accept a divided heart, a service given partly to Him and partly to self. When the lawyer came to Christ with the question, “Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” Christ answered, “What is written in the law? how readest thou?” And he answering said, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thy self.” And Christ said, “Thou hast answered right; this do, and thou shalt live.” [*Luke 10:25-28.*]*18LtMs, Lt 4, 1903, par. 1*

Christ came to reinstate in the earth the divine government, to vindicate God’s holy law, to make an end of transgression, and to bring in everlasting righteousness for His people. The completeness of His atonement is the assurance that as we give ourselves to God, we shall be accepted in the Beloved.*18LtMs, Lt 4, 1903, par. 2*

The Saviour is now pleading before the throne of God in our behalf—our compassionate, sympathetic, faithful high priest. “It became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through suffering. ... In all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted.” “We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”



[*Hebrews 2:10, 17, 18; 4:15.*]18LtMs, Lt 4, 1903, par. 3

In order to be our Redeemer, Christ must know by experience what we suffer. He must know what is meant by a wounded, bleeding heart. He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. He was made perfect through suffering. He knows how to sympathize with and help a suffering church. Then let those who are in trouble bring their sorrows to one who can help them—One who is too wise to err and too good to do them harm.18LtMs, Lt 4, 1903, par. 4

In order to become acquainted with the disappointments and trials and griefs that come to human beings, Christ reached to the lowest depths of woe and humiliation. He has traveled the path that He asks His followers to travel. He says to them, “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [*Matthew 16:24.*] But professing Christians are not always willing to practice the self-denial that the Saviour calls for. They are not willing to bind about their wishes and desires in order that they may have more to give to the Lord. One says, “My family are expensive in their tastes, and it costs much to keep them.” This shows that he and they need to learn the lessons of economy taught by the life of Christ18LtMs, Lt 4, 1903, par. 5

One family that indulges expensive tastes will spend in self-gratification money sufficient to support two families with proper economy. I would advise those whose tastes are so expensive not to connect with a work that calls for constant self-denial and self-sacrifice.18LtMs, Lt 4, 1903, par. 6

To all comes the temptation to gratify selfish, extravagant desires, but let us remember that the Lord of life and glory came to this world to teach humanity the lesson of self-denial. Just before His ascension He gave His disciples the work to which they were to make all else subordinate. “All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth,” He said. “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” [*Matthew 28:18-20.*]18LtMs, Lt 4, 1903, par. 7

Think of the greatness of the work before God’s people. The world

is to be warned. To all parts of the earth the message of present truth is to be carried. This work calls for means. Those who are inclined to be extravagant must overcome their desire to indulge self. Only thus can they be true followers of Christ. Those who take the name of Christian are to follow their Leader. He resigned His high position in the heavenly courts. Laying off His kingly crown and royal robe, He clothed His divinity with humanity, that humanity might lay hold of divinity, becoming partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. He died for sinful human beings, that they might live forever in the kingdom of God.*18LtMs, Lt 4, 1903, par. 8*

I ask those who live in the vanity of self-indulgence, Will you continue to act as if there rested on you no responsibility to practice self-denial? For what purpose are you living? What good are you accomplishing? Can you afford to live for self? Can you gain eternal life while you live thus? Has not God a place and a work for you? Is there not something more for you to do than merely to please and gratify self?*18LtMs, Lt 4, 1903, par. 9*

Sister Caro, you are not a happy woman, because you do not view things in a right light. You are not satisfied. Forget self, and work for others. Use in unselfish service the powers of body and mind. Thus you will find true happiness. Thus is the use that God intended you to make of the human machinery, and upon this use of it depends its harmonious action.*18LtMs, Lt 4, 1903, par. 10*

There are higher attainments for you. No longer cherish such an exalted idea of yourself that you are unwilling to do for others the work that your Lord and Master did while on this earth.*18LtMs, Lt 4, 1903, par. 11*

There is much for us to learn from God's great book of nature. Notice the loveliness of the roses and the lilies and the pinks. Educate yourself to love these beautiful things. Draw from them lessons of trust, and teach these lessons to your little one. Pointing to the lilies, Christ said, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is,

and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" [*Matthew 6:28-30.*] *18LtMs, Lt 4, 1903, par. 12*

My sister, do not rest content to be merely an ornament. Such a life will never satisfy a mind created to grasp eternal realities. Within your reach are God's choicest blessings. You can have them if you will awake to the thought that you have a higher life to live than you have been living. Will you not use your physical, mental, and moral powers in the Master's service? Your husband needs your help in planning to reduce the expenses of his family. In the near future this will have to be done. Help your husband by personal activity. Do not live for self-gratification. This will never bring you real happiness. *18LtMs, Lt 4, 1903, par. 13*

I am intensely desirous that you shall rise above the dwarfing ideas that you have entertained with regard to what constitutes a lady. These ideas are altogether out of harmony with God's ideas, and therefore your mind is sick, diseased. It does not meet the mind of Him who has bought you with a price. You yourself are not satisfied with your attainments. How can you be? As you are now, life's prospects cannot appear altogether inviting. Life's realities must be painfully oppressive to your sensitive, discouraged feelings. *18LtMs, Lt 4, 1903, par. 14*

But it is not too late for you to make an effort to be a useful wife and mother. With the simple, childlike confidence that it is the privilege of every Christian to have, believe that you will yet see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Remember that the Lord designed your life to be a blessing to those around you. He has a higher standard for you to reach than you have yet reached. Do not spend your time and strength in the effort to be a lady in the eyes of the world. She who is a true lady in God's sight is the one whose life is filled with good works. *18LtMs, Lt 4, 1903, par. 15*

You need not be an invalid, and you will not be unless you allow wrong ideas and habits to make you thus. If you would bring into your life the principles of genuine health reform, this would have a saving influence on yourself and your husband. *18LtMs, Lt 4, 1903, par. 16*

Christ prayed for His disciples, “I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil.” [*John 17:15.*] This prayer is the rule by which you are to regulate your life. Those who receive the Spirit of Christ realize that there is in His words more than appears on the surface. The Christianity of the true believer looks beneath the surface and sees in Christ’s teaching a religion perfectly adapted to every human being—a religion ever actively engaged in doing good. *18LtMs, Lt 4, 1903, par. 17*

The cultivation of the intellect is not of the right order if it lifts the mind above the simplicity of the gospel of Christ. We need to exercise faith, faith in hearing God’s Word and faith in practicing it. No one who lives is at liberty to do as he pleases. Christ has pointed out the path in which every one is to travel. “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.*]*18LtMs, Lt 4, 1903, par. 18*

I entreat you and your husband, my dear sister, to be trees of righteousness. Profession is worthless without corresponding practice. Christ declares, “Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, and figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” [*Verses 16-20.*]*18LtMs, Lt 4, 1903, par. 19*

**Lt 5, 1903**

Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 5, 1903

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Dear brother Daniells,—

Today I received your letter in regard to the destruction of the Review and Herald Office. I had already received news of the disaster from Brother C. H. Jones, who wrote to me in regard to the telegram that you sent. I am afflicted with all who are afflicted. I know that this must be a very trying time for the brethren in charge of the work and for the employees of the office. I feel very sad as I consider the loss to the cause. But I expected to hear the news even before now. In my diary I had written out the description of a scene that had been presented to me, in which I saw an angel standing with a sword as of fire stretched over Battle Creek.*18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 1*

This morning I was drawn out in earnest prayer that the Lord would lead all who are connected with the Review and Herald office to make diligent search, that they may see wherein they have disregarded the many messages God has given.*18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 2*

Some time ago you wrote to me in regard to putting an addition to the Review and Herald on a piece of land from which an old building had been removed. At the time I wrote you regarding the inconsistency of erecting more buildings in Battle Creek. I had no courage to send this letter, knowing that it would have no greater weight than other testimonies that have been sent. I did send one letter then. I will find the one I did not send and let you have it. In it I said that if those who were in favor of adding another building to the

Review and Herald had the future mapped out before them, if they could see what would be in Battle Creek, they would have no question in regard to putting up another building there. God said, "My word has been despised; and I will turn and overturn."*18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 3*

At the last General Conference in Battle Creek, the Lord gave all evidence that the testimonies were of divine origin. Minds were convicted, and hearts were touched; but thorough work was not done. If stubborn hearts had then broken in penitence before God, there would have been seen one of the greatest manifestations of the power of God that has ever been seen. But God was not honored. The testimonies of His Spirit were not heeded. Men did not separate from the practices that were in decided opposition to the principles of truth and righteousness, which should ever be maintained in the Lord's work.*18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 4*

The messages to the church of Ephesus and to the church in Sardis have been often repeated to me by the One who gives me instruction for His people. "Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write: These things saith He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil; and hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars; and hast borne, and hast patience, and for My name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." [*Revelation 2:1-5.*]*18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 5*

"And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write: These things saith He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars, I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received, and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a

thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.”  
[*Revelation 3:1-3.*] *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 6*

Never have Scriptures been more strictly fulfilled than these have been. We have been given two fulfilments of these warnings. How many more shall we have to have? *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 7*

You ask me, Elder Daniells, if I have any advice to give. I answer, Not now. I have given the advice that God has given me, hoping to prevent the falling of the fiery sword that was hanging over Battle Creek. Now that which I dreaded has come. *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 8*

Men may erect the most carefully constructed, fireproof buildings, but one touch of God’s hand, one spark from heaven, will sweep away every refuge. *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 9*

I dare not give advice. A few weeks ago, while the council meeting at Battle Creek was in session, I was walking my room at night, in an agony of spirit, bowed down under a heavy burden. I would not place on paper all that was presented to me at that time, neither do I feel at liberty do so now. Some of the things presented to me have come to pass. But by the turning of the wheel of providence, God has prevented many things that otherwise would have been worked out. *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 10*

I shall never, never be able to describe the scenes presented to me. For three nights in succession, I thought that the last hours of my life had come. Then relief came. But again scenes were presented to me, and night after night, an awful weight rested on me. At last the Lord in His great mercy lifted the burden from me. When the news came of the burning of the Review and Herald, I felt no surprise, and I had no words to speak. What I have had to say from time to time in warnings has had no effect, except to harden those who heard; and now I can only say, I am so sorry, so very sorry, that it was necessary for this stroke to come. What you should do, I am not the one to say. Light enough has been given. If it were acted upon, further light would not be needed. Go to God for yourselves. *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 11*

We are pilgrims and strangers in this world, traveling a path beset

with dangers from those who have rejected the only One who could save them. Ingenious subterfuges and scientific problems will be held out before us, to tempt us to swerve from our allegiance, but we are not to heed them. Everyone must now seek God for himself. Christ visited John on the lonely isle of Patmos and gave him instruction for the church in these last days. Let us become acquainted with this instruction. Let us have more to say about it. *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 12*

To our people, ministers, and lay members, I am instructed to say, “Seek ye the Lord, while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord”—for many ministers and people are walking in strange paths—“and He will have mercy upon them; and to our God; for He will abundantly pardon.” [*isaiah 55:6, 7.*] *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 13*

This is the only message I have now to give. Let every soul be on the alert. The adversary is on your track. Be vigilant, watching carefully lest some carefully concealed and masterly snare shall take you unawares. Let the careless and indifferent beware lest the day of the Lord come upon them as a thief in the night. Many will wander from the path of humility, and, casting aside the yoke of Christ, will walk in strange paths. Blinded and bewildered, they will leave the narrow path that leads to the city of God. *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 14*

A man cannot be a happy Christian unless he is a watchful Christian. He who overcomes must watch; for with worldly entanglements, error, and superstition, Satan strives to win Christ’s followers from Him and to keep their minds employed with his devices. It is not enough that we avoid glaring dangers and perilous, inconsistent moves. We are to keep close to the side of Christ, walking in the path of self-denial and self-sacrifice. We are not to allow our spiritual perceptions to be blinded, as they often are, by a strong, determined will. And in order to detect the artifices of Satan and to withstand his unexpected attacks, we must have the grace of Christ and the impartation of His Spirit. *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 15*



We are in an enemy's country. He who was cast out of heaven has come down with great power. With every conceivable artifice and device he is seeking to take souls captive. Unless we are constantly on guard, we shall fall an easy prey to his unnumbered deceptions. *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 16*

We are stewards, entrusted by our absent Lord with the care of His household and His interests, which He came to this world to serve. He has returned to heaven, leaving us in charge, and He expects us to watch and wait and prepare for His coming. Let us be faithful to our trust, lest coming suddenly He find us sleeping. *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 17*

God's Word warns us that we have manifold enemies, not open and avowed, but enemies who come with smooth words and fair speeches, and who would deceive if possible the very elect. Thus Satan comes. And again, when it suits his purpose, he goes about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Man's will, unless kept in subjection to the will of God, is as often on the enemy's side as on the Lord's side. Therefore watch unto prayer; watch and pray always. *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 18*

The experience of the disciples in the garden of Gethsemane contains a lesson for the Lord's people today. Taking with Him Peter and James and John, Christ went to Gethsemane to pray. He said to them, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death; tarry ye here, and watch. And He went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. And He said, Abba Father, all things are possible unto Thee; take this cup from Me; nevertheless, not what I will but what Thou wilt. And He cometh and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, Sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." [*Mark 14:34-38.*]*18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 19*

Read these words carefully. Many today are fast asleep, as were the disciples. They are not watching and praying, lest they enter into temptation. Let us read and study those portions of God's Word that have special reference to these last days, pointing out the dangers that will threaten God's people. *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 20*

We need keen, sanctified perception. This perception is not to be used in criticizing and condemning one another, but in discerning the signs of the times. We are to keep our hearts with all diligence, that we may not make shipwreck of faith. *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 21*

The Laodicean message is applicable to our churches. Many of God's people have strengthened themselves in their own way, following the impulses of their own minds, and refusing to heed the admonitions of the Lord. Many who were once firm believers in the truth have become careless in regard to their spiritual welfare, and are yielding, without the slightest opposition, to Satan's well-laid plots. *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 22*

It is time for our people to take their families from the cities into more retired localities, else many of the youth, and many of those older in years, who put their trust in their own capabilities, will be ensnared and taken by the enemy. *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 23*

The dangers thickening around us demand from those who have an experience in the things of God a watchful supervision. Those who walk humbly before God, distrustful of their own wisdom, will realize their danger and will know the power of God's keeping care. Those who do not realize their danger, because they do not watch, will pay, with the loss of their souls, the penalty of their presumption and their wilful ignorance of Satan's devices. *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 24*

Let us trust fully, humbly, unselfishly in God. We are His little children, and thus He deals with us. When we draw near to Him, He mercifully preserves us from the assaults of the enemy. Never will He betray one who trusts in Him, as a child trusts in its parents. He sees the humble, trusting souls drawing near to Him, and in pity and love He draws near to them and lifts up for them a standard against the enemy. "Touch them not," He says; "for they are Mine. I have graven them upon the palms of My hands." He teaches them to exercise unquestioning faith in His power to work in their behalf. With assurance they say, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." [*1 John 5:4.*] *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 25*

Let every believer closely examine himself, to ascertain what are his weak points. Let him cherish a spirit of humility and plead with

the Lord for grace and wisdom and for the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Let us cast away all self-confidence. God has no place for it in His work. Many have so high an opinion of their own abilities and attainments, and so firm a reliance on their own judgment, that they believe themselves capable of bearing responsibilities in any emergency. But they leave their appointed work, forget the precautions God has told them to take, and entangle themselves in difficulty. They make crooked paths for their feet and incur the displeasure of God. *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 26*

This is the warning that comes to all, especially to those in positions of trust: “Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.” [*1 Corinthians 10:12.*] Self-confidence leads to a lack of watchfulness, to perplexity, and to the doing of a work that the Lord has not given. *18LtMs, Lt 5, 1903, par. 27*

**Lt 6, 1903**

Caro, E. R.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Dr. E. R. Caro

Dear Brother,—

I have read your letter to Willie, and from some expressions and statements in it, I have come to the conclusion that you have not yet learned what you must do to inherit eternal life.*18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 1*

My brother, Christ gives to you the invitation, “Come unto Me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me: for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] Rest is found in yoking up with Christ. Those who learn from Him His meekness and lowliness will bear witness that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. But you will not find rest so long as you think that you are not included in Christ’s invitation, and that you can take with you into the Christian life your hereditary and cultivated tendencies to wrong.*18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 2*

I sincerely hope that you will not connect with the Wahoonga Sanitarium until you decide that a thorough reconversion must take place in your heart. Do not, I beg you, make the work harder than it must necessarily be for those who are working to advance the cause of God, and who in their work are brought in contact with worldly people. They must keep the Word of God in hand and heart, that they may tell those they meet how to gain salvation. Do not do

anything that will hinder the accomplishment of their work. *18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 3*

My brother, we could not consent to have connected with the Wahroonga Sanitarium a physician who would not set a right example. He who serves as a physician in one of our medical institutions is to be a sign pointing out the way to heaven, telling his fellow men that God has only one standard—His holy law. *18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 4*

Through disobedience Adam fell. The divine government had been dishonored, and justice demanded that the penalty of transgression be paid. To save the race from eternal death, the Son of God volunteered to bear the punishment of disobedience. Only by the humiliation of the Prince of heaven could the dishonor be removed, justice satisfied, and man restored to that which he had forfeited by disobedience. There was no other way. Christ, equal with God, “the brightness of the Father’s glory, and the express image of His person” [*Hebrews 1:3*], clothed His divinity with humanity and came to this earth to suffer and die for man. For every one of the angels in heaven to have come to this earth to pass over the ground where Adam fell would not have sufficed. They could not have removed the stain of one sin nor brought to man one hour of probation. *18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 5*

The law of God had been broken. Justice demanded the humiliation of the Lawgiver Himself. God humbled Himself in the humiliation of His only begotten Son and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. Therefore He could say, I restored that which I took not away. He restored holiness to the law of God’s kingdom, dignity to the divine government; and by bearing in His own body the curse of sin, He placed happiness and immortality within the reach of all. One honored of all heaven must come to our world to stand in human nature, at the head of humanity, testifying to all heaven and to the unfallen worlds that through the divine help that has been provided, every human being may walk in the path of obedience to God’s commandments. The experience of the Son of God in our world must exemplify the love that every pardoned sinner must feel in his heart and reveal in his life—the love which Christ said that His disciples must show for one another. *18LtMs, Lt*

In giving this commandment on the night of His betrayal, Christ addressed His disciples as “little children.” They were full-grown men, but, like all the rest of the human family—rich and poor, high and low—in comparison with God they were little children. “Little children,” Christ declared, “yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek Me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.” [*John 13:33, 34.*]*18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 7*

This was a new commandment because the Saviour had not yet given His disciples the full revelation of His love for them. After His agony in Gethsemane, His betrayal, and His trial; after His abuse at the hands of His murderers, and His sufferings on Calvary’s cross, His disciples realized more fully how much He loved them. His love for them could not have been put to a severer test than that which he bore. The love He manifested is infinite, measureless. Greater love could not have been shown.*18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 8*

Having given His disciples the new commandment, “Love one another, as I have loved you,” Christ foretold the sure result: “By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.” [*Verses 34, 35.*]*18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 9*

Continuing His instruction, He said: “As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love. If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love, even as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.” A wonderful statement is this! What can exceed the infinite love that Christ has shown toward the fallen race? “These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.” [*John 15:9-14.*] Obedience is the evidence of man’s friendship with God.*18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 10*

“Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth; but I have called you friends; for all things that I

have heard of My Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you.” [Verses 15, 16.] Christ’s love for those who obey His commandments is unchangeable, unparalleled. *18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 11*

Some may think that they can follow Christ’s example, and at the same time indulge in self-gratification, display, and expensive habits of living. Let every such an one study the Scriptures, in order that he may learn what is required of him by the Lord. The apostle Paul writes: *18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 12*

“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For Thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” [Romans 8:31-39.] *18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 13*

To those who selfishly desired to follow Him in order that they might receive of His bounty from day to day, Christ declared: *18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 14*

“I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen Me, and believe not. All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no

wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent Me, that of all which He hath given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. *18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 15*

“The Jews then murmured at Him, because He said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He saith, I came down from heaven? Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. No man can come to Me, except the Father which hath sent Me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto Me. Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.” [*John 6:35-46.*]*18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 16*

Christ's next statement is a wonderful one: “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life.” [*Verse 47.*] Such a belief requires much more faith than that which is shown by many who claim to believe. *18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 17*

“I am that bread of life,” the Great Teacher continued. “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 that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” *18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 18*

“The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us His flesh to eat?” *18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 19*

“Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and



drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live forever.*18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 20*

“These words said He in the synagogue, as He taught in Capernaum. Many therefore of His disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?” [*Verses 48-60.*]*18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 21*

“Jesus knew ... that His disciples murmured” at the words He had spoken, and He explained more fully His meaning. “It is the spirit that quickeneth,” He declared; “the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” [*Verses 61, 63.*]*18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 22*

Of His disciples Christ says: “He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him. Judas saith unto Him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him. He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings: and the word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father’s which sent Me.” [*John 14:21-24.*]*18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 23*

These Scriptures are sufficient to show the folly of pretending to serve God while indulging self and giving but little evidence that Christ abides in the soul temple. How can any one who claims to believe God’s Word think that he can live a life of self-indulgence, setting up a standard of his own, following the desires of his natural heart, and at the same time be regarded by the Lord as one of His disciples? He who has lived a life of self-pleasing may become a true disciple only by accepting the Master’s invitation to wear His yoke of obedience and to learn of Him His meekness and lowliness.*18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 24*

The Son of God died for the just and for the unjust. For us He has suffered all that any man can possibly suffer. Wonderful—almost

too wonderful for man to comprehend—was the Saviour’s mission in our behalf. And His sacrifice was called for. When we realize that His suffering was necessary in order to insure our eternal wellbeing, our hearts are touched and melted; for His love for us grows out of the relation that He sustains to us as our Surety. He has pledged Himself to accomplish our full salvation in a way satisfactory to the demands of God’s justice and consistent with the exalted holiness of His law. No sacrifice less holy than the Only Begotten of the Father, the One innocent of any taint of sin, would have been efficacious to cleanse all—even the whole world—who accept the Saviour as their Atonement and become obedient to heaven’s law. Nothing less could have reinstated man in God’s favor and have met the standard of His holy law. If we are obedient to the requirements of this law, Christ’s sacrifice atones for our transgressions, and we are clothed with the robe of His righteousness. *18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 25*

Yes, my brother, Christ suffered for you and for me. How wonderful is the love He has shown by His willingness to suffer for us! “He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.” [*Isaiah 53:5.*]*18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 26*

When I read your letter to Willie, I first thought that I would have nothing to say in regard to your proposed connection with the Sanitarium near Sydney. Afterward, however, I have been instructed that it would not be wisdom to employ you as a physician in this institution. You would neither be helped yourself, nor would you be able to render the help that is required in one of our sanitariums, because of your expensive habits of living and your spiritual condition. *18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 27*

My dear brother, I would that you could see yourself as the Lord sees you. He regards you as neither cold nor hot. You are not in open opposition to the truth, and yet you are not a faithful steward of your soul. You continue to venture—as formerly—to follow your own ideas and plans. Thus you reveal that you are in need of genuine, Bible religion before you can be a safe medical missionary, or before you can, in your home life, set a proper example before the patrons of one of our medical institutions. While

you cherish sentiments that give evidence of your half-converted condition, it would be unwise for you to occupy the important position of a leading physician in our new Sanitarium in Australia.*18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 28*

God desires you to be a wise steward of the talents He has lent you, that you may minister to men and women as a faithful physician of the soul and of the body. But a complete transformation must take place in your heart before you are fitted for the stewardship required of you. If you would repent and do a thorough work, God would bring you into close, tender relationship with Himself. In order to reach His exalted standard, you need to be thoroughly cleansed from self. Through the faith that works by love and purifies the soul, you may be born anew. Then you would be like a little child—willing to be led. You now feel that you are qualified for the highest position. The Lord says, Nay.*18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 29*

Let the completeness of Christ's character be the completeness of your character. In your disposition are mingled contrary traits. When it is to your interest to be so, you are kind, compassionate, tender. When your way is crossed, the spirit you manifest is often the opposite.*18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 30*

Oh how wretched and hopeless would have been our condition, how fearful and certain our doom, had not Jesus suffered in our behalf! Our destiny depends on our own choice. If we choose, we can escape the sorrow, the mourning, and the woe that will come to those who refuse to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. Let us remember that we are to follow in the way that Christ has marked out, and not in our way of self-pleasing. Will any one decide to run the risk of living a life of extravagance while laboring in the Lord's cause? God forbid!*18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 31*

No, my brother, a follower of the meek and lowly Jesus expends no more for himself than is necessary. Both because of the principles involved and the example you would set, it would be neither to your soul's profit nor to the advantage of the Wahrenburg Sanitarium for you to maintain an expensive home while working in this institution. Our sanitariums are to be strictly guarded against influences that

are not wholly sanctified to God. It would be a mistake to consent to your connecting with this Sanitarium while you permit your family to live extravagantly. Your influence would be contrary to the Bible truths you claim to believe, contrary to the self-denying life of Christ, who gave Himself, a living sacrifice, in order that we might become pure, spotless, holy—the children of His covenant promise. *18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 32*

We may claim to be Seventh-day Adventists, and yet fail of realizing how exalted is the standard to which we must attain in order to deserve this name. Some have felt ashamed of being known as Seventh-day Adventists. Those who are ashamed of this name should never connect with those who feel it an honor to bear this name. And those who are Christ's witnesses, standing where the truths of the Bible have placed them, are worthy of the name they bear. Our Redeemer declares, "Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven." And He further declares: "Whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father which is in heaven." [*Matthew 10:32, 33.*]*18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 33*

Oh, if Christ had not sacrificed Himself to redeem the fallen race, there would be for man no forgiveness with God, no acceptance, no peace, no hope, no heaven. Our Redeemer is now standing in the presence of His Father as a compassionate, sympathetic High Priest, pleading for the heritage He has purchased with His life-blood. "It became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ... Wherefore in all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted." [*Hebrews 2:10, 17, 18.*]*18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 34*

"We have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities." [*Hebrews 4:15.*] Christ offers every encouragement to those who are determined to be faithful in His service; but He shows no favor toward those who misrepresent Him in their daily life. What a wonderful High Priest we have! My brother,

in order to perfect a Christian character, you must, as it were, lay your hand upon the bleeding sacrifice, and confess your every sin; you must lay your bosom bare, disclosing your heartfelt sorrow. The psalmist says, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise." [*Psalm 51:17.*] *18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 35*

Shall we not learn to obey Christ? To those who desire to follow Him, He says: "Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Mark 8:34.*] Many respond coldly to His invitation. But He will not accept half-hearted service. He withheld no part of the price, but gave Himself as a whole offering, a sacrifice fragrant with the incense of His righteousness, which has ascended to God as a sweet-smelling savour. And His complete sacrifice was made to redeem poor, sinful mortals. What self-sacrifice are we practicing for His sake? The life of every one whose character is being fashioned after the divine similitude is, in word and deed, fragrant with the rich perfume of Christlike love. *18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 36*

My dear brother, imperil not your soul's salvation by sanctioning extravagance in your home life. I wish you could realize how much you would gain by being an overcomer. Consider the words of the Lord Jesus to those who compose His church on the earth: *18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 37*

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God." [*Revelation 2:7.*] Is not this an inspiring promise? And of the overcomer He further declares, "I will give him the morning star." [*Verse 28.*] *18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 38*

The message to the church in Smyrna is also for our encouragement: "These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall

have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.” [*Verses 8-11.*] *18LtMs, Lt 6, 1903, par. 39*

## Lt 7, 1903

Daniells, A. G.

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Elder A. G. Daniells

Dear Brother,—

I have fully decided not to attend the General Conference, or the camp-meetings, unless clear light comes to me that I should go. I dare not go; for it unfits me for my writing. *18LtMs, Lt 7, 1903, par. 1*

Those who have had great light have not walked in the light. The other day, at noon, I was writing of the work that might have been done at the last General Conference, if the men in positions of trust had followed the will and way of God. But the meeting was closed, and the break was not made. Men did not humble themselves before the Lord as they should have done, and God's Holy Spirit was not imparted. *18LtMs, Lt 7, 1903, par. 2*

I had written thus far when I lost consciousness and seemed to be witnessing a scene in Battle Creek. *18LtMs, Lt 7, 1903, par. 3*

We were assembled in the auditorium of the Battle Creek Tabernacle. Prayer was offered, a hymn was sung, and prayer was again offered. Most earnest supplication was made to God. The meeting was marked by the presence of the Holy Spirit. The work went deep, and some present were weeping aloud. One rose from his bowed position, and said that in the past he had not been in union with certain ones, and had felt no love for them, but that now he saw himself as he was. With great solemnity he repeated the message to the Laodicean church, “Because thou sayest, I am rich,

and increased with goods, and have need of nothing.” In my self-sufficiency this is just the way I have felt, he said. “And knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.” [*Revelation 3:17.*]*18LtMs, Lt 7, 1903, par. 4*

I now see that this is my condition. My eyes are opened. My spirit has been hard and unjust, and I have thought myself righteous. But my heart is broken, and I see my need of the precious counsel from the One who has searched me through and through. O how gracious and compassionate and loving are His words! “I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.” [*Verse 18.*]*18LtMs, Lt 7, 1903, par. 5*

The speaker turned to those who had been praying, and said, We have something to do. We must confess our sins, and humble our hearts before God. He made heart-broken confessions and then stepped up to several, one after another, and extended his hand asking their forgiveness. Those to whom he spoke sprang to their feet, making confession and asking forgiveness, and they fell upon one another’s necks, weeping. The spirit of confession spread through the entire congregation. It was a Pentecostal season. God’s praises were sung, and the work was carried on till a very late hour, until nearly morning.*18LtMs, Lt 7, 1903, par. 6*

The following words were often repeated, with clear distinctness: “As many as I love I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.” [*Verses 19, 20.*]*18LtMs, Lt 7, 1903, par. 7*

No one seemed to be too proud to make heartfelt confession, and those who led in this work were the ones who had influence, but had not before had courage to confess their sins.*18LtMs, Lt 7, 1903, par. 8*

There was rejoicing such as never before had been heard in the Tabernacle.*18LtMs, Lt 7, 1903, par. 9*

The words were spoken to me: “This might have been. All this the



Lord was waiting to do for His people. All heaven was waiting to be gracious.”*18LtMs, Lt 7, 1903, par. 10*

Then I aroused from my unconsciousness and for a while could not think where I was. My pen was still in my hand. I thought of where we might have been had thorough work been done at the last General Conference. An agony of disappointment came over me as I realized that what I had witnessed was not a reality.*18LtMs, Lt 7, 1903, par. 11*

**Lt 8, 1903**

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Dear brother and sister Burden,—

I wish to send you a few lines in this mail. I have written to Dr. Caro and his wife, and I will send you copies of these letters, that you may see just how I regard the question of their connection with the Wahroonga Sanitarium. Have you evidence that a radical change has taken place in Dr. Caro's life? If so, this is enough. Has he been converted? If he has not, he would not, if connected with the Sanitarium, rightly represent the truth for this time. His influence would stand in the way of bringing the institution to that place where it will meet the mind of God.*18LtMs, Lt 8, 1903, par. 1*

In my former letters I have spoken in regard to this matter, and now I speak to you again, saying, Be guarded in giving Dr. Caro encouragement to connect with the Sanitarium. In his letter to Willie he says, “You know, I have an expensive family.” He seems to think that we shall take it for granted that this is something that cannot be changed. To connect such a family with the Sanitarium would be to bring in an undercurrent of influence that would undo what you will try to do.*18LtMs, Lt 8, 1903, par. 2*

Unless all the workers in the Sanitarium will stand firm for truth and righteousness, you might just as well not have a sanitarium. The work and influence of unconsecrated workers would cause much trouble and heartache and create difficulties that you could not handle, difficulties which would exert a strong influence for evil, but which you would not be able to take hold of as something tangible. Such things would bring into the Sanitarium the leaven of evil.*18LtMs, Lt 8, 1903, par. 3*

Secure, if possible, humble men and women as workers for the

Sanitarium. At one time I thought that Dr. Kellar would connect with this institution, but neither he nor his wife is obtaining the experience that the physicians connected with this institution should have. Every physician and every helper in other lines in the Sanitarium should have a genuine religious experience.*18LtMs, Lt 8, 1903, par. 4*

Those who are children of God will work the works of God. But he who shuts the Holy Spirit away from his life should not be brought into connection with the Sanitarium. The workers are to be carefully chosen and then tried. Those who cannot bear the test should not be encouraged to stay. Workers who are loath to fulfil the requirements of God's Word will be vacillating, sometimes serving the Lord and sometimes serving the wicked one.*18LtMs, Lt 8, 1903, par. 5*

I see that many difficulties present themselves before you. But you cannot afford to run any risks. Those who are by themselves in families have opportunity to connect with them those who need spiritual help and to work for them. But it is different in a sanitarium where so many are brought together.*18LtMs, Lt 8, 1903, par. 6*

We reason, We must take men as they are, not waiting for them to become as they ought to be; and make them better if we can, remembering their infirmities. But we are not to forget the object for which our sanitariums are established. It is that the light of testing truth may be shed abroad, that the sick and suffering who come may receive physical and spiritual healing. How carefully then should the workers for such an institution be chosen. Every word and act of each worker exerts an influence either for good or for evil.*18LtMs, Lt 8, 1903, par. 7*

Those who stand at the head of the institution have a strong molding influence, and the utmost care is to be shown in the selection of these men. There are those who have excellent qualifications, but who follow a course of action that robs their influence of all fragrance. They refuse to see that they are not just what they should be. They cannot see that anyone is wiser than they are. Such ones could not be a help in our Sanitarium.*18LtMs, Lt 8, 1903, par. 8*

In regard to moving the Food Factory from Cooranbong to Sydney, do not do this, Brother Burden, till the matter has received further consideration. I shall not be reconciled to this movement until clearer evidence is presented that it is the best thing to do. I wish that the Sanitarium, instead of being nearer Sydney, could have been farther away. When certain points become clearer in my mind in the future, I may be able to speak more definitely in regard to the Food Factory. I think some health food manufacture should be carried on at Cooranbong. How much, of course, is the question. Make changes slowly. *18LtMs, Lt 8, 1903, par. 9*

As far as I can see now, Dr. Kress will have to act as physician-in-chief at the Wahroonga Sanitarium. If in the future the burden proves too heavy for him, a change will have to be made. *18LtMs, Lt 8, 1903, par. 10*

You and your family should be connected with the Sanitarium. The institution must have a manager, and I think that you should occupy this position. *18LtMs, Lt 8, 1903, par. 11*

I fear that I may confuse you by my letters. If I do, please pardon me. I am intensely desirous that the work of the Wahroonga Sanitarium shall be a success. The labor of a faithful minister is to be connected with the labors of the physicians. All the workers are to consecrate their talents to the building up of the institution. If they will reflect the light of heaven, souls will be converted. God is to be made first and last and best in everything. The proclamation of the truth for this time is to be the one great interest. It was for this that the Sanitarium has been established. *18LtMs, Lt 8, 1903, par. 12*

Lt 9, 1903

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 6, 1903

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Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

I wish that I could send you some money to help you in your work, but I have been so situated that I could not consistently call for means for Australia. And I have no means of my own to send. During the past year I have received very little from by books. The reason for this I do not know. Some tell me that it is because so strong an effort has been put forth to sell *Christ's Object Lessons*. Everywhere this book has occupied the field, and it has had a large sale. For this I rejoice, though its sale has brought me nothing except the satisfaction of knowing that I have been able to be the helping hand of God. *18LtMs, Lt 9, 1903, par. 1*

I feel very thankful for the help of Sister Marian Davis in getting out my books. She gathers material from my diaries, from my letters, and from the articles published in the papers. I greatly prize her faithful service. She has been with me for twenty-five years and has constantly been gaining increasing ability for the work of classifying and grouping my writings. *18LtMs, Lt 9, 1903, par. 2*

Sister Davis is as much pleased as I am to think that *Christ's Object Lessons* and *Steps to Christ* fill the place that they do in the Lord's vineyard. I praise the Lord for the privilege of giving the book *Christ's Object Lessons* for the advancement of His work. I believe that souls will be saved in the kingdom of God as a result of the circulation of this book. And our own people have been greatly blessed as they have given their time to its sale. The *Review and Herald* and our Union Conference papers abound with testimonies

relating the precious experience gained by those who have handled the book. The Lord is good. To His name be all the glory.*18LtMs, Lt 9, 1903, par. 3*

Since I came to this country my expenses have been heavy. Lately we have had an addition built on to our house—a room that I could use as an office. The kitchen roof was raised, and over the kitchen my room was built. This was necessary; for in order to preserve my health I must have a room which has an open fireplace. The building of this room, together with the repainting of the whole house and the reshingling of parts of the roof, cost one thousand dollars.*18LtMs, Lt 9, 1903, par. 4*

I now have a very pleasant room in which to do my work. It is light and airy. On the east side there is a large bay window, and on bright days I have an abundance of sunshine. The open fireplace in the room is a great comfort to me, and I find that since I moved into this room I have had no dizziness, and my heart does not trouble me nearly so much as when I was living in a room where there was a stove.*18LtMs, Lt 9, 1903, par. 5*

I look after my own fire entirely, at night covering the coals with ashes and in the morning building the fire and putting on a large log that has been brought up and left on the hearth. I get up at all hours of the night, some times at twelve, sometimes at one, and sometimes at eleven, and when I rise I build my fire and then sit down to write. Lately I have been sleeping till two and three o'clock.*18LtMs, Lt 9, 1903, par. 6*

I go up and down stairs as quickly as any member of my family, and do this many times each day. I feel very grateful to the Lord for providing this refuge for me. In the daily papers we read of how other parts of America are suffering from extreme cold. In many places there are blizzards and hurricanes. But nothing of this kind has come near us.*18LtMs, Lt 9, 1903, par. 7*

If I had to move from here, I should want to go to Cooranbong. As I read of the fearful drought in Australia, and of the loss of life and property resulting from it, and then hear of the prosperity attending the Avondale School farm, I praise the Lord. How fresh in my mind are the words spoken by One of Authority, as some were

presenting the objectionable features of the school land: "Cannot God spread a table in the wilderness?" [*Psalm 78:19.*] He certainly has done this by blessing the orchard and the vegetable garden. The abundance with which the school land has produced its treasure testifies that God's prospering hand is with His people. I am as thankful for this as though I were still there. I thank the Lord in behalf of my brethren and sisters in Australia. Not one thing has failed of that which He was promised. Let us take courage and rejoice in the Lord. Let us look ever on the bright side.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 9, 1903, par. 8*

**Lt 10, 1903**

Palmer, E. R.; Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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E. R. Palmer and A. G. Daniells

My dear Brethren,—

I wish to say a few words to you this morning. I have been disappointed and grieved over the course that both of you have followed. It is a course which tends to discourage the workers in Nashville and Melbourne, and which tends to gather more responsibilities to the men in Battle Creek. Only a few days ago there came to my notice a leaflet containing the correspondence that passed between the Echo office, Brother E. R. Palmer, and the brethren in South Africa, in regard to the book business in South Africa. I was surprised that I had not received any intimation of this matter before. But since I read this correspondence, the very thing that I have been expecting has come. The publishing plant in Battle Creek has been burned to the ground. I now feel that the Lord has taken matters into His own hands, and that I have nothing more to say.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 10, 1903, par. 1*

I have felt called upon to write some things to the brethren in Australia, in response to a letter from Brother and Sister Kress requesting me to give them any light that I might have in regard to the medical faculty of the Wahroonga Sanitarium. But I have not yet written one line to the brethren in Australia in regard to the light that the Lord has given me concerning matters in South Africa. I have had no correspondence with any of the parties concerned in Australia or in South Africa, although in the last mail I received communications from the brethren of the Echo office asking for



advice and counsel. My burden has been to save you, if possible, from doing a strange work—a work that the Lord has not give either of you to do. *18LtMs, Lt 10, 1903, par. 2*

Three nights in succession after the council I had with you here, my mind was in an agony of distress. For a month or more afterward, I could not sleep after twelve o'clock at night, and I arose then to write out the representations that were given me, the half of which I have not told, and may never have to tell. *18LtMs, Lt 10, 1903, par. 3*

By means of one Agency, Christ Jesus, God has mysteriously linked all men together. To every man He has assigned some special line of service; and we should be quick to comprehend that we are to guard against leaving the work given us in order that we may interfere with other human agencies who are doing a work not precisely the same as our own. To no man has been assigned the work of interfering with the work of one of his fellow laborers, trying to take it in hand himself; for he would so handle it that he would spoil it. To one, God gives a work different from the work that He gives another. *18LtMs, Lt 10, 1903, par. 4*

Let us all remember that we are not dealing with ideal men, but with real men of God's appointment, men precisely like ourselves, men who fall into the same errors that we do, men of like ambitions and infirmities. No man has been made a master, to rule the mind and conscience of a fellow being. Let us be very careful how we deal with God's blood-bought heritage. *18LtMs, Lt 10, 1903, par. 5*

To no man has been appointed the work of being an overseer of his fellow men. Every man is to bear his own burden. He may speak words of encouragement, faith, and hope to his fellow workers; he may help them to bear their special burdens by suggesting to them improved methods of labor; but in no case is he to discourage and enfeeble them, lest the enemy shall obtain an advantage over their minds—an advantage that in time would react upon himself. *18LtMs, Lt 10, 1903, par. 6*

By the cords of tender love and sympathy the Lord has linked all men to Himself. Of us He says, Ye "are laborers together with God. Ye are God's husbandry; ye are God's building." [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*]

This relationship we should recognize. If we are bound up with Christ, we shall constantly manifest Christlike sympathy and forbearance toward those who are striving with all their God-given ability to bear their burdens, even as we endeavor to bear our appointed burdens.*18LtMs, Lt 10, 1903, par. 7*

In our several callings there is to be mutual dependence on one another for assistance. A spirit of authority is not to be exercised, even by the president of a Conference; for position does not change a man into a creature that cannot err. Every laborer entrusted with the management of a Conference is to work as Christ worked, wearing His yoke and learning of Him His meekness and lowliness. A Conference president's spirit and demeanor, in word and in deed, reveal whether he realizes his weakness and places his dependence on God, or whether he thinks that his position of influence has given him superior wisdom. If he loves and fears God, if he realizes the value of souls, if he appreciates every jot of the help that the Lord has qualified a brother worker to render, he will be able to bind heart to heart by the love that Christ revealed during His ministry. He will speak words of comfort to the sick and the sorrowing. If he does not cultivate a masterly manner, but bears in mind always that One is his Master, even Christ, he can counsel the inexperienced, encouraging them to be God's helping hand.*18LtMs, Lt 10, 1903, par. 8*

The feeble hands are not to be deterred from doing something for the Master. Those whose knees are weak are not to be caused to stumble. God desires us to encourage those whose hands are weak to grasp more firmly the hand of Christ and to work hopefully. Every hand should be outstretched to help the hand that is doing something for the Master. The time may come when the hands that have upheld the feeble hands of another may in turn be upheld by the hands to whom they ministered. God has so ordered matters that no man is absolutely independent of his fellow men.*18LtMs, Lt 10, 1903, par. 9*

To us comes the message that was given to the church at Ephesus: "Thou hast left thy first love." This message comes at a time when, in our supreme self-importance, we suppose that we are advancing heavenward. Gradually we have been losing sight of the fact that

we are only God's little children, and that daily we must receive strength and help from Him, if we remain Christlike in behaviour, and act as those that have been born again. And because we have lost sight of this, God's message to all our churches, which have received great light, is, "Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou has left thy first love." [*Revelation 2:4.*]18LtMs, Lt 10, 1903, par. 10

When the Holy Ghost came upon the early disciples, and three thousand people were converted in one day, there was love and fellowship in the Christian church. "All that believed were together, and had all things in common; ... and they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." [*Acts 2:44, 46, 47.*] They lived in the simplicity of the gospel of Christ. But after a time, the evil leaven of criticism and fault-finding was introduced into the church, finally resulting in their leaving their first love.18LtMs, Lt 10, 1903, par. 11

Thus it is with God's church today. We have left our first love. And to us, as to the church at Ephesus, is spoken the warning message: "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." [*Revelation 2:5.*]18LtMs, Lt 10, 1903, par. 12

My brethren, I beg of you to humble your hearts before God, and make thorough work of repentance yourselves. Thus you can set an example that will help others to understand how to humble themselves before God in repentance and turn away His wrath from being visited upon His people.18LtMs, Lt 10, 1903, par. 13

If the Review and Herald office had been thoroughly cleansed, the present showing before the world would not have been. The brethren connected with this institution have not heeded the Testimonies of the Spirit of God. They have braced themselves against them.18LtMs, Lt 10, 1903, par. 14

I will mention one matter that has been presented to me as an

object lesson showing how the word of the Lord is regarded. For many years the special articles that He has been giving to His people have occupied the first place in the pages of our church paper, the *Review and Herald*. But suddenly their position was changed. For a time, objectionable illustrations occupied the place that these articles formerly occupied. Many, many have spoken to me of this change, and of the grief it has brought to their hearts. *18LtMs, Lt 10, 1903, par. 15*

Several months ago, in the visions of the night, the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "This is an acted parable. The removal of these articles from the first page of this paper, and the publication of inappropriate illustrations on this page <is not an accident; it is an outgrowth of perverted principles and> speaks louder than words. This is a parable showing the estimation in which are held the words of the one whom God appointed to act a part in founding the paper in the early days of the message, and whose testimonies from the Lord have been coming to His people since the first issue of the paper. The displacement of God's word for these objectionable illustrations reveals the moral taste of those who have made the change. God has taken notice of this." *18LtMs, Lt 10, 1903, par. 16*

I have not mentioned this matter before, to anyone, although the change is marked, and has been commented upon by many of our people and others. If it pleases my brethren to give to the world, in this acted parable, their estimation of the Lord's word, I have nothing to say. *18LtMs, Lt 10, 1903, par. 17*

**Lt 11, 1903**

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 5, 1903

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Dear son Edson,—

Your meeting may be over before this reaches you, but I want to tell you that I am intensely desirous that you shall do everything in your power toward reconciliation. Act with the God-given dignity of a Christian gentleman. Make your explanations in humility and gentleness, laying no blame on others; and in the same way acknowledge any mistake you may have made. Then you will have acted your part. Keep yourself under the supervision of God. Never utter an impatient word, whatever may be said to you or of you. Do not criticize your brethren unkindly, even though you know them to be unjust in their treatment of you. You may not be guilty of the things of which they accuse you, but do not retaliate. Do not get angry or excited. This will not give you one inch of vantage ground. Remember that it is not the men you are meeting, but the principalities and powers of the enemy. Take this into account. Pray that men may be led to humble themselves before God and to open the door of the heart to Jesus. He could do more in five minutes with the healing leaf of the tree of life than you or any other human being could do in a lifetime. *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 1*

Do not speak the hasty words you will be tempted to utter. To speak these words would be as flint striking flint. *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par.*

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Read the study the seventh chapter of John. “After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill Him.” [*John 7:1.*] When men give themselves up to the control of the spirit of the enemy, they know not what they do. They are insane. But if Christ bore false accusations without retaliating, cannot they of His household? *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par.*

Speaking to the Jews, Jesus said, “Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill Me?” [Verse 19.] Angrily they replied that they did keep the law. They thought themselves very particular and exact in their observance of the law. But they did not keep it in a way that glorified the Lord. They were very particular about minor matters of their own invention. Forms and ceremonies were strictly observed. But the great principles of the law—justice, mercy, and love—were disregarded. *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 4*

The followers of Christ are to avoid contention. They are to live the life of Christ. He is our Saviour. His pure, holy life is our example. Then, my son, do not descend to cheapness or commonness in word or act. Let all your words be the words of a Christian gentleman. Keep watching; for you are treading among the quicksands. One false, unguarded step may place you in fearful danger. *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 5*

You and your brethren are in trouble in regard to the Southern work. I entreat you to be very careful of what you say in the meetings you attend. Remember that silence is eloquence. Let your words be few and well chosen. The enemy will be close by your side, trying to make you feel that you are misrepresented. Keep calm. *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 6*

One thing I know: you ought to be perfectly reconciled to your brother. Your lack of union with him, your lack of brotherly love, is one of the things that make the leading brethren think that you must certainly be in the wrong. They know W. C. White to be an honorable, unselfish man, who would suffer wrong in silence rather than do wrong. Your alienation from your brother is not right. It is an evidence that you can be estranged from those to whom you should be most closely linked. I know how the Lord regards your brother. You have allowed yourself to become estranged from him, and the brethren, seeing the way in which you treat him, make a handle of it. They say, If he has so little regard for his brother that he cannot harmonize with him, it is not surprising that he cannot harmonize with those who are not his kindred. *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 7*

My son, for the sake of your soul, stop and consider how God looks upon the estrangement of two brothers. In your hatred of your brother—for it is nothing less than this—you have certainly shown that you have not been led and controlled by the Spirit of God. You have not been backward about showing dislike and lack of respect for your brother. This is not right; it is not reasonable or sensible. You have exaggerated matters and have placed a wrong construction on them, letting your brother stand in an objectionable light before others. *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 8*

Frank Belden is well pleased to see you cherishing such feelings. Dr. Kellogg knows how you regard your brother, and it has its influence on him. *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 9*

You cannot expect the Lord to sustain you in your position regarding your brother. God has appointed him to do a work that others would not do. I know of no one but your brother whom I could trust to do this work. I have written to you on this point before, but I do not think that what I wrote had the effect on your mind that it should have had. I shall not let this matter rest, because I know that the stand you have taken is greatly to your injury. I have feared that I might die and leave you and Willie standing in your present attitude toward one another. *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 10*

Before our Lord went to His agony on the cross, He made His will. He had no silver or gold or houses to leave to His disciples. He was a poor man, as far as earthly possessions were concerned. Few in Jerusalem were so poor as He. But He left His disciples a richer gift than any earthly monarch could bestow on his subjects. "Peace I leave with you," He said. It was the peace that had been His throughout His life on earth—the peace which had been with Him amidst poverty, buffeting, and persecution, and which was to be with Him in His agony in Gethsemane and on the cruel cross. He linked Himself closely to the friends He was leaving, giving them that which brings true happiness. "My peace I give unto you," He said; "not as the world giveth, give I unto you: let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." [*John 14:27.*]*18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 11*

Edson, in regard to your proposition about the first four chapters of

*Patriarchs and Prophets*, I cannot feel that it would be safe for me to move without laying everything before Willie. Talk matters over with him. I cannot, at my own impulse, take up a work and launch out into it. I have to be impressed by the Spirit of God. I cannot write unless the Holy Spirit helps me. Sometimes I cannot write at all. Then again I am aroused at eleven, twelve, and one o'clock; and I can write as fast as my hand can move over the paper. *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 12*

I must throw off as far as possible the burden of the work in Nashville. It is too great for me to carry. I must drop it from my soul. I have carried the burden of the Southern field till I can carry it no longer. I shall have to lay it off, else I shall be unfitted for my writing. *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 13*

I cannot advise you to separate from the work in Nashville, but if, after praying over the matter, you feel that this is the best thing to do, do it, and leave the result with the Lord. But to establish a separate work on your own bit of land will not help the difficulty. Do nothing hastily. The Lord will work. He will bring glory to His name. *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 14*

It may be best for you to step out of the field altogether and let the whole weight of the work rest upon the other laborers there. I think that you have carried the load long enough. If you can feel free to do so, go to another field. *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 15*

I cannot help the work in the Southern field financially. I am thousands and thousands of dollars in debt, and I am obliged to keep borrowing continually in order to pay my running expenses. I draw from the General Conference only fifty dollars a month of my wages. During the past year I have received scarcely any royalties. I am in a very strait place financially. My trust is in God, but I must begin to think where the money is coming from with which to pay my workers. *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 16*

I would ask you once more, Edson, to keep very quiet. Do not look upon yourself as blameless, but confess your faults, and in this do thorough work. You now have opportunity to show that you cherish the forgiving love of Christ. If the Lord in His great mercy vindicates you in certain things, you can show great weakness, or you can do



as you were represented to me as doing, when in the night season I saw One who has authority laying His hand on your shoulder and leading you to the front rank. This broke your heart. You wept and confessed your sins and mistakes, asking pardon for the hasty words you had spoken. And reconciliation was made between you and your brethren. *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 17*

My son, if at all times you had spoken as a Christian gentleman, if you had not cherished bitter feelings, there would have been far less prejudice against you. Will you not during this meeting put self out of sight? Be humble, as one of God's little children. Your work has not been perfect before Him. In speech and deportment you must reach a higher standard. When you descend to cheapness, you destroy the influence that as a minister of the gospel you should exert. *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 18*

I have been given words for you that I wish you to engrave upon your heart: "The meek will He guide in judgment, and the meek will He teach His way." "I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with Mine eye." [*Psalm 25:9; 32:8.*] "Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, I am the Lord thy God, which teacheth thee to profit, which leadest thee by the way that thou shouldest go." [*Isaiah 48:17.*] "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him, and He shall show them His covenant." [*Psalm 25:14.*] *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 19*

May God help you, my son, to pursue a right course, to be meek and lowly. The experience through which you are passing may be the means of saving your soul, if you will watch unto prayer. *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 20*

The Lord is present in every meeting, marking the course of each one. He watches the movement made, and He will direct in all the changes made, if His servants will follow His guidance. Our missions and commissions are all different. No two persons are given precisely the same work. Each has his own manner of performing his work, and that manner must be Christlike. *18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 21*

God must show us every step of the way. Every hour we must have the new impulses of His Spirit. Love for Him should be the

mainspring of our actions. Every hour has its duties and every movement its cares. Let a controlling power from above check the hasty speech. Let your heart be filled with the kindest, most tender compassion. Never allow yourself to be ruled by impulse. Never get out of patience. New scenes are opening before us, and we need to hear a voice from heaven, directing us to the right or to the left, saying, "This is the way; walk ye in it." [*Isaiah 30:21.*] God's will, not ours, is to control. "A man's heart deviseth his way; but the Lord directeth his steps." [*Proverbs 16:9.*]*18LtMs, Lt 11, 1903, par. 22*

**Lt 12, 1903**

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

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My dear son Edson,—

I have just read your letters. I want the reformatory work of which you speak to be carried on firmly and decidedly. This can only be done by following the counsel of the great Teacher, who gave His life for the world, and whose we are by creation and by redemption. His directions are full and complete. “Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.” [*Matthew 5:23, 24.*]<sup>18LtMs, Lt 12, 1903, par. 1</sup>

When our duty is so plainly marked out, why do so many church members go contrary to a plain “Thus saith the Lord,” and speak of their difficulties to those who know nothing in regard to them or in regard to those whom these difficulties concern? Jesus the great Teacher has told us what our duty is. Our gifts, our prayers are not acceptable to God while we leave this duty undone, and let the poison of envy, evil surmising, and jealousy take possession of our souls and spoil our union and happiness. Oh, how much unhappiness would be spared, and how many evil thoughts would be quenched, if believers would take up the work that Christ has said must be done to prevent evil thinking and evil speaking.<sup>18LtMs, Lt 12, 1903, par. 2</sup>

A few words of explanation might change entirely the views of those who have been at variance, cherishing bitter feelings. We cannot be obedient to the law of God until we put out of the mind all differences, until we allow our hearts to be softened and subdued

by the Spirit of Christ. Our prayers are hindered by our pride of heart, by our refusal to confess faults and to remove wrong impressions. We are to make every effort in our power to remove every stumbling block from before the feet of our neighbor or our brother. My son, make every concession that it is possible for you to make. Do not leave on a suffering mind a misconception that an advance in humiliation and tenderhearted interest would remove. Satan will be sure to come to that mind with the temptation to misconstrue and to make a mountain out of a molehill. A mind that easily stumbles over hurt feelings will conjure up mistaken ideas of all kinds. *18LtMs, Lt 12, 1903, par. 3*

The Lord Jesus has given special directions as to what each of His "little children" is to do. When we pray, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us," do we do our part to answer this prayer? [*Matthew 6:12, 14, 15.*] Let us remember that if our brother has aught against us, we are to leave on the altar the gift we have brought to God and be reconciled to our brother. Then we are to come and offer our gift. This is the only way in which we can keep in our hearts the peace of God. And is it not worth an effort to have this peace? Were not Christ's directions given to be carried out to the letter; and if they were carried out, would not much sorrow and alienation and misunderstanding be spared? *18LtMs, Lt 12, 1903, par. 4*

"The meek will He guide in judgment; the meek will He teach His way." [*Psalms 25:9.*] How thankful we should be for such favors. It makes the heart light to try to remove burdens from other hearts. We are enjoined to cultivate peace and unity. Our prayers are not efficient while we suffer a fellow worker to misapprehend us. If we are not to blame for the misunderstanding that exists, we can perhaps make an explanation that will remove the misunderstanding. If we are to blame, we are certainly under obligation to God to relieve the suffering of one of the members of His family. If we have left a wrong impression on his mind, we must do all in our power to remove this impression. *18LtMs, Lt 12, 1903, par. 5*

There are certain duties that we must perform in order to answer our own prayers. We ask the Lord for His grace and blessing. Then

we must see if there are in the way of our receiving this blessing any obstacles that we must remove. Before we can be free, we must take these obstacles away. *18LtMs, Lt 12, 1903, par. 6*

“Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” [*Philippians 2:12, 13.*] Thus man becomes a laborer together with God, removing every stumbling block from his own way and from his brother’s way so that nothing shall hinder their spiritual progress. This he must do, or his own soul will be under condemnation. *18LtMs, Lt 12, 1903, par. 7*

“This is the victory that overcometh the world, even your faith.” [*1 John 5:4.*] I will pray for you, my son. I remember the church and work in Nashville in my prayers as we assemble for morning and evening worship. I want you all to remember that you are to live your prayers. Daily you are to strive to live in unity with one another. Allow no variance or strife to enter the church. “All ye are brethren.” [*Matthew 23:8.*] You can have sweet fellowship with one another if you will that this shall be. Never, never lose sight of the light and glory of God. Strive for unity. This is the best medical missionary work that can be done. *18LtMs, Lt 12, 1903, par. 8*

I wish to say to you, Edson, and to brother W. O. Palmer, that while you are to be a help to each other, I do not regard it as advisable that you engage together in the same line of work. Brother Palmer is a man of leading mind. He thinks and moves independently. It is the same with Edson White; therefore each should have his own line of work, over which he has supervision. Each should feel that he has opportunity to use his faculties to plan for his appointed work and to carry his plans through to success. If you both try to plan for the same line of work, you will get in each other’s way. Will you please remember this? You can labor in separate lines of work, and it is best for you to do this. *18LtMs, Lt 12, 1903, par. 9*

Brother Palmer must not take on himself much responsibility until his health is such that he can do this with safety. At present, he is to keep himself as free as possible from perplexity and taxing labor. Edson, be careful not to encourage Brother Palmer to do too much. He must guard himself. His circulation is not good, and when his

mind is worried and perplexed, he is injured physically. He should have work that will enable him to stay out of doors in pleasant weather.*18LtMs, Lt 12, 1903, par. 10*

You are both men that can do much more, and with greater satisfaction to yourselves, if your work is pleasing and in no way forced.*18LtMs, Lt 12, 1903, par. 11*

May the lord help you to consider these suggestions. You should each work where you can have elbow room, and where there will be no weakening of your individual capabilities. A word to the wise is sufficient.*18LtMs, Lt 12, 1903, par. 12*

My heart is drawn out in prayer for you both. May the Lord abundantly bless you; for you are both under His orders, pledged to do His will. I pray that the mist that has been gathering may roll away, and that each worker may see the saving grace of Christ. Look unto Jesus. Have faith in God, and He will be your exceeding great reward.*18LtMs, Lt 12, 1903, par. 13*

I will now close this letter and see if I can get it in tonight's mail.*18LtMs, Lt 12, 1903, par. 14*

**Lt 13, 1903**

Knox, W. T.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 13, 1903

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Elder W. T. Knox

Dear Brother,—

I have received a letter from Brother T. S. Whitelock in regard to the Potts' sanitarium property in Paradise Valley near San Diego. I will send a copy of this letter to you, so that you can read it and decide what to do. I hope that it will be thought advisable to secure this property for sanitarium purposes. Perhaps it would be well for you to communicate with Brother Henry W. Kellogg in regard to the matter.*18LtMs, Lt 13, 1903, par. 1*

When properties so suitable for sanitarium work, in places where we desire to build up our medical missionary work, are offered to us for much less than their original cost, we should regard such offers as providential. The Lord has manifestly prepared the way for us at San Diego. <We must be quick to discern when the wheel of providence is turned in our favor. Is not this opportunity an answer to our prayers?>*18LtMs, Lt 13, 1903, par. 2*

I am so situated that for some months to come I shall be unable to advance anything to help purchase this place. Scarcely anything has come in from the sale of my books, and about all that I have with which to meet my running expenses is the fifty dollars a month that I receive from the General Conference.*18LtMs, Lt 13, 1903, par. 3*

If I could, I would sell my place in Healdsburg, but as yet I have had no opportunity to do so. I am not worrying over my inability to help

the brethren at San Diego, because I know that my heavenly Father knows how I am in every possible way trying to advance the work in new fields. *18LtMs, Lt 13, 1903, par. 4*

When money does not come in from the sale of my books, I do not have sufficient to pay my workers. Because our brethren do not walk in the counsel of the Lord, much of my time must be devoted to the writing of letters. We have had much of this to do since coming to America. As a result, the preparation of my writings for publication has been delayed. Many of the testimonies have not been issued in a form for general circulation, having been sent only to the ministers and other workers. But I am not discouraged over financial matters. When it seems best for me to sell my present home, I will do so cheerfully. I have been able to hire money at a low rate of interest with which to lift the mortgage on it. The bank offered me money at eight percent, but I secured a loan from my brethren at four percent. *18LtMs, Lt 13, 1903, par. 5*

I now wish to know whether you intend to take any steps toward the purchase of the Paradise Valley property. I am greatly surprised that the terms are so favorable—only eight thousand dollars. Can you not write something to the brethren there at once in regard to what you think should be done? I do not desire to have them continually writing to me; for I can say no more than I have said; and money I have not. If Brother H. W. Kellogg would buy this place for us, and wait a little while for the money, I think we could raise the means and return it to him. Just now, other matters seem to demand our first attention. The burning of the Review and Herald office leaves the leading brethren in perplexity as to what should be done next. *18LtMs, Lt 13, 1903, par. 6*

Have you found a place yet for holding the General Conference? Many have asked me in reference to this, but I have not heard anything definite. *18LtMs, Lt 13, 1903, par. 7*



**Lt 14, 1903**

Kellogg, H. W.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 13, 1903

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Mr. Henry W. Kellogg

My dear Brother,—

I have received several letters from Dr. T. S. Whitelock in regard to the Potts’ sanitarium property in Paradise Valley, a few miles south of San Diego. He knows my mind fully—that to purchase this property would be a wise move.*18LtMs, Lt 14, 1903, par. 1*

Dr. Whitelock writes that they are doing as good a business in the San Diego treatment rooms as is possible in the limited quarters they have at present. In a letter I received two or three days ago from him, a copy of which I am enclosing to you, he states that the Paradise Valley property is now offered on still more favorable terms than it has been offered heretofore. We can now secure it for eight thousand dollars, as you will learn by reading his letter.*18LtMs, Lt 14, 1903, par. 2*

I think it would be a great mistake for us to overlook the providence of God that has placed so valuable a property within our reach. If I could, I would heartily share the financial burden of buying this place; but for months I have received almost nothing from the sale of my books. About all the income I have now is the fifty dollars a month sent me by the General Conference. I have workers that must be paid. Occasionally I have an opportunity to borrow a little money, which I use in partially paying my workers and in preparing new books. But I am handicapped for lack of means and have nothing to advance on the purchase price of the Potts’ sanitarium property.*18LtMs, Lt 14, 1903, par. 3*

Brother Kellogg, if you would help us pass through this narrow

place by securing this property for yourself and for us, I fully believe that it would be the right thing for you to do. I am sending to you a copy of a letter I have just written to Elder W. T. Knox.*18LtMs, Lt 14, 1903, par. 4*

I regard as a great favor the efforts of the agent to induce the owners of this property to make to our people so low an offer. I am feeling so thoroughly worn out by the burdens brought upon us by our brethren who view matters from a wrong standpoint, that I cannot write you much in regard to this offer; but it is resting on my mind, and therefore I write these few lines to you.*18LtMs, Lt 14, 1903, par. 5*

If you could advance something to help buy this place, perhaps we could find others who would be glad to unite with you in raising the amount required.*18LtMs, Lt 14, 1903, par. 6*

I have not slept much the past night. I woke up at one o'clock and could not sleep after three. I was drowsy, but could not fall asleep. In the visions of the night I was laboring with my brethren, encouraging them to buy this property at once. I was saying that there would be no objection to the plan of two or three brethren uniting in buying it, if they were "picked" men, men who would not adopt a "rule or ruin" policy.*18LtMs, Lt 14, 1903, par. 7*

My brother, think this matter over, and drop me a line in regard to what you decide is advisable to do under the circumstances, for this will set my mind at rest.*18LtMs, Lt 14, 1903, par. 8*

**Lt 15, 1903**

Kellogg, H. W.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 13, 1903

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Mr. H. W. Kellogg

My dear Brother,—

I have already written a short letter to you this morning. I wish to tell you that I can see no hope in looking to any one except you for financial aid in securing the Potts' sanitarium property near San Diego. I believe that you can devise some way in which to raise the money for obtaining this property at the price it is now offered us. Could not you hire the money of yourself to buy this property? or else hire part of it from some one that you know would be willing to unite with you in this enterprise? I cannot think of anyone excepting yourself. But I think money could be hired in Iowa and Nebraska, and if you decide not to close this bargain yourself, I will at once make an appeal to my brethren and sisters there. If we dally now, our chance may soon be gone. *18LtMs, Lt 15, 1903, par. 1*

The Potts' sanitarium property is just what we need for a medical institution near San Diego. It is none too far from the city and in many ways is suitable for our work. You have seen it for yourself. At one time it was offered to us for eleven thousand, if we would take it at once. Now, as you can see from Dr. Whitelock's letter, it is offered for eight thousand—three thousand less than the lowest previous offer. Should we wait any longer? I see no reason whatever why we should wait. We need a sanitarium at San Diego, and here is a building admirably suited for our needs—a building that we may occupy without delay. Can you not devise some plan whereby this property shall be obtained? It is all that we could ask for. I hope you will in some way secure it; for it is so desirable and just what is needed. *18LtMs, Lt 15, 1903, par. 2*

Light has been given me that we should diligently search for properties that the Lord has prepared for us, properties that we can utilize at once without investing a large amount of money. Think what the Sanitarium in Boulder cost—more than eighty thousand dollars! Here is a building offered us for eight thousand—a building not so fanciful and showy as is the Boulder Sanitarium, but in many respects much more valuable. *18LtMs, Lt 15, 1903, par. 3*

If you can possibly arrange to do so, I hope you will purchase this property. I will interest myself to see that others become interested. In Australia I had to push every step of the way in order to advance; and it seems as if I shall have to do so in California. *18LtMs, Lt 15, 1903, par. 4*

I think that after having written these letters to you, my mind may be at rest. I know not where Elders Knox and A. T. Jones are. My son W. C. White will not be here before the last of January. *18LtMs, Lt 15, 1903, par. 5*

I do not think that the proposition to rent the building would relieve the situation; for the owners have come to a point where they are compelled to offer the place at one half the price they offered it to us while we were there, which was \$16,000. The agent is doing his best in our behalf. At the price they now offer to sell for, they will not wait long. *18LtMs, Lt 15, 1903, par. 6*

But I will not write more now. I think that I have written sufficient to lay the situation before you. *18LtMs, Lt 15, 1903, par. 7*

**Lt 16, 1903**

Haskell, Brother and Sister [S. N.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Dear Brother and Sister Haskell,—

I have begun letter after letter to you, but every time something has pressed in that demanded immediate attention; and this made it necessary for me to lay aside your letter, which would always become lost among many other manuscripts. *18LtMs, Lt 16, 1903, par. 1*

My mind has been burdened over the matter of writing on Old Testament History. I am troubled to see my brethren and sisters bringing into the daily life so little Bible truth. I tell my dear friends that in order for us to be overcomers, we must realize that there is a battle to be fought. We rejoice to know that through the strengthening power of God’s grace we are sure to win. God is stronger than all the powers of the fallen foe. *18LtMs, Lt 16, 1903, par. 2*

The apostle Paul says: “And now abideth faith, hope, and charity (love).” In all our words and acts these three Christian graces are to be interwoven. “The greatest of these is love.” [*1 Corinthians 13:13.*] If we will cultivate Christlike love, we can have this grace in large measure. *18LtMs, Lt 16, 1903, par. 3*

The early Christian church left their first love. To John on the Isle of Patmos was given the message: “Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write: These things saith He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and

how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: and hast borne and hast patience, and for My name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." [*Revelation 2:1-5.*]18LtMs, Lt 16, 1903, par. 4

As members of God's remnant church, we must pray with firm faith for the gift of the grace of love. Love is the fulfilling of the law and is manifested altogether too little among those upon whom has been shining great light. Genuine religion is life and light to every believer.18LtMs, Lt 16, 1903, par. 5

The Christian graces are given not as ornaments to win admiration, but as talents to be used in accomplishing a work for God. We are to heed the words of Paul, "Quit you like men, be strong." [*1 Corinthians 16:13.*] "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." [*Ephesians 6:10-18.*]18LtMs, Lt 16, 1903, par. 6

If it were impossible for us to meet these requirements, they would never have been given. In divine grace there is a wonderful power. It can subdue the outbursts of passion in professing

believers. *18LtMs, Lt 16, 1903, par. 7*

No one should ever permit his mind to get into such a state that he will speak words prompted by Satan. To accuse the brethren, to discourage them in their work, is to personify Satan and to be his helping hand by putting into the minds of others the evil leaven of criticism, as leaven is put into meal. This evil leaven, so thoughtlessly introduced, leavens the whole lump. The apostle Paul says: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: looking diligently, lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." [*Hebrews 12:14, 15.*] *18LtMs, Lt 16, 1903, par. 8*

How long will those who claim to be Christians tolerate the evil of listening to the criticisms of their brethren and in turn communicate these criticisms to others, thus strengthening one another in an evil work? How long will they question the good work that is being done by a few and stand in the way as hindrances? To clear the pathway of the accumulated rubbish placed there by accusers of the brethren takes precious time and robs faithful workers of their strength and hope and faith. God's work can be carried on among unbelievers with far greater success than among those who, like the Pharisees, desire to have all things shaped and carried on in accordance with their ideas and preferences. *18LtMs, Lt 16, 1903, par. 9*

Plain, definite instruction has been given us. When the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" "Jesus called a little child unto Him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in My name receiveth Me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." [*Matthew 18:1-6.*] *18LtMs, Lt 16, 1903, par. 10*

Again: “Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” [*Verses 15-18.*] *18LtMs, Lt 16, 1903, par. 11*

If this instruction is not heeded because we choose to disobey, doing the very opposite of that which Christ has told us to do, how will it be with us in our religious life? We shall be found communicating to one another the faults of our brethren in the church, and these evil reports will spread. Thus evil surmisings and suspicions of dishonesty will be passed from lip to lip, notwithstanding the plain directions given by Christ not to sow the seeds of evil by speaking evil of our brethren. Those who pursue a course contrary to this instruction are creating within their own hearts the evils that they condemn in others, and thus are themselves brought under condemnation. The Bible plan of avoiding and remedying difficulties among brethren is the only safe plan. Christ is grieved to see some disregarding this instruction, following their own plans—plans opposed to His. When those who claim to be Christians work in harmony with divine instruction, there will be far less evil surmising and evil speaking in the church. *18LtMs, Lt 16, 1903, par. 12*

Brother and Sister Haskell, dwell upon the lessons that Christ dwelt upon. Present them to the people as He presented them. Dwell upon questions that concern our eternal welfare. Anything that the enemy can devise to divert the mind from God’s Word, anything new and strange that he can originate to create a diversity of sentiment, he will introduce as something wonderfully important. But those things that we cannot clearly comprehend are not a tenth as important to us as are the truths of God’s Word that we can clearly comprehend and bring into our daily life. We are to teach the people the lessons that Christ brought into His teachings from the Old Testament Scriptures. The language of divine truth is



exceedingly plain.*18LtMs, Lt 16, 1903, par. 13*

Christ sent His angel from heaven to teach John the Revelator in regard to the message that must be understood by us—a message of warning that concerns all who live in the last days of this earth’s history. We are to study the testing message given for this time. John declares: “The temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in His temple the ark of His testament.” [*Revelation 11:19.*] This ark contains God’s law, the ten commandments. A knowledge of this law is of great consequence to all who have light and to all who minister in word and doctrine.*18LtMs, Lt 16, 1903, par. 14*

Christ desires every minister, every one who lives by faith in Him, to realize that upon him there rests a sacred responsibility. To all who have enlisted in God’s service is given the gospel commission to carry to all nations a knowledge of the truth for this time. To inspire us with confidence, God has preserved for us a record of the giving of this commission. After His resurrection, Jesus spake unto His disciples, saying, “All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” [*Matthew 28:18-20.*]*18LtMs, Lt 16, 1903, par. 15*

Brother and Sister Haskell, we must not permit ourselves to be taken unawares. Satan has come down with great power and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness to work against the advancement of the truth. Every soul who believes the truth and who has had great light should be on guard, lest he be enlisted in Satan’s army of workers. The enemy will strive to cause believers to search out matters of minor importance and to dwell at length upon these matters in committee meetings and council meeting. But by turning their attention to questions of so little consequence, the brethren hinder the work instead of advancing it. We are to proclaim the third angel’s message to a perishing world, and we are not to permit our minds to become diverted by minutiae that practically amount to nothing. If our brethren would consider the important matters pertaining to eternal life and eternal death, many of the

smaller matters that they desire so much to adjust, would adjust themselves. *18LtMs, Lt 16, 1903, par. 16*

The Lord calls upon His ministering servants to proclaim the message of truth, dwelling upon those things that are of great importance. When Jesus shall lead us by the side of the living waters flowing from God's throne, He will explain to us many of the mysteries of the Bible that we cannot now comprehend. He is the Great Teacher of His Word, which cannot be fully understood in this life, but which in the future life will be clothed with the brightness of the light of clear understanding. *18LtMs, Lt 16, 1903, par. 17*

**Lt 17, 1903**

Arthur, Judge Jesse

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 14, 1903

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Judge Jesse Arthur

My dear brother in Christ,—

I received your letter today and after reading it wished very much that I could be with you and talk with you. *18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 1*

My nephew Frank Belden has written me several letters regarding matters in Battle Creek, but these letters I have not read, for his own sake, and for the sake of those who, when I send the reproofs that God gives, are liable to be tempted to think and say, “Somebody has told her or written to her.” I shall not read these letters of Frank Belden’s now, and perhaps not at all. It is not best. Notwithstanding all the evidence that men have had that the testimonies given me are of God, when their own plans are interrupted and hindered by these testimonies, they say, “Somebody has told her.” The testimonies cannot help those whose faith is of this texture, and I am obliged to lose confidence in them as trustworthy men who will be true to themselves and to God. *18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 2*

I know that matters in Battle Creek are in a most precarious condition. For two months recently I suffered great distress of mind. For more than a month I was unable to sleep past twelve o’clock, excepting once or twice. At a council held at my house here, I spoke words which gave liberty for certain things to be done in a certain place. I was reprovved by the Lord. For three nights in

succession scenes were presented before me in which I saw what the result would be of following the plans of men instead of the plans of God. A horror of great darkness came upon me. As soon as possible I wrote a letter saying that I had been wrong in sanctioning these plans, that God did not endorse them.*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 3*

In one of the scenes presented to me, I saw a sword of fire stretched out over Battle Creek.*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 4*

But the terrible burden that came upon me at that time was taken away. The next news I heard was that the Review and Herald Publishing House had been destroyed by fire.*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 5*

I am sure that nothing in regard to Review and Herald matters will be decided until the next General Conference.*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 6*

I do not now expect to attend the General Conference. I should not dare to go; for I am very much worn with the responsibilities that I have been carrying since the Fresno camp-meeting. It is like this: When I stand before congregations of our people, I feel very intensely, because I understand the peril of those who as blind men have followed their own counsel. Were I to go to the Conference, I should be compelled to take positions that would cut some to the quick. It greatly hurts me to do this, and it is a long time before I recover from the strain that such an experience brings on me. When the Lord bids me speak, I am obliged to lay aside my own inclinations, and bear the testimony that He sends, whether men will hear or whether they will forbear, whether they are pleased or displeased.*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 7*

You, my brother, know but little by personal experience of me and the work that the Lord has given me. But some of those who know of my experience, and who have had all the evidence that the Lord will ever give them, evade the truth when the straight testimony comes to rebuke some of their plans. They say, "Someone has told Sister White." I cannot place any dependence on the faith of such ones in the Lord's word. When all is in their favor, they may appear to believe. But when the Lord in His mercy shows them that their

course is not in accordance with truth and righteousness, when their plans are interfered with, they give way to unbelief, showing that they have no real confidence in the word of the Lord.*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 8*

I am glad that you could be with us in the meetings held when you were at St. Helena, because you have had little opportunity to learn of the character of the work that the Lord gave me when I was but sixteen years old, work which ever since He has sustained me in doing. I know that the Lord gave me the words to speak that you heard when you were here. His power and grace sustained me. His power was with me all the way through the last General Conference, and had the men in responsibility felt one quarter of the burden that rested on me, there would have been heartfelt confession and repentance. A work would have been done by the Holy Spirit such as has never yet been seen in Battle Creek. Those who at that time heard my message, and refused to humble their hearts before God, are without excuse. No greater proof will ever come to them.*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 9*

The result of the last General Conference has been the greatest, the most terrible sorrow of my life. No change was made. The spirit that should have been brought into the whole work as the result of that meeting was not brought in because men did not receive the testimonies of the Spirit of God. As they went to their several fields of labor, they did not walk in the light that the Lord had flashed upon their pathway, but carried into their work the wrong principles that had been prevailing in the work at Battle Creek.*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 10*

The Lord has marked every movement made by the leading men in our institutions and conferences. It is a perilous thing to reject the light that God sends. To Chorazin and Bethsaida heaven's richest blessings had been freely offered. Day after day the Prince of life had gone in and out among them. The glory of God, which prophets and kings had longed to see, had shone upon them. But they refused the heavenly Gift, and of them the Saviour said:*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 11*

“Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the

mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.” [Luke 10:13-15.]*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 12*

So today, upon those who have had light and evidence, but who have refused to heed the Lord’s warnings and entreaties, heaven’s woe is pronounced.*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 13*

The Lord bore long with the perversity of Israel, but the time came when the people passed the boundaries, and fearful punishment fell upon those who, having had great light, refused to repent and be converted, that Christ should heal them.*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 14*

Brother Arthur, I feel the most tender interest in you and in your connection with the Seventh-day Adventists. I am aware that you have seen among our people many things of an objectionable nature. You have seen them cherishing that which, considering the sacredness of their faith, they should not tolerate. The Lord Jesus looks upon you very tenderly, with great compassion and love. There is a narrow path for you to travel and a strait gate for you to pass through. And One is your Leader, even Christ. Remember always that He is acquainted with every temptation that comes to you. Ever trust Him and ever follow Him in meekness and humility. He is able to do as He has promised. “Behold the Lamb of God,” John said, “which taketh away the sin of the world.” [John 1:29.]*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 15*

My brother, when you were in St. Helena, plain evidence was given you that the message of the Lord came at that time to His people. Then will you not hold fast to the truth, and believe the word of the Lord, whatever others may say or do to counterwork that which the Lord has declared to be His will?*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 16*

As I prayed for you in your home at Battle Creek, did you not have evidence that the Lord heard my prayer? I know that Jesus came into the room where we were. I know that He took away my weariness. It was no small suffering that I was trying to brace

myself to bear. In the strength of the blessing then received, I traveled more than three thousand miles, speaking twenty-three times during the twenty-three days of my journey, sometimes speaking twice a day and sometimes three times.*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 17*

I know that at that time blessing came to you in a healing current. I know that the Lord blessed and healed us both. You cannot have forgotten this experience. Was it not an assurance that the Lord was with His servant?*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 18*

My brother, your part is to cleave to the Lord. Do not be afraid to acknowledge His goodness and His love. Give to Him all the praise and glory. Remember that in these days of peril and unbelief and skepticism your safety depends on believing in and trusting Christ as a personal Saviour. The experience you are to gain is to strengthen you in the faith. You have had a decided experience. You gave yourself to the Lord to be led and guided by Him. Cleave to Christ as a personal Saviour. Hold fast the beginning of your confidence firm unto the end. With the dear family who believes with you, live for God, and you will all win a crown of immortal life. Never lose eternity out of your reckoning, and trust the Lord implicitly.*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 19*

The injunction to cleave to the Lord will be precious to us if we will understand and obey it. Trust constantly in God. Have unswerving faith in Him because of the unmistakable evidence given you of His love and power. Never does one stretch out his arms in faith to the Saviour, but there are placed around and underneath him the everlasting arms, and he is comforted and sustained.*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 20*

My brother and sister, lean your whole weight on Christ. He will bear you up. Fortify your children by wise instruction and by steady advancement in spirituality. Let them see that you have firm faith in the truth and a genuine love for Him who bears you up in His arms. Christ is your life, your light, your crown of rejoicing. His Spirit, striving with you, daily gives you a fresh and constantly growing experience in the knowledge of God and of Christ. Daily you learn lessons that keep you clinging so closely to the Life-giver that no

power can shake you off.*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 21*

My brother, you can be a great help by speaking words in season to the feeblest of God's children, the poor and needy, and not to these only, but to those in the higher classes. We are liable to forget how some of this class long for some assurance, some spiritual hope.*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 22*

Love is the connecting link between your heart and the heart of Christ. We love Him because He first loved us. Repeat often to your children the lessons of the Saviour. Christ holds you as a family in His arms of love. From Him your heart received the life-current. Let it be seen that this is actually a part of your daily experience. Spasmodic impulses are not reliable. Christ's work has in it good reason and wise method. Do not allow your hope in Him to be affected by circumstances. Educate yourself to persevere in receiving grace from Him and imparting it to others. Thus you can exert a strong influence for good. You can be a great blessing if you will obtain the rich treasures of grace, and give them to others, speaking wise, appropriate words, leading, drawing souls to Christ, teaching them to love and appreciate Him whose they are by creation and by redemption. Lay up treasure beside the throne of God by bringing souls to Christ. This is the work that the Saviour values. Those who faithfully do this work will one day sit with Him on His throne.*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 23*

What a good work we may do if we cleave earnestly to the Lord. My brother, fasten your heart to the heart of Christ. Teach your dear ones to love Jesus. In simple words tell them of His love. O how many there are who need to be taught to love Jesus. How many there are who need to be helped by words spoken in season, who are longing for something that will bring to an end the monotony of their aimless lives, but who fear to speak of their longing. Go to them with a heart overflowing with love and sympathy. In helping them, great blessing will come to you. Simply and earnestly tell them of your experience. Simplicity of godliness means much.*18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 24*

We are to cultivate a keen appetite for righteousness. God's Word declares, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after



righteousness; for they shall be filled.” [*Matthew 5:6.*]18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 25

Now a few words on another subject. My brother, you need not afflict your soul with regard to your future work. Hide self in Christ. Do not worry. The storm will come, but Christ is at the helm. The ship is not left to the guidance of inexperienced hands. Your help will be needed in the work of reconstruction to be done in the future. I pray that you may be weighted with the Holy Spirit.18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 26

“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 to 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 the more as ye see the day approaching.” [*Hebrews 10:23-25.*]18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 27

May the Lord help us to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering. And may He help us to provoke one another to love and to good works. It is the unselfish love and compassion that we manifest, the tender interest that we show, that provokes to love and to good works. And these efforts bear fruit to the glory of God.18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 28

Rest your soul on the Lord. Be assured that Jesus has a care for you and for your family. He knows the end from the beginning. He thought of us before we thought of Him. His heart is stirred with divine compassion for all who need His words of encouragement and hope. His love for us was fully manifested in the sacrifice that He made to redeem us. He gave His life as a ransom for sinners. He so loved the lost race that He died for them. Those who are walking in His footsteps will, by tender compassion and unselfish interest, provoke one another to love and to good works.18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 29

Satan strives to bring into the church envy, suspicion, and evil surmisings. We are hoping and praying that the church may be purged from this evil and that the compassion of Christ may be kindled in every heart. Christ has left us an example, that we should follow in His steps. He always drew near to the most needy, the

most hopeless, and, attracted by His sympathy, they came close to Him. He assures every suffering, needy, sinful soul that he will never want for a great Physician to give him spiritual help. We stand too far away from suffering humanity. Let us draw nearer to Christ, that our souls may be filled with His grace, and with a desire to give this grace to others. *18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 30*

My brother, look to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith. Leave yourself in His hands. He is your hope, your crown of rejoicing. *18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 31*

In much love to you and your wife, and to your children, whom I love, and in whom I have a deep interest, *18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 32*

Yours in the Master's service. *18LtMs, Lt 17, 1903, par. 33*

**Lt 18, 1903**

Brn-Srs. in America

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 23, 1903

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My dear brethren and sisters in America,—

I have received letters from several of the leading workers in regard to a property in England which is well adapted for a sanitarium, and which may now be purchased for a very reasonable sum. Light was given me that such properties would be brought to the notice of our people, and that they should look upon it as a special providence to be able to purchase at far less than their original cost places in which work can be begun without delay. *18LtMs, Lt 18, 1903, par. 1*

The Lord has many times presented to me the necessities of England, Ireland, and other parts of the European field. These places need means for the advancement of the Lord’s cause. Will you aid in the good work of establishing a sanitarium in England? Will you give of the means the Lord has entrusted to you to help to advance this enterprise? I am heart and soul in harmony with this enterprise, and I ask you, my brethren and sisters, to co-operate with us and with the Lord by giving what you can for the establishment of an institution that will be a great blessing to the people of England. Invest the Lord’s money in this enterprise. You will find that it will bring rich returns. *18LtMs, Lt 18, 1903, par. 2*

All that you possess is the Lord’s property, His lent treasure. He now calls for part of it to help to advance His work in England. I pray that God will give you liberal hearts, that you may be led to open your hands and give freely of your means. As a people standing distinct and separate from the world, you are, by your imitation of Christ’s self-denial and sacrifice, to give evidence to the world of the power of the truth to transform and sanctify the character and to cleanse the heart from selfishness. When you joined the church of God, you placed yourself under the laws and principles of a higher

world. You took your place in the divine theocracy, under an Authority higher than any earthly authority. You pledged yourself to unite with the great Medical Missionary and to labor in co-operation with Him. You are to do all that you can in His service, working to the utmost of your ability. Whenever the Lord brings destitute fields to your notice, and gives you opportunity to help, you are never to neglect the opportunity. *18LtMs, Lt 18, 1903, par. 3*

Heed the call that now comes to you. Your usefulness and helpfulness in this case will depend on the distinctness of the line of demarcation that separates you from the vanity and selfishness of the world. Give back to the Lord His own, and thus acknowledge that a Supreme Will controls your will, filling you with the self-sacrificing spirit of Christ. Do this heartily, as unto the Lord. Do we not believe that the end of all things is at hand; and should we not, therefore, hold our possessions subject to the Lord's order? *18LtMs, Lt 18, 1903, par. 4*

We are never to give unwillingly. We are to show to the heavenly universe and to the world that we are willing to make any sacrifice for Christ's sake. We are to be imparters as well as receivers of His precious gifts. By following the example of Him who gave Himself without reserve to save a perishing world, we are silently to condemn the selfishness and covetousness of the world. Thus we proclaim that we are under the absolute control of a Power higher than human responsibility, even a Supreme Will. Thus, too, we show that we are co-operating with the Author and Finisher of our faith. *18LtMs, Lt 18, 1903, par. 5*

In no way can the mission and work of the Great Teacher be better represented than by the establishment of sanitariums in places where there are no such institutions. By the erection of sanitariums and houses of worship, we extend the triumphs of the cross. *18LtMs, Lt 18, 1903, par. 6*

As the calls for help shall come, may the Lord help us to remember that by self-sacrifice in the daily life, by a careful expenditure of His money, we are enabled to help His work in times of emergency. Your acts of helpfulness at times when help is so much needed are an evidence that you are building with the Lord Jesus. *18LtMs, Lt*

*18, 1903, par. 7*

Keep in view the nobler world by revealing the self-denial and self-sacrifice of Him who gave His life that He might take away the sin of the world. Oh, in a work of self-denial and self-sacrifice, men and women can stand, as if within the open portals of the city of God, surveying the glory within, and saying, "Come; for all things are now ready." [*Luke 14:17.*] *18LtMs, Lt 18, 1903, par. 8*

"I Jesus have sent Mine angel 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 let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." [*Revelation 22:16, 17.*] *18LtMs, Lt 18, 1903, par. 9*

This is our message. And for the proclamation of this message we must have facilities. My brethren and sisters, you must impart if you would continue to receive the gifts of God. Arouse, and heed the call for help that comes from England. Give all that you can, and the Lord will bless you in giving. *18LtMs, Lt 18, 1903, par. 10*

**Lt 19, 1903**

Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 23, 1903

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Dear Brother Daniells,—

Your letter was received a few days ago. For several reasons I decided not to reply and had written you to this effect, but will not send the letter now. *18LtMs, Lt 19, 1903, par. 1*

Dr. Kellogg has just telegraphed me to write something in regard to raising means for the purchase of a sanitarium property in England. When I received the message, I said to myself decidedly, “No, I have done enough begging; and, besides, I do not feel well enough to write now.” But a voice seemed to speak to me, “Take your pen, and write. I will help you.” I obeyed, and wrote an urgent appeal for means to establish a medical institution in England. I am now having this appeal copied, and will send a copy to you. *18LtMs, Lt 19, 1903, par. 2*

I have also just written something in regard to the way in which our cities in America have been passed by and neglected—cities in which the truth has not been proclaimed. The message must be given to the thousands of foreigners living in these cities in the home field. *18LtMs, Lt 19, 1903, par. 3*

I have not admired your wisdom nor the wisdom of those who have so little burden to take up the work that the Lord has for years been keeping before me—the work of giving the message of present truth in the Southern states. Few have felt that upon them rested the responsibility of taking hold of this work. Our people have failed to enter new territory and to work the cities in the South. Over and over again the Lord has presented the needs of this field, without

any special results. And when I passed through my recent experiences in connection with the Southern work, I felt as if I could no longer bear the burden of this work. I thought that if men would continue to do as they had done, I would let matters drift, and let those who have so much confidence in their own plans go on as they chose to go. I intended merely to pray that the Lord would have mercy upon the ignorant and those who are out of the way. *18LtMs, Lt 19, 1903, par. 4*

But the Lord has a controversy with our ministers and people, and I must speak, placing upon them the burden of the Southern work, and of the cities of our land. Who feels heavily burdened to see the message proclaimed in Greater New York and in the many other cities as yet unworked? All the means that can be gathered up is not to be sent from America to distant lands, while there exists in the home field a dearth of means and of laborers. Much remains to be done within the shadow of our doors—in the cities of California, New York, and many other states. I am sick at heart, but I will say no more upon this point; for I fear that if I were to write more, it could not be copied in time for the mail. *18LtMs, Lt 19, 1903, par. 5*

Yesterday the question as to where the General Conference should be held was brought before me, and an urgent petition was made that it be held in Healdsburg. The Healdsburg church say that they will entertain the delegates free of charge, and they are very anxious that the meeting be held there. I did not know till recently that they thought they would be able to entertain the delegates; but they say that they can do this, and they wish me to use my influence to have the meeting held there. *18LtMs, Lt 19, 1903, par. 6*

Seeing that the church is willing to entertain the delegates free of charge, would it not be better to hold the Conference in Healdsburg instead of in Oakland? The meeting will not be as large as the last General Conference, and I think that perhaps Healdsburg would be a more favorable place than Oakland. But I merely present the earnest petition of the Healdsburg church, as I was requested to tell you of their great desire that the meeting be held in that place. *18LtMs, Lt 19, 1903, par. 7*

For myself, I have little to say about where the Conference should

be held; for it is a question with me whether I shall attend at all. I have been and I am still carrying very heavy burdens, and I want no more. My soul is sick and discouraged at the outlook.*18LtMs, Lt 19, 1903, par. 8*

I will say no more. Only I cannot see why, since Healdsburg pleads so hard for the Conference, it cannot be held there. I know that it would be very difficult to find accommodation for all the delegates in Oakland; for every nook and corner seems to be filled.*18LtMs, Lt 19, 1903, par. 9*

Please understand that in referring to this matter, I am speaking for others, not for myself; for I do not expect to attend the Conference.*18LtMs, Lt 19, 1903, par. 10*



**Lt 20, 1903**

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 24, 1903

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Dear brother and sister Kress,—

I will try to write you a few lines this evening. The question has been raised as to whether Dr. Kress should attend the coming General Conference. This meeting will be but a small one, and I cannot see any light in our brother’s taking so long a journey at this time. The Wahroonga Sanitarium will need him; indeed I cannot see how he can be spared from the work there. As much as I should like to see many of the workers from Australia, I cannot say to them, Drop your work, and come to Conference. Dr. Kress is needed at the Sanitarium. Brother and Sister Burden are needed there also. I think that if Brother Irwin and Brother Salisbury come, Australia will be well represented. *18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 1*

With regard to the sanitarium work, my advice is that Brother Burden be chosen as manager of the institution. He should not be loaded down with the burden of the health food work. And with regard to the question as to where the health foods should be manufactured, let this be done at Avondale, as it has been in the past, until you have unmistakable evidence that a change will be for the best. *18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 2*

I wish to tell you, my dear friends, that the work here in America is to be greatly enlarged. So many times there is presented before me the work which ought to have been done in America, but which has not been done, that my soul is very heavily burdened. City after city should have been worked, and if this had been faithfully done, there would have been brought into the truth those who could have gone forth to win other souls to Christ. In every city there should be memorials for God. But the way in which the work has been

managed has resulted in a depleted treasury. The lack of effort to plant the standard of truth in the cities of America has brought about a condition of things in which the consuming is larger than the producing; and how the work shall now be carried forward is a difficult problem. *18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 3*

The field is all ripe for the harvest, but there is no money in the treasury. Calls are coming from Europe for means to advance the work there. From England comes an urgent call for money to help to purchase a building for sanitarium work. We know not how to answer these calls. Unless the work in America is managed in a way different from the way in which it has been managed in the past, we cannot possibly send means in response to the calls for help. *18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 4*

Oh, my heart aches as there is presented before me the work that might have been done in many places, but which has not been done, because the doing of it demanded money that the treasury could not furnish. And more than this: many of those who claim to believe the truth are merely nominal believers. Their faith will not stand test and trial; unless they are reconverted, they will fall under the deceptions of these last days. *18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 5*

God's people require a deeper, more thorough teaching than man can give. Every church member must learn to work. Every one must learn to stand in his lot and place as a burden-bearer. This all must do before they can be rooted and grounded in the truth. There must be cherished in the heart the fixed conviction that the truth for this time is a life-and-death question, not merely a round of ceremonies. We must be filled with a determined purpose to receive power from the Source of all power, that we may impart it to others. Christ must dwell in our hearts by faith. His life must circulate through us, just as the blood circulates through the body as a vitalizing current. *18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 6*

An occasional glance at God's Word is not enough. The Word must be planted in the heart, that it may bring forth fruit unto life eternal. Truth abiding in the soul will spread outward, covering with the beauty of holiness the life of the child of God. *18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 7*

There is absolutely no safeguard against evil but truth. No man can stand firm for right in whose heart the truth does not abide. There is only one power that can make and keep us steadfast—the power of God, imparted to us through the grace of Christ. Self must be conquered by the truth, else Satan will be victorious.*18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 8*

It is the humble, patient, Godlike worker who will have something to show for his labors. It is not the man himself that makes the doing of the work acceptable to God. It is his earnest efforts to work out the will of God, which he has studied and intelligently accepted as his authority.*18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 9*

What is the ransom that was paid to preserve, in the deliverance of the transgressor, the honor of Eternal Justice? An infinite sacrifice, even the precious blood of the Son of God. To save the race from ruin, Christ became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. “Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation, received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ; as of a lamb without blemish and without spot; who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by Him do believe in God, that raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.” [1 *Peter 1:18-21.*]*18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 10*

What right has Christ to take the captives out of Satan’s hands? The right of having made a sacrifice that satisfies the principles of justice by which the kingdom of heaven is governed. On the cross of Calvary He paid the redemption price of the race. And thus He gained the right to rescue the captives from the grasp of the great deceiver who, by a lie framed against the government of God, caused the fall of man [] who thus forfeited all claim to be called a loyal subject of God’s kingdom.*18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 11*

Satan refused to let his captives go. He held them as his subjects because of their belief of his lie. He had thus become their jailor. But he had no right to demand that a price be paid for them; because he had not obtained possession of them by lawful conquest, but under false pretenses.*18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 12*

God, being the creditor, had a right to make any provision for the redemption of human beings. Justice demanded that a certain price be paid. The Son of God was the only One who could pay this price. He volunteered to come to this earth and pass over the ground where Adam fell. He came as the redeemer of the lost race to conquer the wily foe, and by His steadfast allegiance to right to save all who should accept Him as their Saviour.*18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 13*

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. ... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. ... And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.” “As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.” [*John 1:1-4, 14, 16, 12.*]*18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 14*

“Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow in His steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth; who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, he threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously; who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed.” [*1 Peter 2:21-24.*]*18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 15*

“God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God. For He hath made Him to be sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.” [*2 Corinthians 5:19-21.*]*18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 16*

“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.*]*18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 17*

“I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn unto David My servant, Thy seed will I establish forever and build up Thy throne to all generations.” [*Psalm 89:3, 4.*] God entered into a covenant to deliver the beings He had created. In this covenant both heaven and earth are concerned. *18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 18*

After all that has been done for the race, how, think you, does God look upon the world? How does He regard the beings whose salvation from irretrievable ruin cost Himself and His only begotten Son so much? Will those who have learned of the great price paid for their salvation, and who claim to have received Christ as their Saviour, pass by with indifference those who are perishing without God and without hope? This is the word that comes to the people of God today, “Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.” [*Isaiah 54:2, 3.*]*18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 19*

A word further in regard to your work in the Sanitarium. You will probably have to begin small. In all financial matters, economy will have to be the rule. The work will be uphill work, but God will bless you as you strive to make the institution what He desires it to be. Remember that it is to save the souls as well as the bodies of men and women, that at the cost of great sacrifice and much taxing labor, sanitariums are established. *18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 20*

You may have to brave the unbelief of men and women who have become hardened in guilt. Be merciful; but never lower the standard one inch. In word and example show the tempted ones how to obtain the victory over sin. *18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 21*

I would warn you again, Dr. Kress, not to come to America without plain evidence that it is your duty to do this. I know that you are needed where you are. *18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 22*

May the Lord bless you and your wife and sanctify you to His service, and may He help you to walk and work in humble faith, with thankful, contrite hearts, is the prayer of *18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 23*

Your sister in Christ Jesus. *18LtMs, Lt 20, 1903, par. 24*

**Lt 21, 1903**

Those Who Chose Australia as Their Field of Labor

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 26, 1903

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To Those Who at the Last General Conference Chose Australia as Their Field of Labor

Dear Brethren,—

I wish to speak to you as God’s messenger. Some things have been presented to me in regard to your relation to the laborers already in the field when you reached there. Matters have been presented to me in figures and symbols, and I must say to you, “Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God.” [*Matthew 22:29.*] You are in danger of looking upon yourselves as superior to those who were in the field when you reached there. Do not yield to this inclination. I thank the Lord that He raised up these faithful men to labor with us. True, their work has in some respects been imperfect, but so also has yours. They have been ready to receive counsel and have ever tried to harmonize with their fellow workers. We highly appreciate these laborers. We have been with them in hard places. Together we have lifted the responsibilities that must be borne in a new field. And when after the last General Conference you were sent to Australia, we were glad to think that these workers were to have so much help. You did not go to labor for those who already knew the truth, but to unite with the workers in aggressive warfare in proclaiming the truth in new places. *18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 1*

Our church members are to be educated to depend on themselves, not on the ministers. They are to be taught to work in such a way in the neighborhood in which they live that prejudice will be removed, and souls will be won to Christ. The churches are to receive some help, but the burden of your work is not to be for them. It is not your

place to listen to those church members who tell who their favorite minister is, and why they do not like such and such an one. Those who talk thus dishonor Christ in the person of His delegated ministers. Be careful not to encourage church members to give expression to these foolish preferences. *18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 2*

I thank my heavenly Father that though all men have not the same traits of character, they may all be worked by the same Spirit, even the Spirit of Him who is the Head of the church, and who in heaven teaches the angels how to minister to the members of His church on earth. *18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 3*

Jesus is ministering in the heavenly sanctuary, but He is with His workers also; for He declares, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:20.*] He is the spiritual Director of His church on earth, and He longs to see the members filled with a determination to labor harmoniously for the advancement of His kingdom. He has raised up a succession of workers who derive their authority from Him, the great Teacher. He has chosen for His work men of varied talents and varied capabilities. Some of these might not be the men you would choose, but you will pass through an experience that will lead you to see that God exalts men whom you would regard as inferior to yourselves. When the judgment shall sit, and the books are opened, many will be surprised by God's estimate of character. They will realize that God sees not as man sees, that He judges not as human beings judge. He reads the heart. He knows the motives that prompt to action, and He recognizes and commends every faithful effort put forth for Him. *18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 4*

The Lord uses varied gifts in His work. Let no worker think that his gifts are superior to those of another worker. Let God be the judge. He tests and proves His workers, and He places a just estimate on their qualifications. He has placed in the church a variety of gifts to meet the varied wants of the many minds with which His workers are brought in contact. *18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 5*

The Lord has given to every man his work, and every man is to do the work that the Lord has given him. All have not the same gifts or the same disposition. All need to feel daily the converting power of



the Holy Spirit, that they may bear much fruit for the Lord. It is not the one who preaches the gospel that provides the efficiency that makes his efforts successful. It is the Unseen Worker standing behind the minister who brings conviction and conversion to souls. *18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 6*

My brethren, you did not go to Australia to supersede the workers already there, but to be their companions in labor. These workers have done pioneer work, preparing the field, and this work has called for much self-sacrifice. They have given themselves without reserve to the Lord's service. They have united with one another and with God; and He has blessed their faithful efforts. You who have entered into other men's labors are to be very modest and very kind in your opinion of those who have prepared the way before you. Be courteous to them. Show them all the kindness that you would have them show to you. They are God's husbandry, God's building. You who have but lately come to the field are not to set yourselves up as judges of their work. You are all to be laborers together with God. Not one vestige of selfishness or self-exaltation is to be brought into your work. *18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 7*

You have much to learn. Elder Tenney, Elder Farnsworth, Elder Starr, and other excellent laborers are men to whom I know God has given a treasure of knowledge. These men have their infirmities. Every day they need a fitting up for the great work to which they have been called. But they realize their weakness, and therefore their danger is not as great as the danger of some who have more recently gone to Australia and who know so little of the battles that must be fought in a missionary field. *18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 8*

I have been instructed to speak words of encouragement to the men who have been fighting the battles that must be fought by the pioneer worker. There were times when the work went very hard, when it was difficult to obtain means, and when, in response to the call, "Add new territory to the Lord's kingdom," these workers sacrificed their earnings. The Lord has greatly blessed their faithful efforts and has given them a precious experience. *18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 9*

I say to you, my brethren, in the name of the Lord, Be sure that you are worked by the Holy Spirit. The Lord desires you to appreciate your fellow workers. Do not attempt to estimate them by your human measurement. This is not the work given you by God. Labor as wise men, who have been with Jesus and have learned of Him. You know not which shall prosper, this or that. Men may be added to the Lord's working force who, though they may be regarded as of little worth to you, will be of great value to the Lord's cause. Strip yourselves of self-exaltation and spiritual pride, and walk humbly with God. Have confidence in those who were in the field before you. Treat them as fellow laborers should be treated. Link up with them, even though you feel that your capabilities are greater than theirs. Remember that God, not man, is the judge of such matters. These men have been receiving counsel from the Lord, and they have followed His instruction. At times they have become confused, but, thank God, this was not for long. *18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 10*

The Lord loves these men. Their hearts are in His work. They are willing to make any and every sacrifice for the sake of saving souls. God did not call you to Australia to take the place of these self-sacrificing men. No, No! He sent you there to unite with them in enlarging His work, in breaking up new soil. You were to work by their sides; for more laborers were needed in the field. They know more of the field than you do, and you are to go to them for counsel and advice in reference to the work, showing them that it is your sincere desire to strengthen their hands. *18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 11*

Let all who go to new fields walk humbly with God. They are not to supersede the workers already in the field, but are to stand shoulder to shoulder with them. *18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 12*

When a fellow worker inquires about his place of labor, you are not to say, "We shall not need you here or there." Say, "My brother, go to the Lord. Ask counsel of Him who is too wise to err and too good to leave your petitions unanswered. Then go to the place for which He lays on you a burden." *18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 13*

The Lord calls upon His workers to love as brethren, to be tenderhearted, pitiful, courteous. Read carefully the *eighteenth*

*chapter of Matthew*, and for your present and eternal good learn the lessons there taught. *18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 14*

There are those who have to contend against many difficulties and discouragements in their work of preaching the gospel of the grace of God. Remember that a worker is none the less approved of God because he is in trouble. His trouble drives him to God, and He never turns His face from him. Reaching out His hand, He draws him close to His heart of infinite love. *18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 15*

In Australia and America, and in every part of the world, a straightforward message is to be proclaimed in the power of the Holy Spirit. God says to His workers everywhere, “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins.” [*Isaiah 58:1.*] We need to feel the importance of proclaiming the gospel message with earnestness and fervor, not with tame, lifeless utterance. Our testimony is not to be borne in smothered tones. It is to be clear, decided, stirring. The messengers must know the life and power of salvation. *18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 16*

Ministry means much more than sermonizing. It means earnest, personal effort. And there are many different kinds of work to be done. Those who have gained an experience in God’s service are to take young, inexperienced workers with them into the harvest field, teaching them how to work successfully for the conversion of souls. They are to exhort the church members to qualify themselves for service. Those in the church who are fitted to carry responsibilities are to bear the burdens of the church work, leaving the ministers free to go forth into aggressive labor, taking with them younger men, whom they are to train for active service. *18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 17*

Each one has his own work. God’s servants are to cherish a strong, unselfish love for their fellow workers, gladly uniting with them. But this does not mean that one worker is to tread in the footsteps of another, imitating his manner of speech, and fashioning his life after his life. This God does not require. *18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 18*

God calls for evangelists. A true evangelist is a lover of souls. He hunts and fishes for men. Pastors are needed—faithful shepherds

—who will not flatter God’s people or treat them harshly, but who will feed them with the bread of life.*18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 19*

The work of every faithful laborer lies close to the heart of Him who gave Himself for the redemption of the race.*18LtMs, Lt 21, 1903, par. 20*

**Lt 22, 1903**

Starr, Brother and Sister [G. B.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 25, 1903

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Dear brother and sister Starr,—

I should much rather see you than write to you, but you are far away. Sometimes I wish that you were in America, and then again, when I think of the work that there is to be done in Australia, I am glad that you are there. You are the Lord’s evangelist, and He will surely be your comfort and your helper and your guide and your exceeding great reward. Let not your hearts be at all discouraged. I am glad that you have not written to me of any faintheartedness or depressing trials. I hope that you will both be full of comfort and hope and light and joy in the Lord. We shall see much that will cause sadness of heart, but let us not become downcast or discouraged. Let us bend our energies to expel sin from our souls, and then the Spirit of God will enter to work out for us poor, weak, fallible mortals perfection of character. *18LtMs, Lt 22, 1903, par. 1*

I have written an article to be read in the churches in Australia and New Zealand. I will send you a copy. Please read it to the church in the place where you may be when this letter reaches you. *18LtMs, Lt 22, 1903, par. 2*

**Lt 23, 1903**

Members of the North Fitzroy Church

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 25, 1903

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To the Members of the North Fitzroy Church

Dear brethren and sisters,—

I speak to you with my pen because I cannot reach you with my voice across the broad Pacific Ocean. Remember that though you may have excellent qualifications, if the love of God is not the prevailing sentiment in your hearts, you cannot be laborers together with Him; for He is love. *18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 1*

The Lord desires me to call your attention to the *thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians*. Read this chapter every day, and from it obtain comfort and strength. Learn from it the value that God places on sanctified, heaven-born love, and let the lesson that it teaches come home to your hearts. Learn that Christlike love is of heavenly birth, and that without it all other qualifications are worthless. *18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 2*

“If I speak with the tongues of men, and of angels, but have not love,” Paul declares, “I am become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing.” [*Verses 1-3.*] *18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 3*

How beautiful the earth was when it came from the Creator’s hand. God presented before the universe a world in which even His all-

seeing eye could find no spot or stain, no defect or crookedness. Each part of His creation occupied the place assigned it and answered the purpose for which it was created. Like the parts of some great machine, part fitted to part, and all was in perfect harmony. Peace and holy joy filled the earth. There was no confusion, no clashing. There was no disease to afflict man or beast, and the vegetable kingdom was without taint of corruption. God looked upon the work of His hands wrought out by Christ and pronounced it “very good.” [*Genesis 1:31.*] He looked upon a perfect world, in which there was no trace of sin, no imperfection. *18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 4*

But a change came. Satan tempted Adam, and he fell. He who in heaven had become disloyal and had been cast out made lying reports of God to the beings He had created, and they listened to his reports and believed his lie. And sin entered the world, and death by sin. The consequences of our first parents’ disloyalty we now have to meet as we work for God, and until the close of this earth’s history our labors will become more and more trying. *18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 5*

I entreat the members of our churches not to make the work more trying than it necessarily is by watching one another for a word or an act upon which to comment unfavorably. Let them, if a report is brought to them about someone, make it a rule to do just as Christ has said should be done in such cases. Let them follow the counsel of the great Teacher who gave His life for the life of the world. His directions are plain. “If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.” [*Matthew 5:23, 24.*] “Tell him his fault between thee and him alone.” [*Matthew 18:15.*] Without delay make every effort to heal the wrong that exists. Do not, by speaking unwise words, give the enemy opportunity to arouse suspicion and evil surmising in the mind of your brother. Be determined to do all in your power to make the wrong right. Do not tell to a third person the story of the difficulty. Go directly to the one who has erred, and “tell him his fault between thee and him alone.” Go to him, not to condemn, but to seek for reconciliation, because Christ has told you to love one another as He has loved

you.*18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 6*

Our gifts, our prayers, are not acceptable to God while we leave this duty undone, and let the poison of envy and evil surmising take possession of our souls, to destroy our union and happiness. O, how much unhappiness would be saved, and how many evil thoughts would be quenched, if believers would take up the work that Christ has said must be done to prevent evil speaking. We pray, “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us.” [*Matthew 6:12, 14, 15.*] Do we do our part to answer this prayer? We are to make every effort in our power to remove every stumbling block from before the feet of our brother. But too often our prayers are hindered by our pride of heart, by our refusal to confess faults and to remove wrong impressions. Let us remember that our prayers are not acceptable to God while we suffer a fellow worker to misapprehend us. If we are not to blame for the misunderstanding that exists, we can perhaps make an explanation that will remove the misunderstanding. If we are to blame, if we have left a wrong impression on a brother’s mind, we are certainly under obligation to do all in our power to remove this <difficulty>.*18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 7*

In the churches in Australia and New Zealand there have been many unwise, talkative ones who through much talking have separated very friends. The churches need to be purged of this element; for where the unruly tongue finds room to do its unholy work, the joy of the Lord cannot abide.*18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 8*

Let the suspicious ones, who think and speak evil of their brethren, remember that they are doing the devil’s drudgery. Let each member of the church work with earnest determination, and with prayer for help, to cure the diseased member—the tongue. Let everyone feel that it is his duty and privilege to pass over little differences and mistakes without comment. Do not magnify the small mistakes made by some one, but think of the good that is in him. Each time these mistakes are thought of and talked about, they grow larger. A mountain is made out of a molehill. Ill feeling and a lack of confidence are the result.*18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 9*

To many these words are applicable: “Why beholdest thou the mote



that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." [Matthew 7:3-5.] *18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 10*

So great is the intemperance in speech that much instruction has been given on this subject by the greatest Teacher the world has ever seen. He has given special directions for the discipline of the tongue. Study and obey these directions. Check the unwholesome words that if spoken would create differences and alienation. Speak words that will cement hearts, not estrange them; words that will heal, not wound. When difficulties arise among church members, let them be cleared away before the Sabbath comes. This should be regarded as a Christian duty by every church member. "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, ... and be ye thankful." [Colossians 3:15.] Are you troubled and perplexed? Sweep away the rubbish that has been accumulating before the door of the heart, and open the door, inviting Jesus to come in and abide as an honored guest. Bring peace and comfort into your own hearts and the hearts of others. This is most blessed missionary work. *18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 11*

The Lord has instructed me to say, not only to the church in North Fitzroy, but to every church in Australia and New Zealand, Work for perfection. Do nothing that will cause disaffection to spring up in hearts. Do not work for the fallen foe. Strive to overcome your inclination to find fault and condemn. Give no place to him whose delight it is to accuse the brethren. Remember, my beloved brethren and sisters, that you are pleasing and helping Satan by every word you utter that discounts your brother. *18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 12*

I greatly desire that you shall follow the directions which Christ has laid down. As you do this, He will certainly help you to adjust the difficulties that exist. He will help you not to make dissension by magnifying little mistakes. The light that the Lord has given me is that He will greatly bless the members of the North Fitzroy church if they will not think or speak evil of one another, but go directly to the

one they think is in the wrong, and in a kind, compassionate manner point out his mistake. May the Lord help those who have learned to criticize to learn to think no evil and to speak only good words, words of comfort and healing. Then they will rejoice; for they will have evidence that they are laborers together with God.*18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 13*

Christ loved the church, “and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.” [*Ephesians 5:25-27.*]*18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 14*

My brethren and sisters, I beseech you to give diligent heed to these words, because the day of the Lord is right upon us. You have no time to lose. Do not neglect the word of God to you.*18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 15*

“We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For He saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee.)” [*2 Corinthians 6:1, 2.*]*18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 16*

Will you not, as servants of the most high God, give heed to these words? Will you not respond to God’s mercy and compassion and love toward you by loving one another as Christ has loved you?*18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 17*

“Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. Giving no offense in anything, that the ministry be not blamed.” [*Verses 2, 3.*] Remember that when you speak words that disparage one another, the ministry is blamed. The lack of power in the church is charged to the ministry, when often it is directly chargeable to the members, because they do not mix faith with their hearing of the Word.*18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 18*

The ministers are to be men of faith, men who give expression to the pure love of God. And the members are to give no offense in anything, “that the ministry be not blamed.” [*Verse 3.*] No unkind dealing or harsh words are to find a place in their experience.*18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 19*

“In all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings.” [Verses 4, 5.] We should be preparing for these things; for they will come. Those who share in Christ’s glory must share in His sufferings. *18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 20*

“By pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing all things.” [Verses 6-10.] *18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 21*

Read these words carefully, and ask yourselves if you have not been leaving undone much that God expects you to do, much that you should do as those who have the light of truth. Will you not be thoroughly converted, that you may shine brightly for the Lord amidst the moral darkness of the world? *18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 22*

May the Lord lead every minister and every lay member to turn to Him with full purpose of heart and make diligent work for repentance. Thus only can they obtain the sanctification of the Spirit. How true are the words of Paul: “Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels.” [Verse 12.] Many complain of others because their own hearts are not in unity with the Spirit of God. When self is crucified, Christ will take possession of the soul-temple. *18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 23*

“Now for a recompense in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged.” [Verse 13.] It is narrow, contracted spiritual devising that causes dearth of soul. *18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 24*

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? and what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? ...

for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.” [Verses 14-18.] *18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 25*

“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh, and of the spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” [2 *Corinthians 7:1.*] Let every one humble his heart before God, and make a surrender of body, soul, and spirit to Him, that He may give His people His rich grace abundantly. Let the heart be closed against all sin and selfishness. Let us follow the example of Christ. If we fail of doing this, we shall fail of receiving a welcome into the city of God. He who continues to be a transgressor of the law of God, even though he break but one precept, can have no place in the royal family. *18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 26*

I entreat those who have given so much time to talking of the faults of others to cease this cruel work, and obey the words, “Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life.” [*Matthew 5:39.*] The divine directory, God’s holy Word, is in our hands. Amidst the toil of business and the unceasing activity of daily life, this Word is to be our guide. This Word is appreciated by him who is striving to overcome. It is to him a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. *18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 27*

Let the Lord’s people set a perfect example, honoring Christ in every place, in every difficulty following His directions. Then at last a crown of life will be given them, and they will be received into the family of the redeemed. *18LtMs, Lt 23, 1903, par. 28*

**Lt 24, 1903**

Faulkhead, N. D.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 27, 1903

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Dear Brother Faulkhead,—

I thank the Lord for the mercies and blessings that He bestows on me. I thank Him for the health that He gives me. I am very active for one of my age. I am seventy-five years old, but I can go up and down stairs as quickly as anyone in the house. Often in the early morning, before anyone else is awake, I go downstairs, lamp in hand, and bring up some wood. I build my fire every morning. Clarence Crisler, my faithful helper, sees that my woodbox is kept well supplied with wood, but sometimes I go down to the kitchen for a little light wood. *18LtMs, Lt 24, 1903, par. 1*

Since I came to this country, I have not been without trials. The first year we had no fruit. The buds were killed by a late frost. Last year the prune trees yielded abundantly, and we sold the whole crop, about forty tons, to a young man, a neighbor of ours, who bought them for drying. The prunes ripened late, and the rains came early, and many of the prunes spread out on trays in the field were destroyed. The young man failed in business, and my loss, as well as the loss of the others from whom he bought prunes, will be severe. *18LtMs, Lt 24, 1903, par. 2*

For the past year I have been closely pressed financially. Very little has come in to me from the sale of my books, and ten pounds a month is all that I have received from the General Conference. I have been obliged to borrow money to meet my running expenses. I hope that soon some money will come to me from Australia. I am in great need of means. *18LtMs, Lt 24, 1903, par. 3*

**Lt 25, 1903**

Faulkhead, N. D.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 27, 1903

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Dear brother Faulkhead,—

Christ demands that those who take His name honor that name in spirit and word and deportment. In thought, word, and deed they are to be Christlike. Those who claim to be Christians and yet do not reveal in the life the virtues of Christ’s character bear witness against the Saviour. They dishonor Him, putting Him to open shame. *18LtMs, Lt 25, 1903, par. 1*

The Lord’s invitation is, “Come unto Me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] Those who respond to this invitation realize that they are under obligation to reveal Christ’s character in the daily life. The revelation of His grace in humanity is an evidence of the power of the truth. Those who profess to follow Christ, and yet do not reveal this grace, failing to hold the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end, must know that their profession is a fraud. *18LtMs, Lt 25, 1903, par. 2*

He who claims to be a follower of the meek and lowly Jesus, and who has been placed in a position of trust, is to honor His Master by being in all things what a disciple should be. He is to strive lawfully, never trying to gain advantage for himself; never grasping for the highest wages, because he realizes that if he did this, he would be robbing the treasury of means needed for the support of the work in new fields; never swerving a hair’s breadth from strict loyalty to the commandments of God. *18LtMs, Lt 25, 1903, par. 3*

A professing Christian cannot descend to the world's level without dishonoring the religion of Christ and making himself disloyal. Such an one is offensive to God. The Lord cannot own him as His disciple. *18LtMs, Lt 25, 1903, par. 4*

The Christian is to stand on vantage ground, as a laborer together with God. But he is never to exalt himself. He is firmly to refuse the inducements presented by those who have no love for truth and righteousness, but his refusal is to be made in a Christlike spirit, not Pharisaiically, with an attitude which says, "Stand aside; I am holier than thou." [*isaiah 65:5.*] He must show that he cannot enter into sin because he is pledged by a most holy profession to honor the Lord Jesus Christ. By precept and example he is to discountenance all departure from Bible principles. But at the same time, by the manifestation of Christlike love, he is to make the religion of Christ attractive. He is to allow no bigotry to be seen in his life, but is to reveal tender compassion for those who have wandered away from Christ. Brother Faulkhead, while you are connected with the Echo office, let your every word and act show that you are governed by the principles laid down in the Word of God. We are nearing the judgment, and we cannot afford to neglect one of the opportunities offered us to improve the capabilities and talents that God has given us. *18LtMs, Lt 25, 1903, par. 5*

My brother, never say or do anything that you will be ashamed to meet in the judgment. You and those connected with you in the management of the Echo office are in a most important position. Be sure to reveal the spirit and love of Christ. The Lord will be your efficiency, your strength, and your exceeding great reward, if you will trust constantly in Him. *18LtMs, Lt 25, 1903, par. 6*

While we are in this world, trials will come to us. But let us not give Satan cause for encouragement by letting him see that he can make us miserable. The Lord is good, and greatly to be praised. Walk and work in the spirit of Christ. Stand ever on guard; for temptations will come, and the Lord's disciples are to be as true as steel to principle. The Word of God is to be our guide. About the truths that this Word contains there is no guesswork. Let us not leave this unerring guide in order to seek for something new and strange to present as a wonderful message. There are many such

doctrines that have not for their foundation, "It is written." They are but human suppositions. It was with the word, "It is written," that Christ met every temptation of Satan in the wilderness, and armed with this weapon, He could say to the enemy, "Thus far shalt thou come, and no farther." *18LtMs, Lt 25, 1903, par. 7*

We cannot with safety accept the opinions of any man, however learned, unless they are in harmony with the words of the great Teacher. The opinions of erring men will be presented for our acceptance, but God's Word is our authority, and we are never to accept human teaching without the most conclusive evidence that it agrees with the teaching of God's Word. We are to know that we <do> know that we are standing on the platform of eternal truth—the Word of the living God. *18LtMs, Lt 25, 1903, par. 8*

I am instructed to say to our people, There is marrow and fatness for all who seek for truth as the miner seeks for gold. Who is it that God will instruct? Isaiah tells us: "Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. ... For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him; I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart. I have seen his way, and will heal him; I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him, and to his mourners"—those who see the evil of their unconverted characters, and repent, mourning over the life that has so poorly represented Christ. [*isaiah 57:15, 17, 18.*] *18LtMs, Lt 25, 1903, par. 9*

Let the understanding that God has given you of His Word encourage you and cause you to rejoice in Him. Gather into precious unity the precious rays of light shining around you, and focus them in one blaze upon the Word, and truths hidden from the casual reader will stand forth plainly and distinctly. *18LtMs, Lt 25, 1903, par. 10*

All over the field of revelation are scattered grains of gold—the sayings of the wisdom of God. If you are wise, you will gather up these precious grains of truth. Make the promises of God your own. Then when test and trial come, these promises will be to you glad



springs of heavenly comfort. As you study the Word, it will become to you a wellspring of wisdom. Thus you eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God.*18LtMs, Lt 25, 1903, par. 11*

Ask God to reveal light and truth to you by His Holy Spirit, that you may understand what you read in His Word. When, after the resurrection, Christ walked with the disciples to Emmaus, He opened their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures. The same divine Teacher will enlighten our understanding, if we keep the windows of the heart opened heavenward and closed earthward. The office of the Holy Spirit is to bring all things to our remembrance and to guide us into all truth.*18LtMs, Lt 25, 1903, par. 12*

The Lord loves us, and we are to love Him with the whole heart. Ask Him to guide you into all truth. He will do this. He longs to do it. He is waiting for you to ask Him with true humility and a firm belief that He will hear and answer you.*18LtMs, Lt 25, 1903, par. 13*

The psalmist prayed, "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law." [*Psalm 119:18.*] The Lord heard him; for how full of assurance are the words, "How sweet are Thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" [*Verse 103.*] "More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." [*Psalm 19:10.*] And as the Lord heard and answered David, so He will hear and answer us, making our hearts full of gladness and rejoicing.*18LtMs, Lt 25, 1903, par. 14*

I speak to you, my brother, as to one in a responsible position in the Lord's work. Walk humbly with God. He has enabled you to make decided changes in your life. Follow Him constantly, wearing His yoke gracefully, and you will learn of Him His meekness and lowliness. Keep close to the side of Christ. He desires you and your wife and children to be a self-denying, self-sacrificing company, preparing for the soon-coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven. Pray, my brother and sister, for your children, that it may be their highest desire to learn to please the Lord Jesus Christ.*18LtMs, Lt 25, 1903, par. 15*

My brother, I have a most earnest desire that you shall constantly

follow on to know the Lord, that you may know that His going forth is prepared as the morning. Keep your mind free and your heart full of the love of Christ. Give to others that which will strengthen and refresh and bless them. May the Lord help you and all who are in responsible positions to strengthen and help one another, is my prayer. *18LtMs, Lt 25, 1903, par. 16*

In much love to yourself and your family. *18LtMs, Lt 25, 1903, par. 17*

**Lt 26, 1903**

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 10, 1902 [filed 1903]

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Dear brother and sister Burden,—

The Lord desires you to be of good courage. He has a work for you to do in evangelistic lines, a work demanding more distinctly spiritual efforts than the work in which you have been engaged. The greatest and most important work in which we can engage is the preparation of a people to stand in the day of God, upon which we are just entering. May the Lord help you, my brother, to devote your God-given capabilities to winning souls to Christ. Rest in God, and walk humbly with Him. You will need much of the rich grace of the Saviour, and a deep, settled conviction that the work of the people of God is to prepare for the events of the future, which will soon come upon them with blinding force. *18LtMs, Lt 26, 1903, par. 1*

In the world gigantic monopolies will be formed. Men will bind themselves together in unions that will wrap them in the folds of the enemy. A few men will combine to grasp all the means to be obtained in certain lines of business. Trades unions will be formed, and those who refuse to join these unions will be marked men. *18LtMs, Lt 26, 1903, par. 2*

It is time for us to take our work out of the cities. Our sanitariums should be furnished with facilities for giving the sick the best of care, and they should be properly conducted; but they should be as far as possible from the cities. The whole world is to be tested, and obedience to the law of God is to be the test. *18LtMs, Lt 26, 1903, par. 3*

Unionism has revealed what it is by the spirit that it has manifested. It is controlled by the cruel power of Satan. Those who refuse to join the unions formed are made to feel this power. The principles

governing the forming of these unions seem innocent, but men have to pledge themselves to serve the interests of these unions, or else they may have to pay the penalty of refusal with their lives. *18LtMs, Lt 26, 1903, par. 4*

These unions are one of the signs of the last days. Men are binding up in bundles ready to be burned. They may be church members, but while they belong to these unions, they cannot possibly keep the commandments of God; for to belong to these unions means to disregard the entire decalogue. *18LtMs, Lt 26, 1903, par. 5*

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.” [*Luke 10:27.*] These words sum up the whole duty of man. They mean the consecration of the whole being—body, soul, and spirit—to God’s service. How can men obey these words and at the same time pledge themselves to support that which deprives their neighbors of freedom of action? And how can men obey these words and form combinations that rob the poorer classes of the advantages which justly belong to them, preventing them from buying or selling, except under certain conditions? How plainly the words of God have predicted this condition of things. John writes, “I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. ... And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” [*Revelation 13:11, 16, 17.*] *18LtMs, Lt 26, 1903, par. 6*

The forming of these unions is one of Satan’s last efforts. God calls upon His people to get out of the cities, isolating themselves from the world. The time will come when they will have to do this. God will care for those who love Him and keep His commandments. *18LtMs, Lt 26, 1903, par. 7*

Brother and Sister Burden, we must now put on the whole armor of righteousness. We must be as true as steel to principle, standing steadfastly against every species of corruption. It is this steadfast adherence to principle that is to distinguish those who bear the seal

of the living God from those who have the mark of the beast.*18LtMs, Lt 26, 1903, par. 8*

I write you this that in a guarded but decided way you may advise our people to keep out of the cities. But the cities must be worked; yes, and our people have been asleep, while Satan has been sowing his tares.*18LtMs, Lt 26, 1903, par. 9*

I have said little in regard to moving the Food Factory from Cooranbong to Sydney or even to Wahroonga, because I do not see what advantage there would be in doing this. The farther away we are from the cities, the better it will be; for they are filled with men who have no sense of honor or true elevation, men who are ambitious for gain and who to obtain gain will resort to any means.*18LtMs, Lt 26, 1903, par. 10*

Even some among those who profess to believe the truth will through following wrong principles become greedy for advantage. There are those in our institutions who have for so long worked for selfish ends that they cannot be trusted. They have no sense of honor or truth holiness or righteousness. Selfishness and greed have expelled from the heart the sanctifying principles of the truth. They have lost all sense of distinction between right and wrong. And because they are in responsible positions, as if position made the man, they say, "The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we"—holy because we are handling holy things. [*Jeremiah 7:4.*] But the fact that they occupy an exalted position of trust only makes their guilt a hundredfold greater.*18LtMs, Lt 26, 1903, par. 11*

Those who love God and keep His commandments will not grasp for the highest wages. But there are those who strive to add to their wages without stopping to ask themselves whether in so doing they are not robbing a fellow worker whose lines have not fallen to him in pleasant places. Those who reason from this selfish standpoint will receive punishment with the open sinner, only they will be punished more severely, because they had opportunities and light that the open sinner had not.*18LtMs, Lt 26, 1903, par. 12*

There are many who will so outrage conscience and the law of God that in their hearts the pure, holy principles of truth will be corrupted. Between righteousness and truth and unrighteousness and fraud

they will see no difference. Their judgment is perverted, and the position of trust they occupy is made a means of doing dishonest transactions when they think that they can do this without detection.*18LtMs, Lt 26, 1903, par. 13*

## Lt 27, 1903

Jones, A. T.; Jones, C. H.; Wilcox, M. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 27, 1903

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Alonzo T. Jones, C. H. Jones, and M. C. Wilcox

My Dear Brethren in Positions of Trust,—

I received your letter this morning and will respond at once. *18LtMs, Lt 27, 1903, par. 1*

Brother Harper came to St. Helena last week especially to lay before me the question of the location of the General Conference soon to be held. He told me that the brethren and sisters of the Healdsburg church offered to entertain the delegates free of cost if the General Conference would be held there. He asked if I had any preference to express. I told him that if the Healdsburg church proposed to entertain the delegates free, the Conference would be held at Healdsburg, if I had any voice in deciding this matter; for to hold it there would be much more in accordance with the light given to leave the cities, as much as possible, than holding it in Oakland would be. *18LtMs, Lt 27, 1903, par. 2*

I thought that if the brethren and sisters at Healdsburg would do what I was told they were so desirous of doing, to hold the Conference there would be much more desirable than to hold it in Oakland at this time of the year. I knew that accommodations in Oakland for entertaining so large a company were very limited and expensive. *18LtMs, Lt 27, 1903, par. 3*

I desire my personal preferences to have no special influence in determining where the Conference shall be held; for unless specially convinced by the Spirit of the Lord that it is my duty to be present, I will not attend, no matter where the meeting may be held. If I knew that I should have to attend the Conference, I might

express my preference for Healdsburg as the location; for I could drive over and have my horse and carriage there to use at any time and to return when necessary. *18LtMs, Lt 27, 1903, par. 4*

At present, I most decidedly dread to attend either camp-meetings or Conferences. When present at such meetings, I am reined up to speak plainly and strongly in regard to matters; for I dare not do otherwise than to tell the truth. The burden that comes upon me at such times is very heavy. The experiences I have passed through in attending meetings since returning to America have been most afflicting; for it seems as if my efforts are of none effect. The testimonies borne bring upon me a great burden of soul and seem to accomplish so little to change the order of things. The testimonies are speculated upon and do not reform existing evils. *18LtMs, Lt 27, 1903, par. 5*

Just now my courage is not the best. Since the Fresno camp-meeting, I have carried the burden of the Southern field in direct opposition to the plans of leading brethren. I have lost confidence in some of these men as being taught and directed of God. If they are thus taught and directed, I am not teaching the way of the Lord. Therefore I am convinced that my place is at home. I can continue to write, if I avoid the crushing burdens that overwhelm me. And these burdens come upon me whenever I attend a meeting where there are men whom I know are not walking in the counsel of God. I care not to face such matters any longer; for it seems useless. I long for retirement, and I mean to have it, if it be the Lord's will to give it to me. *18LtMs, Lt 27, 1903, par. 6*



**Lt 28, 1903**

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 21, 1902 [filed in 1903]

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Dear brother and sister Burden,—

We have not forgotten you, and I write to express our deep interest in you and our love for you. We are glad that Sister Tuxford can be with you in the same line of work in which you are engaged. *18LtMs, Lt 28, 1903, par. 1*

My dear brother and sister, keep your eyes fixed on Christ. We are travelling over a dangerous path to a city that we see by faith. Strict watchfulness is necessary, else our feet will stumble. In order to be in the world, but not of the world, we must be ever on guard. We are to keep our light shining brightly. “Ye are the light of the world,” Christ declared. “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.*]*18LtMs, Lt 28, 1903, par. 2*

In giving His Son to this world, God has bestowed upon all who accept Christ as their Saviour the treasures of heaven. We need at this time the faith that reaches within the veil. “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” [*Hebrews 11:1.*] Our faith in the reality of these unseen things, which we believe will soon be ours if we are faithful, fills the children of God with hope and courage in the midst of trial and affliction.*18LtMs, Lt 28, 1903, par. 3*

Our present and future welfare depend on the faith that we bring into the daily life. We need faith that will stand the fire of Satan’s assaults. Most terrible things are happening all around us, and only by the power of God, through faith, can we be kept.*18LtMs, Lt 28,*

1903, par. 4

God sees the end from the beginning. He knows the future. Let us trust to His guidance. Let us remember that we are under the command of Christ. Let us never attempt to take the wheel and guide the ship through the perils that will come. The Captain of our salvation is the only One who can do this. "Thus saith the Lord" must be our watchword if we would reach the longed-for port. *18LtMs, Lt 28, 1903, par. 5*

I will send you with this letter copies of what I have written lately. You will see that I am doing as much work as I have ever done in my life. And I know that you are doing all that you can to awaken in those with whom you come in contact an interest in the truth for this time. *18LtMs, Lt 28, 1903, par. 6*

I am glad to be able to tell you that there is a most encouraging condition of things at the Sanitarium. We have worked very hard to place matters in order, and we believe that the institution is greatly improved. The spiritual atmosphere has entirely changed. The Lord is co-operating with our efforts. *18LtMs, Lt 28, 1903, par. 7*

Dr. Winegar is as a nail in the right place. She stands firm for principle, and although she is so firm, she is so kind and courteous, so persuasive in word and manner, that she wins the patients. She teaches the patients' class in the Sabbath school, and a number are becoming interested. *18LtMs, Lt 28, 1903, par. 8*

One such worker as this in a sanitarium is a host. I am so glad that we can have Dr. Winegar here. Brother Taylor is an excellent evangelistic worker. His heart is in the work. *18LtMs, Lt 28, 1903, par. 9*

I believe that our Sanitarium is being brought out of darkness into the light. Sanitarium work, properly conducted, is a means of great good. If the nurses place themselves in right relation to the work of the institution, there is developed in them self-forgetfulness, thoughtfulness, patient continuance in well-doing. Their earnest desire to help others carries with it a sympathy that is healing in its influence. *18LtMs, Lt 28, 1903, par. 10*

Our God has mysteriously linked the members of His family together. And while every man has his own burdens to bear, let no one forget that in helping others, he helps himself. The opening words of Christ's sermon on the mount are an illustration of the principles laid down in His teaching. "Blessed are the poor in spirit," He said; "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." [*Matthew 5:3.*] He came to our world to bless men by pointing out the path of self-denial. In His life He showed the power of kindness and courtesy and self-sacrifice. By no word or act did He encourage self-sufficiency. In His work He has given us an example of what our work should be. No duty, however small, was neglected by Him. And He says to us, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." [*Luke 16:10.*] In order to do a great good in the world, we must be faithful in little things. Those who faithfully perform the small duties of every-day life can safely be trusted with larger responsibilities. Sanctification is not the work of a day, but of a lifetime. "This one thing I do," Paul said, "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." [*Philippians 3:13, 14.*]*18LtMs, Lt 28, 1903, par. 11*

My dear brother and sister, be of good cheer. Walk humbly and trustfully before God, remembering that He is the source of all power. Have faith in Him, and expect much. Doors will open through which you may enter to reach those not of our faith. *18LtMs, Lt 28, 1903, par. 12*

**Lt 29, 1903**

Churches in Australia and New Zealand

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 25, 1903

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To the members of the churches in Australia and New Zealand

Dear Brethren and Sisters,—

I speak to you with my pen because I cannot reach you with my voice across the broad Pacific Ocean. Remember that though you may have excellent qualifications, if the love of God is not the prevailing sentiment in your hearts, you cannot be laborers together with Him; for He is love. *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 1*

The Lord desires me to call your attention to the *thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians*. Read this chapter every day, and from it obtain comfort and strength. Learn from it the value that God places on sanctified, heaven-born love, and let the lesson that it teaches come home to your hearts. Learn that Christlike love is of heavenly birth, and that without it all other qualifications are worthless. *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 2*

“If I speak with the tongues of men, and of angels, but have not love,” Paul declares, “I am become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing.” [*Verses 1-3.*] *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 3*

How beautiful the earth was when it came from the Creator’s hand! God presented before the universe a world in which even His all-seeing eye could find no spot or stain, no defect or crookedness. Each part of His creation occupied the place assigned it and

answered the purpose for which it was created—like the parts of some great machine, part fitted to part—and all was in perfect harmony. Peace and holy joy filled the earth. There was no confusion, no clashing. There was no disease to afflict man or beast, and the vegetable kingdom was without taint of corruption. God looked upon the work of His hands, wrought out by Christ, and pronounced it “very good.” [*Genesis 1:31.*] He looked upon a perfect world, in which there was no trace of sin, no imperfection. *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 4*

But a change came. Satan tempted Adam, and he fell. He who in heaven had become disloyal, and had been cast out, made lying reports of God to the beings He had created, and they listened to his reports and believed his lie. And sin entered the world, and death by sin. The consequences of our first parents’ disloyalty we now have to meet as we work for God, and until the close of this earth’s history our labors will become more and more trying. *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 5*

I entreat the members of our churches not to make the work more trying than it necessarily is by watching one another for a word or an act upon which to comment unfavorably. Let them, if a report is brought to them about some one, make it a rule to do just as Christ has said should be done in such cases. Let them follow the counsel of the great Teacher, who gave His life for the life of the world. *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 6*

His directions are plain. “If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.” [*Matthew 5:23, 24.*] “Tell him his fault between thee and him alone.” [*Matthew 18:15.*] Without delay make every effort to heal the wrong that exists. Do not, by speaking unwise words, give the enemy opportunity to arouse suspicion and evil surmising in the mind of your brother. Be determined to do all in your power to make the wrong right. Do not tell to a third person the story of the difficulty. Go directly to the one who has erred, and “tell him his fault between thee and him alone.” Go to him, not to condemn, but to seek for reconciliation, because Christ has told you to love one another as He has loved

you. *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 7*

Our gifts, our prayers, are not acceptable to God while we leave this duty undone and let the poison of envy and evil surmising take possession of our souls to destroy our union and happiness. O how much unhappiness would be saved, and how many evil thoughts would be quenched, if believers would take up the work that Christ has said must be done to prevent evil speaking! We pray, “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us.” [*Matthew 6:12, 14, 15.*] Do we do our part to answer this prayer? We are to make every effort in our power to remove every stumbling block from before the feet of our brother. But too often our prayers are hindered by our pride of heart, by our refusal to confess faults and to remove wrong impressions. Let us remember that our prayers are not acceptable to God while we suffer a fellow worker to misapprehend us. If we are not to blame for the misunderstanding that exists, we can perhaps make an explanation that will remove the misunderstanding. If we are to blame, if we have left a wrong impression on a brother’s mind, we are certainly under obligation to do all in our power to remove this impression. *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 8*

In the churches in Australia and New Zealand there have been many unwise, talkative ones who through much talking have separated very friends. The churches need to be purged of this element; for where the unruly tongue finds room to do its unholy work, the joy of the Lord cannot abide. *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 9*

Let the suspicious ones who think and speak evil of their brethren remember that they are doing the devil’s drudgery. Let each member of the church work with earnest determination, and with prayer for help, to cure the diseased member—the tongue. Let every one feel that it is his duty and privilege to pass over little differences and mistakes without comment. Do not magnify the small mistakes made by some one, but think of the good that is in him. Each time these mistakes are thought of and talked about, they grow larger. A mountain is made out of a molehill. Ill feeling and a lack of confidence are the result. *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 10*

To many these words are applicable: “Why beholdest thou the mote

that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." [Matthew 7:3-5.] *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 11*

So great is the intemperance in speech that much instruction has been given on this subject by the greatest Teacher the world has ever seen. He has given special directions for the discipline of the tongue. Study and obey these directions. Check the unwholesome words that if spoken would create differences and alienation. Speak words that will cement hearts, not estrange them; words that will heal, not wound. When difficulties arise among church members, let them be cleared away before the Sabbath comes. This should be regarded as a Christian duty by every church member. "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, ... and be ye thankful." [Colossians 3:15.] Are you troubled and perplexed? Sweep away the rubbish that has been accumulating before the door of the heart, and open the door, inviting Jesus to come in and abide as an honored guest. Bring peace and comfort into your own hearts and the hearts of others. This is most blessed missionary work. *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 12*

The Lord has instructed me to say to every church in Australia and New Zealand, Work for perfection. Do nothing that will cause disaffection to spring up in hearts. Do not work for the fallen foe. Strive to overcome your inclination to find fault and condemn. Give no place to him whose delight it is to accuse the brethren. Remember, my beloved brethren and sisters, that you are pleasing and helping Satan by every word you utter that discounts your brother. *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 13*

I greatly desire that you shall follow the directions which Christ has laid down. As you do this, He will certainly help you to adjust the difficulties that exist. He will help you not to make dissension by magnifying little mistakes. The light that the Lord has given me is that He will greatly bless His people, if they will not think or speak evil of one another, but go directly to the one they think is in the wrong, and in a kind, compassionate manner point out his mistake.

May the Lord help those who have learned to criticize to learn to think no evil and to speak only good words, words of comfort and healing. Then they will rejoice; for they will have evidence that they are laborers together with God.*18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 14*

Christ loved the church “and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy, and without blemish.” [*Ephesians 5:25-27.*]*18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 15*

My brethren and sisters, I beseech you to give diligent heed to these words, because the day of the Lord is right upon us. You have no time to lose. Do not neglect the Word of God to you.*18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 16*

“We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For He saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee.)” [*2 Corinthians 6:1, 2.*]*18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 17*

Will you not, as servants of the most high God, give heed to these words? Will you not respond to God’s mercy and compassion and love toward you by loving one another as Christ has loved you?*18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 18*

“Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. Giving no offense in anything, that the ministry be not blamed.” [*Verses 2, 3.*] Remember that when you speak words that disparage one another, the ministry is blamed. The lack of power in the church is charged to the ministry, when often it is directly chargeable to the members, because they do not mix faith with their hearing of the Word.*18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 19*

The ministers are to be men of faith, men who give expression to the pure love of God. And the members are to give no offense in anything, “that the ministry be not blamed.” [*Verse 3.*] No unkind dealing or harsh words are to find a place in their experience.*18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 20*

“In all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much



patience, in afflictions, ... in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings." [Verses 4, 5.] We should be preparing for these things; for they will come. Those who share in Christ's glory must share in His sufferings. *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 21*

"By pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing all things." [Verses 6-10.] *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 22*

Read these words carefully, and ask yourselves if you have not been leaving undone much that God expects you to do, much that you should do as those who have the light of truth. Will you not be thoroughly converted, that you may shine brightly for the Lord amidst the moral darkness of the world? *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 23*

May the Lord lead every minister and every lay member to turn to Him with full purpose of heart and make diligent work for repentance. Thus only can they obtain the sanctification of the Spirit. How true are the words of Paul: "Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels." [Verse 12.] Many complain of others because their own hearts are not in unity with the Spirit of God. When self is crucified, Christ will take possession of the soul temple. *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 24*

"Now for a recompense in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) Be ye also enlarged." [Verse 13.] It is narrow, contracted spiritual devising that causes dearth of soul. *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 25*

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? and what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? ... for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be

My people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.” [Verses 14-18.] *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 26*

“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh, and of the spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” [2 *Corinthians 7:1.*] Let every one humble his heart before God, and make a surrender of body, soul, and spirit to Him, that He may give His people His rich grace abundantly. Let the heart be closed against all sin and selfishness. Let us follow the example of Christ. If we fail of doing this, we shall fail of receiving a welcome into the city of God. He who continues to be a transgressor of the law of God, even though he break but one precept, can have no place in the royal family. *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 27*

I entreat those who have given so much time to talking of the faults of others to cease this cruel work, and obey the words, “Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life.” [John 5:39.] The divine directory, God’s holy Word, is in our hands. Amidst the toil of business and the unceasing activity of daily life, this Word is to be our guide. This Word is appreciated by him who is striving to overcome. It is to him a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 28*

Let the Lord’s people set a perfect example, honoring Christ in every place, in every difficulty following His directions. Then at last a crown of life will be given them, and they will be received into the family of the redeemed. *18LtMs, Lt 29, 1903, par. 29*

**Lt 30, 1903**

Murphet, E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 28, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *CD 178; 3MR 329-330*.

Dear Brother Murphet,—

I often think of our meeting in Tasmania, where we first saw you. The Lord was present at that meeting. We were glad to meet you, the Lord’s aged servant, and we have since felt so grateful that you were willing, in a time of great stress, to be His helping hand. We have rejoiced that you were moved by the Holy Spirit to acknowledge your stewardship by supplying means to help in establishing the work in Australia, and especially the work of erecting the Wahroonga Sanitarium. You will receive a blessing from the Lord, and so also will your son, who has stood by your side, to aid you in carrying out the purpose of your heart to advance the Lord’s work. Your assistance has greatly encouraged the workers, who have often been greatly perplexed, and indeed, put to their wit’s end, to know how to obtain the means necessary for the advancement of the work. *18LtMs, Lt 30, 1903, par. 1*

Let these words of Holy Writ be your consolation: “Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock.” [*Matthew 7:24, 25.*]*18LtMs, Lt 30, 1903, par. 2*

In responding to the call to give of your means to help forward the Lord’s work in a time of great necessity, you have been laying up treasure beside the throne of God. Neither flood nor fire can consume this treasure. It is laid up in heaven “where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.” [*Matthew 6:20.*]*18LtMs, Lt 30, 1903, par. 3*

You have invested your money in the establishment of an institution that will bring into the truth those who will be producers as well as consumers. May the Lord in His providence lead you to see what He has wrought. May He lead you to realize that you have invested your means in a line of work that He has ordained should be done. In the Sanitarium that your money has helped to establish, workers are to be trained to be laborers together with God, to carry out the teachings of the great Medical Missionary.*18LtMs, Lt 30, 1903, par.*

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Christ desires His people to be medical missionaries, able to do His will because they are acquainted with His principles of healing and are prepared to use the remedies that He Himself has provided in the form of sunshine, pure air, and water. Thousands who go down to the grave might be healed if they would go to the Lord's dispensary rather than to the drugs that man provides.*18LtMs, Lt 30, 1903, par. 5*

Lately I have read in the daily paper of the death of many men in important positions in this country, men forty, fifty, sixty, and seventy years of age. Their death is almost always attributed to failure of the heart, but in reality it was caused by intemperance in eating and drinking. Doubtless many of these men were smokers and liquor-drinkers and by the use of tobacco and liquor had poisoned the system. Had their habits of eating, drinking, and sleeping been regular, and in accordance with the principles of strict temperance, they might have lived for many years longer.*18LtMs, Lt 30, 1903, par. 6*

"What, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." [1 *Corinthians* 6:19, 20.] O that our sanitariums all over the world may reveal that they are founded on the principles of health reform. The light on health reform that the Lord has permitted to shine upon us is very precious and is to be appreciated and followed by all who accept the truth for this time.*18LtMs, Lt 30, 1903, par. 7*

The Lord forbid that for the sake of obtaining patronage, those in

charge of the Wahroonga Sanitarium should allow in the institution that which is contrary to the principles of health reform. May this Sanitarium be a place in which Christ can abide, the healing, restoring influence of His life pervading every room, for the restoring of soul and body. *18LtMs, Lt 30, 1903, par. 8*

Brother Murphet, I address you and your son. Thank God for our Sanitarium in Australia. And may the Lord, who moved upon your hearts by His Holy Spirit, giving you a desire to be His helping hand in returning to Him His own, greatly bless you, my dear brethren. *18LtMs, Lt 30, 1903, par. 9*

I thank the Lord for the health that He gives me. I can walk up and down stairs as quickly and easily as a young girl. I eat only two meals a day. But I do not think that the number of meals should be made a test. If there are those who are better in health when eating three meals, it is their privilege to have three. I choose two meals. For thirty-five years I have practiced the two-meal system. The Lord preserves my brain power and enables me to write, and I thank Him with heart and soul and voice. *18LtMs, Lt 30, 1903, par. 10*

In the Word of God we have most precious truth. Let us praise and glorify His holy name. We are almost home. A little while longer, and we shall see our Redeemer. We may not live till He comes, and yet we may, though old age is telling upon us. *18LtMs, Lt 30, 1903, par. 11*

May the rich blessing of God rest upon you, and upon those associated with you in family relation, is my earnest prayer. *18LtMs, Lt 30, 1903, par. 12*

## Lt 31, 1903

Robinson, Brother and Sister [A. T.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 28, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear brother and sister Robinson,—

I can write you only a few lines; for the mail goes today at noon. We should be very much pleased to see you and talk with you. But we are a long way from you, and all that we can do is to trace with the pen words that express our love for you and our deep interest in you. You have our sympathy as you labor in Queensland, where the work must be very hard, on account of the long drouth from which the country has suffered. My dear brother and sister, look on the bright side. Trust in God with a confidence that will not fail or be discouraged.*18LtMs, Lt 31, 1903, par. 1*

I should indeed be glad to see you and talk over with you the strange experiences through which we have passed during the past two years. Ever since I came to America, I have been engaged in taxing labor. I cannot but feel deeply in regard to the condition of things in our institutions. In some of them we can see but little in the way of reform. But we must continue to urge them to make determined efforts to reach the highest standard.*18LtMs, Lt 31, 1903, par. 2*

I am so situated that I could do a large work in preparing my writings for publication in book form, if it was not that my energies are divided. Much of my time has to be spent in writing words of reproof and counsel to those who, though occupying positions of trust, have not carried successfully the burden of the work, but have needed to be worked by the Holy Spirit. I feel deeply pained by the indifference manifested in regard to setting in operation plans of work that would carry the truth to thousands who have never heard the third angel’s message. As I have thought of the work that is left undone, I have been unable to sleep. From the time that I came to

this country until now, it has been a terrible battle. At one time, I was so sick that I almost gave up hope of recovery. But I kept praying, and although not raised up, I was made wondrously able to depend on my Saviour, though suffering intense pain. At that time I lost about thirty pounds in weight and have not yet regained this. *18LtMs, Lt 31, 1903, par. 3*

The lack of love among believers is one of the surest evidences that Christ is not dwelling in their hearts. There is a strong desire to hinder and repress some one who is doing a good work. This is the most bitter, grievous spirit that I have ever had anything to do with. One accuses another, and one worker wants another worker, who occupies a higher office, to be removed from his position. It seems as if the spirit of accusation, of thinking and speaking evil, is now in every place. Let us give no place to the enemy. Let us refuse to think or to speak evil. Let us take the Word of God and give it in strong portions to those who are mischief makers, who know not what they are about. The Lord has nothing to do with the plans that are devised to separate brethren. These are the enemy's devices and must be met and condemned. It has cost me much mental anguish to do this; for I know that the Spirit of the Lord has been and still is grieved. *18LtMs, Lt 31, 1903, par. 4*

Christ's instruction to the disciples, recorded in the *eighteenth chapter of Matthew*, is right to the point. God does not desire any man to draw apart from his brethren. *18LtMs, Lt 31, 1903, par. 5*

In the messages to the churches, given in the *first, second, and third chapters of Revelation*, is given the history of Satan's effort to bring dissension into the church. I know something in regard to these difficulties, which must be met today. The members of the church in Ephesus, the message to which is given in *verses one to five of the second chapter*, possessed excellent qualifications, and these are mentioned by the true Witness. But Satan through his subtlety succeeded in destroying much of the good that had been accomplished. Christ was therefore compelled to say to them: "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou

repent.” [*Verses 4, 5.*]18LtMs, Lt 31, 1903, par. 6

The message to the church in Sardis is full of instruction for us: “These things saith He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.” [*Revelation 3:1-5.*]18LtMs, Lt 31, 1903, par. 7

The explanation of the condition existing in the churches today is given more fully in the message to the Laodicean church: “These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.” [*Verses 14-19.*]18LtMs, Lt 31, 1903, par. 8

This is the work that we must do. Let us rest not until it is completed—until the loss of love for Christ and for the brethren is repented of as a grievous sin. I pray that God’s people may put away this wrong; for it is the seal of death to the spirituality of the church. There will be a dearth of spirituality until the sin of evil speaking among our people is repented of and forsaken. This sin must no longer exist in the church. We must take hold of this masterly



element and deal with it uncompromisingly, yet not in such a way as to lose our love for our brethren and sisters. With kindness and courtesy let us give strict attention to this matter and bring to an end the satanic activity of those who by their own sinful imaginations make their fellow beings guilty. *18LtMs, Lt 31, 1903, par. 9*

Brother and Sister Robinson, let us do what we can to correct this evil. Let us pray that there shall be a crucifixion of self in our churches and that we shall have the vital breath of the Christ-life in the soul. *18LtMs, Lt 31, 1903, par. 10*

I shall not be able to write more now. May the Lord bless and strengthen you. I desire very much to see you, but will await God's time. *18LtMs, Lt 31, 1903, par. 11*

In love to you both and to Gladys. *18LtMs, Lt 31, 1903, par. 12*

**Lt 32, 1903**

Farnsworth, Brother and Sister [E. W.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 28, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *1SM 83-85; 9MR 303*.

Dear brother and sister Farnsworth,—

I have just been reading the *ninth chapter of Matthew*. If our churches could but understand the wonderful things there related, what a history of experience would be opened before us. *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 1*

“Behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed; and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. And behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts, said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith He to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose and departed, to his house. But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.” [*Verses 2-8.*]*18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 2*

All this Jesus did while standing at the head of the human race, his divinity clothed with humanity. *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 3*

We look back at the preceding chapter and see how wonderfully He wrought. After stilling the water, He went into the country of the Gergesenes, and “there met Him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.” [*Matthew 8:28.*]*18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 4*

Satan drove these insane men into Christ’s presence. But as they met the Saviour, they found that they were bound with something

stronger than the chains that they had broken, and they cried out, "What have we to do with Thee, Jesus, Thou Son of God? Art Thou come hither to torment us before the time?" [Verse 29.] At the name of Christ, even the devils believe, and tremble. They acknowledge that He is the Son of God, and yet they are devils still, and how greatly this increases their condemnation! *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 5*

"And there was a good way off from them an herd of swine feeding. And the devils besought Him, saying, If Thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. And He said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine; and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters." [Verses 30-32.] *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 6*

Then the keepers of the swine went into the city, and told the people what Jesus had done, how He had cast the evil spirits out of the men, and how these spirits had entered into the swine, causing the loss of the entire herd. Satan was working against Christ through these men, making the people believe that He had destroyed their property. The whole city came out to meet Jesus, but instead of welcoming Him to their homes, instead of bringing their sick to be healed by Him, "they besought Him that He would depart out of their coasts." [Verse 34.] Their covetousness made them wish to get rid of Him. *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 7*

"And He entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into His own city." [Matthew 9:1.] He took the people at their word. Never does He force His presence on any one. *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 8*

The Gergesenes desired Christ to depart. They of Capernaum received Him, and among them He wrought wonderful miracles. *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 9*

Christ has all power in heaven and in earth. He is the great Physician, upon whom we are to call when suffering from physical or spiritual disease. Over the winds and the waves and over men possessed with demons, He showed that He possessed absolute control. To Him have been given the keys of death and of hell. Principalities and powers were made subject to Him, even while in

His humiliation. *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 10*

Paul writes, "Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; and hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all." [*Ephesians 1:15-23.*] *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 11*

Why do we not exercise greater faith in the divine Physician? As He worked for the man with the palsy, so He will work today for those who come to Him for healing. We have great need of more faith. I am alarmed as I see the lack of faith among our people. We need to come right into the presence of Christ, believing that He will heal our physical and spiritual infirmities. *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 12*

We are too faithless. O how I wish that I could lead our people to have faith in God. They need not feel that in order to exercise faith, they must be wrought up into a high state of excitement. All they have to do is to believe God's Word, just as they believe on another's word. "He hath said it, and He will perform His Word." Calmly rely on His promise, because He means all that He says. Say, He has spoken to me in His Word, and He will fulfil every promise that He has made. Do not become restless. Be trustful. God's Word is true. Act as if your heavenly Father could be trusted. *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 13*

This morning I have been reading of your success in Adelaide. Praise the Lord. Keep the work progressing. I am so glad that the

church in Adelaide has been given an opportunity to recover from the terrible work done there by the enemy, which caused so much division and strife. *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 14*

As a church, we have received great light. This light the Lord has entrusted to us for the benefit and blessing of the world. To us has been given the ministry of reconciliation. With power from on high we are to beseech men to be reconciled to God. We are encouraged to pray for success, with the divine assurance that our prayers will be heard and answered. "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." [*Matthew 18:19, 20.*] "Ask of Me, and I will answer your requests." *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 15*

The promise is made on condition that the united prayers of the church are offered, and in answer to these prayers there may be expected a power greater than that which comes in answer to private prayer. The power given will be proportionate to the unity of the members and their love for God and for one another. *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 16*

Men are appointed to proclaim the truth in new places. These men must have funds for their support. And they must have a fund to draw upon for the help of the poor and needy whom they meet in their work. The benevolence that they show toward the poor gives influence to their efforts to proclaim the truth. Their willingness to help those in need gains for them the gratitude of those they help and the approval of heaven. *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 17*

These faithful workers should have the sympathies of the church. The Lord will hear prayer in their behalf. And the church should not fail to show a practical interest in their work. *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 18*

No one lives to himself. In God's work each one is assigned a post of duty. The union of all strengthens the work of each. As the faith and love and unity of the church grow stronger, their circle of influence enlarges, and ever they are to reach to the farthest limit of this influence, constantly extending the triumphs of the

cross. *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 19*

God calls upon us to burst the bands of our precise, indoor service. The message of the gospel is to be borne in the cities and outside of the cities. We are to call upon all to rally round the banner of the cross. When this work is done as it should be, when we labor with divine zeal to add converts to the truth, the world will see that a power attends the message of truth. The unity of the believers bears testimony to the power of the truth that can bring into perfect harmony men of different dispositions, making their interests one. *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 20*

The prayers and offerings of the believers are combined with earnest, self-sacrificing efforts, and they are indeed a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. Men are converted anew. The hand that once grasped for recompense in higher wages has become the helping hand of God. The believers are united by one interest—the desire to make centers of truth where God shall be exalted. Christ joins them together in holy bonds of union and love, bonds which have irresistible power. *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 21*

It was for this unity that Jesus prayed just before His trial, standing but a step from the cross. “That they all may be one,” He said; “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.” [*John 17:21.*] *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 22*

God calls upon those who are half awake to arouse and engage in earnest labor, praying to Him for strength for service. Workers are needed. It is not necessary to follow rules of exact precision. Receive the Holy Spirit, and your efforts will be successful. Christ’s presence is that which gives power. Let all dissension and strife cease. Let love and unity prevail. Let all move under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If God’s people will give themselves wholly to Him, He will restore to them the power they have lost by division. *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 23*

May God help us all to realize that disunion is weakness and that union is strength. *18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 24*

This is the message God has given me for the churches: “I counsel

thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”  
*[Revelation 3:18-22.]18LtMs, Lt 32, 1903, par. 25*

**Lt 33, 1903**

White, J. E.; White, Emma

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 29, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear children Edson and Emma,—

Maggie has just come in to tell me that the mail must go in ten minutes. I shall try to write you a few lines, in answer to the letter which I received from you yesterday. I have decided to attend the Conference, because of special impressions made on my mind last night. I had decided not to go, but I dare not now hold to this. If my health continues to be as good as it is now, I shall attend. *18LtMs, Lt 33, 1903, par. 1*

I agree with what you say in regard to the importance of your work at Nashville, and I shall not urge you to come to Conference; for you would have to leave work essential to be done. I am thankful for the change in the work in Nashville. I rejoice that as a result of the meeting held there, the outlook is more favorable. Do not let the enemy have any chance to counteract the good that has been done. *18LtMs, Lt 33, 1903, par. 2*

Today I am sending you some copies. Please use wise judgment in the use you make of them. *18LtMs, Lt 33, 1903, par. 3*

Remember me to Brother W. O. Palmer and his wife. Tell them that I mention them often in my prayers. Encourage all to have hope and courage in the Lord. Be of good cheer, and do not forget to praise the Lord for His blessings. *18LtMs, Lt 33, 1903, par. 4*

In much love to you both. *18LtMs, Lt 33, 1903, par. 5*



## Lt 34, 1903

White, J. E.; White, Emma

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 1, 1903

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Dear children Edson and Emma,—

I sent you a short letter a few days ago telling you that I had decided to attend the General Conference. I believe that the Lord will give me words to speak to the people. I told you in my letter that I saw no reason why you should not remain away from the Conference, if you wished to do so on account of your work in Nashville. But I have thought since that I was too quick to respond. Every move that we make at this time means much. Before beginning to build the tower, we must sit down together and count the cost, to see whether we shall be able to finish it. *18LtMs, Lt 34, 1903, par. 1*

I am desirous that both of you shall attend the Conference. The work that has been begun at Nashville is important, but it is not yet fully understood by our people generally, and for this reason I do not think that it would be best for you to remain away from the Conference. For many years the Southern work, and the way in which it has been neglected, has been kept before me. I have been instructed in regard to the work that is to be done in the various cities of the South. You know much in regard to the field and can speak intelligently about its needs. You can now do for the field more than ever before, because you are willing to sink self out of sight. *18LtMs, Lt 34, 1903, par. 2*

Your silence when accused has given your brethren a confidence in you that otherwise they would not have had. Your effort to control your natural impetuosity has done more to assure your brethren that you have a genuine experience than anything you could have

said, however wise or however true. *18LtMs, Lt 34, 1903, par. 3*

I do not say that you must come to the Conference. But I do say that this meeting will give you an opportunity to do much for the work in the South by presenting those features of the work that others are not prepared to present. And when you speak of these features, let your brethren see that you are not seeking to condemn them, but to place the facts before the people. We all have infirmities to contend with, and no worker is to look upon himself as superior to his fellow workers. God's work is to be carried forward in love and harmony. *18LtMs, Lt 34, 1903, par. 4*

The Lord will teach us His will and His way, if we are willing to be taught. Your brother and I have as strong reasons to urge as any one for not wishing to attend the Conference. But we desire to move harmoniously and to be in line, and we shall meet with our brethren and sisters at this meeting, that we may know how to take up the work. *18LtMs, Lt 34, 1903, par. 5*

At that time the work for two years must be carefully considered and prayerfully taken up—not rashly, but in the fear of God. The Southern work and the publishing work will both receive consideration, and your knowledge of these lines of work will be needed. *18LtMs, Lt 34, 1903, par. 6*

The work in which we are engaged is the Lord's, and if we have success in it, we must take counsel of the Lord. We are His workmen, and we must be taught of Him and led of Him at every step. And we must also counsel together, that we may labor in harmony. We are living in trying times, and we need to realize the importance of united effort. *18LtMs, Lt 34, 1903, par. 7*

Now, my son, I do not wish to enforce anything upon you, but I wish you to have a full understanding of what you are working to achieve. Till Jesus comes, our warfare will be an aggressive one. Every true Christian will meet with severe trials. An increasing capacity to enjoy the privileges of the Christian life means an acquaintance with suffering. The Christian is like his Master—a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Those who in heaven share in Christ's glory must in this world share in His suffering. Yet we are never to forget that it is our privilege to sit together with Christ in

heavenly places. *18LtMs, Lt 34, 1903, par. 8*

Tuesday, February 3

Today we are having a snowstorm—the first real snowstorm that I have ever seen in California. Yesterday and the day before the sun shone brightly. Today the snow has been falling since eight o'clock this morning. *18LtMs, Lt 34, 1903, par. 9*

W. C. [White] is suffering from a severe cold on his lungs. He has taken treatment at the Sanitarium, and I think he will soon be better. We have had no special talk together since his return, but he thinks as I do about your coming to Conference. There are many things to be settled at this meeting, and you will wish to know about them. Then, too, we can talk over our book work together. *18LtMs, Lt 34, 1903, par. 10*

I cannot write more today. I slept very little last night, and I am greatly in need of rest. Will write to you again soon. *18LtMs, Lt 34, 1903, par. 11*

**Lt 35, 1903**

Hall, L. M.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 25, 1903

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Dear Sister Hall,—

I hoped to receive a letter from you telling me where to address you. I have been troubled much with my eyes. I have had a serious time with them. I thank the Lord that they are much better now, but I dare not tax them. I cannot venture to use them much; for when I do, I am soon reminded that I have overstepped the bounds. *18LtMs, Lt 35, 1903, par. 1*

I am very anxious to receive words from you, that I may know where you are. We pray for you, that the great Physician may say to you, Be whole. You have had a very busy life and have not spared yourself. I am glad that the Lord understands the true situation of every one of us. He knows how to help us. *18LtMs, Lt 35, 1903, par. 2*

Come to us as soon as you can settle up your business in Battle Creek. Your room is waiting for you. Sister Nelson came home, by her own request, the day before yesterday. She takes right hold just as if she had not been away for nearly three months. We are glad that she is in her old place again. *18LtMs, Lt 35, 1903, par. 3*

I am so sorry that on account of my eyes I cannot do the writing that I desire to do. If I could do this writing, I think my mind would be relieved of its heavy load. The petition of my heart is, “Lord, give me my eyesight.” I believe that He will hear my prayer. For weeks I have not been able to write anything, but for the last few days I have been improving. I ride out every day, but this does not relieve my eyes. It seems to make them worse. *18LtMs, Lt 35, 1903, par. 4*

I will send you a copy of my book on Education as soon as I know where you are. We expect to receive some copies of the book the last of the week. Marian has been home for about two weeks. *18LtMs, Lt 35, 1903, par. 5*

I am carrying a very heavy burden. Some nights I sleep but little. I am not sure that it will be wisdom for me to attend the General Conference. If I went, I could not give any further evidence, in any wise, than I gave at the last General Conference. Then the Lord gave me a message for His people, and if they desire to know their spiritual standing, they can read the Bulletin of the last Conference, and then see themselves as a people who have had light, but have not walked in it; a people to whom the Master's will has been made known, but who have refused to do it. Since the Conference, many who might have made diligent work for repentance have added to their guilt by refusing to be converted. They knew their Master's will, but did it not. *18LtMs, Lt 35, 1903, par. 6*

I do not feel it my duty to go through the same amount of labor that I went through at the last General Conference. The opportunities and blessings of heaven have covered men as a canopy, but they have not received the rich impartation of the Spirit of God. They did not follow the Master in self-denial and sacrifice, lifting the cross, and, in so doing, placing themselves on vantage ground; and increased light would be to them increased condemnation. *18LtMs, Lt 35, 1903, par. 7*

My work is very clearly presented—to put into print all the light that I am capable of giving in behalf of the truth. I am sure that many will be brought into trying places. Because they have not walked in the light, because they have not followed on to know the Lord, they will be deceived by the enemy. He will lead them to call darkness light and falsehood truth. *18LtMs, Lt 35, 1903, par. 8*

Like the Jews in the days of Christ, many today hear and believe, but are not willing to step out upon the platform of obedience and accept the truth as it is in Jesus. They are afraid of losing worldly advantages. Their minds assent to the truth, but to obey means to lift the cross of self-denial and sacrifice, and to cease trusting in man and making flesh their arm; and they turn away from the cross.

They might sit at the feet of Jesus, learning daily of Him whom to know aright is life eternal, but they are not willing. *18LtMs, Lt 35, 1903, par. 9*

Every one who is saved must surrender his own plans, his ambitious schemes, which mean self-glorification, and follow where Christ leads the way. The understanding must be yielded up to Christ for Him to cleanse and refine and purify. This will always be done when a right reception is given to the teachings of the Lord Jesus. It is hard for self to die daily, even when the wondrous story of God's grace is presented with the wealth of His love, which He unfolds to the soul's necessity. *18LtMs, Lt 35, 1903, par. 10*

O how much we need a more intimate acquaintance with the Lord Jesus. We need to enter into His will and carry out His purposes, saying with the whole heart, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" [*Acts 9:6.*] O how I long to see our churches in a condition different from the condition in which they now are—grieving the Holy Spirit day by day with their lukewarm religious life, a life neither cold nor hot. Christ says, "I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." [*Revelation 3:15, 16.*] O how greatly Christ would be honored and glorified before irreligious, worldly men and women if His followers were what they claim to be—true Christians, the love of Christ constraining them to make Him known before an idolatrous world, showing the marked contrast between those who serve God and those who serve Him not. *18LtMs, Lt 35, 1903, par. 11*

I see such loftiness of spirit in those who profess to believe in Christ! I am pained, deeply pained, by night and day, to see them more like worldlings than like Christ. God expects to receive from all who believe in Him the love of a heart filled with devotion. *18LtMs, Lt 35, 1903, par. 12*

We shall find it profitable to be distrustful of ourselves. Christ has revealed Himself as wise, patient, longsuffering, full of divine pity. Be assured that He will not break the bruised reed. He will tenderly lead your steps in safe paths into all truth. He will gladden the hearts of all who will give themselves to His guidance. He will impart to them gracious instruction. *18LtMs, Lt 35, 1903, par. 13*

O how I long to speak these words to those who are not so lofty in their own ideas that they have lost their appetite for the precious grace of Christ's love. This is the instruction that we so much need, that we may impart it to worn, weary souls. You and I must be where we can feed the souls who are longing to hear words of light and life. We shall feel heart-sore and sad as we see so many who might be earnest, successful workers in taking the light to others, unwilling to do what it is their privilege to do. Nevertheless, we are to tell others of the love of Christ, and in order to do this, we must know by experience what it means to have this love in the heart. All will find abundant opportunities to work if they will improve the opportunities that come to them. Eternity, eternity is before us. There is eternal life for us to gain. In no case must we lose an opportunity to speak a word in season to one that is weary, an opportunity to sow the seeds of truth. Christ, the Majesty of heaven, clothed His divinity with humanity and came to this world to stand at the head of the human race, that He might make men and women partakers of the divine nature, giving them grace to overcome as He overcame. The promise is made, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne." [*Verse 21.*]18LtMs, Lt 35, 1903, par. 14

"The grace of God, that bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." [*Titus 2:11-14.*]18LtMs, Lt 35, 1903, par. 15

## Lt 36, 1903

Brethren and Sisters

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 22, 1903

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### **An Appeal in Behalf of the Washington, D.C. Church**

Dear Brethren and Sisters,—

I have been pleased to learn, through reading the *Review*, and from letters from Elder J. S. Washburn, that a church building in Washington, D.C., formerly known as the Central Methodist Protestant Church, has been purchased by the Second Seventh-day Adventist Church of this city. A house of worship was greatly needed by our people in the section of the city where this property is situated. The purchase of this church will provide a suitable place in which witness can be borne to the truths we advocate. The building will stand as a memorial for God. *18LtMs, Lt 36, 1903, par. 1*

This property must now be paid for. Some payments have already been made, but a large sum must yet be raised to complete the payments. We therefore ask those who have means to act as the Lord's helping hand by doing something to help to free this church from debt. Every penny given will help. If all will give what they can, the indebtedness will soon be liquidated. We pray that those who can help in this enterprise may be constrained to do so by their love for Christ. We regard the purchase of this church property as a wise step, and your co-operation in assisting the brethren there to pay for it will bring you into harmony with the beneficent purposes of the gospel. *18LtMs, Lt 36, 1903, par. 2*

Let those who have means use it wisely. It is a talent lent them by the Lord to be used when called for to advance His cause. In the place of spending money for selfish pleasure, let every one deny self and lift the cross. God's blessing will follow. *18LtMs, Lt 36,*



*1903, par. 3*

Do not all of our people desire to share in the privilege of paying for the house of worship in Washington, D.C.? If every one of the many believers in this country would give something, the necessary sum would be raised, and the amount given by each would scarcely be missed. Let us help our brethren in the national capital; for they are too poor and too few in number to bear the burden alone. Those who share in this missionary enterprise by making gifts large or small, according to their ability, will ever after feel a deeper interest in the progress of the Lord's cause in Washington. Those who respond to this call, making gifts to the Lord for the purchase of this church property, will receive rich blessing for so doing. *18LtMs, Lt 36, 1903, par. 4*

NOTE: All gifts should be sent to Elder J. S. Washburn, 1728 Fourteenth St., N.W., Washington, D.C. *18LtMs, Lt 36, 1903, par. 5*

## Lt 37, 1903

Haskell, Brother and Sister [S. N.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 28, 1903

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Dear Brother and Sister Haskell,—

We have had no letter from you for some time. We should be pleased to receive a letter, if you are able to write to us. We have often prayed for you and at times have felt anxious in regard to your whereabouts. I do not know where to direct this letter so will send it in care of the Pacific Press office in New York City.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 37, 1903, par. 1*

My eyes have been troubling me so severely that for some time past I have not been able to use them. I can write a little now, but am unable to tax my eyesight much yet. Will you not unite with me in asking the Lord to heal me? I am praying for the Lord to speak the word, saying, “Be healed of thine infirmities.”<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 37, 1903, par. 2*

Since the last General Conference held in Battle Creek, I have carried a very heavy burden, because I have keenly realized the great lack in the publishing plant there. For weeks I did not sleep past twelve o’clock. This was before the plant was burned. Light was given me that the spiritual blindness manifested by those connected with this institution was caused by their neglect to do a thorough work of confession and repentance, with contrition of soul seeking the Lord most earnestly. I was instructed that there was so manifest a disregard of the word of God, given in the Testimonies of His Holy Spirit, that the Lord would turn and overturn, visiting Battle Creek with His judgments.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 37, 1903, par. 3*

While at Los Angeles last September, it was presented to me that in our institutions there were many things that needed to be reformed. The truth was not exalted. The name of the Lord was not honored by those who, professedly, were doing His service; and therefore He could not honor the names of these unfaithful stewards. Many were defiled by unfair dealing. I carried this burden until I was unable to obtain sleep after twelve o'clock; yet I kept writing, tracing these matters on paper during the early morning hours and all through the day, as I was moved by the Spirit of God to make a record of many things that I may have to use.*18LtMs, Lt 37, 1903, par. 4*

I have received very long letters from Dr. Kellogg and from my nephew Frank Belden; but I dare not read these letters, lest in them there might be some things that would sadden my heart. Anything that causes me to feel sad is a great injury to me physically. My head becomes hot, as if it were a heated furnace, and my nose bleeds. Then for a time all work has to cease.*18LtMs, Lt 37, 1903, par. 5*

I am recovering somewhat, slowly regaining strength. After the news came that the office of publication was burned, relief came to my mind. All through the fall council meeting held in Battle Creek, I was trying to warn the brethren. I wrote day and night. In the visions of the night it was represented to me that a sword of fire was drawn over Battle Creek; and in the daytime, while my pen was in my hand, I lost consciousness, and it seemed as if this sword of flame were turning first in one direction and then in another. Disaster seemed to follow disaster, because God was dishonored in the devising of men to exalt and glorify themselves.*18LtMs, Lt 37, 1903, par. 6*

But I must not write any more. The condition of my head forbids it. Please write to me; for I cannot write much. We expect you to attend the General Conference. We shall be glad, so glad, to see you.*18LtMs, Lt 37, 1903, par. 7*

In love.*18LtMs, Lt 37, 1903, par. 8*

## Lt 37a, 1903

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

Oakland, California

April 1, 1903 [?]

Portions of this letter are published in *TDG 100*.

Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

I have written a lengthy letter to Brother and Sister Kress and it is for you as well, but I thought I would trace a few lines to you. We are in the midst of our Conference and we are very, very much in earnest that everything shall move off rightly. The people attending the Conference need so very much transformation of character, for this will impart a moral elevation and purity of faith in the truth for this time which is in our religious service beyond all price. It will confirm our energies, it will tend to raise us up above common tittle-tattle and will intensify our actions; and the wisdom of Christ will be expressed in all our movements. *18LtMs, Lt 37a, 1903, par. 1*

I wish to speak of Brother Sharp. Give him enough to do, and keep him from going back to the world. We must help one another, we must be kind, attentive to each other, cultivating an interest in each other. I do not wish Brother Sharp to link up with Dr. Caro. Every soul needs so much connection to God every day—true surrender of the soul to God. All the speculations of commercial life, all the schemes of moneymaking—these are snares. *18LtMs, Lt 37a, 1903, par. 2*

The Lord is soon to come. We have none too much time to prepare to meet our Saviour coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. All of us individually must face the question, Are we ready? Have we washed our robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb? There is no discharge in this war. All the wealth of the world could not purchase for us one hour of time to prepare for the great issue. My brother, do not, I beg of you, become entangled in any enterprises that shall in any way cloud your faith. *18LtMs, Lt 37a, 1903, par. 3*

“And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”  
*Revelation 20:11, 12.18LtMs, Lt 37a, 1903, par. 4*

Consider these great and solemn truths that concern us. The plain facts are set before us for a purpose, that we shall not be negligent to prepare for that great, grand review. For those whose names are written in the book of life it is no judgment at all. Every case has been decided, and all those whose names are not written in the book of life shall be judged according to their works.*18LtMs, Lt 37a, 1903, par. 5*

Now in 1903 we have a most solemn work before us on our own account. “Is my name written there?” Let not cares be so magnified that the time shall be occupied in many cares that are not positively essential. The seriousness of this question presses upon my mind with an intensity that I cannot express. Time is passing, and when I am presented with the many churches that are not prepared to work for the Master but are in a careless, unconcerned state, I am alarmed, and inquire, What can I say, what can I do to change this order of things? I can say, “What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” *Mark 8:36, 37.18LtMs, Lt 37a, 1903, par. 6*

I think none of us is in a state to realize we must be laborers together with God. Many do not understand what true conversion means, what it involves. And now I address you and your family, that you may be aroused and impressed with the solemn duty to seek to arouse them to a sense of the need of most diligent watching and seeking to save perishing souls out of Christ. Every day warn someone who knows not that the end of all things is at hand.*18LtMs, Lt 37a, 1903, par. 7*

Not one jot or tittle of God's holy requirements will ever be changed to meet man in his unready condition. His holy Word will never change or be done away. The world is asleep in their sins. Heaven

and earth shall pass away, but His Word can never pass away. All of us must be guided by the Word of God. What a work is before us, and professed Christians realize it not! “Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.” *Matthew 18:3. 18LtMs, Lt 37a, 1903, par. 8*

This truth stands forth as the words of our Redeemer in all their moral force and deep solemnity. There are many who are employed in doing service in many lines of religious work, but they are not converted. Oh, shall we lead the five virgins who went forth to meet the bridegroom without oil in their vessels with their lamps? The heart work needs to be done. Envy, evil surmisings, speaking evil, thinking evil—their souls lifted up unto vanity, loving to be exalted! *18LtMs, Lt 37a, 1903, par. 9*

How few realize the influence of the little things in this life. Those who can bear the test, the proving of God, will be acknowledged of Christ. The truth, saving truth, of God’s Word, lived, will fit us for the company of the redeemed. God help us to appreciate moral excellence. Refined mental qualities, sanctified, are of more value than the gold of Ophir. The formation of a true moral standing with God is the work of a lifetime. Teach this, my dear brother and sister, by precept and example. *18LtMs, Lt 37a, 1903, par. 10*

I wish you were with us. In much love. *18LtMs, Lt 37a, 1903, par. 11*

**Lt 38, 1903**

White, J. E.; White, Emma

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 2, 1903

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Dear children Edson and Emma,—

I was pleased to get your letter saying that you would be at the General Conference. I wish that Brother Palmer also could attend, but I do not know whether he would be able to leave his home. *18LtMs, Lt 38, 1903, par. 1*

Lately my eyes have troubled me so much that I have been unable to use them without much suffering, so you will have to excuse a short letter. Will you remember me in your prayers? I suffer much with pain in my head and eyes. I have committed my case to the Lord. He can work in my behalf. I am praying to Him as my merciful Physician, and I believe that He will work for me. *18LtMs, Lt 38, 1903, par. 2*

W. C. [White] is doing all that he possibly can to prepare for the General Conference. *18LtMs, Lt 38, 1903, par. 3*

Dr. Willie Jones came in this morning and surprised us. He is at present a patient at the Sanitarium here. He has been sick for three weeks with a fever at Longbeach, Southern California. He came home about a week ago and will take treatment for a while at the Sanitarium. *18LtMs, Lt 38, 1903, par. 4*

We pray for you in Nashville, and we plead that the Lord will every day work to prepare His people to do honor to their Redeemer. O how many times I think, If we would but seek the Lord with all the heart, and work and walk in faith, what a blessing we should

receive!*18LtMs, Lt 38, 1903, par. 5*

We must not allow ourselves to become so weary that we easily lose our self-control. When we lose self-control, we speak without due reverence or respect for one another. We are Christ's representatives, and our words must be well chosen. They must be words that will bless and encourage those who hear. How many ways there are in which we can co-operate with the Saviour by bearing one another's burdens! As we wear Christ's yoke of restraint and obedience, and learn of Him His meekness and lowliness, we shall find rest. He says, "My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:30.*]*18LtMs, Lt 38, 1903, par. 6*

My children, watch unto prayer, and become more and more careful in regard to your words and your deportment. "Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." [*Mark 14:38.*] It is poor policy to give the enemy the slightest advantage. My son, be gentlemanly, and you will strengthen your influence over those with whom you work. Never speak unadvisedly. Let your respect for yourself as Christ's representative keep you from giving way to anger. If we respect ourselves by wearing Christ's yoke, we shall increase our influence tenfold.*18LtMs, Lt 38, 1903, par. 7*

Human nature will continue to be human nature, but it can be elevated and ennobled by union with the divine nature. It is by partaking of the divine nature that men and women escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.*18LtMs, Lt 38, 1903, par. 8*

Truth must be practiced in order to be a power in the world. When truth abides in the heart, the daily experience is a revelation of the controlling power of Christ's grace. Never keep the truth in the outer court. Let the Holy Spirit stamp it on the soul.*18LtMs, Lt 38, 1903, par. 9*

The Bible is the most precious lesson book that you can study. In studying it, you hold communion with God. If you are an earnest Bible student, you will, when standing before a congregation, speak with power and assurance.*18LtMs, Lt 38, 1903, par. 10*

Reverence God and His purchased possession. Be careful of your



manners, because you are Christ's representative. Guard your words carefully, and labor earnestly for the conviction and conversion of sinners. Keep the heart uplifted to God in prayer. When unkind, untrue words are spoken to you, do not lose control of yourself. Remember that "a soft answer turneth away wrath," and that "he that rules his spirit" is greater "than he that taketh a city." [*Proverbs 15:1; 16:32.*]18LtMs, Lt 38, 1903, par. 11

A true Christian is a gentleman. Those who are filled with conceit think it their privilege to say many things that might better be left unsaid. Fewer words and more kind actions would make them a power for good. God declares, "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." [*Matthew 12:37.*] All our words and deeds, good or evil, are passing in review before God. How solemn the thought!18LtMs, Lt 38, 1903, par. 12

The Word of God warns us not to provoke one another to wrath. But there is one kind of provoking that is justifiable. Paul writes: "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." [*Hebrews 10:23, 24.*]18LtMs, Lt 38, 1903, par. 13

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free, and be not entangled again in the yoke of bondage." [*Galatians 5:1.*] There are those who speak words that to them are a yoke of bondage. But those who walk in the liberty of the Spirit bear witness to their freedom by the choice, profitable words that they speak.18LtMs, Lt 38, 1903, par. 14

"The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. ... The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves, if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will." [*2 Timothy 2:19, 24-26.*]18LtMs, Lt 38, 1903, par. 15

Please read to your fellow workers such parts of this letter as you

think will be a help to them. I feel deeply in earnest. There is a great work to be done in many places. The Lord will be with you as long as you will be with Him. When you are tried, as you will be, do not retaliate. The one who does wrong shall himself suffer for the wrong that he hath done. Do not become discouraged. There is at the present time a dearth of means. We must walk and work by faith, not by sight. The Lord will test and prove His people, and He will open ways whereby His truth shall be wonderfully advanced. The charge of Paul to Timothy, I repeat to you: "Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." [2 Timothy 4:2.] May God bless you, and give you strength to walk wisely in safe paths.*18LtMs, Lt 38, 1903, par. 16*

Your mother.*18LtMs, Lt 38, 1903, par. 17*

**Lt 39, 1903**

Wessels, John J.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 28, 1903

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My dear brother John Wessels,—

I have received and read your letter. About a week ago I took the letter over to your wife, that she and her mother might read it. We were all pleased with the spirit in which the letter was written, and we have been and are still hopeful that you will fully return to the Lord and will not allow the enemy to steal a march on you.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 1*

I have felt very sorry for you, because you have walked contrary to the will and way of God and have done despite to His grace. In the past I have been deeply grieved by your course of action in regard to my work, and especially in regard to the report that you made to Dr. Kellogg. This report was not true, and the impression left by it on the doctor’s mind was in no way helpful to him. O how sorry I felt to think that you should lose your spiritual discernment and do me such harm by false representation, when I had tried in every way to be your friend.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 2*

The Lord gave me a testimony for you, and had you received and obeyed this testimony, had you exerted all your influence to draw your mother and your other relatives from Africa, how changed all would now be. From the light given me, I know that had you remained away from Africa, you could have drawn your mother and your brothers away from the fascinating temptations prepared by the enemy to ruin them. It was the Lord’s desire that every member of your family should be out of Africa during the Boer war, and this is why I pressed the matter so urgently. I did not then see all the results, but I was shown in figures that you were in great danger of giving up the faith; and afterward, you did practically give it up.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 3*

You are now in Africa again. My brother, be as firm as a rock to principle, unmoved by the seductive influences that have led your brothers to become untrue to the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of satanic agencies. I cannot help weeping as I think of how merciful the Lord has been to you, notwithstanding your perversity. His hand has ever been stretched out to save you. I am much encouraged by the stand that you have taken. And I have hope for Philip, I have hope for Peter, I have hope for Henry and Dan and Andrew. God has not given them up to be lost. In His great mercy He still suffers His Spirit to strive with them.*18LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 4*

In the visible creation, divine wisdom is manifested in an endless variety of processes. Uniformity is not the rule that is followed in the kingdom of nature. Neither is it the rule that is followed in the kingdom of grace. In different ways God works to attain one purpose—the saving of souls. By different methods the gracious Redeemer deals with different minds. The change of heart is as truly wrought out by one process as by another. It is the Lord working upon minds and molding characters.*18LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 5*

All are not led to the Lord in precisely the same way. Human beings are not to define, arbitrarily and narrowly, the characteristics of God's working on minds. It may be given to one to gain spiritual strength and discernment easily, while another has to contend with "a thorn in the flesh," and at times is ready, apparently, to step off the heights over the precipice. [*2 Corinthians 12:7.*] Yet who dare say that God does not still love and regard as His child the one so sorely beset and that His hand is not still stretched out to save?*18LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 6*

The heavenly Shepherd knows where to find the lambs that are straying from the fold. He will gather them in. He calls upon ministers and lay members to arouse to their responsibility and unite with Him in this work. It is the special duty of Christians to seek and save the lost. Ministers and laymen are to encourage and help those who, sorely beset by temptation, know not which way to turn. My brother, through the grace of God you may become one who is able to bring back to the fold the wandering ones.*18LtMs, Lt*

39, 1903, par. 7

As in the days of Elijah God had seven thousand who had not bowed the knee to Baal, so today He has in the world many who are walking in all the light they have received. A whole firmament of chosen ones has He in reserve that will yet shine forth amidst the darkness. In places where there might be expected only briars and thorns, fruit-bearing trees of righteousness will appear. In such places as these there are those who will bloom more sweetly for the Lord than many who live in more favored places. All around them they will shed the fragrance of His grace as they bloom in most unpromising places. *18LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 8*

Everywhere divine grace is to make itself felt. In places that are now spiritual deserts, there will be found those of whom the servants of the Lord can say, "Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*]*18LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 9*

God has souls to be saved in Africa. There are many to be sought out and kindly and tenderly labored for. At present, some may not be ready for the revelation of Christ's grace; but the sons of mother Wessels—the subjects of so many prayers—may be saved if they will break up their present associations which have led them to disregard heavenly things. I was shown that the Wessels family, if they will, may be transformed into the Christlikeness. The Lord is waiting to be gracious to every member of this family. But in order for them to place themselves where He can work for them, they must leave their present surroundings, one going here and another there, placing themselves under influences more favorable to the growth of grace in the soul. Pride, folly, and extravagance can find no place in the kingdom of God. *18LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 10*

My brother, while you are in Africa, do all that you can to change the order of things. By your prayers and your repentance toward God, show the transformation that His grace has wrought in your character. Heaven—eternal life—is worth more than ten thousand times ten thousand worlds. I thank God for you, my brother, that your eyes are being opened to discern the truth. "It is the Lord; let Him do what seemeth best unto Him." [*1 Samuel 3:18.*] Walk carefully before God. Many eyes will be upon you. Your desire to

accumulate means has been a snare to you, and this desire must be separated from your life. *18LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 11*

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him; for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? ... No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruits of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.” [*Hebrews 12:1-7, 11.*] *18LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 12*

My brother, will you study and obey this instruction? Encourage faith in the truth for this time. Walk by faith, not by sight. “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” [*Hebrews 11:1.*] You need at every step the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. This faith quickens and uplifts the soul by the nobility of holy practice. It is essential to every one who is running in the race for eternal life. It raises the soul into a purer, holier atmosphere, enabling its possessor to look forward to higher and still higher attainments and to discern clearly the dangers of a life of self-indulgence. Look by faith above yourself, and see in the work of God the way to gain the riches that can be laid up beside the throne of God. O the height and depth of the knowledge that may be obtained by unreserved consecration to God. The Lord will have the whole man, or none at all. His favor cannot be purchased with gifts of money. He calls for the gift of the whole heart. *18LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 13*

It is not necessary for us to know the results of our course of action before we surrender wholly to God. We do not need to see the way or to know what the future will be. One thing we do know, because God has said it—the man that fears God and works righteousness will be accepted by Him. This is enough for us to know. Day by day walk before the Lord in humility and contrition. Your future destiny depends on your own course of action. “Choose ye this day whom ye will serve.” [*Joshua 24:15.*] “If the Lord be God, then serve Him; but if Baal, then serve him.” [*1 Kings 18:21.*] Be one thing or the other. “Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” [*Matthew 6:24.*] Your present happiness and your future well-being depend on your own choice. If you choose to follow Jesus, you must obey the Word, “If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [*Matthew 16:24.*]*18LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 14*

Eternal life is for all who eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God—living by every word that proceeds out of His mouth. Those who do this will gain a clear understanding of what it means to be one with Christ.*18LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 15*

“The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.” [*James 3:17, 18.*] Two people may engage in the same acts of outward worship, yet the service of one, when weighed in the golden scales of the sanctuary, may be found wanting, while the service of the other may be accepted. Only the service that is performed in sincerity, with a humble, contrite heart, is acceptable to God.*18LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 16*

My brother, neither you nor I can afford to do haphazard work. We must make Christ our Alpha and our Omega, the first, and last, and best in everything. He is ashamed of those who have no desire to follow Him. He prepares for them no mansion in the city of God. He will not accept them as His. They can never be acknowledged as heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ to the immortal inheritance.*18LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 17*

No sacrifice is too great to make for the truth, for Christ, for heaven.

Not a farthing of the money that we handle is our own. All is the Lord's, entrusted to us to test us, to see if we will make a right use of the Lord's goods. He who in this life does not prove true and faithful will have no second trial. Those who choose the world will perish with the world. A cloud of heavenly witnesses is watching the conflict between good and evil. Those who live for their own pleasure must one day answer to the Judge of all the earth for their misspent privileges and neglected opportunities. They will lose an eternity of bliss and the riches of everlasting life. God forbid that any should delay until it is too late, and should at last have to say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and I am not saved." [Jeremiah 8:20.] *18LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 18*

May God help you, John, to help others. "Lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord; looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." [Hebrews 12:12-15.] Walk straight forward in the path of duty. Show those with whom you associate that you will not turn from your integrity to gain advantage for yourself. Fix your mind on the things of heaven, saying, I must see the King in His beauty. He gave His life for me, and I will not, to please any human being, exert my influence against the truth of Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 19*

All are being tested and tried. God will heal the spiritual infirmities of all who sincerely strive to obey Him, at any cost to themselves. The Lord calls upon His people to live the life of Christ. This all must do who enter the gates of the city of God. No one can be a Christian, and at the same time live in conformity to the world. Will you remember, John, that eternal life begins in this world? Our course of action is to be in accordance with the divine similitude. We are to have in us Christ's life, which is eternal life. *18LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 20*

I leave these lines with you. We shall pray for you. Our word to you is, Courage in the Lord. Whatever course your brothers may take, place your feet in the footprints of Christ. Follow the Saviour in the



path of self-denial, lifting the cross and bearing it after Him; and thus show your brothers a better and more desirable way than the way of the world. *18LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 21*

May the Lord bless you, my brother. May He give you strength to walk in the path of duty, and may He fill your heart with love and faith and hope and courage. *18LtMs, Lt 39, 1903, par. 22*

## Lt 39a, 1903

Haskell, S. N.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 26, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Elder S. N. Haskell

My dear Brother in Christ Jesus,—

I have received your letter and will say to you, Let us not look on the dark side of things. The Lord knows all. Let us prove His faithfulness by obeying the commission that He gave to His disciples, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. *18LtMs, Lt 39a, 1903, par. 1*

I feel urged to write to you, Elder Haskell, to attend the meeting of the Southern Union Conference to be held at Nashville. You should stand by the side of Elder Butler and bear a plain, decided testimony. *18LtMs, Lt 39a, 1903, par. 2*

The Lord has instructed me that some will seek to displace the aged servants of God who have been with this message from its beginning. Those who are inclined to set Brother Butler to one side are not in harmony with the mind of the Lord. God has brought him forth from seclusion, as one chosen to fill an appointed place. He is sound in the faith. The Lord is with him. And if he will be careful not to work too hard, he can nobly fill his place as a man chosen of God to bear important responsibilities in His work. Let no one try to displace Elder Butler, for the Lord has given him his appointment. *18LtMs, Lt 39a, 1903, par. 3*

I am more pleased than I know how to express that you two aged soldiers of the cross, men of gray hairs, are still left to us and are able to lift up your voices in the proclamation of solid Bible truth. You have vital truths to present to the people. *18LtMs, Lt 39a, 1903, par. 4*

I am instructed to say to you and to Elder Butler, Do not preach too long at a time. Let your sermons be short and frequent. Be ready to speak whenever any crisis arises. Fanciful doctrines will be presented by some as food for the flock of God. I am instructed to warn our people to be on their guard against false teaching. *18LtMs, Lt 39a, 1903, par. 5*

I have recently written a letter to Elder Butler, but it is mislaid, so I will send these few words to you and ask you to read them to him. We remember you both by name in our prayers. We also pray for Edson who is in great danger of carrying too many burdens. *18LtMs, Lt 39a, 1903, par. 6*

With much love to yourself and wife *18LtMs, Lt 39a, 1903, par. 7*

**Lt 40, 1903**

Braucht, F. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 22, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *MM 44-46*.

Dear brother Braucht,—

I have wished so much that I might have an opportunity to talk with you. Could I see you, I should say to you what I have been saying to you recently in the visions of the night. You were apparently undecided as to what you would do in the future. I asked, “Why are you perplexed?” You replied, “I am perplexed in regard to what is the best course for me to pursue.” Then One who has authority stepped up to you and said: “You are not your own. You have been bought with a price. Your time, your talents, every jot of your influence is the Lord’s. You are His servant. Your part is to do His bidding and learn daily of Him. You are not to set up in business for yourself. This is not the Lord’s plan. You are not to unite with unbelievers in medical work. Neither is this the Lord’s plan. His word to you is: ‘Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.’” [2 *Corinthians 6:14-7:1*.]18LtMs, Lt 40, 1903, par. 1

You are to receive the grace of Christ, the great Medical Missionary. His divine wisdom will be given to you if you will refuse

to yield to the inclination to link up with the world. God desires you to place yourself where you can work in connection with other physicians. You and the one with whom you are associated may not be of the same temperament. It is better if you are not. That which one needs the other may supply[, i]f each will learn to wear the yoke of Christ. "Take My yoke upon you," He says, "and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:29, 30.*] *18LtMs, Lt 40, 1903, par. 2*

My brother, choose to obey Christ. In His meekness and lowliness receive His counsel. Stand shoulder to shoulder with your brethren, and this will encourage them to stand shoulder to shoulder with you. Hide self in Christ, and the Saviour will be to you a present help in every time of need. *18LtMs, Lt 40, 1903, par. 3*

God's people have many lessons to learn. They will have perfect peace if they will keep the mind stayed on Him who is too wise to err and too good to do them harm. They are to catch the reflection of the smile of God and reflect it to others. They are to see how much sunshine they can bring into the lives of those around them. They are to keep near to Christ, so close that they sit together with Him as His little children, in sweet, sacred unity. They are never to forget that as they receive the affection and love of God, they are under the most solemn obligation to impart it to others. Thus they may exert an influence of rejoicing, which blesses all who come within its reach, irradiating their pathway. *18LtMs, Lt 40, 1903, par. 4*

This is where the people of God make so many mistakes. They do not express thankfulness for the great gift of God's love and grace. Selfishness must be expelled from the soul. The heart must be purified from all envy, all evil surmising. Believers must constantly receive and impart the love of God. Then unbelievers will say of them, "They have been with Jesus, and have learned of Him. They are living in intimate companionship with Christ, who is love." [See *Acts 4:13.*] The world has keenness of perception, and will take knowledge to some purpose of those who sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. The character of God's human agencies must be a transcript of the character of their Saviour. *18LtMs, Lt 40, 1903, par. 5*

Many things were said—things that made my heart burn within me. I awoke praising God. *18LtMs, Lt 40, 1903, par. 6*

I write this to you, my dear brother, in the hope of helping you. You are in an unsettled state of mind and are tempted to do a strange work, which God has not appointed you to do. None of us are to strike out alone; we are to link up with our brethren and pull together, and God will give us influence and self-control. We are to draw near to God, that He may draw near to us. *18LtMs, Lt 40, 1903, par. 7*

No one can gain completeness in Christ, who, having the means of gaining a deeper experience in the things of God, fails to realize that every ray of heavenly light, every jot of blessing, is given to him to give to all who come within the sphere of his influence. If we are qualifying ourselves to live in heaven, we are daily drawing nearer and nearer to our Redeemer. We are to represent Christ in every phase of character. *18LtMs, Lt 40, 1903, par. 8*

What is the Bible test of character? “If a man love Me, he will keep My words; and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him.” [*John 14:23.*] No one need perish in spiritual blindness. A plain “Thus saith the Lord” has been given for the guidance of all. *18LtMs, Lt 40, 1903, par. 9*

My brother, I send these words to you in the love of Christ, and I pray that you will act upon them. *18LtMs, Lt 40, 1903, par. 10*

**Lt 41, 1903**

Braucht, F. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 24, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *MM 47-48*; *UL 69*.

Dr. F. E. Braucht

My dear Brother,—

There is need for every physician closely and critically to examine himself. What is his religious experience? Does he allow self to rule? Does he make his own wishes and desires supreme? Does he keep the glory of God ever before him? Is he learning daily of Jesus? If this is your experience, those with whom you are connected will be led nearer to the Saviour. Why?—Because you are constantly beholding Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. You will not need to try to shine. You will not be able to help shining. As you behold Jesus, His brightness comes into your life. In your words there is elevated thought and sanctified intelligence. Those with whom you associate take knowledge of you that you have been with Jesus and have learned of Him, for you reflect His image. You have esteemed His words more than your necessary food. You have sat at His feet and learned of Him. Your words and works testify to your union with Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 41, 1903, par. 1*

I wish to say that there is danger of our physicians' taking themselves into their own hands, thinking that they understand best what they should do. They think that those who offer them counsel do not understand their capabilities or appreciate their value. This is the stumbling stone over which some, at least, have fallen. You are not beyond the temptation of thinking that you can do better work alone than when linked up with your brethren. The very ones who think this are the ones who need the companionship and help of a fellow laborer. *18LtMs, Lt 41, 1903, par. 2*

My brother, the Lord needs your help in His work. Will you not be

His helping hand? It would be a serious mistake for you to accept a worldly position, where it would not be possible for you to do the medical missionary work that God desires you to do. Do not make this mistake. Place yourself under the guidance of the greatest Medical Missionary the world has ever known. Under His direction you will gain increased capabilities for doing His work.*18LtMs, Lt 41, 1903, par. 3*

The Lord's people are to testify, by Christlike lives, that God has a people on the earth who represent the pure and holy company that will meet around the throne of God when the redeemed are gathered into the holy city. Those who in this earth love and obey God will be accounted true and pure and loyal, worthy to dwell with Him in the heavenly courts.*18LtMs, Lt 41, 1903, par. 4*

Will our people awake to their individual accountability? Will they realize that as those who have a knowledge of present truth their work is clearly defined? We are to be laborers together with God. We are to show plainly that we are on the Lord's side, fully identifying ourselves as believers in the principles that called us out from the world to take our stand on the platform of eternal truth. We are to proclaim the message for these last days—the message that the coming of the Lord is near. Let every one resolve to be like Jesus. Let us wait and watch for the coming of our Lord in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Christ is the Head of His church. He alone is to be exalted and honored. When His ambassadors fail to honor Him by refusing to give evidence that they are God's peculiar people, they are going backward and not forward.*18LtMs, Lt 41, 1903, par. 5*

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.” [*1 Timothy 4:1.*] Soon this will come to pass; for we are near the close of this earth's history. “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, and 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; which in time past were not a people, but now are the people of God; which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war



against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles; that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.” [1 *Peter* 2:9-12.] *18LtMs, Lt 41, 1903, par. 6*

I pray that the people of God may not cast aside the peculiarities of their faith. Christ is glorified by a life of constant, well-defined faith. Paul declares, “The life which I now live, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.” [*Galatians* 2:20.] Christ is to be glorified by the living, working faith of His people. The just shall live by faith. *18LtMs, Lt 41, 1903, par. 7*

Christ has not left His people to stumble along in darkness. He has marked out the way before them. He says, “He that will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.” [*Mark* 8:34.] It is along the path of self-denial, the royal highway cast up by the Redeemer, that God’s people are to travel. *18LtMs, Lt 41, 1903, par. 8*

My brother, bow in submission before Him who has brought life and immortality to light. Let your will and the will of Christ be one. Talk this, pray this, live this. God’s word to us is, “Go forward,” and this word we are to obey, though we shall meet with obstacles seemingly as insurmountable as the Red Sea. [*Exodus* 14:15.] Let us trust the Lord God of heaven to open the way before His people. “Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He will bring it to pass.” [*Psalms* 37:5.] This patience of the soul is the rest of faith. The Lord will bless His tried, faithful people. He will not leave them to become confused. *18LtMs, Lt 41, 1903, par. 9*

In the last great day every word, every act, will be subjected to the crucial test of the Judge of all the earth. The new covenant that God has made with His elect will not cover one trace of evil. God says, “Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean; from all your filthiness and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.” [*Ezekiel* 36:25-27.] The beginning of all true reformation is

the inward cleansing of the Holy Spirit. It is this regeneration that constitutes men and women children of God. Thus they are prepared to worship Him in spirit and in truth. Those whose souls are lifted up unto vanity dishonor the name of Jesus. They are not transformed in character, and therefore they are not prepared to show what it means to be a medical missionary working in connection with Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 41, 1903, par. 10*

The Lord calls for heartfelt repentance from those who claim to be His people. Self-indulgence is to find no place in their lives. The church of God is to be jealously guarded from every phase of dishonesty, every taint of corruption. The love of Christ is directly opposed to all avarice, all pride, all pretense. The Lord calls for humble, contrite hearts. He will work by His Holy Spirit upon all who will be worked, all who love Him and keep His commandments. And they will make the presence and power of God so manifestly to appear that the enemies of the truth will be compelled to say that God and His angels are indeed the friends and helpers of those who serve Him. *18LtMs, Lt 41, 1903, par. 11*

Schism and division are not the fruits of righteousness; they are of the wicked one. The great hindrance to our advancement at this time is the selfishness that prevents believers from having true fellowship with one another. The last prayer that Christ offered for His disciples before His trial was that they might be one in Him. Satan is determined that this oneness shall not be; for it is the strongest witness that can be borne that God did indeed send His Son to reconcile the world to heaven. But the union for which Christ prayed must exist among God's people before there can be in the church here below the enlargement and power that God longs to see. *18LtMs, Lt 41, 1903, par. 12*

**Lt 42, 1903**

Friend

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 10, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Friend,—

I am sending you by mail a copy of my new book, *Education*. Please accept it as a token of friendship. I pray that the Lord will make this book a blessing to the many Christian homes where true education is a subject of living interest. *18LtMs, Lt 42, 1903, par. 1*

My courage and hope are in the Lord God of Israel. I have written much of late regarding the duty of the church to carry the gospel to all the world. I rejoice that the coming of the Lord is near at hand. *18LtMs, Lt 42, 1903, par. 2*

Wishing you joy and peace, and praying that you may have power to walk with the Lord, I am, *18LtMs, Lt 42, 1903, par. 3*

Yours in the Master’s service. *18LtMs, Lt 42, 1903, par. 4*

**Lt 43, 1903**

Hall, L. M.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 6, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *PM 28, 175, 358, 366-367; WM 132; Ev 402; UL 79.*

Dear Sister Hall,—

I have received your letter, and I feel greatly relieved. When we did not hear from you as soon as we thought we ought to, we were very anxious, fearing that you might have taken cold and were unwilling to let me know in regard to your situation. We have prayed constantly for you. Your letter has relieved me of a great burden of anxiety. I thank the Lord for His goodness. We hope that you will not be exposed on your journey to Battle Creek. We pray that the Lord will graciously care for you and that your health will greatly improve. I hope that you will be successful in disposing of your place. Then come to us; for we miss you very much.*18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 1*

I am hoping that you will be able to settle up your business in time to attend the Conference.*18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 2*

Last night Brother Irwin and Sister E. M. Graham arrived from Australia. Brother Irwin is staying at Willie's. Miss Graham makes her home with us. She is occupying your room.*18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 3*

Sara and Maggie will go with me to Conference. Clarence will go to act as one of the reporters for the Conference. We shall miss his help.*18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 4*

For the last two or three days I have been better in health than for some time past. Soon after you left there came to me from Attorney Green a leaflet containing the statement that Mrs. White is getting rich, that among our people there is great dissatisfaction as to how

her money is obtained, and that a thorough investigation is to be made of her business. The accusations contained in this leaflet were cruel and unjust. As I read them, I felt a shock go over me. I came near falling to the floor. Ever since, I have been unable to write or to have matters of perplexity requiring thought brought before me. When Clarence found out how I was feeling, he brought me some pamphlets containing a vindication of Elder and Mrs. White, proving their integrity and asking for one instance of where they had dealt unfairly. Reading these pamphlets relieved my mind somewhat; but for two weeks, yea, three weeks, I have been unable to exercise my mind, for when I did, my nose would bleed. I was afraid that I would not be able to overcome the terrible feeling in my brain. Reading letters that required thought would immediately bring a rush of blood to the head, making my brain feel like a seething furnace; and nosebleed would follow. *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 5*

If I keep free from every perplexity, I feel nothing of these sensations. But I have been obliged to stop my writing almost entirely. *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 6*

After the camp-meeting in Fresno, I was as a cart pressed beneath sheaves. At the time of the last council held in Battle Creek, there came upon me such an overwhelming sense of the condition of things that for eight weeks I did not sleep past twelve o'clock. *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 7*

I worked constantly—writing out matters that must be brought before the brethren. I had just reached the place where I thought that perhaps I should be able to have rest of mind when the cruel communication from Attorney Green came. *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 8*

I do not claim as my own one bit of the property that I own. I owe twenty thousand dollars, which I have borrowed to invest in the Lord's work. Of late years, comparatively few of my books have been sold in the United States. I must have money for running expenses, and I must pay my workers. The money that otherwise I should have to pay for rent, I now pay as interest on the money which I borrowed to secure this home. I am ready to let my place go as soon as the Lord signifies that this is His will and that my work

here is done.*18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 9*

The lack of means does not worry me; for the Lord is my witness that His work has ever been dearer to me than my life.*18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 10*

I have hoped that my books would sell, not that I might be rich, but that the solemn, sacred truths which the Lord has entrusted to me might be given to the people. I shall be so grateful if my books can be circulated as the Lord desires them to be.*18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 11*

I have given and am still giving to the work all the royalties on my translated books sold in foreign countries. This means an annual offering of hundreds of dollars.*18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 12*

While in Australia I invested much money in building meeting houses and in establishing the Avondale school. In every possible way I helped to advance the work. At one time when we were in a great strait for means, fourteen hundred dollars came to me for some property sold in America. Not one dollar of this money did I use for myself. Some of it I invested in meeting houses, and some of it I gave for the purchase of a tent for camp-meeting work. The rest of it went into the Avondale Health Retreat.*18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 13*

This is the way in which Sister White is getting rich.*18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 14*

I praise the Lord that I am now somewhat relieved of the burden that came upon me when I first read the cruel, unjust charges in the pamphlet sent me. Yesterday for the first time Willie ventured to read to me some letters from Elder Daniells and Brother E. R. Palmer and to tell me something of his experience while in the South. I am praying most earnestly that Christ, the great Physician, will heal my afflicted head and eyes and strengthen me to write out the instruction He has given me on Bible subjects. I am asking Him to preserve my eyesight.*18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 15*

Sometimes I think that perhaps it is time that I felt released from constant writing. I have been trying to write on the life of Solomon.

But I have been kept from this work by the consideration of matters pertaining to the Southern field, which have been exceedingly painful to me. The destruction of the Battle Creek Sanitarium and the Review and Herald office stand out before me as lessons too plain and forcible to be misunderstood or dismissed from my mind. I try to present before my brethren the instruction that the Lord gives me concerning these things, but it seems that they will not receive this instruction. When they begin the work of reformation at the heart, out of which are the issues of life, they will begin aright, and the work will be lasting. But I fear that a sense of their real spiritual condition will not come to them till it is too late for them to make the preparation that all must make who are received into the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for those who love His appearing. *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 16*

O that the Holy Spirit would take hold upon the hearts of the men in responsible positions in the work of God—those who for so long have been under the deception of the enemy. O that they could see themselves as God sees them. Then there would go forth from unfeigned lips the entreaty, “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” [*Psalm 51:10.*] And quickly would come the response, “A new heart will I give you.” [*Ezekiel 36:26.*] *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 17*

When will men learn that the Lord, He is God, that He is a personal God, and that He alone is to rule the conscience? O that those in positions of trust would realize that they are but weak, fallible beings. All who would enter the gates of the celestial city must be born again. In no other way can they be saved. The first thing to be done is to make the heart right with God. The work must be genuine. To make believe in this matter is like building on the sand. *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 18*

There is a fearful deception upon minds. But how little men realize their peril. As they are now, they are without God and without hope. They are building on sliding sand, and the storm is coming to beat upon their house and sweep it away. It is time for those whom God has been calling and warning for years to begin to ask themselves how they stand before God. How terrible it is to think of a soul lost, eternally lost, when Christ has purchased human beings with His

life-blood, and says to them: "Ye are not your own. I gave My life that you should not perish, but have a life that measures with the life of God." *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 19*

In the night season I am repeating to certain ones the words that Christ spoke as He wept over the impenitence of Jerusalem, "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day the things which belong unto thy peace!" When the Saviour had spoken these words, He paused. The glorious destiny that might have blessed Jerusalem had she accepted her Redeemer rose before Him. But the bright picture faded from His sight. He realized that she was under the Roman yoke, bearing the frown of God, doomed to His retributive judgement; and He took up the broken thread of His lamentation: "But now they are hid from thine eyes." [*Luke 19:42.*] I cannot but feel intensely as I think that of some, unless they change, these words must at last be spoken. This is why I do not wish to attend the General Conference. Ever since I came to America I have been carrying a heavy load, and it seems almost impossible to gird myself for another effort, when my brethren fall so far short of what they ought to be. *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 20*

But I dare not decide not to attend the Conference. If the Lord impresses me that I must go, I shall go, even though I can but fear the result on my physical strength. It seems that the termination of one duty is but the signal for the beginning of another. *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 21*

Could I arouse our people to Christian effort, could I lead them to engage in medical missionary work with holy zeal and divine perseverance, not in a few places, but in every place, putting forth personal effort for those out of the fold, how grateful I should be! This is true missionary work. In some places it is attended with little success, apparently; but again, the Lord opens the way, and signal success attends the effort. Words are spoken which are as nails fastened in a sure place. Angels from heaven co-operate with human instrumentalities, and sinners are won to the Saviour. I look at Washington, D.C. and wonder that more has not been done by our people to proclaim the third angel's message in this important city, the capital of the nation. Why has not a sanitarium been established there? Such an institution would have a powerful



influence on the people of the city. In New York, Detroit, and many other large cities, little has been done. The cities of the South, though kept before our people in the testimonies of God's Spirit, have been neglected. While I would not stay the hand that is stretched out to labor in far-off countries, I would have our people understand that there is a work to be done in the home field. God has a controversy with the believers living in such places as Battle Creek. Why cannot they see that they have something to do for places close at hand? I warned them that God can scatter their forces. *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 22*

We are not to become weary in well-doing. Why is not more zeal manifested in preparing the way of the Lord, establishing memorials for Him in prominent places by public and private efforts, gathering into the truth men and women from the highways and the byways. Where are the workers to enter new places? Battle Creek has been warned. Scarcely anything would move the people living there. In places that have not yet been worked, the third angel's message is to be proclaimed. Earnest efforts are to be put forth to arouse the sleeping churches, that men and women may be led to step out in obedience to the truth and to give themselves unreservedly to the work of warning a doomed world. *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 23*

We must learn the meaning of the destruction of two of our largest institutions. We cannot afford to look with indifference on these things. What lesson is God teaching us? Is He not trying to show us the need of closely examining ourselves, that we may see whether we be in the faith or not? Is He not trying to lead us to give more thought to the subject of the time in which we are living? The signs of the times fulfilling all around us show us that the end of all things is at hand. Intense earnestness should take possession of us. Our slumbering energies should be aroused by persevering effort. Consecrated workers should go forth into the field and move understandingly forward, clearing the King's highway, obtaining victories in new places. Let the Lord's workers labor in faith and trust. Some for whom they work will listen to the message and accept the truth. Let them do what God has commanded them to do. Proportionate to their faith will be their success. The Scriptures declare: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.” [James 1:5-7.] *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 24*

How strange it is that those who have had the light of truth for so many years have not carried the torch of truth into the dark places of the earth. The whole world is astir. The Lord calls upon His people to awake out of sleep. My brethren and sisters, stop criticizing others, but criticize severely your own words and motives. We have no time to spend in using the enemy’s methods. We are to hold the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end. Envy, malice, hatred, unbelief, which have been growing into sturdy plants in the garden of the soul, are to be uprooted and cast out and their place supplied by love, patience, forbearance, kindness, benevolence, tenderheartedness, meekness. *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 25*

### **The Result of Self-Denying Effort**

Let not self-denial be so rare as it has been in the past among the people of God. The Lord will co-operate with every one who is truly in earnest. What may be accomplished by self-denying effort is shown by the result of the sale of *Christ’s Object Lessons*. In giving us this book, the Lord gave us a great blessing. I praise Him with heart and soul that He put it into my heart to give this book for the relief of the schools. I praise Him that our publishing houses acted so generous a part in the work of preparing the book for sale. And I praise Him that our people have put their hand so nobly to the work of its circulation. The Lord has greatly blessed them. In the effort to sell this book, they have learned by practical experience what they can do for the advancement of the work. And they have learned also how to speak to strangers about the truth. Through the lessons contained in this book, sinners have been warned, convicted, and converted. *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 26*

While the men of the world are idolizing money, and making it their trust, the Lord in His providence has brought forth from His treasure house a precious treasure and has placed it within the reach of all. He has given His people an opportunity to take to their friends and

neighbors and to strangers a book containing the precious lessons of Christ. As those who have never tried to sell books have thought of going out with this book, a dread has come into their hearts. But the Lord has led and guided them as His little children. He has taught old and young, men and women, how to give the light of truth to those who know it not. *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 27*

And the purchasers have been blessed. Their hearts have been softened as they have listened to the story of the self-denying effort to free our schools from debt. By the sale of this book many sermons have been preached. Those in the highways as well as those in the hedges have been reached. As men and women of every age have gone forth to sell *Object Lessons*, and in simple words have told what they were trying to do, a deep impression has been left on minds. Hearts have been touched. Worldly, self-indulgent men and women have been convinced of their selfishness and have bought a copy of the book. Some have bought several copies, that they might give them to their friends. *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 28*

How grateful we should be that the Lord devised this means of bringing hope and comfort to starving souls. He makes this book a leaf from the tree of life to those who turn to Him. Through it He will change the hearts of men and women living in worldliness and self-indulgence. As a result of the effort to sell it, some—yes, many, will be converted and brought to a knowledge of the truth. Many who might never have an opportunity to hear a discourse from the living preacher will be fed with the bread of life. *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 29*

Christ's command is, "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that My house may be full." [*Luke 14:23.*] The effort to sell *Object Lessons* has taken to many the invitation to the feast that God has prepared. *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 30*

The Lord put it into the heart of Brother Magan and Brother Sutherland to devise means for the circulation of *Object Lessons*. Thus much good has been and will be accomplished. The circulation of this book is the Lord's missionary work, and it will make joyful the hearts of all who engage in it. To some the cross at

first seemed heavy, but they found that in lifting it, it lifted them and brought peace and joy to their souls. Their testimony has been, "His yoke is easy, and His burden is light." [See *Matthew 11:30*.] In willing, unselfish service they have found rest to their souls. *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 31*

Christ has placed upon His church a sacred charge, the fulfilling of which calls for self-denial at every step. When those who believe in Him are seen lifting the cross and bearing it after Him in the path of self-denial, willingly doing all in their power to bring blessing to those for whom Christ died, witness will be borne to the power of Christianity, and in the hearts of many now unbelievers will spring up faith in Him who gave His life to save a guilty world from eternal ruin. *18LtMs, Lt 43, 1903, par. 32*

**Lt 44, 1903**

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“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Dear brother and sister Burden,—

I should have been very much pleased to meet you at Conference, but I learn that you are not coming; therefore I will write you a letter to go by this mail. *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 1*

I understand that you are having at the Sanitarium some difficulty in regard to the diet question. I am very sorry for this, because I know that unless the workers can agree, their differences will be a source of constant temptation. You and Dr. Kress and his wife are to cooperate. Things would have come to a strange pass should either of you say, We cannot work together, because we do not see alike on the diet question. Be sure that you are heeding Christ's prayer for unity. He says: “They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth. As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone; but for them also which 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.” [*John 17:16-21*.] *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 2*

Since the oneness of Christ's followers is of such weighty consequence, be sure that you come to an agreement. By your unity you bear witness to the world that God has sent His Son to save sinners. Only the power of Christ's grace could work the miracle of bringing into perfect harmony men of different

dispositions and ideas. The truths of God's Word, brought into the practical life, will enable believers to live together in complete unity. *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 3*

It is well for Brother and Sister Burden and Brother and Sister Kress to have strong minds. Each is to maintain his individuality. Each is to preserve an individuality that will not be submerged in the individuality of another. No human being is to be the shadow of another human being. But God's servants are to labor together in a unity that blends mind with mind. Do you think that this unity can exist among the workers in the Sanitarium unless you all take a judicious, sanctified position? *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 4*

"The glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one." [*Verse 22.*] Are you willing to make sacrifices to answer this prayer? Or will you, because there is a difference of opinion regarding certain articles of food that one or the other thinks should or should not be set on the table, or regarding the hours for meals, will you say that you cannot work together? Is this Bible sanctification? *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 5*

"I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me." [*Verse 23.*] *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 6*

What a wonderful statement. The thought is almost too great for the mind to comprehend. But the promise is to be believed and acted upon by Christians, that Christ's prayer may be answered. *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 7*

The Saviour says, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you." This is the restraining of the human will, human appetite, human inclination. "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] The will is to be yielded to the will of Christ. As this is done, rest is found, and the testimony is borne, "Christ's yoke is easy, and His burden is light." *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 8*

My brother, a firm will is a good thing when it is sanctified. But I know, from the light that the Lord has given me, that you and your wife need to yoke up with Christ and to learn that in some respects your ideas and plans and methods would be improved if modified.*18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 9*

The Sanitarium has been established that all classes may be reached by the truth. I ask you and Brother and Sister Kress to do all in your power to bring into the Sanitarium the unity for which Christ prayed. Reveal His love. Let the truth rule in the heart, and you will be one with Christ in God.*18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 10*

You say that you are dyspeptics. Is it not possible that your plan of eating may not be the best? I am instructed to say that you need to change in some things, else you will injure your digestive powers. I do not say what you shall or shall not eat. But if, while eating the things you choose, you have dyspepsia, I think you ought to make a decided change.*18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 11*

If you are convinced that your habits of eating are just as they should be, and that there is no possibility of your being able to make a change for the better, you could try perhaps [to] board by yourselves instead of in the institution. But if I were a dyspeptic, I should make changes in my diet until I knew for a certainty that I was eating the food that my stomach could best care for. A craving for certain things may need to be brought into subjection. Self is rebellious and must be strictly disciplined.*18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 12*

Be regular in your habits of eating, and be sure not to overburden the stomach by eating too many kinds of food at one time. Stop eating before you feel entirely satisfied. The stomach is the most abused organ of the whole body. It is often wearied by the effort to take care of food that should not be eaten at the same time. A disturbance is created by the kinds of food brought together. Soon there is an all-gone feeling, and many think that this is hunger. But it is not. The trouble is that the stomach has too much to do. Let it be given less to do, and it will recover its healthy tone. The simpler the food eaten, and the fewer the kinds, the easier is the stomach's work.*18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 13*

The same rules of eating cannot be made for all. I make it a rule never to eat custards; for when I eat them, they always make a disturbance in my stomach. But there are those in my family who suffer no inconvenience from eating custards, and because I cannot eat them, I do not say that they ought not to eat them. We must each experiment and know for ourselves what is best for us to eat.*18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 14*

We may have to abstain from many things that others can eat without inconvenience.*18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 15*

### **The Education of Israel**

The Lord chose Israel for His own people. When He brought them out of Egypt they were a people just set free from slavery. For four hundred years they had been bondmen under the discipline of force. Now, under the instruction of Christ, the One who had pledged Himself to redeem the world, they were to learn the philosophy of heaven. They were to become an educating power in the world. Through them God designed to make known the laws of His kingdom and His rules of government.*18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 16*

The Lord Jesus took this despised race out of the house of oppression and slavery to make them His own peculiar people. He took them away from the kingdoms of the world and for forty years led them in the wilderness to prepare them to be a representation of what His people should be. Through them He manifested His supreme authority. All other nations were afraid of them, because Jehovah was with them.*18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 17*

Their journey through the wilderness was to be to them a school of preparation, a training. They were to learn under the special supervision of Christ. Enshrouded in the pillar of cloud, He gave them instruction through Moses. By a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night He guided them. The record says: "Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go." [*Nehemiah 9:12.*] The ark containing the law of God led the way. The place of encampment was indicated by the descent of the pillar of fire. As long as the



cloud rested on the tabernacle, the people remained in camp. When it lifted, they pursued their journey. *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 18*

At Sinai God sought to impress Israel with the holiness of His character and requirements and the exceeding guilt of transgression. But the people were slow to learn the lesson. Accustomed as they had been in Egypt to material representations of the deity, and these of the most degrading nature, it was difficult for them to conceive of the existence or the character of the Unseen One. In pity for their weakness, God gave them a symbol of His presence. "Let them make me a sanctuary," He said, "that I may dwell among them." [*Exodus 25:8.*] *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 19*

It was under His direction that the tabernacle was built. Great was the privilege and honor granted Israel in the preparation of the sanctuary; and great also was the responsibility. A structure of surpassing splendor, demanding for its construction the most costly material and the highest artistic skill, was to be erected in the wilderness by a people just escaped from slavery. It seemed a stupendous task. But He who had given the plan of the building stood pledged to co-operate with the builders. *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 20*

"The Lord spake unto Moses, saying, See, I have called by name Bezaleel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship. ... And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahismach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee." [*Exodus 31:1-3, 6.*] *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 21*

The education of the Israelites included all their habits of life. Everything that concerned their well-being was the subject of divine solicitude and came with the province of divine law. It was because the Lord desired to make them His representatives that He provided them with a special bill of fare. They were placed under careful restrictions in regard to their diet. The use of flesh food was almost entirely prohibited. The people were to be holy, and the Lord knew that the use of flesh meat would be a hindrance to their

advancement in spiritual life. By a miracle of mercy He fed them with the bread of heaven. The food provided for them was of a nature to promote physical, mental, and moral strength; and though so many of them rebelled against the restriction of their diet and longed to return to the ways “when,” they said, “we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full” [*Exodus 16:3*], yet the wisdom of God’s choice for them was vindicated in a manner that they could not gainsay. Notwithstanding the hardships of their wilderness life, there was not a feeble one in all their tribes. *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 22*

If the Israelites had been given the diet to which they had been accustomed while in Egypt, they would have exhibited the unmanageable spirit that the world is exhibiting today. In the diet of men and women in this age there are included many things that the Lord would not have permitted the children of Israel to eat. The human family as it is today is an illustration of what the children of Israel would have been if God had allowed them to eat the food and follow the habits and customs of the Egyptians. *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 23*

### **Lessons for Us**

The history of the wilderness life of Israel was chronicled for the benefit of the Israel of God till the close of time. The record of God’s dealing with the wanderers in all their marchings to and fro, in their exposure to hunger, thirst, and weariness, and in the striking manifestations of His power for their relief is fraught with warning and instruction for His people in this age. The varied experiences of the Hebrews was a school of preparation for their promised home in Canaan. God would have His people review in these days, with a humble heart and a teachable spirit, the trials through which ancient Israel passed, that they may be instructed in their preparation for the heavenly Canaan. *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 24*

The record of the journeyings of Israel in the wilderness contains communications direct from heaven. These lessons are for us. Let us read and understand. There the divine laws are plainly stated. There are recorded sacred principles of morality, justice, reverence for God, respect for man made in the image of God. *18LtMs, Lt 44,*

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The teachings of the representative men of Israel, who received their message directly from God, is not Yea and Nay, but Yea and Amen. The instruction that they received we are to bring into our service for God today. The words were spoken by the same Christ who afterward came to the world to stand at the head of the race as a divine-human Saviour; and these words are as verily spoken to us as to them. They are given to help us to reach the standard of righteousness, to show us how to advance in conquest of the world. *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 26*

In His Word God reveals what He can do for human beings. He molds and fashions after the divine similitude the characters of those who will wear His yoke. Through His grace they are made partakers of the divine nature and are thus enabled to overcome the corruption that is in the world through lust. It is God who gives us power to overcome. Those who hear His voice and obey His commandments are enabled to form righteous characters. Those who disregard His expressed commands will form characters like the propensities that they indulge. *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 27*

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On Which Side Shall We Stand? *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 28*

In the world there are but two parties. One acknowledges as its head the prince of darkness, who caused the fall of our first parents. The other stands under the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel. The great movements of providence will bring out a people who are a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. Let us be sure under which banner we are standing, the banner of Satan or the banner of Christ. There is no middle ground. All in the world are standing on one side or the other. *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 29*

There are those who, though professedly serving God, are witnessing against Him. To them the message to the Laodicean church is given. Christ says to them, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot." [*Revelation 3:15.*] When the avenging angel shall pass through the land, Christ cannot say of them, "Touch them

not. I have graven them upon the palms of My hands.” [See *Isaiah 49:16*.] No; of these halfhearted ones He says, “I will spew them out of my mouth. They are offensive to me.” [See *Revelation 3:16*.] *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 30*

Halfhearted Christians are worse than infidels; for their deceptive words and noncommittal position lead many astray. The infidel shows his colors. The lukewarm Christian deceives both parties. He is neither a good worldling nor a good Christian. Satan uses him to do a work that no one else can do. *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 31*

The line of demarcation between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not is ever to be kept clear and distinct. To be a Christian is to link up with Christ. To those in the service of God who stand half with believers and half with unbelievers, God says, “Stand aside. I cannot endorse your influence. Your course is misleading. The service of such as you has made many infidels. Stand aside.” *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 32*

The time will come when all will show plainly on whose side they are standing. Moses and Aaron were often compelled to stand on the mount of advantage, in opposition to their brethren, decidedly asserting their loyalty. Today God’s servants are to show plainly where they are standing. Those who have any part to act in the education and training of the people of God, who are to act so important a part in the last work to be done for the world, must be faithful and decided and wholly in earnest. Those who stand wholly on the Lord’s side will be given the clear light of truth. There will be no uncertainty in the minds of others as to where they are standing. God will give strength to those who will stand fast in the liberty wherewith He makes free all who choose to stand with Him. He will give them His insignia and will give them freedom from all bondage. He will give them wisdom to use their capabilities for Him. He will help them to speak inspiring, uplifting words to those who need encouragement—words that will give believers and unbelievers confidence that they bear a message of importance from the throne of God. Such workers do not seek to exalt self, but to glorify the Lord of heaven. They have a deep experience in the things of God. The message that they bear means something to them and to those who hear. *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 33*

It is for our present and eternal good to bear aloft the banner on which is inscribed, "The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." [*Revelation 14:12.*] Those who do this exert a strong influence on the side of right. But a halfhearted confession of faith will never rebuke unbelievers for their transgression of God's law. God says: "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters." [*2 Corinthians 6:17, 18.*]*18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 34*

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and of the spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord." [*2 Corinthians 7:1.*] Our present and future welfare call for this entire separation from the world. Those who occupy positions of trust in our institutions are to give evidence that they are thoroughly converted. Those who do not give this evidence should not be allowed to mold the work of God. Those who are connected with this sacred work should never play a double game, exerting an influence on both sides.*18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 35*

God is not pleased with the position that His people are taking. Instead of gathering with Him, they are scattering abroad. They are using common fire instead of the sacred fire of the Lord's kindling. God would save them from their sins. He would keep them from wasting their endowments and from the bitter remorse that will come to them if they do not make their life the success that God desires them to make it. There are those who, if they do not immediately retrace their steps, will at last bear the sad message: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." [*Jeremiah 8:20.*] In many things they are unwise and unfaithful. Their voices strengthen unbelief; and because they make strange paths for their feet, many are cast into uncertainty and confusion.*18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 36*

God calls upon His people to stand out upon the platform of eternal truth. To those who will put on the whole Christian armor, placing themselves unreservedly under God's control, will be given strength to honor God day by day, to do His will and follow His way. Such ones will gain the mastery over the deceptions and insinuations of

satanic agencies. They will discern the enemy's falsities and enticements. *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 37*

The worldly minded and unrighteous see in the truth only confusion and a mixed-up jumble of opposites. Christ has no beauty that they should desire Him. We shall be compelled to leave some in the entanglement that for years they have been preparing themselves. There are those that we must allow nothing to hinder us from reaching—the sorrowful and the brokenhearted. We have a message to bear to those who will be benefited. We cannot exhaust our powers upon those who will not hear. Many close their eyes in death who might have been spared had they been relieved of the burdens placed on them by the course of those who refused to come to Christ. I am obliged to say, "Some are joined to their idols; let them alone." [See *Hosea 4:17*.] If they continue to feel that they are in no need of change, the change that they must have before they can be saved will never come to them. *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 38*

I entreat our people not to allow the enemy to take advantage of them, so that believers will have no confidence in the work that since 1844 the Lord has been doing in our world. There are those claiming to believe the truth who are lost in the wilderness of unbelief, as was Baalam. Baalam was once acknowledged by God as a prophet of the Lord, but he proved unfaithful to his trust; and had the Lord permitted, he would have placed the people of God in a false light. *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 39*

The true follower of Christ alone has the promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. The lowliest disciple of Christ will stand higher in the kingdom of God than the one who, in seeking to exalt himself, has left a wrong impression on the minds of unbelievers. The humbleminded one, who is willing to wear Christ's yoke, will learn His meekness and lowliness and will keep in subordination the natural desire to be first. His character will be after the divine similitude, and God will exalt him above those who strove to exalt themselves. *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 40*

Looking to Jesus for help and guidance, seeking to understand and to proclaim the message for this time—this is our work. God says to

us: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sin." [Isaiah 58:1.] "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." [Isaiah 60:1-3.] We need to awake. Many have long been in a state of confusion and uncertainty. Christ came to seek and save that which was lost. When the spirit of the third angel's message takes hold upon the hearts of Seventh-day Adventists, there will be a work done that God can approve. *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 41*

In this time of peril we need men who serve God with all the powers of body, mind, and soul, and who will stand firm for the right. God will give such men power to be faithful sentinels over themselves. But He cannot trust His work to halfhearted, halfconverted men, men who cannot discern between righteousness and unrighteousness, truth and error, men who, though they have had great light and many opportunities, reason in a way that leads minds into confusion. The cause of God needs men and women who will stand on the platform of truth without wavering, and who will hold the banner of truth firmly aloft, so that no one can fail to see on which side they are standing. Their position is to be clearly defined. Their hearts are to be pure and holy, free from pretense or deception. Those who cannot give the plain "Shibboleth" [Judges 12:6], those who know not the meaning of the ministry of godliness, God cannot accept, whatever their profession may be. *18LtMs, Lt 44, 1903, par. 42*

## Lt 45, 1903

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 10, 1903

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Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

I have just written a letter to Brother and Sister Burden, a portion of which will be sent tomorrow. This letter to them is as much for yourselves as for them. *18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 1*

I have seen expressed in writing the idea that if you two families cannot be agreed upon some points in connection with the diet question, the only alternative is separation; for you believe that under such circumstances you could not work together. I felt sorry to see this statement. I understand the situation. God desires you to unite in working for men and women of varied minds—for infidels, and for church members of all denominations. This is a field in which you both can work to advantage; but you fear that a difference of opinion on a few minor matters is sufficient cause for you to break up your co-operative influence. If you could know how sad this makes my heart, you would begin to make a somewhat closer investigation of yourselves than you have made. *18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 2*

There is nothing that bears comparison with the aim and purpose of Christian instrumentalities laboring for the salvation of souls. At the time of baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the will, the purpose, the inclination is pledged that the whole life—body, mind, and soul—shall be dead to the world and to all selfishness and shall become subordinate to the will of God. *18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 3*



The apostle Paul says: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." [*Colossians 3:1-3.*] *18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 4*

Is Christ divided? Is a trifling difference of opinion of sufficient consequence to part asunder very friends, so that they cannot unite in doing a good work? Are individual opinions to be regarded as being so infallible as not to admit of any change? This is certainly spiritual weakness. Let each worker humble his heart before God. As no one's opinion is always without a flaw, do not act as if you could not talk the matter over together and concede to one another. *18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 5*

Brother and Sister Kress, I wish to present for your consideration a few points that have been revealed to me since first there arose the difficulties connected with the question of discarding flesh meat from the tables of our medical institutions. Other questions demand even more serious consideration, but I will now write in regard to this one. *18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 6*

I have been plainly instructed by the Lord that flesh meat should not be placed before the patients in our sanitarium dining rooms. Light was given me that the patients could have flesh meat, if, after hearing the parlor lectures, they still urged us to give it to them; but that, in such cases, it must be eaten in their own rooms. All the helpers are to discard flesh meat. But, as stated before, if, after knowing that the flesh of animals cannot be placed on the dining-room tables, a few patients urge that they must have meat, cheerfully give it to them in their rooms. *18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 7*

Accustomed, as many are, to the use of flesh meat, it is not surprising that they should expect to see it on the sanitarium table. You may find it inadvisable to publish the bill of fare, giving a list of the foods supplied at the table; for the absence of flesh meat from the dietary may seem a formidable obstacle to those who are thinking of becoming patrons of the institution. *18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 8*

Let the food be palatably prepared and nicely served. More dishes

will have to be prepared than would be necessary if flesh meat were served. Other things can be provided so that meats can be discarded. Milk and cream can be used by some.*18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 9*

I make myself a criterion for no one else. There are things that I cannot eat without suffering great distress. I try to learn that which is best for me, and then, saying nothing to any one, I partake of the things that I can eat, which often are simply two or three varieties that will not create a disturbance in the stomach.*18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 10*

Let us remember that we have had a long time to become accustomed to the health reform diet. We cannot expect anything else than that in our sanitariums it will be necessary to furnish dishes prepared somewhat differently from those prepared for our own use; for we have learned to relish plain food. It is necessary to plan more liberally for a medical institution than for a private family. Many things must be taken into consideration, and concessions must be made to meet the peculiar needs of the many classes of patients coming to our sanitariums. A straitjacket is not to be put on the appetite suddenly. When you become acquainted with these people, and understand their true condition, prescriptions can be given to meet the individual requirements.*18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 11*

In all our sanitariums a liberal bill of fare should be arranged for the patients' dining room. I have not seen anything very extravagant in any of our medical institutions; but I have seen some tables that were decidedly lacking in a supply of good, inviting, palatable food. Often patients at such institutions, after remaining for a while, have decided that they were paying a large sum for room, board, and treatment, without receiving much in return, and have therefore left. Of course complaints greatly to the discredit of the institution were soon in circulation.*18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 12*

There are two extremes, both of which we should avoid. May the Lord help every one connected with our medical institutions not to advocate a meager supply of food. The men and women of the world who come to our sanitariums often have perverted appetites.

Radical changes cannot be made suddenly for all these. Some cannot at once be placed on as plain a health-reform diet as would be acceptable in a private family. In a medical institution there are varied appetites to satisfy. Some require well-prepared vegetables to meet their peculiar needs. Others have not been able to use vegetables without suffering the consequence. The poor, sick dyspeptics need to be given many words of encouragement. Let the religious influence of a Christian home pervade the Sanitarium. This will be conducive to the health of the patients. All these things have to be managed carefully and prayerfully. The Lord sees the difficulties to be adjusted, and He will be your Helper. *18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 13*

To every one who is connected with the Wahroonga Sanitarium, I would say, as Paul said to Timothy, “Take heed to thyself, and to the doctrine.” We need to heed the added injunction, too: “Continue in them; for in so doing thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.” [*1 Timothy 4:16.*] *18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 14*

My brother, my sister, the Lord has greatly blessed you both. Your cheerful, happy temperament will be as a medicine. Have faith in God. Move, step by step, onward and upward. And as you associate with the patients and minister to them by imparting God’s word of comfort and hope, may the words of truth be to them as a leaf from the tree of life. Lead them on to have faith in Christ Jesus. Thus many souls will decide to count the cost of their sinful indulgence of intemperate habits and sensual propensities—indulgence that, if continued, would prove the ruin of soul as well as of body. *18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 15*

Sister Kress, talks to mothers given by you will be all the more appreciated because you are a mother. O if we only could make those in ignorance understand that mothers—yea, fathers too—are themselves to a high degree responsible for the texture of the fabric of character that they give to their children! By their own words and actions, by the temper they manifest, they exert over their little ones a molding influence. If they would only receive the help that Jesus offers them, both fathers and mothers may be a blessing to their children, by giving studious attention to the cultivation of right habits and practices physically, intellectually, and morally. True education

is thus brought into the practical life. *18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 16*

March 11, 1903

I have just had placed in my hand the letter you sent me. Thank you. I have read it. My heart leaps with joy and hope to learn that you are so cheerful. I have not had time yet to read the pamphlets sent by Sister Irwin, but will write on these things more fully at some other time, if I can do so. *18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 17*

Yesterday I wrote to you some things that I hope will in no wise confuse you. I may have written too much in regard to the importance of having a liberal dietary in our sanitariums. I have been in several medical institutions where the supply of food was not as liberal as it should have been. As you well know, in providing for the sick we must not follow one set regimen, but must frequently vary the bill of fare and prepare food in different ways. I believe that the Lord will give all of you good judgment in the preparation of food. I have confidence to believe that He will give you wisdom to work unitedly, and that you will not weaken your influence by failing to co-operate with one another. *18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 18*

In our family we have breakfast at half-past six o'clock and diner at half-past one. We have no supper. We would change our times of eating a little, were it not for the fact that these are the most convenient hours for some of the members of the family. I eat but two meals a day and still follow the light given me thirty-five years ago. I use no meat. As for myself, I have settled the butter question. I do not use it. This question should easily be settled in every place where the purest article cannot be obtained. We have two good milch cows, a Jersey and a Holstein. We use cream, and all are satisfied with this. <Nevertheless, some persons cannot use cream or milk. [If] they can use a little butter, let them have it.> *18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 19*

The evidence you have that the blessing of God attends faithful efforts made to restore the sick by those having limited facilities are the very same that we had years ago in Battle Creek. Before our Sanitarium there was established, my husband and I went from house to house to give treatment. Under God's blessing, we saved the lives of many who were suffering from attacks of diphtheria and

bloody dysentery. Even physicians were burying their own children. Instruction was given to me by the Lord in regard to the kind of treatment I should give, and we had success.*18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 20*

What I have written, I desire you to regard as advice given to men and women whom I believe to have good, sanctified judgment. I know that one of the greatest dangers is in eating too much, thus making the stomach do too heavy work. I am sure that when an abstemious diet is practiced judiciously, excellent results follow.*18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 21*

I must now close, or I shall not be able to get this into the mail.*18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 22*

With much love.*18LtMs, Lt 45, 1903, par. 23*

**Lt 46, 1903**

Evans, I. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June, 1901

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brother Evans,—

Elder Daniells has written to me in regard to an old wooden building used by the Review office as a storehouse. He says that you and he and others have considered the matter of removing this old building and putting up in its place a brick building. I have written a few words to Elder Daniells regarding this matter and will now write to you. I am much surprised that such a proposition should be made, after all that was said at the last General Conference. The buildings piled up in Battle Creek by our people stand as an offense to God. Much has been crowded into this city and has served as a decoy, while many other cities of America have been left unworked. This condition of things testifies to the unfaithfulness of the stewards to whom God entrusted the work of seeing that all parts of His vineyard received a proportionate amount of attention. *18LtMs, Lt 46, 1903, par. 1*

The course of those who had the management of the work makes it hard for me to think that they see this matter as it is. It has cost me great pain of heart to look on these buildings, to think of their history for the past twenty years, and to realize how God regards some of the transactions that have taken place in connection with His work. I have been sorely grieved as I have seen God’s work tainted and corrupted with selfishness, until God has permitted prosperity to cease from His institutions. From the record they have made, it looks as if the blind had been leading the blind. *18LtMs, Lt 46, 1903, par. 2*

Had those who listened to the message sent to the Lord’s people at the last General Conference cleared the King’s highway, had they confessed the sin that made the reproof necessary, how greatly the

Lord would have blessed them. But they turned away from the truth to follow their own human wisdom. My brethren, your words and actions are recorded in the books of heaven. I tell you that the Lord will soon turn and overturn, and you will have evidence that He means what He says in the warnings that He sends. For Christ's sake do not, I beg of you, add another building to the Review and Herald office. *18LtMs, Lt 46, 1903, par. 3*

I dare not give you all the light given me. You could not bear it. The commercial work brought into the Review and Herald office is defiling the institution that God declared should be kept free from all moral and spiritual defilement. It is for the commercial work that more facilities and workers are demanded. You will surely have fewer buildings. Before you are aware, the Lord's hand will be stretched out to destroy rather than to create and add to. *18LtMs, Lt 46, 1903, par. 4*

For years the youth in the Review office have been treated in a way that is displeasing to God. These youth come to the office to be trained for service, to become masters of their business. Thoroughly trained, efficient printers can find employment in any country. But the slack, inefficient training given to the youth in the Review and Herald office is far from the training that God wants them to receive. Some of the matter they handle is of satanic origin and brings continual temptation to them. Thus Satan is sowing his seeds in their minds. The management has been destitute of proper discipline. Some of the language often used is a shame to any office. The harsh ordering that is heard, the masterly authority exercised, are giving the youth a terrible education. *18LtMs, Lt 46, 1903, par. 5*

When a certain work is committed to a number of people, each should act his part in such a way that light will shine out amidst the moral darkness. Let each one guard himself strictly, standing in his lot and place, to do his appointed work. Let no hasty, condemnatory words be spoken in the Lord's institutions. Let those for whom Christ has died respect and help one another, treating all with kindness and patience. This world is a school, in which we are to be prepared to enter the higher school in the courts above. If one forgets his place, and speak harshly to a fellow worker, let him

remember that he has wounded Christ in the person of one of His children. Let not the one who has been hurt retaliate. Let him be so kind and considerate that the one who has spoken discourteously will feel ashamed of himself. "Greater is he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." [*Proverbs 16:32.*] He has conquered self—the strongest foe with which man has to deal. *18LtMs, Lt 46, 1903, par. 6*

The Saviour understands every feeling of the human heart. He hears every word uttered. He measures the temptation that one member of His family on earth places before another member. *18LtMs, Lt 46, 1903, par. 7*

I wish to speak about the light given me after the General Conference. It was at the time of this Conference that those connected with the publishing work should have been thoroughly converted. Special heed should have been given to the Testimonies of the Spirit of God. Had there been a break at the time of the Conference, everything would have been changed. The Spirit of God would have worked upon hearts. But since the Conference, the evils that existed before have continued to exist, because in the changes made, men were placed in positions of influence who needed to be converted. Sins have been left unconfessed. The spirit manifested since the Conference has, in many respects, been as objectionable as the spirit manifested before the Conference. *18LtMs, Lt 46, 1903, par. 8*

Commercial work, of a character that is displeasing to God, has been accepted and handled in the Review office. Matter containing principles that lead to false doctrines has been brought into the office. Stewardship of this kind shows that men are blinded, that they are lacking in spiritual discernment. The desecration that the printing of these sentiments has brought into the office has had an influence like the influence of the desecration of the temple in Christ's day. *18LtMs, Lt 46, 1903, par. 9*

The taking in of so large an amount of commercial work called for new presses and other facilities, which in turn called for more commercial work. And by some of this commercial work the minds of the workers have been poisoned. Some have left the office



because their wages were not as high as they thought they ought to be. They asked, Why should not we receive the pay that the workers in the printing offices of the world receive when they do the work that we do. Would they have felt thus if there had been in the office the reformation that the Lord calls for?*18LtMs, Lt 46, 1903, par. 10*

Had the standard been kept as high as it ought to have been, nothing that militates against the truth would have been received into the publishing house. Angels of God are walking through every room of the office. Every worker in the institution should have been filled with the thought of the nearness of Christ's second coming and the necessity of preparing for this event. It was to proclaim the message of His coming that our publishing houses were established, not to send out to the world errors that have a seductive influence on human minds.*18LtMs, Lt 46, 1903, par. 11*

The spiritual atmosphere pervading a printing office will be of the same character as the matter brought into it. The matter received into our printing offices is to be the pure truth of God, cleansed from all heresy. It is an offense to God for the time and ability of the workers in our publishing houses to be given to printing error of Satan. When they do this, they are not laboring with God, but with the enemy of all righteousness. There are important, elevated themes upon which we are to dwell. The subject of the incarnation of Christ should receive more of our thought. Christ came to the world to stand at the head of humanity, that humanity might partake of divinity. The Majesty of heaven humbled Himself to teach His followers the lesson of humility. He was tempted in all points like as we are, that He might know how to succor them that are tempted.*18LtMs, Lt 46, 1903, par. 12*

## Lt 47, 1903

Gilbert, F. C.

Oakland, California

March 28, 1903

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My dear brother,—

I read your letter this morning. It is full of rich things, which encourage and bless. *18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 1*

We came to Oakland last Monday to attend the General Conference. The Conference proper does not open until Friday, but the preliminary councils had already begun when we arrived. In this meeting there will be many important questions to consider. We shall require the wisdom that God alone can give. We have been praying that the Lord will richly bestow His grace upon us. We need His leadership at every step. We must follow closely in the footprints of Jesus. He says, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*] I have been deeply impressed that there must be much less talk, much less criticism, and much more earnest soul-hunger for the words of Bible truth. *18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 2*

Our clearest conceptions cannot reach to a full understanding of the things of God. But I know that there is much more knowledge for us if we will only seek for it by faith, believing the promises. We are too easily satisfied with a little. If we overcome in the battle with the powers of darkness, we must daily receive light and grace from on high. Before we can fulfil the requirements of God, we must receive power from the Source of all power. *18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 3*

We are not merely to enjoy selfishly the contemplation of heavenly things. We are to grasp much that, to those who are weak in faith, we may speak words that will encourage them to press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. We must gather divine instruction from the teachings of our Lord, that

we may flash light upon the pathway of those who are struggling against what seem to them to be insurmountable difficulties. We must reach out for refined, elevated, ennobling language with which to express spiritual ideas. *18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 4*

Christ is to be our Example in all things. He clothed His divinity with humanity and came to this earth to be afflicted in all points on which human beings are afflicted. He has passed through the experience through which we are called to pass. But there is one experience through which He has never passed—the experience of sinning. It is because, though tempted in all points like as we are, He was yet without sin, that He is able to succor those that are tempted. The divine-human Sin-bearer—He can take away our sins. *18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 5*

The thought is too great for our comprehension. O how honored we are in having a Saviour who can save to the uttermost all who come unto God by Him. “Unto the uttermost”—these words comprehend and include all. [*Hebrews 7:25.*] *18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 6*

The Lord Jesus can communicate to us spiritual truths that no words of ours can adequately express. The brightness of the celestial world, the splendor and joy of the Christian’s hope, which make our hearts glow within us, we can but feebly portray. *18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 7*

The apostle Paul was taken to the third heaven, and while there was given a view of celestial things. When he returned to a consciousness of earthly things, he found that it was impossible for him to describe the enrapturing scenes that had passed before him. But he kept in his soul the wonderful picture of what he had seen. *18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 8*

So long as God gives me power to speak to our people, I shall continue to call upon parents to leave the cities and get homes in the country where they can cultivate the soil and learn from the book of nature the lessons of purity and simplicity. The things of nature are the Lord’s silent ministers given to us to teach us spiritual truths. They speak to us of the love of God and declare the wisdom of the great Master-artist. *18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 9*

I love the beautiful flowers. They are memories of Eden pointing to the blessed country into which, if faithful, we shall soon enter. The Lord is leading my mind to the health-giving properties of the flowers and trees.*18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 10*

How wonderful the lesson taught by the water lily which, growing amidst debris and driftwood, strikes its channeled stem and roots downward to the sand beneath and upon the bosom of the lake opens its flowers of spotless purity and loveliness.*18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 11*

The heavens declare the glory of God. The stars speak of Him. The sun, the ruler of the day and the moon, with its softer light, declare His glory.*18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 12*

We are to look through nature to nature's God. Let us open our hearts to understand the lessons of these teachers. To those who are in touch with God, the works of His hands speak of the kingdom that is eternal in the heavens. Let us enter by faith the holy of holies, and hold communion with our heavenly Father and with our Redeemer, the Saviour of sinners, who will wash us and make us white in His blood.*18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 13*

As the things of nature show their appreciation of the Master-worker by doing their best to beautify the earth and to represent God's perfection, so human beings should strive in their sphere to represent God's perfection, allowing Him to work out through them His purposes of justice, mercy, and goodness.*18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 14*

This world is our school—a school of discipline and training. We are placed here to form characters like the character of Christ and to acquire the habits and the language of the higher life. Influences opposed to good abound on every side. The developments of sin are becoming so full, so deep, so abhorrent to God, that soon He will arise in majesty to shake terribly the earth. So artful are the plans of the enemy, so specious the complications that he brings about, that those who are weak in the faith cannot discern his deceptions. They fall into the snares prepared by Satan, who works through human instrumentalities to deceive if possible the very elect. Only those who are closely connected with God will be able to

discern the falsehoods and the intrigues of the enemy.*18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 15*

There are in this world only two classes, those who serve God, and those who stand under the black banner of the prince of darkness. Those who enter the gates of the city of God must in this world live in union with Christ.*18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 16*

The principles of God's government—the only principles that will endure from everlasting to everlasting—are to be followed by those who are seeking for entrance into the kingdom of heaven. The line of demarcation between those who serve God and those who serve Him not is to be kept clear and distinct.*18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 17*

Think of the glory awaiting those who overcome! They will see the face of Him in whose presence there is fulness of joy and at whose right hand there are pleasures for ever more.*18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 18*

Let us allow God to control our minds. Let us not say or do anything that will turn a fellow being from the right way.*18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 19*

I feel very sad as I think of how few there are who show that they have tasted the deep blessedness of communion with a risen, ascended Saviour. Men of the world are striving for the supremacy. God's followers are to keep Christ ever in view, inquiring, Is this the way of the Lord? A holy desire to live the life of Christ is to fill our hearts. In Him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. In Him are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 20*

O that our people could realize what advantages would be theirs if they would look constantly to Jesus! "We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." [2 Corinthians 3:18.] He is our Alpha and our Omega. Pressing close to His side and holding communion with Him, we become like Him. Through the transforming power of the Spirit of Christ, we are changed in heart and life. His words are engraven on the tablets of the soul, and we are His witnesses representing Him in the daily

life. *18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 21*

Such a life is the only true religious life. It is only by living this life that we can form Christlike characters. *18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 22*

Many claim to be religious. But it is quite another thing to be a true Christian. Paul was a religious man before his conversion. Afterward, he was a Christian. The Saviour revealed Himself to Paul, and Paul was converted. Ever after, Christ was to him the chiefest among ten thousand, and the one altogether lovely. *18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 23*

I am much encouraged by your letter. It has been a strange thing to me that there were so few who felt a burden to labor for the Jewish people, who are scattered throughout so many lands. Christ will be with you as you strive to strengthen your perceptive faculties, that you may more clearly behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. The slumbering faculties of the Jewish people are to be aroused. The Old Testament Scriptures, blending with the New, will be to them as the dawning of a new creation, or as the resurrection of the soul. Memory will be awakened as Christ is seen portrayed in the pages of the Old Testament. Souls will be saved from the Jewish nation as the doors of the New Testament are unlocked with the key of the Old Testament. Christ will be recognized as the Saviour of the world, as it is seen how clearly the New Testament explains the Old. Many of the Jewish people will by faith receive Christ as their Redeemer. To them the words will be fulfilled, "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." [*John 1:12.*] They will be changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. They will be made partakers of the divine nature. The image of divinity will be stamped on their souls. If they will continue to learn of Christ, they will attain to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 24*

O that many of the Jewish people may open the chambers of the mind, and let the light of heaven shine in to irradiate the whole being. *18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 25*

I am glad that you are so successful in your work. I pray that God

will work with all of us. Let us gain strength by exercising increased faith, moving onward and upward step by step, from victory to victory. *18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 26*

Be of good courage in the Lord. May He continue to bless you, as He has blessed you in the past, is my prayer. *18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 27*

Your sister in the faith and in the love of the truth *18LtMs, Lt 47, 1903, par. 28*

**Lt 48, 1903**

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

Oakland, California

April 1, 1903

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Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

The Australian mail leaves tomorrow, and I thought I should try to send you a short letter. My health is much better than when I wrote last. I have been well since coming to Oakland, notwithstanding that for the last week the weather has been very unpleasant. I am determined to do my best to keep well and in working order. *18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 1*

I and my workers are on the ground, attending the General Conference. My son Willie came to Oakland the 22nd of March. Sara, Maggie, and I came the next day. Clarence Crisler came a day or two after that. The General Conference asked for Clarence's services during the meeting, and Dores Robinson is working for me in his place. He assists Maggie in reporting my talks and is a great help. When the council meetings began, there were only a few delegates present. Some of them were delayed by late trains. *18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 2*

I have spoken six times since coming down. *18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 3*

We intended to bring a horse and carriage from St. Helena, but we found that the care of the horse would be some trouble, and we decided to rent a wheel chair during the meetings. Sara found a good one, and in it I am wheeled to and from the meetings by different ones—Willie, Sara, Maggie, and by one and another of our ministers. *18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 4*

For nearly a week the rain has fallen steadily. Today the sky is clear and the sun shines brightly. We hope for good weather now. If the



weather continues fair this week, I think I shall plead for a large tent to be pitched, so that all who attend the meetings shall be able to hear what is said. The Oakland church is a very hard one to hear in. This has been a great disadvantage. The effect of the social meeting is largely lost, because it is impossible to hear what the different ones say. *18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 5*

I expect to take part in the meetings daily. There are many important questions to be settled. We should sometimes feel discouraged if we depended on our own wisdom and understanding. We are looking to God. The Holy Spirit will do His own work in and for the people of God at this meeting. He will graciously bring their hearts under the power of the truths for this time. *18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 6*

Christ made an infinite sacrifice—even the sacrifice of His own life—to redeem us. It is our privilege to taste the sweetness of communion with a crucified and risen Saviour. But in order for this to be, self must be surrendered to God. Self-indulgence means that Christ is not followed in self-denial and cross-bearing. When self strives for the highest place, the spiritual perceptions become dimmed. The eyes are turned from Christ to the poor picture of self. We cannot afford to become separated from Christ. We must keep looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Beholding Him by faith, we become changed into His image. We are made partakers of the divine nature, having overcome the corruption that is in the world through lust. *18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 7*

Beholding Christ means talking with Christ and working with an eye single to His glory. It is as we commune with Christ that precious, holy light shines into our souls, until every chamber is lighted up, and we become bright lights in the world, reflecting to others the glory of Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 8*

We are to keep Christ before us as the example of perfection. When we allow our minds to dwell upon the supposed imperfections of others, we become sinful in word and deed. Our own souls become filled with the leaven of evil. Every one who dwells upon the faults of others commits sin. *18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 9*

“Lord, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in Thy

holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.” [*Psalm 15:1-5.*]*18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 10*

We may pray, “Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make Thy way straight before my face. For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulcher; they flatter with their tongue. Destroy Thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against Thee. But let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice; let them ever shout for joy, because Thou defendest them; let them also that love Thy name be joyful in Thee. For Thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt Thou compass him as with a shield.” [*Psalm 5:8-12.*]*18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 11*

We shall meet with many difficulties, but if we keep our minds and hearts fixed upon the precious Saviour, if we talk of His love and power, the perplexities will pass away, and we shall become happy in the assurance of a Saviour’s love. We are not dependent upon the world and its changeableness. He in whom dwelleth “all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,” and “in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,” is our joy and crown of rejoicing, our peace, our power, our satisfaction. [*Colossians 2:9, 3.*]*18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 12*

Then let us rejoice, whatever may happen, within or without. From the Sun of Righteousness subduing, yet cheering rays of light are shed upon us and are reflected back by us to the throne of God.*18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 13*

O how sad it is that Christians think and talk of the little differences existing among them, allowing them to depress the soul. We must obtain that grace that will make us able to dwell together in love and

unity in this life, else we can never dwell together in the life to come. I am trying to show our people the need of the unity for which Christ prayed. I have tried to impress upon them the need of their souls' bowing beneath the thought of the preciousness of the truth which, if practiced, will enable us to attain to Christian perfection and to live consecrated lives. The soul must fully own the power and authority of the Word of God. Then, though we may make mistakes, we always have a touchstone by which to test our ways and a standard by which we may, by true service, recall the heart and conscience. Christ, the perfect example, is ever before us. To Him we may look for grace and power to overcome every fault. We shall get ready for the great day of God by carrying out in the daily life the perfect principles presented before us in the life of Christ. We are called and chosen by Him to be His representatives. We are God's children. By spiritual adoption we are His sons and daughters. By spiritual adoption we are to live in conformity to His will, representing Him in life and character. *18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 14*

“Unto the angel of the church in Sardis write: These things saith He that hath the seven spirits of God, and the seven stars, I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.” [*Revelation 3:1.*] God called upon this church to make a change. They had a name to live, but their works were destitute of the love of Jesus. O how many have fallen because they trusted in their profession for salvation! How many are lost by their effort to keep up a name! If one has the reputation of being a successful evangelist, a gifted preacher, a man of prayer, a man of faith, a man of special devotion, there is positive danger that he will make shipwreck of faith when tried by the little tests that God suffers to come. Often his great effort will be to maintain his reputation. *18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 15*

He who lives in the fear that others do not appreciate his value is losing sight of Him who alone makes us worthy of glorifying God. Let us be faithful stewards over ourselves. Let us look away from self to Christ. Then there will be no trouble at all. All the work done, however excellent it may appear to be, is worthless if not done in the love of Jesus. One may go through the whole round of religious activity, and yet, unless Christ is woven into all that he says and does, he will work for his own glory. *18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 16*

Self, self, self is continually intruding upon us. O what a mockery is a name to be religious, while the life is not hid with Christ in God, while there is no sense of the presence of the Saviour. We need so much to dig deep and lay our foundation upon the Rock Christ Jesus. *18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 17*

It is the purity that Christ imparts that gives sacredness and elevation to our work. The work that is done with a zeal that is not according to knowledge does not bear the divine impress. We need the sanctification of the Holy Spirit, which imparts a distrust of self and throws the helpless soul upon Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 18*

May God deliver us from the slavery of trying to maintain our dignity. May He give us grace to walk humbly with Him, doing all with the constant realization that we are ever in His presence. *18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 19*

We are on trial for our lives. I am instructed to say that unless there is an entire change in our attitude, we shall not stand faultless before the great white throne. Perfect conformity to the will of God is the condition upon which eternal life is given. Peter writes, "Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall; for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." This is our life insurance policy. "Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth." [2 Peter 1:5-12.] *18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 20*

I must close this letter now; for the mail goes tomorrow morning. I

would that both of you could be in our meetings. We are waiting upon the Lord, hoping for a much greater manifestation of His love and power.*18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 21*

May the Lord bless you, my dear friends.*18LtMs, Lt 48, 1903, par. 22*

**Lt 49, 1903**

Daniells, A. G. and his Fellow Workers

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 12, 1903

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To Elder Daniells and his fellow workers

Dear brethren,—

I am home again. I thank the Lord that I am in my own room once more. A great sadness is upon me. I see that some in God's service are inclined to find fault and to work selfishly, using the Lord's goods to please and glorify self. Some do this in one way and some in another. Some try to gather all the means that they can to invest in the work in some place in which they are interested, forgetting that the Lord has pointed out where the means should be used. Let every one be careful, especially in regard to the fields which God has said should be worked, but which have been neglected. When a beginning has been made in a new field, it is not to be treated as some who occupy positions of responsibility treated the work in the Southern field. *18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 1*

I am much perplexed. I expected to say some things in the meeting on Sunday morning, but I was instructed that I would better not say anything that would arouse resentment. *18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 2*

I entreat Brother Daniells and Brother Prescott to say nothing that will drive Dr. Kellogg to desperation. He may be saved, to do the work of repentance, if he is not driven into a corner. But if he is driven to desperation, we shall all have a very hard time. *18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 3*

My brethren, I beseech you to walk humbly with God. Do not use the words that I have spoken under great perplexity and distress to hasten a crisis. Be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves.

Understand that the Spirit of the Lord can work on minds, that God's hand is on the wheel, and that much must be left with Him to work out as He will. *18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 4*

There are so many who do not see the things that work for their good. The Lord would have every man stand in his lot and place. One man is not to step out of his place to do something that the Lord has plainly stated He has given to another man to do. To every man is given his work. And if all will attend to their individual duties, looking to Jesus and seeking counsel of Him, they will be guided aright. And they will have that confidence in their brethren which they desire their brethren to have in them. But he who would uproot a man in order to carry out his own ideas is doing a work that God has not given him. *18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 5*

The Scriptures declare, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord." [*James 1:5-7.*]*18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 6*

This promise is ours. Let us believe it. Christ is our personal Saviour. We are not to look to men, asking them to tell us what our duty is. God is to be sought after. His promise, so definite and so full, is not a mockery. He who asks in faith and in the name of Christ will receive that for which he asks. If a brother comes to him, and seeks to weaken his faith in God, he is not to accept his ideas. He has received directions from God. *18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 7*

Let us be careful how we press our opinions upon those whom God has instructed. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God." [*Verse 5.*] Brother Daniells, God would not have you suppose that you can exercise a kingly power over your brethren. "Lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord; looking diligently, lest any man fail of the grace of God, lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." [*Hebrews 12:12-*

15.]18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 8

I have been interrupted many times since I began this letter, but the impression is still with me that I had when I began to write—the impression that just now we must step softly and wear the gospel shoes. “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.” [*Ephesians 6:14, 15.*]18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 9

There must be more praying among us. And we must have increased faith. Then God will work for us when we are in difficult places. God can soften the hardest heart.18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 10

Be careful, my brethren, not to do anything rash. Under the pressure that was upon me last Sabbath, I felt that the time had come to warn our people against being taken advantage of in any way. But I was admonished that the course which I had pursued during the meeting was the right course, and that I must not say anything that would stir up confusion and strife in the Conference. I was forbidden to say the things that I thought I must say on Sunday morning. Light came into my mind, and I was given a subject to present. I was instructed that I must try to lead the minds of the people away from the difficulties and perplexities around them.18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 11

The Lord requires us to do all that is possible to save Dr. Kellogg. We are to seek, by revealing a conciliatory spirit, to save him from himself. Give him no occasion to wrench himself from the faith. You are not to sanction wrong. You are to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. But while you are to stand firm for truth and righteousness, you are to remember your own danger, and walk humbly with God.18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 12

There is an important work to be done in Battle Creek in the coming councils. If you can move so wisely as to save Dr. Kellogg, and yet not sacrifice one principle of truth, if you can pass through this crisis without the loss of one soul, it will be because the Lord has worked with minds. A great and wonderful victory will be gained because the Lord has been accepted as the Guide and Leader of His



people.*18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 13*

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I am drawn out to call upon our people to make every effort to save souls. We need increased faith. The hearts of our church members should be drawn out in prayer for those who are preaching the gospel. And ministers must take time to pray for themselves and for the people of God, whom they are appointed to serve.*18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 14*

We are lamentably deficient in faith. We need a firmer belief in the words, "As the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." [*Isaiah 55:10, 11.*] We must pray more earnestly than we have done in the past for the deep moving of the Holy Spirit. We must not depend upon money as our means of success. All the riches in the world could not save one soul. But we can, through the Holy Spirit's power, draw near to souls and lead them to look away from the things of earth to the things of heaven, to lift their eyes to Christ. We must consecrate all the powers of our being to the work of rescuing those whom Satan is seeking to draw to destruction. And in this work Christ is to be exalted as all and in all.*18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 15*

Prayer is acceptable to God only when offered in humility and contrition and in the name of Christ. He who hears and answers prayer knows those who pray in humbleness of heart. The true Christian asks for nothing except in the name of Christ, and he expects nothing except through His mediation. He desires that Christ shall have the glory of presenting his prayers to the Father, and he is willing to receive the blessing from God through Christ.*18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 16*

The Spirit of God has much to do with acceptable prayer. He softens the heart; He enlightens the mind, enabling it to discern its own wants; He quickens our desires, causing us to hunger and thirst after righteousness; He intercedes in behalf of the sincere

suppliant. “The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searcheth the heart knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the same according to the will of God.” [*Romans 8:26, 27.*]*18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 17*

“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.*] The human being must draw nigh to God, realizing that he must have the help that God alone can give. It is the glory of God to be known as the hearer of prayer because the human suppliant believes that He will hear and answer.*18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 18*

Christ declares, “All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.” [*Matthew 21:22.*] Paul’s language is explicit and encouraging: “Be careful for nothing”—that is, Do not worry or fret—“but in everything by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known unto God.” [*Philippians 4:6.*]*18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 19*

The prayer of faith is the key that unlocks the treasury of heaven. As we commit our souls to God, let us remember that He holds Himself responsible to hear and answer our supplications. He invites us to come to Him, and He bestows on us His best and choicest gifts—gifts that will supply our great need. He loves to help us. Let us trust in His wisdom and His power. O what faith we should have! O what peace and comfort we should enjoy! Open your heart to the Spirit of God. Then the Lord will work through you and bless your labors.*18LtMs, Lt 49, 1903, par. 20*

**Lt 50, 1903**

Kellogg, J.H.

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**Lt 51, 1903**

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 3, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dr. Kellogg

Dear Brother,—

Be sure that you have a sound faith, a sound doctrine. You have virtually united yourself with those who do not keep the commandments of God. The Lord has manifested Himself to you in a remarkable manner. Was it that you should exalt yourself? No; it was that the truth which you claimed to believe might be magnified. *18LtMs, Lt 51, 1903, par. 1*

If you had twenty times the assurance that you now have, which leads you to repudiate those who do not accept your propositions as correct, it would not save your you. You need to feel the converting power of God. This would humble your heart. You need to heed the invitation, “Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.” [*Matthew 11:29.*] Behold Him; for He is the One who will test your work, to see whether it is genuine. He says of you, “You are weighed in the balance, and found wanting.” [*Daniel 5:27.*] *18LtMs, Lt 51, 1903, par. 2*

Jesus of Nazareth is the great pattern medical missionary, the greatest minister of righteousness. He preached the gospel and practiced the gospel. He spent whole nights in prayer. In this world, bearing our human nature, He lived a life of unsullied purity and perfect holiness. He opened the way for all other medical missionaries to labor. When His workers take their eyes off Him to follow Dr. Kellogg’s or any man’s methods, however wise that man may seem to be, they are leaving the safe path. He works to refine and ennoble His people, to heal the wounds and bruises that sin

has made in their hearts.*18LtMs, Lt 51, 1903, par. 3*

**Lt 52, 1903**

Kellogg, J. H.

Oakland, California

April 5, 1903

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Dr. Kellogg

Dear Brother,—

I wish to present before you some things. I have words to speak to you. Is it possible that you do not realize that Satan is playing the game of life for your soul? You are certainly in danger. You have not walked perfectly before the Lord. You have been ambitious and have opened before worldlings that which you should not have opened to them. You have made with them a confederacy wholly displeasing to the Lord. *18LtMs, Lt 52, 1903, par. 1*

Had you humbled your heart before the Lord, and made thorough work for repentance, in accordance with the reproof of the Lord, He would have been glorified in you, but you have vindicated your course when you have done unrighteously. *18LtMs, Lt 52, 1903, par. 2*

God would have you a thoroughly converted man. The work of conversion is to begin in your heart and to work outward in your life. You are no longer to exercise a kingly power, as you certainly have done in the past. Thus saith the Lord, You have made your own paths, and now the hill Difficulty has to be climbed. *18LtMs, Lt 52, 1903, par. 3*

Every man who, placed in a position of influence, begins his years of service with a spirit like that of Jehu will surely reap that which he has sown. It becomes men in responsible places to heed the words,

“Without Me ye can do nothing.” [*John 15:5.*]18LtMs, Lt 52, 1903, par. 4

My brother, your work is to understand why the displeasure of God came upon the Sanitarium. I have been shown that it was because of your own departure from the way of the Lord. Every word spoken in your favor is, you think, just as it should be. Those whose lips speak your praise do you decided injury, but you count all such as your friends. But you place those who differ with you in the catalogue of enemies.18LtMs, Lt 52, 1903, par. 5

You need to inquire in regard to the burning of the Sanitarium, and heed the lesson that God is teaching you. This matter is to be carefully and prayerfully studied. Unless you humble your heart before God, your eyes will never see the kingdom of God. You need to be cleansed in spirit, in language, in judgment. Your ideas are so mystical that they are destructive to the real substance, and the minds of some are becoming confused in regard to the foundation of our faith. If you allow your mind to become thus diverted, you will give a wrong mold to the work that has made us what we are—Seventh-day Adventists. When you permit your mind to take this range, it is led and deceived by Satan’s specious views of realities that God does not design shall be spiritualized away.18LtMs, Lt 52, 1903, par. 6

[The additional material below is found in the handwritten original, but was not included in the letter when it was copied in 1903.]18LtMs, Lt 52, 1903, par. 7

This was the danger with you when you first were in service in the Sanitarium. The matter was presented to me to be presented to you. [Doctors] Fairfield and Sprague never recovered their standing. I warn you, having the word of the Lord for your counsel, not to make warfare against the true landmarks God has given us.18LtMs, Lt 52, 1903, par. 8

Had you, yes, you, J. H. Kellogg, heeded the word of the Lord, the Lord would not have permitted that sanitarium to be consumed. You would have exerted your influence to make plants in the cities in America and then (as has been repeated to you over and over again) the many plants in different states would have had sufficient

influence to have given character to the work and double forces would have created treble forces and thus the [work] would have swelled until there would have been God's memorials in many cities where they are not. *18LtMs, Lt 52, 1903, par. 9*

There would have been strong forces converted to the truth to work in medical missionary lines connected with the gospel to be preached as Christ after His resurrection gave His commission to His disciples: "Teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (*Matthew 28:19, 20*). This is the work that should have been done. *18LtMs, Lt 52, 1903, par. 10*

You have kept the medical missionary work too much a distinct work, separate from the ministry of the Word. God is not in this peculiar phase of the work. The gospel and its ministry in medical missionary work is one work to accomplish the proclamation of the last message of mercy to our world. God has made the work one and you have not blended with the gospel ministry as you should have done. *18LtMs, Lt 52, 1903, par. 11*

There needs to be a decided change on both sides because of the oppression of the enemy. The Lord has given us light that should be recognized in the missionary work that is to be done united with the preaching of the gospel. Years have the warnings been coming to you line upon line, precept upon precept, but you have been breaking away from all restraint. Soon, unless you shall take heed, the Lord will say to you, "He is joined to his idols, let him alone." [*Hosea 4:17.*] *18LtMs, Lt 52, 1903, par. 12*

We hold you fast as yet. Notwithstanding, I have seen the enemy in disguise as an angel of light, bending over you and talking with you all kinds of falsehoods and theories. You do not believe the messages of truth God has given to His people but you have been walking in your own counsel. Yet the Lord has given you a chance as He did Judas. You will now in your present theories be weaving into every mind as secretly as possible your falsehoods against the truth. You are not to be considered [any] longer a believer in the



faith that has made us as a people what we are.*18LtMs, Lt 52, 1903, par. 13*

You are losing all faith in present truth. You say you are loyal, but this is a falsehood. You act contrary to the truth. Then can you be surprised that we cannot assimilate with you? The Living Temple is a mild expression of your true bearings. You do not understand the truth. You have followed the lead of John Kellogg when I have told you the medical missionary work (as it is termed) in many things is far below that which its name implies. You are a dupe of Satan's lies and yet you are not known as this. Oft times have I seen you linked up with satanic agencies and Satan personified in humanity. He was praising you and extolling you and presenting before you subterfuges—unprincipled workings and deceptive theories. Next I have seen you carrying out the plans of Satan just as you have worked them, and he helped you. When you have opened your eyes and seen where you are, you will be surprised at your infatuation.*18LtMs, Lt 52, 1903, par. 14*

Your brethren do not know these things I am writing to you, but they must soon know it all. For the Lord says, "My flock, My beautiful flock, is this man whom I chose as My physician if he would heed My admonitions that have been given him through My chosen messenger. But he has had self-exaltation to do a wonderful thing, to be ambitious, to be as God. He will very soon be greatly humbled unless he will break away from the father of lies and no longer repeat the suggestions of Satan. My flock shall not be spoiled; I will take them out of his hands; I will keep them; I will appoint over them true teachers and faithful physicians. He has made it exceedingly hard for My ministers. He has brought confusion where no difficulties used to be. My vineyard has been neglected. He has worked to discourage them for many years. [Even] when he has for so long a time created dissension and strife by his own crooked course of action and presentations of methods, yet I have given increased light and evidence. But he would not heed or acknowledge Me, and reform. If his way did not succeed he would make a change, but work to the same object in a different way."*18LtMs, Lt 52, 1903, par. 15*

The time is come when many will be deceived by the father of lies,

and some strange, principal theories will be introduced as precious heavenly truth when it is the subtleties of corrupting principles working on human minds. In regard to the marriage relation, Satan has fixed up his deceptive theories. It is spiritualizing. The theories are destructive to truth, destructive to holiness, and originated by the devil. *18LtMs, Lt 52, 1903, par. 16*

**Lt 53, 1903**

Physicians and Managers of Our Medical Work

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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To the physicians and managers of our medical work,—

I address you as men upon whom the Lord has bestowed great blessings. I must tell you that some of your business transactions are not pleasing to God. Some of your ways of working He cannot endorse. In order to secure advantages for certain lines of work, unsanctified, ambitious projects have been resorted to. But the carrying out of these projects will bring a heavy retribution to those responsible for them. *18LtMs, Lt 53, 1903, par. 1*

The Lord calls upon you to work in holy, upright lines, in every transaction following the pure, elevated principles given in the Word of God. No business that will misrepresent God and harm His people will bring a particle of honor to you or to the cause which you love. The less you have to do with plans and documents drawn up in accordance with the policy of lawyers, the better it will be for you. *18LtMs, Lt 53, 1903, par. 2*

In business transactions you have complied with the customs of the lawyers whom you have employed, arranging matters in a way that you think will guard the work in which you are engaged against the possibilities and probabilities that might occur. Ought you to be surprised, then, that the watchmen that God has placed on the walls of Zion should also endeavor to fulfil their God-given responsibility, seeking to make all pertaining to our institutions perfectly secure? The word was spoken by my Instructor: “God’s watchmen, who should have been wide awake, who should have understood the condition of our institutions, have been blind as to

how things were being carried on by our medical missionary workers in responsible places.” *18LtMs, Lt 53, 1903, par. 3*

God calls upon our pastors and teachers to be wide awake and not stand as blind watchmen. Let them obtain from Christ the eyesalve that will enable them to see all things clearly. Then let them examine the foundation timbers of our institutions. Not all pertaining to our work is being carried forward in an elevated, upright way. God wants His people to have a clear understanding of all the important transactions pertaining to His cause, that they may know that they are following a course that He can approve. *18LtMs, Lt 53, 1903, par. 4*

Business transactions should not be veiled with so many technicalities that the real bearing of the agreement is not clearly understood. For years one thing after another has been brought into the Medical Missionary Association—business propositions that are received as fair and just, but which are not. These propositions may prove to be a pit of disappointment for certain ones who did not know that there was the least danger. *18LtMs, Lt 53, 1903, par. 5*

There certainly must be a careful investigation of the foundation of our institutions, especially of the sanitariums. We must not stand by any unfair proposition or allow advantage to be taken of the ones whose money is received in our institutions. Better far would it be to suffer disappointment in our plans than to have means to use as we please and lose the crown of the overcomer. Better far the cross and shattered hopes than to sit with princes and forfeit heaven. “What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” [*Mark 8:36, 37.*] *18LtMs, Lt 53, 1903, par. 6*

We seemed to be assembled in a meeting. Our Instructor looked upon the doctors present, and said, You are not all faithful stewards, else there would have been brought into the medical missionary work only that which will build up its reputation, only that which is in harmony with its high title. Those who have the living truth in their hearts will not accept some of the documents which you have approved. Long documents, filled with blind specifications and technical conditions, may serve to place men where, if they

wish to take unfair advantage, they can do a work that God cannot approve. These papers may be worded so as to be difficult of understanding, and the common people may be deceived. It may appear that provisions have been made to secure from loss those of whom means are solicited, while at the same time the means may be bound up in such a way that it cannot be obtained without great difficulty. *18LtMs, Lt 53, 1903, par. 7*

You have been very particular to have things securely bound about, so that no undue advantage should be taken of the institution. Is it not right that those who in good faith place their means in the institution should have just as good security on their side, that no unfair advantage can be taken of them? *18LtMs, Lt 53, 1903, par. 8*

The Word of the Lord is our guide under all circumstances. It points out our duty to God and to our fellow men. It is the standard for all. It is perfectly adapted to our necessities. It is the light placed in our hands to guide us to the heavenly home. It tells us that in order to be heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, we must obey the commands that God has given. Any group of men, whatever their standing or position, however high their profession of godliness, who follow practices that God disallows, cannot be approved of heaven. The Lord cannot accept the service of those who are grasping and selfish in their dealings, like men of the world who have no acquaintance with the things of God. *18LtMs, Lt 53, 1903, par. 9*

The Lord's people are not to follow the customs of worldly men, taking advantage of circumstances to gain advantage for themselves or for the work which they represent. Neither are they to follow an unfair course of action. Christ said: "Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers. ... Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge; ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered." [*Luke 11:46, 52.*] *18LtMs, Lt 53, 1903, par. 10*

God says to every minister of the gospel, to every medical missionary worker, to every other worker in His cause, Take your

stand on the elevated platform of truth and justice. God will not serve with any man who draws threads of selfishness and unfairness into the web, by his example leading others astray. Our ministers and doctors are to put on the garment of Christ's righteousness. They are to wash their robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. *18LtMs, Lt 53, 1903, par. 11*

He who has lost his sensitiveness of character is in danger of losing his soul, and with it an eternity of joy. God will not be trifled with. He will not sanction the least approach to underhand dealing to secure advantage for any branch of His work. The actions of our medical missionaries are to be as clear as the day. These workers are to do all in their power to proclaim the gospel message. They are not, by following a misleading, scheming course, to assure the worldly man that under certain circumstances his course of unjust dealing is justifiable and advisable. Compliance with customs founded on a false basis is to be shunned by every medical missionary. *18LtMs, Lt 53, 1903, par. 12*

We are preparing for a life that measures with the life of God. Never should a Seventh-day Adventist medical missionary do anything that will dishonor the name that he bears. Every medical missionary is to show to the world, to lawyers, to doctors, to the church, and to the gospel ministry that he is a Christian, bound by a solemn covenant to be upright in word and action, to follow a course free from all deception and subterfuge. His life is to be holy. He is to respect his God-given talents, using them in a way that will honor the One who gave His life to redeem humanity from all iniquity and to purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. There must be in his life no taint of dishonesty, no perversion of the holy principles of truth. *18LtMs, Lt 53, 1903, par. 13*

In the world men are tried by the standard of wealth and position. Men worship men who meet this standard. But is this the true standard of character? No, no. It is not riches, but purity of heart and life, that will gain for human beings entrance into the city of God. *18LtMs, Lt 53, 1903, par. 14*

To all our medical missionary workers the Lord says, Lift up the standard of truth higher and still higher. Hold fast to your integrity.

Let your lives bear a good report regarding your Saviour's keeping power. Keep no position at the expense of conscience. Smile not at falsehood. Consent not to any dishonest practice. Say to the tempted, Get thee behind me, Satan; and say it with so much meaning, so much decision, that he will see that you have emptied your soul of every falsehood. Do not rest satisfied until you are a partaker of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Go to the Word of God to find out your duty as medical missionaries, else you are not worthy of the name. You are to be "not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." [*Romans 12:11.*] Those who combine these three essentials are on safe ground. *18LtMs, Lt 53, 1903, par. 15*

Let every minister, every doctor, every medical missionary worker remember that he is not to put his conscience to the rack to favor any business transaction that is not straightforward on the part of any man. Whatever his calling or profession, a man is not a Christian unless he follows the example of Christ, by His grace holding fast to his integrity. He who works for God is to be filled with a spirit of love and humility, not of boasting and parade. His life is to show that he has accepted the invitation, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] *18LtMs, Lt 53, 1903, par. 16*

One is our Master, even Christ. We have pledged ourselves to live to His name's glory. God grant that the veil that separates us from Him may be drawn aside, and that we may accept Him as our Companion and Teacher. We are not to look upon ourselves as gods, able to carry out our own will, our own devising. We are to remember that in order to be successful in our work, we must be sustained by God, we must have the power that Christ gives to all who believe in Him—the power to become sons of God. We are faithfully to discharge the duties enjoined on us in the Word of God, shunning everything that would make us in character like the archdeceiver. *18LtMs, Lt 53, 1903, par. 17*

## Lt 54, 1903

Those in Council at Battle Creek, Michigan

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 16, 1903

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To those in council at Battle Creek, Michigan

Dear Brethren,—

The members of the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association and the responsible men of the General Conference are now to act in concert in regard to the work to be carried on. All must now awake and seek the Lord, lest the powers of the enemy shall obtain the victory. There are much greater depths of spiritual truth to be reached by experience. Christ will lead us to higher and still higher planes, where spiritual perception and spiritual action shall enter into unquestionable discoveries, and where the sacred truths of the gospel shall be understood in all their bearings. *18LtMs, Lt 54, 1903, par. 1*

As God’s Word is received as food for the soul, the character in spiritual lines will correspond to the truths of the gospel that have been eaten and digested. Thus our spiritual strength will be refreshed as we become partakers of the divine nature, having overcome the corruption that is in the world through lust. The nutritious properties of the heavenly food may be compared with the strength-restoring properties of the leaves of the tree of life, which are for the healing of the nations. Seek for unity, and seek it in faith. Faith we must have, in order that we may walk by faith. *18LtMs, Lt 54, 1903, par. 2*

My mind is deeply impressed by the Spirit of God. Instruction is given to me in clear lines. Our work is not left in the hands of finite men. God rules, and He will turn and overturn. He will not allow His work to be carried forward as it has been. His medical missionary work is not to be ruled, controlled, and molded by one man, as for



some years it certainly has been. The exercise of such a power, if continued, will mar the work and will be the certain ruin of the man exercising control. God will work with the men entrusted with large responsibility, if they will take the Lord's way as humble, obedient servants, waiting wholly upon Him. But if any man sets himself up as being above God, and takes the work under his finite supervision, the watchmen standing on the walls of Zion must discern the danger and take heroic action to save the man and the cause. *18LtMs, Lt 54, 1903, par. 3*

Yesterday I read the following incident: "A notable painter was adorning the frescoes in the dome of a cathedral. When a certain portion of his work was done, he stepped backward upon the small scaffold of planks on which he stood to admire the effect of his skilful craft. Suddenly a comrade who was with him rushed forward to the picture and with the brush in his hand smeared and spoiled the delicate work so painfully accomplished. Rushing forward, the artist cried angrily, 'What is that for?' 'Look,' said his companion, 'one more step backward, and you would have fallen, bruised and mangled on the pavement far below.'" The artist was thankful that his life was spared. Will our brethren in peril consent to be saved from the dangers they are in? *18LtMs, Lt 54, 1903, par. 4*

In no case does God require His servants to bear burdens that He has not given them. He does not require them to gather to themselves more responsibilities than they can patiently and successfully carry. Those professing Christians who do this dishonor the name they bear and lower the standard of Christianity. *18LtMs, Lt 54, 1903, par. 5*

By the managers of the Sanitarium, and the leaders in the medical missionary work, there has been a binding up with the world, which has led to entanglement. There has been much working upon a wrong policy. One man has embraced so many responsibilities that it is impossible for him to give to each the proper thought that a careful performance of the Lord's work requires. Men who will carry forward in right lines the work for this time should rally around the leaders of the work, sharing the responsibilities that they are now carrying, and thus encouraging them to stand as counsellors with their brethren, bringing all their plans before their brethren for

consideration. Whenever one man devises plans and seeks to carry them out in a manner so determined that his work savors of oppression, there is need of bringing into connection with him other minds that will keep uplifted the high standard suggested by the name we bear. *18LtMs, Lt 54, 1903, par. 6*

Many plans have been devised that God has not ordained. The root from which these plans have sprung is the mind of finite man. God's watchmen have been blind. They should have been wide awake to see that one man's mind, one man's judgment was becoming a power that God could not and would not endorse. To invest one man or a few men with so much power and responsibility is not in accordance with God's way of working. *18LtMs, Lt 54, 1903, par. 7*

There must be a reorganization. Supreme power must not be vested in a group of men connected with a few large institutions. At the General Conference of 1901 the light was given, Divide the General Conference into Union Conferences. Let there be fewer responsibilities centered in one place. *18LtMs, Lt 54, 1903, par. 8*

Let the work of printing our publications be divided. *18LtMs, Lt 54, 1903, par. 9*

The principles that apply to the publishing work apply also to the sanitarium work. Students should not be crowded into Battle Creek to receive an education in medical missionary lines. It is not best to encourage the gathering together in one institution of so large a company of people as have been gathered together in the Battle Creek Sanitarium. Let medical missionary plants be made in many places. *18LtMs, Lt 54, 1903, par. 10*

The youth who desire to become medical missionaries should not be brought in large numbers to Battle Creek. Provision should be made that they may receive an education out of and away from Battle Creek, in places where there is a different religious atmosphere. By fire the Lord removed the great argument in favor of gathering many students to Battle Creek. He swept away the Sanitarium to prevent the carrying out of the idea that Battle Creek was to be the great center for the training of medical students. To carry out this idea would be out of harmony with the work for these last days and with the plans of the Lord. *18LtMs, Lt 54, 1903, par.*

God works by means of instruments, or second causes. He uses the gospel ministry, medical missionary work, and the publications containing present truth to impress hearts. All are made effectual by means of faith. As the truth is heard or read, the Holy Spirit sends it home to those who hear and read with an earnest desire to know what is right. The gospel ministry, medical missionary work, and our publications are God's agencies. One is not to supersede the other. But you have sought to make the medical missionary work the whole body instead of the arm and hand. *18LtMs, Lt 54, 1903, par. 12*

Let the living gospel be taught in our schools. Let students be educated in its principles, that they may be prepared to impart the truth to others. Let them learn to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of those whom they will meet in their work. By the ministry of the Word, the gospel is preached: by medical missionary work, the gospel is practiced. The gospel is bound up with medical missionary work. Neither is to stand alone, bound up in itself. The workers in each are to labor unselfishly and unitedly, striving to save sinners. *18LtMs, Lt 54, 1903, par. 13*

**Lt 55, 1903**

Kellogg, J. H.

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Dr. J. H. Kellogg

My dear brother,—

I wish to write you some things that are greatly burdening my mind. I could not speak of your dangers in open conference. And I can not now say all that I have to say. Three times during the conference, after passing sleepless nights, I decided to present some things, not all, to the conference and to you in as careful a manner as possible; but when it came to the time to speak, I could not say what I had thought I must say, because I feared that some souls would not understand, and therefore might stumble over what I would have said. Some would have talked with one another unwisely in regard to things that they could not understand and that I had not spoken of. I must now write to you; for I dare not keep silent any longer. You should do earnest work to make matters plain and straight and to place the Sanitarium in the clear, safe position where it belongs. I hope and pray that you will do thorough, faithful work in this matter. *18LtMs, Lt 55, 1903, par. 1*

What can I say that will in any way affect you? In some respects you have been pursuing a strange course during the last two years. This cannot continue. You must not longer remain in the attitude in which you have been standing. The Lord will not again send you such a message as He sent you before the General Conference of 1901. What a strange position I was placed in at that meeting! I was bidden to bear a public testimony that would show the churches where they had made their mistake and lead them to appreciate

your value and the good you had done. You had received messages showing where you had erred.*18LtMs, Lt 55, 1903, par. 2*

If at that meeting you had fallen on the rock and been broken, you would since that time have had a much deeper spiritual experience. But since that Conference things have continually been occurring that show that your mind is far from being free from evil. Had you obtained that deep religious experience that every medical missionary should have, you would have followed a course different from the course that you have followed.*18LtMs, Lt 55, 1903, par. 3*

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This artist was proud of his work far more justly than you can be proud of your work since the last General Conference in Battle Creek. Upon reflection, tracing your work since that Conference, can you look up to heaven, and say, “It is well with my soul”? In many of your ways God takes no pleasure. He has been displeased with those developments in your character which have led you, in word and act, to misrepresent His character. These developments in your character have made you subject to the temptations of Satan. Your food business, which has been your great pride, has also been your snare. God takes no delight in many of your plans and movements regarding the food business.*18LtMs, Lt 55, 1903, par. 5*

It has not been well for your own sake nor for Christ's sake that the line of work with which you are connected should bear so much of your individual impress. Were you worked wholly by the Spirit of

God, there would be a showing altogether different from that which now exists. If you continue to weave yourself into the work, you will have less and less of the companionship of Christ. I greatly desire that your soul shall be saved. You should no longer feel that your individual judgment is to be the criterion by which others are to be guided in carrying forward the medical missionary work. It has been your desire to have this work ever carried on as a great whole, but this is not the way of the Lord. *18LtMs, Lt 55, 1903, par. 6*

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Your religious teachings are not to be depended on or accepted as a "Thus saith the Lord." It has been unwise for the people to rely upon you as they have done; for you are not a safe guide in spiritual matters. You have planned too much labor and responsibility for yourself in endeavoring to grasp and direct the whole medical missionary work. You must not continue to do this; for God forbids it. The work must be set in order, after the divine similitude. *18LtMs, Lt 55, 1903, par. 12*

My brother, I beseech you to give heed to the messages that for many years have been coming to you, admonishing you to walk and work in the counsel of God. Let Him be your fear and let Him be your dread. Will you not take time to stop to consider that by your ambitious course you are surely not exalting the medical missionary work? Will you dishonor this work by leaving your imperfect human mold upon it? *18LtMs, Lt 55, 1903, par. 13*

Some feel that those who question your judgment and your plans should be severely reproved. This is not right. You have so long supposed that it is your place to carry the responsibility of many things and mold them largely according to your own judgment, that you have become lifted up. I greatly desire that you shall understand your danger. The Lord would have no man presume to exercise the power and the responsibility that you are assuming, by

bringing the various interests of the medical work under your personal supervision, as if you owned the work. *18LtMs, Lt 55, 1903, par. 14*

The enemy is frequently working your mind. He has endeavored to implant in your mind the same desires that he cherished when in the heavenly courts he occupied the position of covering cherub. Christ is the express image of His Father's person, and the angels could see in the Son a perfect representation of God. Lucifer coveted the honor and glory given to Christ. He became so self-exalted that he supposed that he could do anything he desired to do because of his high position as covering cherub, and he tried to obtain for himself the position given to Christ. But Lucifer fell. He was cast out of heaven; and now he works on human minds, tempting them to follow in his footsteps. He strives to fill minds with feelings of self-exaltation and to lead them to dishonor God by turning from their allegiance to the truth and inventing many things not after God's order. *18LtMs, Lt 55, 1903, par. 15*

O why did you not at the last General Conference at Battle Creek humble your heart and heed the admonitions of God, putting aside your way for God's way? Does not the sweeping away of the Sanitarium by fire mean much to you? Such a manifest token of God's displeasure should lead you to most earnest self-examination. In this God has given you an admonition in order that every soul connected with the Sanitarium work may take heed to this expression of His reproof. Study to find out why this punishment has come. Allow not this rebuke to pass by unheeded, lest it be followed by still sterner punishment. Discern wherein you have departed from God. Be zealous, and repent. *18LtMs, Lt 55, 1903, par. 16*

I say to you as a messenger from God that the things which belong to your peace are strangely neglected. They are pushed from their proper place. Are you not leading many astray by your example? You have no right to load yourself down with so many burdens. You have no right to become absorbed in so many schemes, some of which should never see the light of day. A man for whom the Lord has done so much should honor Him in every word and act. All his transactions should be pure, considerate, and just. He should not



do or say anything that he will be loath to meet when he stands before the Judge of all the earth. *18LtMs, Lt 55, 1903, par. 17*

You have wrapped yourself about with many business entanglements and objectionable plans. You have formed plan after plan, reaching further and still further. The ends of the earth seem not too remote for you to reach. But, my brother, there is a work for you to do between God and your own soul. Men have looked to you for religious guidance and for a correct example. Does your development of character make you a safe guide? God expects you to be strict and particular in all business matters, not following the maxims of the world, not swayed by cupidity. But if you follow the policy that you are tempted to follow, you will be led to dismiss the Word of God from your councils. Unless you make a decided change, the word of the Judge of all the earth to you, in the last great day, will be, "Weighed in the balances, and found wanting." *[Daniel 5:27.]18LtMs, Lt 55, 1903, par. 18*

Will you continue to follow the strange course in which you have been pressing on, driving and rushing matters as you have done? You need to move more steadily. Your lips and your tongue need to be sanctified, that you may make correct statements only. You need to ponder your ways, and to remember that God's servants are to use in His service only the sacred fire of His own kindling. *18LtMs, Lt 55, 1903, par. 19*

Those who have linked up their interests with you have not always been faithful to tell you the truth. There are those who have done you an injury by receiving your exaggerated statements and by failing to speak words of caution. You may be tempted, because of what I say to you, to present me in a most unfavorable light to those whom you are leading. Yet I dare not let you go further in your strange course without speaking to you in warning. Will you not make a determined effort to break the spell that is upon you? You have been binding yourself up with the great deceiver. Can it be possible that you do not understand this? Can it be possible that you do not discern your danger? Will your associates continue to be silent in regard to your strange devisings, allowing many things to pass unquestioned? *18LtMs, Lt 55, 1903, par. 20*

What has been done to you, that you should think to revenge yourself to doing that which will ruin your soul? What excuse can you give to God for working out Satan's plans? Will it pay to follow the course that you are planning to pursue? Will it gain for you the welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant"? [*Matthew 25:23.*] *18LtMs, Lt 55, 1903, par. 21*

Throughout every department of His work God will vindicate His honor, His righteousness. Will you not stop right where you are, and consider diligently your ways? The Lord cannot endorse your spirit or your course of action. His hand is on the lever. Your plans are not His plans. Do not make others err by leading them to harmonize with your ideas and carry out your plans for the supremacy. Now is your time to repent. Lose not the opportunity. Cherish principles of the purest integrity. Then your spirit will change. You will be upright in your dealings with your fellow men because you are upright in your dealings with God. *18LtMs, Lt 55, 1903, par. 22*

My brother, do not feel that it is below your dignity to make a decided change. You must place yourself at the feet of Christ as a learner, else you will surely fail of obtaining the overcomer's reward. Lay off your commanding, kingly authority, and become one of God's little children. Until you are willing to study and obey God's will, you will be overcome by temptations and led to do strange things, which will disqualify you for filling a position of influence. Will you not repent and be converted? Will you not act every moment with the realization that you are under the divine scrutiny? Will you not make God your companion in all your work? His holiness, His justice, His truth should purify your words and actions. *18LtMs, Lt 55, 1903, par. 23*

You need to stop and consider that there is a God. He has spoken good in your behalf, and He will be much displeased if you deal unjustly with His heritage. He calls upon you to turn to Him with full purpose of heart. Pray, for your soul's sake, pray; for you have been so many times self-deceived and led by deceptive influences, that you are tempted to regard with favor those who will flatter and extol you and with disfavor those who would point out your errors and dangers. Many times you have almost gone over to the wrong side; but before the throne has stood your Saviour, the prints of the

nails in His hands, interceding in your behalf. Pray for yourself, in the name of Christ. Pray earnestly, fervently, sincerely. I hope that your life may be spared and that you may give yourself wholly to repentance. Come to the Lord, and surrender all to Him. You must, or you will be taken captive by the enemy. *18LtMs, Lt 55, 1903, par. 24*

I cannot but write these words; for One of the highest authority has made this appeal to you. *18LtMs, Lt 55, 1903, par. 25*

**Lt 56, 1903**

White, J. E.

Des Moines, Iowa

May, 1901

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Dear Son Edson,—

I speak to you because I feel an intense interest in the Southern field. That neglected vineyard of the Lord must be cultivated. The fields in the South need faithful, persevering workers, not merely preachers, but those who can minister. It is not depth of reasoning that is to be productive of the most good; the world by human wisdom knew not God, but holy men spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. *18LtMs, Lt 56, 1903, par. 1*

No amount of reasoning or explanation can tell the whys and wherefores of the creation of the world. It is to be understood by faith in the great creative power. By faith we must believe in the mighty-working creative power of God through Jesus Christ. “Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear” (are not present to the eye). [*Hebrews 11:3*.] This is a matter that can be stated, but mere reasoning will never convince one of the truth of the statement. Reasoning we must have. It is one of the great masterly talents entrusted to the human agent and is a great advantage at every step we advance from earth to heaven. The faculty of reasoning, trained and cultivated as a precious entrusted gift, will be taken to heaven with all its improvements and sanctified abilities, to be perfected more and more in the heavenly school above. *18LtMs, Lt 56, 1903, par. 2*

Paul reasoned out of the Scriptures. Jesus reasoned with His hearers out of the Scriptures. “For after that in the wisdom of God

the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.” “As it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.” [1 *Corinthians* 1:21; 2:9, 10.] *18LtMs, Lt 56, 1903, par. 3*

This is the faith, that although we do not see, we believe His Word and sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him. He speaks as One having authority—“It is written.” He Himself was the Author. The motive power of the gospel is the science of penitence, love, faith, prayer, obedience, hope, and the joy of Christ in the human soul. *18LtMs, Lt 56, 1903, par. 4*

### **The Word**

The possession of the Word is a talent, a treasure house of knowledge; and in all who believe, it creates a responsibility to impart. Receive the seed in good soil, and then let it spring up, first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear, then the harvest. You may have much work before you, but go no faster than you can move solidly. Teach the Word in the very simplest way possible. You will need to illustrate to the colored people with cheap pictures. This will be a necessity. If they had been educated to read, then the illustrations would not be necessary. May the Lord help you, my son, to walk and work, trusting in Jesus Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 56, 1903, par. 5*

But the fact must be understood that the Scriptures do not depend upon a process of reasoning in bringing souls from darkness to light, from sin to repentance, but it is faith that accepts the divine, God-given testimony that the Scripture is the great power of God expressed. Many things are affirmed. (*John 1:9[12]*): “That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him (by faith as the Son of God), to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.” *18LtMs, Lt 56, 1903, par. 6*

Believers are to be developed. This is the mission of our publishing work. There is much to be done in this line, especially in some parts of the country. The matter—Bible truth—must go forth as a light that burneth. Gather up the rays of light, put the truth in its simplicity, and carry on your publishing in the Southern field as the ignorance of the people demands. You have the facilities and therefore can do this. It needs talent that has been engaged in making books. You understand this. Brother Palmer has a quick mind. You know what you need to meet high and low. Well, take hold like men that have souls before you to save, and God will help you.*18LtMs, Lt 56, 1903, par. 7*

I will write you this before I leave Battle Creek. The Lord give you wisdom and great grace is my prayer.*18LtMs, Lt 56, 1903, par. 8*

Edson White, I must urge you to be exceedingly cautious. You have men of capability, men to plan. The Lord has entrusted to them talents. If they will honor God, God will honor them. Now work in the name of the Lord God of Israel. I speak to these men my message, Come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Who is the mighty Satan? He works with all his determined interest. Now work, now pray, now watch and work. Souls are to be saved. You cannot afford to be trammled as you have been by any printing plant. It has been used as God never desired it. God will not have ways and openings closed because selfishness enters, and men devise and plan without seeking counsel of God.*18LtMs, Lt 56, 1903, par. 9*

In regard to the printing matter in the plant that has already been established to handle publications in a limited manner, if the publishing house will give you any fair show, take over the books, do with them all you possibly can, whether you gain a dollar's advantage or not, and leave your endeavors with the Lord to help you dispose of these books. You will not meet with a great loss, but as you have not yet even a beginning to work with, you must in this taking-over business count the cost, for you are in no condition to waste anything. You must seek the Lord in prayer. Tell the Lord all about your purposes. Give your whole hearts—Brother Palmer, yourself, and all connected with you—to the Lord with kindly hearts. Bring all tenderness and compassion into your work. Be true, be

clean in principle. You cannot afford to saddle on you a debt, unless your chances are favorable to meet it. Watch and pray. You cannot depend on human wisdom. God will lead you if you fully trust in Him. He will never leave nor forsake a soul who trusts in Him. *18LtMs, Lt 56, 1903, par. 10*

**Lt 57, 1903**

White, J. E.; White, Emma

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## Lt 58, 1903

Brethren in Council at Battle Creek

St. Helena, California

April 17, 1903

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To our brethren in council at Battle Creek,—

Some way must be devised in which our medical institutions shall be helped. According to the light given me, the Lord will institute ways and means by which the Battle Creek Sanitarium can be helped. When our watchmen shall recover from their blindness and reason from cause to effect, God will help them to devise ways and means for the relief of our medical institutions. *18LtMs, Lt 58, 1903, par. 1*

If we put our trust in the Lord, if we walk in His ways, the Battle Creek Sanitarium can be placed on vantage ground. When the Sanitarium is placed on its proper foundation; when our people can see that it stands as when first established; when they can understand that the institution belongs to the work of the Lord, and can see that no one man is to have control of everything in it; then God will help them all to take hold with courage to build it up. *18LtMs, Lt 58, 1903, par. 2*

Our leading brethren, the men in leading positions, are to examine the standing of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, to see whether the God of heaven can take control of it. When, by faithful guardians, it is placed in a position where He can control it, let me tell you that God will see that it is sustained. *18LtMs, Lt 58, 1903, par. 3*

God wants His people to place their feet on the eternal Rock. The money that we have is the Lord's money; and the buildings that we erect with this money, for His work, are to stand as His property. He

calls upon those who have received the truth not to quarrel with their brethren, but to stand shoulder to shoulder, to build up, not to destroy.*18LtMs, Lt 58, 1903, par. 4*

The light that God has given me is that there are proper ways that the Conference shall devise to help the Sanitarium in Battle Creek. I wish that a portion of the work of this institution had been taken elsewhere. But the Sanitarium has been erected in Battle Creek, and it must be helped. God will institute ways and means by which it can be helped. But He does not wish His people to invest their money in bonds.*18LtMs, Lt 58, 1903, par. 5*

One night it seemed to me that we were assembled in council with the leaders of the medical work at Battle Creek. One of authority rose and holding up a long paper read from it many things that perplexed me. Neither I nor many others could discern the meaning of that which He read. Then He who read from this paper said: "These are men who have allowed this paper to pass as a legal piece of business, as a security for the issuing of bonds to secure money. That long list of conditions is not necessary, but they show unsafety for those who invest their means."*18LtMs, Lt 58, 1903, par. 6*

This is not the kind of work that should be placed before those who have the utmost confidence in the men bearing responsibilities, supposing them to be faithful, intelligent guardians of the people. Many things will be managed after this same order unless a reorganization shall take place.*18LtMs, Lt 58, 1903, par. 7*

There are those who will have nothing to do with the bonds issued, but there are many who will accept them without criticism, because they have confidence in the medical missionary association as being loyal to the high principles that it advocates. They will not question the things that they cannot understand, because they have faith in the original Seventh-day Adventist Medical Missionary Association.*18LtMs, Lt 58, 1903, par. 8*

No document should be accepted which is so worded as to make it possible for the medical missionary workers in office so to manage affairs that injustice will be done to those putting confidence in the Medical Missionary Association. These matters must be carefully

examined into by the men in position of responsibility in the Medical Missionary Association and the General Conference. There is a snare in these documents, and I am to say, Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The standing of the Sanitarium and its relation to the cause of God is to be ascertained. Everything regarding its organization is to be closely examined, that Seventh-day Adventists may know the true standing of the institution. *18LtMs, Lt 58, 1903, par. 9*

**Lt 59, 1903**

Jones, A. T.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 19, 1903

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Elder A. T. Jones

Dear Brother,

I am sending to you three manuscripts to be read to the brethren assembled at Battle Creek in council. These I desire that you shall read to the brethren when you discern that the time has come. You know my anxiety regarding the work—my desire that everything possible shall be done to establish unity and drive out dissension. We must do all in our power to save Dr. Kellogg and his associates from the result of the mistakes they have made, and to help them to see and understand the way of the Lord.*18LtMs, Lt 59, 1903, par. 1*

Last Friday I sent you an article addressed to the physicians and managers of our medical work. I hope that you have already found opportunity to read this. There was also sent an incomplete copy of an article addressed to those in council at Battle Creek. I have added some things to this and now send you a complete copy. Please return to me the one sent Friday.*18LtMs, Lt 59, 1903, par. 2*

Today there will be sent to you still another manuscript addressed to the brethren in council at Battle Creek. This follows the other two and should be read at the first favorable opportunity.*18LtMs, Lt 59, 1903, par. 3*

I am also sending to you a copy of a letter that I have written to Dr. Kellogg. In it there are very many plain admonitions. Some of these it may be difficult for the doctor to understand. I have not yet sent

him a copy of this letter, nor shall I do so at present. My wish is that you shall talk and pray with him, and then read the letter to him when you think that the time has come. *18LtMs, Lt 59, 1903, par. 4*

I greatly desire that he shall see his danger and turn to the Lord, for there is peace and power for him if he will walk humbly before God. If he continues to carry things as he has done, his brethren must seek the Lord for wisdom to know how to carry forward his work intelligently, in accordance with the light given in His Word. *18LtMs, Lt 59, 1903, par. 5*

I could not speak of his dangers in open conference; for there were some present who would have misunderstood and stumbled, making an unwise use of any statements made that were unfavorable to him. Please read carefully what I have written to him, and take your position wisely as a friend of the medical missionary work who feels a proper burden to see that work put upon a basis that will bear the endorsement of God. *18LtMs, Lt 59, 1903, par. 6*

I have been shown that Dr. Kellogg has had papers drawn up by lawyers, the wording of which was such that few would see beneath the surface and discern their final influence upon the work. Neither the managers of the medical work nor their legal counsellor have taken upon them the responsibility of studying in a correct light the wording of the specifications and conditions of these papers. The leaders in the medical missionary work have failed to make sure that the wording of the legal papers pertaining to the business of the Battle Creek Sanitarium is so clear and decided that there is no danger of the property's being lost to its original owners. *18LtMs, Lt 59, 1903, par. 7*

Our Counsellor said to the doctors: "You need to learn to be as true as steel to principle. Watch carefully and truly, and guard your brother, that he shall not sell his birthright in order to carry himself to the highest point of influence." *18LtMs, Lt 59, 1903, par. 8*

Then the Speaker turned His eyes with such a look of sadness and sympathy upon the doctor, and said, "Repent now, while you have opportunity, lest soon you become so laden with business entanglements that you will care little as to what is your record for eternity. You are defrauding your own soul. The business

transactions and opportunities which are presented to you are becoming so numerous that they prevent your giving your earnest attention to the momentous concerns of eternity. Only a little longer will mind and body bear the strain that you are imposing on them. You now hold only a fragment of religion. The business transactions that you mingle with your medical missionary work are so great a temptation that you seem to have no power to go from the snare. The name medical missionary can be applied only to a part of your work, but the Lord desires that the sanctified wisdom of heaven should be diffused all through and through your work. *18LtMs, Lt 59, 1903, par. 9*

“True godliness is obtained by eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God. Thus we are made partakers of the divine nature. No enterprise, no devising, that will not bear the signature of heaven will be of the least value in this life or in the life to come. Inquire while you may, Am I not sinning against my own soul and against the God who has done so much for me?” *18LtMs, Lt 59, 1903, par. 10*

Brother Jones, study these statements, and read them to Dr. Kellogg if you think best. *18LtMs, Lt 59, 1903, par. 11*

**Lt 60, 1903**

Rice, Brother and Sister [J. D.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 19, 1903

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My dear Brother and Sister Rice,—

I am glad you are engaged in the work in Berkeley. The Lord has opened before you a work in that place. He would have you come before the people with His message, relating encouraging experiences and preparing the way for the Lord’s coming. Brother Rice should educate himself to speak right to the point, and not at too great length. Sister Rice can then share the time with him. The Lord has given her a work to do in connection with her husband. She can be a great blessing. *18LtMs, Lt 60, 1903, par. 1*

Very many souls are in the darkness of error. There is abundant work for all who know the truth. Approach the people in a persuasive, kindly manner, full of cheerfulness and love for Christ. Christ is ever passing by with grace and power to enable you to present the gospel of salvation, which will bring souls out of the darkness of unbelief into His marvelous light. Reach out after the souls ready to perish. Call the attention of the people to the “Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” [*John 1:29.*] *18LtMs, Lt 60, 1903, par. 2*

No human tongue can express the preciousness of the ministration of the Word and the Holy Spirit. No human expression can portray to the finite mind the value of understanding, and by living faith receiving the blessing that is given as Jesus of Nazareth passes by. Many have a deep sense of need—a need that earthly riches or pleasures cannot supply; but they know not how to receive that for which they are longing. *18LtMs, Lt 60, 1903, par. 3*

The gospel of Christ is from beginning to end the gospel of saving grace. It is a distinctive and controlling idea. It will be a help to the needy, light for the eyes that are blind to the truth, and a guide to souls seeking for the true foundation. Full and everlasting salvation is within the reach of every soul. Christ is waiting and longing to speak pardon and impart the freely offered grace. He is watching and waiting, saying as He said to the blind man at the gate of Jericho: "What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?" [Mark 10:51.] "I will take away thy sins; I will wash you in My blood."*18LtMs, Lt 60, 1903, par. 4*

In all the highways of life there are souls to be saved. The blind are groping in darkness. Give them the light, and God will bless you as His laborers.*18LtMs, Lt 60, 1903, par. 5*

Since coming home, I have had nervous prostration, and even today have been very weak, but I thought I would write to you not to be discouraged. God will help you in your efforts to save the lost.*18LtMs, Lt 60, 1903, par. 6*

In love.*18LtMs, Lt 60, 1903, par. 7*



**Lt 61, 1903**

Kellogg, M. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 18, 1903

Previously unpublished.

M. G. Kellogg

Dear Brother Kellogg,

Sara told me that you called yesterday while I was lying down. I am sorry that I did not see you. *18LtMs, Lt 61, 1903, par. 1*

She tells me that no work has been assigned to you. I am sorry for this, but I shall not let the matter rest as it is. *18LtMs, Lt 61, 1903, par. 2*

Just now I am so weak and prostrated that I can do but little. I have been writing some things for the Council at Battle Creek and have also written some letters. At the Conference it was necessary for me to preserve my strength for important matters that I alone could handle. *18LtMs, Lt 61, 1903, par. 3*

Have courage in the Lord, my brother, and do not, I entreat of you, lose faith. Some work will open up for you. You could do evangelistic work in San Francisco or in other places. You can speak to the people. Let your talks be short and frequent. Do not speak of things that they cannot understand. Give them the simple truths of the Bible, and the Lord will bless and strengthen you. *18LtMs, Lt 61, 1903, par. 4*

I will do something for you as soon as I am able. I will lay your case before the brethren. In those great cities there is surely something you can do, or the Lord will open some other door for you. Did not your brother John have some suggestion for your work? *18LtMs, Lt 61, 1903, par. 5*

You are having a trying experience with your eyesight. But looking unto Christ, believing in Him who is the Light of the world, will bring you comfort and joy and peace. If today Christ were among us, as when He, the great Medical Missionary, walked the earth, you would go to Him for comfort and healing. Today no curious multitudes flock to the desert places to see and hear the Christ. His voice is not heard in the busy streets. No cry is heard from the wayside, "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." [Luke 18:37.] But this word is true to us today. He walks unseen through our streets. We are to realize that Christ is in our world, a practical Worker. With messages of mercy, He comes to the homes of those who will receive Him. Thank God, He stands ready to be found of every one who humbly and earnestly seeks Him. He will breathe the Living Spirit into every hungry heart. *18LtMs, Lt 61, 1903, par. 6*

Be of good courage in the Lord, my brother. Wait patiently, and the Lord will open the way before you. I send encouraging words to your wife and her mother. Do not despond, but hope in the Lord. I am thinking of you, and I will pray for you all, as well as for myself. *18LtMs, Lt 61, 1903, par. 7*

In faith, hope, and courage, I write these words to you. May the Lord be your Helper and your Strength is my prayer. *18LtMs, Lt 61, 1903, par. 8*

**Lt 62, 1903**

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 21, 1903

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Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

I have a deep interest in you and in your family, and I pray for the prosperity of your work. I have words to write to you cautioning you about employing Sister Tuxford in a position where she might unconsciously exert an influence to lower the standard and introduce rich, unhealthful dishes and expensive provisions into your vegetarian restaurant. When I first heard that Sister Tuxford was connected with you in your work in the restaurant, I was glad. In the past she had given as an excuse for not being a thorough-going health reformer the reason that she could not cook, as she otherwise would, on account of her mother's being unable, because of her age and feebleness, to make a change in her diet. This reason no longer exists, and I hoped that Sister Tuxford would make a thorough change in her way of cooking and eating. *18LtMs, Lt 62, 1903, par. 1*

Should her advice be followed as to the food that should be provided for those who patronize the restaurant, there is danger that the restaurant will become a consumer instead of a producer. When it is seen that an enterprise is running behind, a change should be made so that money enough will be brought in to cover expenses. If this cannot be done, it would be better for the enterprise to be closed. *18LtMs, Lt 62, 1903, par. 2*

Be very careful that unhealthful, rich preparations of food are not presented as a sample of health-reform cooking. *18LtMs, Lt 62, 1903, par. 3*

You have said that you are a dyspeptic. I see no reason why you should be thus, if your preparations of food are wholesome and if

you eat at the right hours. I ask you to look carefully into these matters. I appreciate you most highly, my dear brother and sister. But I must tell you that you have lessons to learn in regard to your eating that you have not yet learned. I advise you to study closely into these things, and then give the stomach the best of care. For thirty-five years I have made it a practice to eat only two meals a day. Occasionally when travelling, I have eaten irregular meals, when I have been thrown out of line by not being able to get my meals at the regular time. I am seventy-five years old; but I do as much writing as I ever did. My digestion is good, and my brain is clear.*18LtMs, Lt 62, 1903, par. 4*

Our fare is simple and wholesome. We have on our table no butter, no meat, no cheese, no greasy mixtures of food. For some months a young man who was an unbeliever, and who had eaten meat all his life, boarded with us. We made no change in our diet on his account; and while he stayed with us he gained about twenty pounds. The food which we provided was far better for him than that to which he had been accustomed. All who sit at my table express themselves as being well satisfied with the food provided.*18LtMs, Lt 62, 1903, par. 5*

Both you and Sister Burden need to be careful. God will help you to do the work He has given you. But the starting and conducting [of] restaurants to provide food for the public is not your special work. You have a work of soul-saving to do. In your work in connection with the restaurant, have you been able to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth? God would have you stationed where the influence of every one in your family will be exerted on the side of soul-saving. I do not want your earnest efforts to be lost. I do not want you to be weighed in the balances and found wanting. I entreat you and the other members of your family not to follow the example of any one who in Christian experience is a short pattern. In no case are you to measure yourselves by the world or by the opinions of men. Neither are you to place yourselves where you are so tied up that you can not give yourselves to the work of saving the souls ready to perish. It has been my thought that you could do a good and acceptable work in connection with the Sanitarium at Wahoonga.*18LtMs, Lt 62, 1903, par. 6*

In regard to the health food work, I will say that I have received no light that would warrant the establishment of a health food factory in or near Sydney.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 62, 1903, par. 7*

## Lt 63, 1903

Brethren at the Medical Missionary Council

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 19, 1903

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To our brethren at the Medical Missionary Council,—

I speak to our leading brethren, to our ministers, and especially to our physicians. Just as long as you allow pride to dwell in your hearts, so long will you lack power in your work. For years a wrong spirit has been cherished, a spirit of pride, a desire for pre-eminence. In this Satan is served, and God is dishonored. The Lord calls for a decided reformation. And when a soul is truly reconverted, let him be rebaptized. Let him renew his covenant with God, and God will renew His covenant with him. My brethren, show true repentance for departure from God. Let angels and men see that there is forgiveness of sin with God. Extraordinary power from God must take hold of Seventh-day Adventist churches. Reconversion must take place among the members, that as God’s witnesses they may testify to the authoritative power of the truth that sanctifies the soul. Renewed, purified, sanctified, the church must be, else the wrath of God will fall upon them with much greater power than upon those who have never professed to be saints. *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 1*

Those who are sanctified through the truth will show that the truth has worked a reformation in their lives, that it is preparing them for translation into the heavenly world. But so long as pride and envy and evil surmising predominate in the life, Christ does not rule in the heart. His love is not in the soul. In the lives of those who are partakers of the divine nature there is a crucifixion of the haughty, self-sufficient spirit that leads to self-exaltation. In its place the Spirit

of Christ abides, and in the life the fruits of the Spirit appear. Having the mind of Christ, His followers reveal the graces of His character. *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 2*

Nothing short of this will make men acceptable to God. Nothing short of this will give them the pure, holy character that those must have who are admitted to heaven. As soon as a man puts on Christ, an evidence of the change wrought in him is seen in spirit and word and act. A heavenly atmosphere surrounds his soul; for Christ is abiding within. *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 3*

“Verily, verily I say unto you,” Christ declared, “he that believeth on Me hath everlasting life.” [*John 6:47.*] O how few there are who reveal in their lives the principles of this life! They profess to believe the most sacred truth ever given to mortals, but in their lives they dishonor God. “He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me.” [*Verses 54-57.*] *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 4*

Do you believe these wonderful statements? Do you receive the words of Christ? I tell you that when in truth you receive them, you will practice the truth in accordance with the teachings of Christ. But as surely as you do not avail yourselves of the privileges presented in these words, so surely will you misrepresent Christ by a half-hearted religious life. So surely you will set before the youth you are educating an example that will not be safe for them to follow, and you will bear the condemnation of their unchristlikeness. *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 5*

My soul is burdened day and night; for I fear that I have not been as explicit as I should have been. In the night season I pray, “Lord, help me; Lord, teach me. Have compassion on the sheep and the lambs of Thy pasture. Abandon not the unsanctified, unholy, professing Christians in Thy church to their own perverted, corrupt way.” *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 6*

A few nights since, I dreamed that I was praying in a meeting. O

how earnestly my heart was drawn out in supplication! “Lord,” I pleaded, “let not this people claiming to believe so sacred a truth follow on in their mistaken ideas until their names are blotted out of the book of life and recorded among the names of the unjust. Help them to see that by their unlikeness to Christ they are greatly dishonoring the Lord.” *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 7*

I call upon the people of God to awake to a realization that their condition is plainly marked out in the message to the Laodicean church. Those who are striving to overcome will while on this earth be pursued by satanic agencies. The enemy will tempt them to corrupt the principles that they must maintain if they would reach the high standard that God has set before them. We can overcome only in the way in which Christ overcame—by whole-hearted obedience to God. Real virtue of character cannot, will not, act by halves. The Christian graces, all cherished, form a beautiful, symmetrical character. True religion is obedience to all the commandments of God. Obedience brings salvation; disobedience, ruin. *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 8*

It pays to examine the whole conduct of the life. What manifestation do we give our fellow men as God’s medical missionaries, teachers of the gospel? What evidence do we give that we are Christ’s medical missionaries, imbued by His Spirit? Do we show that we are preparing for a life that measures with the life of God? With the opportunities and privileges that we have had, we should be in advance of any people in the world. But what spirit are we bringing into our work? Are we bearing witness to the world to the blessedness of bringing the life of Christ into our individual lives? Do we fear lest, after a promise being left us of entering into God’s rest, some of us should seem to come short, because we do not love Him? *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 9*

The lives of medical missionaries should be in harmony with the name they bear. Their words and acts should be an interpretation of all that the name embraces. The world has a right to expect from those who claim to be medical missionaries a course of conduct corresponding to all that the name signifies. In this present life God’s servants are to give to the world an example of the preparation that those must make who obtain eternal life. But many



of those claiming to have advanced knowledge of the Word of God have given to the world a sample of character that He cannot approve. *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 10*

It behooves us to live in the fear and love of God. God is supreme, and He co-operates with those who represent Christ in life and character, those who are kind, thoughtful, self-denying, and self-sacrificing. Christ says, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*] *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 11*

Make your life preparation for eternity. You have not a moment to lose. Do you keep God's commandments? Do you fear to offend Him? Do you feel your dependence on Christ? Do you realize that you must be kept every moment by His power? Is your life filled each day with submission, contentment, and gratitude? *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 12*

Medical missionary workers are acknowledged by Christ, not because they bear the name they do, but because they are under the guardianship of the Chief Missionary, who left heaven to give His life for the life of the world. He says, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments. ... He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me, and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and manifest Myself to him." [*John 14:15, 21.*] *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 13*

Then, as witnesses for God, give proof that you are under the discipline and training of the great Medical Missionary; that you have placed yourselves in His hands, to manifest His Spirit, to shew to the world the sacred character of His great work, and to reveal to unbelievers the advantage of being under His guardianship. A medical missionary is not of value to the cause of God unless all the principles embraced in the name that he bears are developed in his life. The gospel of Christ is to be brought into the daily life. We are to make our life in this world an example, as far as we possibly can, of what the life in heaven will be. This Christ expects of all who claim to be medical missionaries. They are not to cherish one principle that bears a taint of selfishness. They are to stand before the world as followers of Christ, partaking of His self-denial and

humiliation, and heralding His coming. *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 14*

Christ might have astonished the world by a display of His glorious divinity. But He concealed this, to place Himself at the head of humanity. He was tempted in all points like as we are, that He might know how to succor those who are tempted. He requires His followers to submit to no inconvenience and self-sacrifice to which He did not submit. He might have come escorted by ten thousand times ten thousand of the heavenly host; but no! He clothed Himself in the habiliments of humanity. He made Himself of no reputation. He humbled Himself at every step. "He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." [*Isaiah 53:5.*]*18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 15*

It is possible for us to represent Him. We need not by wilful, unsanctified lives continually deny Him and by unprincipled actions put Him to open shame, while claiming to be medical missionaries. May God have mercy upon us, bestowing repentance and healing; for if we continue to dishonor His great and holy name, refusing to humble our hearts, refusing to heed His admonitions, and bracing our souls in pride and self-sufficiency, His judgments upon us will be repeated. *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 16*

Monday, April 20, 1903

This morning between twelve and one o'clock, I awoke from sleep calling upon the Lord in prayer, both in my own behalf and in the behalf of my brethren. I felt a wonderful nearness to God. These words were sounding in my ears: "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." [*Luke 18:37.*] "If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me whole." [*See Matthew 8:2.*] In my hand and arm there was a feeling which I did not at first understand, a feeling of freedom and power for service. I continued the prayer that I had been offering in my sleep and then arose and dressed. The exhaustion from which I had been suffering since the Conference in Oakland was gone; my head was rested and my mind was clear. The day before, I had felt deeply burdened, and in the afternoon I wrote thirteen pages in my large diary. As fast as my pen could trace the words I wrote the first part of this, and other things to our brethren in the medical work, who have been

holding responsible positions in our institutions. I thank the Lord for healing, and for strength necessary to the performance of the work He has given me to do. *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 17*

In our institutions there has been a departure from pure, holy, sanctified principles in business management, and the Lord has come near to His people in rebuke and judgment. He sends to them the messages: *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 18*

“Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write: These things saith He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: and hast borne, and hast patience, and for My name’s sake hast labored and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen and repent and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.” [*Revelation 2:1-5.*]*18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 19*

“And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore, thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.” [*Revelation 3:1-5.*]*18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 20*

Keeping daily guard over ourselves, over thought and word and act, facing God’s law as we face a mirror, seeing if we are true to God’s requirements—this is the part we are to act. And when we discover

an inconsistency in our life, we are to repent before God and correct the wrong, else our whole experience will be leavened with evil. We are not to forget the revelation of the divine mirror. We are to remember that nothing that the Lord declares impure or false can help to make our lives more fit for the kingdom of God. We are not our own, and we are to search the Word of God diligently, that we may know what are the duties enjoined by that word. That which God expects of His children here below is plainly outlined and urged upon us in the Word. His instruction is sustained by promises scattered all through the Word, from the beginning to the end. The Lord knows how to deal justly and truly with the members of His family.*18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 21*

In all your councils and labors, remember that nothing is to be done through strife or vainglory. God will surely call to account any one who treats a member of His family in an arbitrary or unkind manner.*18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 22*

The words of the Psalmist are strikingly definite: "Lord, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in Thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour." You may not have originated the reproach, but even taking it up brings condemnation upon you. "In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved." [*Psalm 15:1-5.*]*18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 23*

Those who violate the principles of heavenly origin, and disregard the plain injunctions of God; those who do not respect the rules of God's family government, who in this world of test and trial do the opposite of what He has told them to do, determined to follow on in an evil course, could not be received as members of His heavenly family. They would create the same disturbance in the heavenly courts that they have created here below. They would stir up a second rebellion. So the Lord gives human beings their trial in the lower apartment. Those who will see His face, those who will be

admitted to the glorious courts above, must here live the Christ life. *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 24*

“If ye forgive men their trespasses,” said our Saviour to His disciples, “your heavenly Father will also forgive your trespasses. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive your trespasses.” [*Matthew 6:14, 15.*] The Lord’s requirements are plainly stated, and they are without a flaw. At the day of judgment, no one will have any excuse for saying, “I did not understand.” The duty of dedicating all to God is clearly enjoined in His Word. *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 25*

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” [*Romans 12:1.*] Our all is the measure of the consecration that God accepts. He claims the service of those whom He has redeemed, whether they give themselves to Him or to the enemy. But He does not force them to obey His call. Each one must choose for himself whether he will receive or reject the Saviour, whether he will have eternal life or eternal death. *18LtMs, Lt 63, 1903, par. 26*

**Lt 64, 1903**

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

At times I have a great desire to see you and talk with you, but this I cannot now do. I can talk to you with my pen only.*18LtMs, Lt 64, 1903, par. 1*

The General Conference is in the past. It pleased the Lord to give me strength to attend this meeting. He is very merciful and gracious. Although I had many perplexing questions to consider, I was strengthened to bear my testimony. If after presenting to our people the words that God gives me I could have sure evidence that these words are received, I should be relieved of a heavy burden. But I greatly fear that the watchmen, whose business it is to be on guard, who should be quick to perceive the dangers before the people of God and to take every possible means to prepare them to withstand the temptations of the enemy, are some of them blind.*18LtMs, Lt 64, 1903, par. 2*

In all our institutions watchmen of experience are needed to guard every post of duty, lest the enemy steal in and cause an influence to pervade our institutions that will do injury to many souls.*18LtMs, Lt 64, 1903, par. 3*

I plead with God, in the name of Christ, to help his people not to continue to occupy the position pointed out in the message:*18LtMs, Lt 64, 1903, par. 4*

“These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God, I know thy works, that thou art

neither cold nor hot, I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of My mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.” [Revelation 3:14-17.] *18LtMs, Lt 64, 1903, par. 5*

Shall this continue to be the condition of the people claiming to be Seventh-day Adventists? No one need remain in this condition, which makes men so abhorrent to the Saviour that He cannot take their names on His lips. God is weighing the actions of men. Will His people continue to slight His messages of mercy. Will those who claim to be leaders of His people mistake the path that He wants them to follow? Christ says, “If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [Matthew 16:24.] *18LtMs, Lt 64, 1903, par. 6*

God sent to the church at Sardis the message: “Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.” [Revelation 3:2, 3.] Wherein was their deficiency? It is shown in the words, “I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.” [Verse 1.] They had a name to live, but as far as exerting a saving influence is concerned, they were dead. They had a form of godliness without the power. *18LtMs, Lt 64, 1903, par. 7*

There are today in the flock of God shepherds who do not discern their spiritual need, who do not keep the pure principles of truth uncontaminated by worldly influences. They are careless in regard to their own spiritual standing. To them comes the urgent message, “Be watchful, and strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God.” [Verse 2.] Remember how you have received and heard the truth. Receive the messages of warning brought by the Lord’s ambassadors. Let not these warnings become dim in your memory. “Hold fast and repent.” [Verse 3.] *18LtMs, Lt 64, 1903, par. 8*

Jesus declares that the Father is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him than parents are to give good gifts to their children. The Holy Spirit understands man's every necessity. He will bestow upon the earnest seeker that for which He hungers and thirsts. The blessings that God has to bestow are unlimited. We cannot comprehend their height and depth and breadth. All heaven is at the command of those who, realizing their lack of wisdom, come directly to the source of all wisdom. To such ones God gives liberally and upbraids not. But let them ask in faith, nothing wavering. "For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed." [*James 1:6.*] The one who receives wisdom from on high is the one who holds fast to the promise, the one who feels his need and will not be turned aside. *18LtMs, Lt 64, 1903, par. 9*

Divine grace can be forfeited by a misapplication of the rich treasure. Every teacher in our schools, every medical worker, every shepherd of the sheep and lambs is in positive need of the Holy Spirit. Let God's servants work in sincerity, with humility and with purity of purpose. God has spiritual power in store for every diligent seeker. There is power for all who will seek for it with an intensity of earnestness. These will become partakers of the divine nature; for they have cooperated with God. *18LtMs, Lt 64, 1903, par. 10*

"Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." [*Philippians 2:12.*] All self-sufficiency, all desire to dictate to others, all pride and selfishness, must be cast out; these things belong to the enemy's stock in trade. All may have hope who desire to be laborers together with God in His great plan for soul-saving. "For it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure." [*Verse 13.*] Spiritual influence is given to them to be increased by a right use. They will be given an enlargement of power proportionate to their desire to do the will of God. The influence given them will greatly increase their usefulness, unless they forfeit the blessing by selfishness by a misuse of the entrusted gift. *18LtMs, Lt 64, 1903, par. 11*

The Lord is greatly dishonored when wrong practices are carried on by the ministers or the lay members of His church. These wrong practices arouse a spirit of alienation and strife and faultfinding.



God sees beneath the surface. He reads the heart of every one who is following evil ways. He says to all, "I know thy works." [Revelation 3:1.] How many times those misusing the precious gifts of heaven read these words and yet make no change in the life. We must arouse from our spiritual slumber. We must be born again. There is a lamentable decay in religious experience. A truly godly life is rarely seen. The sins of the church are charged upon the church by One who never makes a mistake. The sins of a wrongdoer will remain upon him until he clears his soul from the impurity and falsehood and makes straight paths for his feet. *18LtMs, Lt 64, 1903, par. 12*

"Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white; for they are worthy." [Verse 4.] What higher honor could be bestowed on human beings? "They shall walk with Me in white; for they are worthy." Because of their faith this honor is bestowed on them. In this life they did not boast or lift up their soul unto vanity. With intensity of desire, with a pure and holy faith, they grasped the promise of eternal riches. Their one desire was to be like Christ. Their earnestness was proportionate to their intensity. Ever they kept the standard of righteousness uplifted. To them is given an eternal weight of glory, because on the earth they walked with God, keeping themselves unspotted from the world, revealing to sinful human beings the righteousness of Christ. Of them the Saviour declares, They shall walk with Me in white, in robes of honor and glory, in the world that I have prepared for them. "He that overcometh the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels." [Verse 5.] *18LtMs, Lt 64, 1903, par. 13*

Christ is their Redeemer, the Captain of their salvation. He leads them to the Father, saying with triumphant joy, "Here am I and the children whom Thou hast given Me." [Isaiah 8:18.] *18LtMs, Lt 64, 1903, par. 14*

"And I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with Him an hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder; and I

heard the voices of harpers harping with many harps, and they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders; and no man could learn that song, but the hundred and forty and four thousand which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they that follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile; for they are without fault before the throne of God.”  
*[Revelation 14:1-5.]18LtMs, Lt 64, 1903, par. 15*

“After this, I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the Lamb, clothed with 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 worshipped God, saying, Amen: blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be unto our God forever and ever.” *[Revelation 7:9-12.]18LtMs, Lt 64, 1903, par. 16*

**Lt 65, 1903**

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Dr. J. H. Kellogg

My dear brother,—

I wake in the night, and my heart is drawn out after you. I ask myself, “Should his life end suddenly, would I be guiltless if I do not now do all in my power to lead his mind away from the world?” I find myself sitting up in bed, sending heavenward the petition, “Lord, open his eyes, that he may see wondrous things out of Thy law. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.” [See *Psalms 119:18; 19:7.*] *18LtMs, Lt 65, 1903, par. 1*

I have a sense of your danger, and you need to have a sense of it. If we should sustain you in a wrong course, we would ourselves be committing sin. You may have the confidence and approval of men, but the praise of human beings is no evidence of the approval of God. It furnishes no evidence that they see as He sees. Those who trust to the praise and approval of men will end their lives without having obtained a preparedness to meet God. *18LtMs, Lt 65, 1903, par. 2*

My brother, I have the deepest interest in you, knowing the value of the human soul, and I entreat you to turn to the Lord with full purpose of heart. In the night season I am pleading with you to heed the Scripture, “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?” [*2 Corinthians 13:5.*] I am waiting and longing to hear from you in regard to your

individual experience. It is not feeling, but genuine faith and works, that lay hold upon unseen realities. True faith is substantiated by a sure "Thus saith the Lord," by the word, "It is written."*18LtMs, Lt 65, 1903, par. 3*

The instruction that Christ gives in the *eighteenth chapter of Matthew* is the very best education that you or I can ever obtain. "At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto Him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." [*Verses 1-4.*]*18LtMs, Lt 65, 1903, par. 4*

Who needs, then, to err? Who needs to be in darkness, when Christ has spoken words so simple and so easily understood? Will you not show, in your daily experience, that your dependence is in God? Will you not show that you are not seeking to be first? Will you not esteem others better than yourself, because the word of Inspiration declares that you should do this? It is not by taking the position that Christ has declared we should take that you will give evidence that you are a true child of God.*18LtMs, Lt 65, 1903, par. 5*

You are inclined to exalt yourself, to cherish a spirit of censoriousness. You show contempt for those who are chosen of God and precious, because they differ with you in some things. It is in the order of God that in some things they should differ with you. But because they do not agree with all your plans, you sometimes feel that you want nothing to do with them. Do you realize the danger of despising Christ in the person of His saints? God is light, and when He gives instruction to human beings that does not please them, shall they regard with scorn and contempt the messenger who, as a faithful steward, has had the courage to speak to them the truth? Will you, my brother, become the enemy of the Lord's messenger, and say many things that are untrue of the one who has told you the truth?*18LtMs, Lt 65, 1903, par. 6*

O that you would sit as a humble learner at the feet of Christ! Then you would reveal a character that God could approve. What a

change there would be in the atmosphere surrounding your soul! You need so much the softening, subduing influence of the Holy Spirit. It is for your present and eternal good that you become soundly converted, through the sanctifying influence of the truth as it is in Jesus. Examine and prove yourself. Do not let any man deceive you. However highly a man may appreciate you, he cannot read your heart. Pray now, without delay, that you may not deceive yourself or be deceived by others. *18LtMs, Lt 65, 1903, par. 7*

I tell you the truth; I lie not. You need a renewed heart. Pray that your eyes may be anointed with the heavenly eyesalve, that you may discern the true character of your religious faith and experience. Have you that faith which works by love and purifies the soul? Are you striving to reach the standard that God has set before you? If you choose, you can make the Word of God of no effect to many souls, leading them away from the safe path. But I want you to stand on vantage ground before God. I want you to sit at the wedding feast clad in the wedding garment—the righteousness of Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 65, 1903, par. 8*

You have had many, many opportunities to become acquainted with the truth as it is in Jesus. Will you not hold the beginning of your confidence firm unto the end? Will you not look to Jesus as your pattern in character building? Then the structure that you rear will not be weak and imperfect, but solid and symmetrical. Study carefully the life of Christ. Constantly compare your way of viewing things with the way in which they are viewed in the Word of God. Do not in character misrepresent the character of Christ. Never, never depart from the way of the Lord; for “what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” [*Mark 8:36, 37.*] *18LtMs, Lt 65, 1903, par. 9*

There are many who dishonor Christ by their unsanctified lives. But there are men who have lived with their eyes fixed on the Saviour. There are faithful ones who have served the Lord with uprightness of heart. Their lives have borne witness to the truth of the words: “The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are

true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold; yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." [*Psalm 19:8-10.*]18*LtMs, Lt 65, 1903, par. 10*

One who knew by blessed experience the value of God's law thus expressed his thanksgiving: "How sweet are Thy words to my taste; yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" "Whom have I in heaven but Thee, and there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee?" "Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous, and shout for joy, all ye upright in heart." [*Psalm 119:103; 73:25; 32:11.*]18*LtMs, Lt 65, 1903, par. 11*

This may be your experience if you will separate from you all that is marring your character. I beseech you to make an unreserved surrender to God, and to make it now, just now. When you make this surrender, you will have an experience entirely different from the experience that you have had for many years. Then you will be able to say with the apostle Paul, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ." [*Philippians 3:8.*] "I delight in the law of God, after the inward man." [*Romans 7:22.*]18*LtMs, Lt 65, 1903, par. 12*

Every privilege is opened before you. Christ presents His loveliness of character for you to copy. When you make Him your example, your pride and self-assurance will be removed. You are becoming weak in spiritual power through cherishing an unforgiving spirit and indulging wrathful feelings that place you under the control of Satan. These things are bearing sorry testimony against you. When you are converted, your masterly spirit, which leads you to judge and condemn and censure, will be changed.18*LtMs, Lt 65, 1903, par. 13*

Will you not accept the invitation, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] Christ's life, from beginning to end, was a life of meekness and humility. He was the Majesty of heaven, yet He came to our world to take His position at the head of the fallen race, and in human nature to reveal the character that all must form

who are admitted into the city of God. He came to show the power of the sanctification of body, soul, and spirit that we must possess if we gain the life that measures with the life of God.*18LtMs, Lt 65, 1903, par. 14*

Christians must exemplify before the world, before angels, and before men the keeping power of the grace of Christ. You are intelligent in regard to the capabilities of body and mind and in regard to the victories that may be gained over the appetites and passions. You are a prominent member of the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association. What you say and do carries a weight of influence. This influence should ever be exerted on the side of obedience to Bible truth. You should ever point the way heavenward, giving those whom you seek to educate the gospel remedy for pride and self-exaltation. This you can do by exemplifying in your life the virtues of Christ, the great Healer, the Medical Missionary sent by God to reveal the power of the grace that God's tried and tempted children can have in this life, preparatory to entering into the city of God, to take their place as little children in His kingdom. We are given opportunity to be learners of Christ here below, that we may be His students in the courts above, learners of Him through the ceaseless ages of eternity.*18LtMs, Lt 65, 1903, par. 15*

**Lt 66, 1903**

Jones, A. T.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 22, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Elder A. T. Jones

My dear brother,—

I have written another letter to Dr. Kellogg, which I send to you, with the request that you read it to him at the first favorable opportunity. I greatly desire that every effort possible shall be made to encourage him to listen to the warnings, the counsels, and the encouragements which the Lord has given to me for him; and I know that if this letter falls into his hands at a time when he is weary, or worried and perplexed, its true spirit and meaning may not be understood. If you seek a suitable opportunity to read it to him, and your prayers and entreaties are mingled with the words of entreaty which the Lord sends through me, there may be more hope of a lasting impression for good. *18LtMs, Lt 66, 1903, par. 1*

Tomorrow I will send to you two testimonies which ought to be read to our brethren assembled at Battle Creek attending the Medical Missionary Council. Several copies will be sent to you, so that after the MSS. have been read, copies can be placed in the hands of those who ought to have them. Single copies will also be sent to Elder Daniells and Dr. Paulson. It will be well for you to counsel with them as to when and how these matters should be brought before the Council in the way that will do the most good. *18LtMs, Lt 66, 1903, par. 2*

I appeal to you, Brother Jones, to bring forcibly before the leading medical men the necessity of their doing thorough work at this time in the matter of investigating the true business standing of our medical institutions. Let there be no superficial work. It is also the duty of our medical men to study into the reasons why the



managers of the Boulder Sanitarium have not made payment to the General Conference Association of a portion of the indebtedness of that institution. *18LtMs, Lt 66, 1903, par. 3*

If in the management of the medical missionary work there has been a grasping spirit to receive as much as possible from the General Conference, and then to hold every advantage without consideration of the financial condition of the Conference, our medical men in responsible positions should not close their eyes to it, or consent to have this condition of things continue. *18LtMs, Lt 66, 1903, par. 4*

After the Conference, I was very weak; but the Lord is giving me strength day by day to write the things which I am sending forward to the Council. I pray that there may be a humbling of proud hearts before the Lord; that there may be confession of sins and a turning to the Lord. *18LtMs, Lt 66, 1903, par. 5*

I shall be glad to hear from you when you have time to write. *18LtMs, Lt 66, 1903, par. 6*

In much love. *18LtMs, Lt 66, 1903, par. 7*

**Lt 67, 1903**

Brethren at the Medical Missionary Council

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 23, 1903

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To our brethren assembled at the Medical Missionary Council at Battle Creek,—

The work committed to us by the Lord will advance rapidly only when we labor in unity. In unity there is a life, a power, that cannot be obtained without it. United with one another, working together in harmony for the salvation of men, we shall indeed be “laborers together with God.” [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*]*18LtMs, Lt 67, 1903, par. 1*

“Yes,” says one, “this is exactly what I believe in—consolidation.” But Christian unity is not what the world calls consolidation. Unity among brethren results in consolidation with Christ and with the heavenly angels. Such consolidation is heavenborn. It is that for which Christ longed when He prayed for unity among His disciples.*18LtMs, Lt 67, 1903, par. 2*

Last July, in the night season, it seemed as if I were speaking to a large company of brethren and sisters. Before me were some who had superior tact and ability to reach souls—men and women who, if consecrated, could have awakened many of the careless, the indifferent, the godless. But these church members had lost their hold on Jesus. They desired to command, not to serve. No longer were they united with love for one another and for perishing souls.*18LtMs, Lt 67, 1903, par. 3*

While I was speaking, a heavenly Messenger came forward, and said: “Have you forgotten the scenes of Gethsemane? Christ passed through His last terrible trial in order that you might not perish, but have eternal life. ‘Hereby perceive we the love of God,

because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.’ [1 *John 3:16.*] *18LtMs, Lt 67, 1903, par. 4*

“By your failure to work in harmony, you are greatly dishonoring God. The enemy of your souls delights to see you working at cross-purposes with one another. You need to cultivate brotherly love and tenderness of heart. If you could draw aside the curtain veiling the future, and see the result of your present course, you would surely be led to repent. By repentance you can save yourselves much sorrow. *18LtMs, Lt 67, 1903, par. 5*

“Would it not be well for you to seek the Lord as the disciples sought Him before the day of Pentecost? After Christ’s ascension, His disciples—men of varied talents and capabilities—assembled in an upper chamber to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit. In this room ‘all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication.’ [*Acts 1:14.*] They made thorough work for repentance by confessing their own sins. Upon them was laid no burden to confess one another’s sins. Settling all differences and alienations, they were of one accord and prayed with unity of purpose for ten days, at the end of which time ‘they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.’ [*Acts 2:4.*] *18LtMs, Lt 67, 1903, par. 6*

“The Holy Spirit cannot be revealed to you while dissension and strife exist. Would it not be well for you to lay ‘aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,’ and ‘as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby’? [1 *Peter 2:1, 2.*] *18LtMs, Lt 67, 1903, par. 7*

“If you would unitedly put away your unchristlike, hereditary and cultivated traits, and work together, the Lord could work through you. But souls will not be convicted and converted until you come into unity and Christian fellowship. Lose sight of self. Keep your eyes fixed upon the Redeemer. *18LtMs, Lt 67, 1903, par. 8*

“The representation that you make before believers and unbelievers is one of variance and strife. Clear away this rubbish. Press together. Be satisfied with nothing less than a thorough work of humiliation and repentance. Work as for your lives to overcome every evil trait of character. You are not placed in the Lord’s

vineyard to create dissension and alienation. Sweep away the evils that have crept in. 'Consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.' [*Hebrews 10:24.*]18LtMs, Lt 67, 1903, par. 9

"The Lord designs that all His children shall blend in unity. Do you not expect to live together in unity in the same heaven? Is Christ divided against Himself. Will He give you success before all the rubbish of evil surmising and discord is swept away; before the laborers with unity of purpose devote heart, soul, mind, and strength to the work so holy in God's sight? 'As He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.' [*1 Peter 1:15.*]18LtMs, Lt 67, 1903, par. 10

"In Christ's prayer for His disciples He petitioned His Father: 'Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth. As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.' Who is being sanctified through the truth? 'Neither pray I for these alone,' He continued, 'but for them also which 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; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved me.' [*John 17:17-23.*]18LtMs, Lt 67, 1903, par. 11

"The prayer of Christ is not yet answered. There is a work that still remains undone. Although engaged in the Master's service, many laborers are envious, full of strife, destitute of the love that should be in their hearts. Those who claim to be Christians but who reveal the characteristics of worldlings are dishonoring the name of Jesus. Will you not consider the representation that you are making before unbelievers? Will you not seek for the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that you may answer the prayer of Christ? Would it not be well for you to pray that you shall not disappoint the Lord Jesus by failing to be His instrumentalities? When in word and deed you answer His prayer, putting away all variance, His Spirit will bear witness that you are His instrumentalities, and the world will take knowledge of

you, that you have been with Jesus and have learned of Him. *18LtMs, Lt 67, 1903, par. 12*

“The Lord calls upon those now working in connection with His cause to repent and be converted. Many, standing in their own light, are wasting precious opportunities. There is great need of coming together with deep humiliation and sincere repentance because of the lack of unity and brotherly love that has been manifested. In the Word, Christians are instructed not to neglect the assembling of themselves together. If need be, come together with fasting. Make most diligent search for the cause of your soul-sickness, which must be healed. Until in every sense of the word you are Christians in your association with one another, until you love as brethren, how can your efforts for unbelievers be acceptable to God? Your first work is to be converted yourselves.” *18LtMs, Lt 67, 1903, par. 13*

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God says, “If those who have allowed a wrong spirit to control them will come to Me in repentance, and will confess their sins, I will hear their prayers and will pardon them. But if they do not come to Me, if they consult human agencies, and allow themselves to be leavened with the leaven of human malice and evil surmising, they will surely be separated from My work.” *18LtMs, Lt 67, 1903, par. 14*

The stubborn and hardhearted, unless they repent, will be separated from the work. The Lord Jesus cannot accept the labors of any man who has left his first love. He may have the capabilities essential for the work, but unless the love of Christ is burning on the altar of his heart, the want of that love will be seen in all his work, and Christ will be misrepresented. *18LtMs, Lt 67, 1903, par. 15*

How thankful we should be that the Lord is willing to accept every one who manifests repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ! Let us never place bars in the way of any soul, so that he will not have the courage to engage in the good warfare against Satan’s temptations. Instead of criticizing one another, let us deal sternly with self. With the closest introspection let us examine our peculiar temperament and weaknesses of character. Let us deal decidedly and bravely with our perverse disposition, so that we shall not dishonor God. Let us remember that we are all members of one

body, and that among these members there is to be no crowding, no judging, no measuring of one gift by another. *18LtMs, Lt 67, 1903, par. 16*

God calls for light-bearers who will fill the world with the light and peace and joy that come from Christ. God will use humble men, men who will cherish a sense of their weakness, who will not think that the work of God depends on them. Such men will remember what the service of God demands from them—the propriety of speech and action that God calls for. They will reveal that Christ dwells in the heart, imparting purity to the whole being. *18LtMs, Lt 67, 1903, par. 17*

My brethren, will you not realize that there is much at stake? Will you not conduct the work in so healthful and wholesome a manner that all the threads now tangled and knotted will be straightened out? Forget not to “consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.” [*Hebrews 10:24.*] If you will now draw nigh to God, many of those who are in serious perplexity because of their self-confidence will confess that they have manifested an unchristlike spirit and will turn to Jesus, placing their confidence in Him. Realizing their own weakness, they will wear Christ’s yoke and learn of Him. Receiving His strength, they will become sons of God. *18LtMs, Lt 67, 1903, par. 18*

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.” [*Philippians 4:8, 9.*] *18LtMs, Lt 67, 1903, par. 19*

**Lt 68, 1903**

Butler, Hiland

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May 1, 1903 [typed]

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Dear Brother Hiland Butler,—

I am sorry that any one has written to you disparagingly of Brother W. O. Palmer. Why should this be done? No one is free from mistakes. I might present many things in criticism of those with whom I associate. But what would be gained by this?<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 68, 1903, par. 1*

I know that there are many who cherish feelings of criticism toward Brother Palmer. But I have been instructed that in the sight of a holy God his case is not one-tenth part as injurious to the cause as the cases of some to whom God has given great light and many opportunities, but who refuse to walk in the light if it does not suit their own ideas.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 68, 1903, par. 2*

There are those who are doing what the Lord calls a strange work. They need the divine enlightenment. They need to be converted. Their testimony should not be allowed to lead to the rejection of those who are striving to serve God. They are not living in the light of God. They are not obeying His commands. Between them and Him there is a barrier that cannot be removed without a complete change of heart. Only by such a change of heart can they be brought into right relation with God.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 68, 1903, par. 3*

There is but one path to heaven—the strait and narrow way. Of those who enter this path the Lord says, “Ye are My witnesses.” [*Isaiah 43:10.*] Those only who love God supremely and their neighbor as themselves can walk in this way. Christ says, “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is

perfect.” [Matthew 5:48.] We are to follow Christ in everything, conforming our lives to His teachings. *18LtMs, Lt 68, 1903, par. 4*

It is the duty of all to press toward the light, ever keeping in view the perfection of Him whose words and works bear the impress of divinity. *18LtMs, Lt 68, 1903, par. 5*

Paul writes, “But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung that I may win Christ, and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” [Philippians 3:7-14.] *18LtMs, Lt 68, 1903, par. 6*

That righteousness is of no real value that goes no further than external form. It was in this righteousness that the religion of the Pharisees consisted. Upon this they relied for salvation. *18LtMs, Lt 68, 1903, par. 7*

“Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.” [Verse 15.] *18LtMs, Lt 68, 1903, par. 8*

By the counsel of His grace He will show them their mistakes. They must receive the truth in the meekness of holiness. Pride and self-importance must die. *18LtMs, Lt 68, 1903, par. 9*

The child of God is to reach out for higher and still higher attainments. He is to confess every sin, that by his example others may be helped to confess their sins and to cherish the faith that



works by love and purifies the soul. He is to be constantly on guard, never standing still, never turning back, but ever pressing on toward the mark of the prize of his high calling in Christ.*18LtMs, Lt 68, 1903, par. 10*

There is a crown of immortality for the children of God to win. He will give them power to conquer in the strife with evil. When danger comes to them, angels are beside them, to help them; for the angels are “ministering spirits, sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation.” [*Hebrews 1:14.*]*18LtMs, Lt 68, 1903, par. 11*

Watch vigilantly, swerving not to the right hand or to the left. Never give up to despair. “Whereunto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same things.” [*Philippians 3:16.*] “God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. ... As many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.” [*Galatians 6:14, 16.*]*18LtMs, Lt 68, 1903, par. 12*

A man is not one whit the safer because he occupies an exalted position and has been given great privileges. He is exposed to Satan’s attacks and is liable to fall into grievous sins and to make serious mistakes. Knowing his weakness, he should be very kind, very compassionate in dealing with others. In tenderness and love he should strive to reclaim the erring, doing nothing that will drive them away from Christ. When he sees a fellow worker in danger of making mistakes, he should not draw away from him, allowing him to stumble on in darkness. This would be revealing a selfishness most abhorrent.*18LtMs, Lt 68, 1903, par. 13*

Let men beware how they use their God-given talents to magnify the wrongs of others and to vindicate their own course. It may be that their own faults are more grievous in the sight of God than the faults of those they criticize.*18LtMs, Lt 68, 1903, par. 14*

Those who turn from the counsel of the Spirit of God, to follow their own counsel, counterwork the efforts of the Holy Spirit to guide their feet in the path cast up for the ransomed of the Lord. They will surely lead other souls astray. God will place them among the chief

of sinners. They had great light and many opportunities, but they exalted themselves to their own ruin. When sentence of condemnation is passed on them, they will have no one but themselves to blame. Seeking earthly distinction and advantages, they lost the crown that fadeth not away. *18LtMs, Lt 68, 1903, par. 15*

A man may distinguish himself by doing many praiseworthy things when it is agreeable to his feelings to do them, and then again may use strange fire which comes not from heaven, and which he has been forbidden to use. Men clothed with holy vestments may greatly dishonor their Creator by exalting the human above the divine. Unless those who do this repent, the wrath of God will come upon them. *18LtMs, Lt 68, 1903, par. 16*

This life is our time for eternity. The good seed that day by day we sow, because we believe in Christ and receive Him as our Saviour, will spring up and bear fruit unto eternal life. We shall be given power to become sons and daughters of God. *18LtMs, Lt 68, 1903, par. 17*

Those who are created anew in Christ do not live to themselves. They do not aspire to do some great thing that will bring them before the world. They are filled with a longing to practice the lessons of Christ. They pray constantly for conformity to His likeness. And not only do they pray; they work. *18LtMs, Lt 68, 1903, par. 18*

Every day we should test our motives and opinions and course of conduct by the Bible rule. As we do this, bringing our wills into harmony with God's will, He is glorified in us. He rejoices in the evidence of purity and self-denial that appears in our lives. Those who walk as Christ in His humanity walked, revealing His meekness and lowliness, bear with them that which makes them light in the world. They obey the word, "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.*] *18LtMs, Lt 68, 1903, par. 19*

**Lt 69, 1903**

Van Horn, Charles

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 23, 1903

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My dear brother,—

I have words of encouragement for you. Jesus loves you. He gave His precious life that you should not perish, but have everlasting life. Then lift your eyes to Him. Look on the bright side. It will do you no good to look on the dark side. Be patient, come what will. You may gather strength from Jesus, for in Him all fulness dwells. When despair would sweep over your soul, continue to look to Jesus. Cast your helpless soul upon Him. He ever liveth to make intercession for you. You are precious in His sight. He who looks with interest upon the little, brown sparrow looks in love and pity upon His tried, afflicted child. *18LtMs, Lt 69, 1903, par. 1*

It is for our present happiness and our future good that God subjects us to discipline. The greatest blessing that His children have is the discipline that He sends them. He never leads them otherwise than they would choose to be led if they could see the end from the beginning and discern the glory of the purpose that they are fulfilling as workers together with Him. *18LtMs, Lt 69, 1903, par. 2*

The divine Worker spends little time on worthless material. Only the precious jewels does He polish after the similitude of a palace, cutting away the rough edges. The process is severe and trying; Christ cuts away the surplus surface, and putting the stone to the polishing wheel, presses it close, that all roughness may be worn off. Then, holding the jewel up to the light, the Master sees in it a reflection of Himself, and He pronounces it worthy of a place in His casket. *18LtMs, Lt 69, 1903, par. 3*

Blessed be the experience, however severe, that gives new value

to the stone, causing it to shine with living brightness. *18LtMs, Lt 69, 1903, par. 4*

My dear brother, look ever to Jesus, and bring heaven into your life here below. The road to heaven is narrow and the gate strait; but all who will may pass through the gate and walk in the narrow path. If we reach heaven at last, our heaven must begin here below. The more of heaven that we bring into our life here, the greater will be our happiness in the home above. *18LtMs, Lt 69, 1903, par. 5*

Let your mind dwell on the goodness of God, on the great love wherewith He has loved you. If He did not love you, He would not have given Jesus to die for you. His everlasting arms are underneath you. In all your afflictions He is afflicted. *18LtMs, Lt 69, 1903, par. 6*

“Strong is the strength that God supplies, through His eternal Son.” *18LtMs, Lt 69, 1903, par. 7*

**Lt 70, 1903**

Walling, Addie; Walling, May

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 27, 1903

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Dear children Addie and May Walling,—

I have written once or twice to you lately, but as I have received no reply, I fear that my letters must have been misdirected. I will write only a few lines now, but will write more when I know that you are receiving my letters. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 1*

My strength was severely taxed while at the Conference, but the Lord sustained me through the meeting, and by His blessing I am recovering from the strain. I could have borne the work of the meeting very well, had not many perplexities arisen to describe which would require the pen of a ready writer. While in Oakland I contracted a severe cold. Sara gave me thorough treatment, and this broke it up; but it still comes and goes, as colds often will. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 2*

During the first week of the Conference, rain fell nearly every day, but for some time the weather has been very pleasant. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 3*

The prospects of the Sanitarium here are more encouraging than they have been for some time. The patients are well-to-do, and all the higher-priced rooms are taken. The patients who have recently come express themselves as being well pleased with everything about the institution. Some who have travelled much say they never before saw such beautiful scenery or so fine a location. They roam over the hills and are enjoying their stay very much. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 4*

Dr. Evans and his wife are the chief physicians. Both are pleased with their work and are well thought of by others. Dr. Winegar is connected with the institution. She has lately married a Mr. Simpson from Battle Creek. Dr. Zelinsky and wife are also connected with the institution. The interest in religious lines seems to be good. Elder Taylor, the chaplain, is a faithful worker, and all seem to like him. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 5*

Brother Hicks was buried last Sunday. He died from a hemorrhage of the lungs, having been confined to his house only a short time. We shall miss him. Ever since the Sanitarium was built, he has shown an interest in its work. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 6*

Brother and Sister St. John live in a home of their own. Their daughter Hattie and her three children live with them. Mary Chinnock Thorpe, with her husband and his mother, live on the hillside. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 7*

Sarah Peck and her mother live in a small cottage near our house. We intended using this building for our workers, but it proved to be too small for the office work, so I built a plain, neat structure with eight rooms for our workers. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 8*

Sarah Peck teaches the Sanitarium church school. There are about forty pupils in attendance. Sister Peck has the reputation of being an excellent teacher. Her discipline is good, and all are well pleased with her work. The school house is built among the trees and rocks on a piece of ground at the foot of the Sanitarium hill a little removed from the road. All think it a delightful location. I was unable to give money to help in starting the school, but I have given the land for as long a time as the church may desire to use it for school purposes. When they wish a larger building, if I am able, I will take the present one off their hands. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 9*

Ella May White has been canvassing in Sacramento for the *Desire of Ages* and has sold a good many books. Our people in that place are well pleased with the spiritual influence she has exerted, and put her in as superintendent of their Sabbath School. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 10*

Mabel is not well all of the time. The doctors say she cannot endure

the confinement of a school room and must not use her eyes in reading or studying. Some doctors fear that she may become blind if her eyes are taxed too severely. This has been very discouraging to her. She attended the Conference in Oakland and helped in the dining tent as waitress. She received four dollars a week and her board. She has a very good address, and the Food Company desired her to remain and help them in restaurant work. However they have not opened a new restaurant in Oakland as they intended, and Mabel came home yesterday. For a year or two she has been working in the Food Factory here, but its noise and its atmosphere were very disagreeable to her; and she has been desirous of getting work somewhere else. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 11*

The twins are hearty boys. It is difficult to distinguish one from the other. Grace, the baby, is a strong, healthy girl with a good disposition. She is now nearly three years old. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 12*

Brother James, who has charge of the work on our farm, occupies a cottage near us with his family of eight children. They are a nice family. He is assisted by a faithful, intelligent man from Australia. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 13*

I have quite a company of workers with me. W. C. White takes charge of the business of my book work. He uses excellent judgment in deciding what shall be published. His brethren have wanted him with them in council meetings, and in the past I have let him go. But I have decided that he can help the cause of God more by assisting me in my work than by attending council meetings. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 14*

Marian edits the books that are prepared. Maggie Hare and Clarence Crisler prepare the articles for the papers. Miss Helen Graham does the typewriting. Dores Robinson, a son of A. T. Robinson, has lately come to help in the work. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 15*

Marian is sick at the Sanitarium. One evening while at the Conference in Oakland, she visited the Observatory. Not having sufficient wraps, she took a severe cold. We sent her up to the

Sanitarium, and ever since she has been sick in bed. A nurse has been with her night and day. She has had a very severe illness, and at one time we feared she might die. I have been sick myself, and I was unable to go up to see her until last Friday when I went with W. C. White. Her room is on the fifth storey, and I had to tax my strength severely to walk up the last flight of stairs. We had a season of prayer for her. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 16*

Sabbath was a hard day for me. I could not sit up, and my head troubled me much. I feared that I would have to give up my work and go to bed. But yesterday morning, Sunday, my head was better, and I was thankful to be able to do some writing. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 17*

This morning, Monday, I am up early writing these lines to you. I should be tempted to go away somewhere for a change, but the change might make me worse, and besides, I must be with my workers to decide what matters shall be published. I want to make my time count for as much as possible while I have the strength to help. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 18*

I have several books in anticipation. I want to get out a book on the acts of the apostles, to follow the life of Christ. I have much matter written that I wish to put in book form. I sometimes fear that a fire will come and I shall lose much of the precious matter that I desire to print. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 19*

I can say but little in reference to the Conference at Oakland. It was a profitable occasion, and the Lord certainly helped us in the meeting. Some serious questions which arose were left to be decided at the meeting of the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association in Battle Creek, which is now in session. We have been waiting with intense interest for news from them. *18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 20*

April 28

This morning a telegram came from Dr. Kellogg and Brother Daniells, saying, "Peace established according to *Ephesians 2:14-22*." We are very grateful for this. We have prayed most earnestly and have tried to exercise living faith that a work might be done in



Battle Creek which would establish unity. But until this morning we had received no word from the meeting. The Lord is good. I praise His name that there is unity in place of dissension.*18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 21*

I would like to hear from you often, for I am interested in you both. I thought that perhaps you would come to Conference, but perhaps it is as well that you did not. I would like to see you, but many miles separate us. God be with you, and bless you.*18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 22*

Your Aunt.*18LtMs, Lt 70, 1903, par. 23*

**Lt 71, 1903**

Haskell, Brother and Sister [S. N.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 24, 1903

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Dear brother and sister Haskell,—

I expected to see you at the Conference in Oakland, but I have not a word of reproof to give you for not coming, because the Lord knows what is best. *18LtMs, Lt 71, 1903, par. 1*

All through the meeting, from the beginning to the end, I carried a very heavy load. Since returning home, I have been able to write some important matters to the brethren assembled in council in Battle Creek, and to Dr. Kellogg. These letters and manuscripts I sent to Elder A. T. Jones to read to Dr. Kellogg and his fellow workers. There must be an altogether different showing in many lines. Matters must come into an altogether different shape. I believe that the Lord will work. I lie awake at night, praying that at this time the Lord will manifest His power in all our institutions. *18LtMs, Lt 71, 1903, par. 2*

The Lord desires us, His little children, always to be learners in His school, meek, lowly, and obedient. Then He can say to us, “Ye shall find rest in an experience that daily brings you nearer heaven.” His yoke is easy and His burden is light. *18LtMs, Lt 71, 1903, par. 3*

We are living amidst the perils of the last days. As God’s children, we have been given a higher, nobler work than disparaging one another. To disparage others will surely place us where we shall be disparaged in the courts of heaven, because we know not the things that make for our peace. *18LtMs, Lt 71, 1903, par. 4*

I entreat you not to be discouraged. Let people say what they will. If what they say is not in your favor, say, "I will not please the enemy by allowing these words to stir me up to retaliation or to depress me. The enemy's work shall be a failure as far as I am concerned. I will prove his words false. I will not be disturbed."*18LtMs, Lt 71, 1903, par. 5*

Then the Lord will draw near to you and will give you a rich measure of love and peace and joy so decided, so divine, that even in the midst of the trial of your faith, you will be a witness to the truth of the word of promise. You have a sense of the divine presence. You know that the Word of God is no cunningly devised fable. Your mind is moved by the Holy Spirit and enlightened by heavenly truth. The eyes of your understanding have been opened, and the truth that at times you have seen but dimly you now see clearly. The quickening influence of the Holy Spirit is to you as precious as fine gold. You can tell the story of the cross with a deep appreciation of the Saviour's love; for this love has melted and transformed your heart. You bear about with you in the daily life the sign that Christ is formed within, the hope of glory.*18LtMs, Lt 71, 1903, par. 6*

But I must stop for the present.*18LtMs, Lt 71, 1903, par. 7*

April 28

For several days and nights the Lord has been giving me special experiences. In the future we are to pass through very strait places, and we shall understand the value of having some workers who have been through the giving of the first, second, and third angels' messages. The voices of these workers are to be heard in distinct utterance, saying, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled of the Word of life; (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full." [*1 John 1:1-4.*]*18LtMs, Lt 71, 1903, par. 8*

During the past night many things were presented to me. While I was calling upon the Lord to reveal His grace and His miracle-working power among us as a people, I fell asleep, and I was in conversation with several of our ministering brethren. I addressed my remarks to W. C. White. I told him that we must begin to work in a way different from the way in which we had been working in regard to the precious light that God has given us in the testimonies of His Spirit. I said, "As a people we do not show sufficient appreciation of this God-given instruction. We do not make the best use of the light given. The matter that has been brought before the people must be brought before them over and over again. The articles that are printed in our papers are soon forgotten by the readers. They must be brought together, reprinted in book form, and placed before believers and unbelievers." *18LtMs, Lt 71, 1903, par. 9*

"There will be those once united with us in the faith who will search for new, strange doctrines, for something odd and sensational, to present to the people. They will bring in all conceivable fallacies, and will present them as coming from Mrs. White, that they may beguile souls. The light that the Lord has given me should be in the hands of our people, that they may see that the reports made are false, that there is in the testimonies nothing of what these men declare to be in them." *18LtMs, Lt 71, 1903, par. 10*

"The precious light that the Lord has given in reproof and warning is to be given to His people. Errors will be corrected by the messages given to the erring. The Spirit of the Lord will be in the message, and doubts existing in many minds will be swept away. The testimonies themselves will be the key that will explain the message given. Many will read with eagerness the messages reproofing wrong, that they may learn what they must do to be saved. From all directions will come the cry, 'What must I do to be saved?' [*Acts 16:30.*] Light will dawn upon the understanding, and the Spirit of God will make an impression on minds as Bible truth is clearly and simply presented in the messages that since 1846 God has been sending His people. These messages are to find their place in hearts, and then transformation will take place." *18LtMs, Lt 71, 1903, par. 11*

“The spiritual growth of many has been dwarfed. They have not brought forth in their lives the fruits of righteousness and peace and joy, but have been as the fruitless fig tree. If those who have received the light will appreciate and respect the testimonies of the Lord, they will see the religious life in a new light. They will be convicted. They will see the key that unlocks the mysteries that they have never understood. They will lay hold of the precious things that God has given them to profit withal and will be translated from the kingdom of darkness into God’s marvellous light. The messages that have come to them will be to them as a voice speaking from heaven. The light will shine forth line upon line, precept upon precept, as represented by Isaiah in the words, ‘Whom shall He teach knowledge? and whom shall He make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, here a little, and there a little.’” [*Isaiah 28:9, 10.*]18LtMs, Lt 71, 1903, par. 12

This morning, after I had talked with Willie, we received from Elder Daniells and Dr. Kellogg the following message, “Peace established according to *Ephesians 2:14-22.*” I am so thankful to our heavenly Father that the Holy Spirit has wrought to bring about unity and love.18LtMs, Lt 71, 1903, par. 13

I must stop now. I cannot write more today, but at another time I will send you more upon the same subject upon which I have written in this letter.18LtMs, Lt 71, 1903, par. 14

**Lt 72, 1903**

Watson, Addie S.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 28, 1903

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Mrs. Addie S. Watson  
Rome, Maine

My dear sister,—

I have received your letter telling of your discouragement. I write to tell you not to look on the dark side, not to think or talk unbelief. Study the following Scripture: *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 1*

“As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God? ... Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance. ... Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of Thy waterspouts; all Thy waves and Thy billows are gone over me. Yet the Lord will command His lovingkindness in the day time, and in the night His song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life. I will say unto God my rock, Why hast Thou forgotten me? Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? As a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God? Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.” [*Psalm 42:1-3, 5, 7-11.*]*18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 2*

My sister, our Saviour is a present help in every time of need. Do not distrust Him. Do not take your troubles to human beings. Take them to the Lord. You may think that others should sympathize with

you in your downcast feelings, but you will sometimes be disappointed. Jesus never disappoints one who comes to Him for help. *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 3*

Are you one that makes mistakes? Go to Jesus, and ask Him to forgive you, and then believe that He does. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." [1 *John 1:9.*] Ask the Lord to pardon your errors. Then rejoice in Him. It will not help you in the least to keep mourning over your defects. Say, "Lord, I cast my helpless soul on Thee, and Thee alone. I will not worry, because Thou hast said, 'Ask, and ye shall receive.'" [*John 16:24.*] Believe that you do receive. Believe that your Saviour is full of compassion, full of tender pity and love. Let not little mishaps trouble you. Small mistakes may be ordered by the Lord to save you from making larger mistakes. *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 4*

Act your part in helping yourself, as all must do who would be blessed. Believe that Christ helps you. Refuse to speak a word of unbelief. When the enemy tells you that the Lord has forsaken you, tell him that you know He has not; for He declares, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." [*Mark 2:17.*] *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 5*

Jesus says, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." [*John 6:37.*] Then, my sister, dismiss the enemy. Tell him that you will not dishonor God by doubting His mercy, His goodness, His love. Never argue with Satan; for he has wonderful powers of deception. If, when he went to Adam and Eve, they had kept repeating the words of God, saying, "He hath said, and I believe His word; I will not distrust Him," they would not have been overcome. *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 6*

Instead of bemoaning your weakness and talking unbelief and feeling that you are hardly used, begin to sing. Talk of the mercy and love of God. To all who labor and are heavy laden Christ gives the invitation, "Come unto Me, ... and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] This is the lesson that Christ

desires you to learn, and in learning it you will find rest. *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 7*

When discouraging words are spoken to you, do not reply unless you can return a pleasant answer. When you are tried and tempted by unkind words, do not retaliate. Say to yourself, "I will not disappoint my Saviour." Every man who is a Christian is a gentleman; and every woman who is a Christian is a gentlewoman. The law of kindness is ever on the lips of the Christian woman. She utters no hasty words. To speak gentle words when you feel irritated will bring sunshine into your heart and will make your path more smooth. A school girl, in answer to a question, said, "Meek people are those who give soft answers to rough questions." Christ says, "Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth." [*Matthew 5:5.*] They will be fit subjects for the kingdom of heaven, because they are willing to be taught. *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 8*

You say that your husband is not yet converted to the truth. Show him in your life the advantage of taking Christ at His word. By patience, forbearance, and kindness you may win your husband to the Saviour. *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 9*

In the power of God's grace you may obtain most precious victories. You are not to treat your life as a romance, but as a reality. You are to be a laborer together with God in forming a character that He can approve. "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Does the charge end there?—No, no, thank God! "For it is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure." [*Philippians 2:12, 13.*] You are to be a co-worker with Him in the saving of your soul. You are to will to do the will of God. Then do not spend your time and strength in murmuring, in talking unbelief and finding fault with God. Encourage confidence in Him. Speak kindly of Him. Honor Him who "so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." [*John 3:16.*]*18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 10*

Be sure to perform your smallest duties in the fear and love of God, with faithfulness and cheerfulness. God declares, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." [*Luke 16:10.*] Faithfully



discharge your home duties, and then leave yourself with God, saying, "I commit the keeping of my soul to Him. I will not take the ordering of my life out of His hands. I will leave myself in His keeping." *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 11*

Study the life that Christ lived while on this earth. He did not disregard the simplest, smallest duty that fell to Him. Perfection marked all that He did. Look to Jesus for help, and this will enable you to perform your daily duties with the grace and dignity of one who is seeking for a crown of immortal life. *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 12*

We dwell much on the grandeur of Christ's life. We speak of the great things that He accomplished, of the miracles that He wrought, speaking peace to the tempestuous waters, opening the ears of the deaf, raising the dead. But His attention to small things is even higher proof of His greatness and His compassion. Listen to Him speaking to Martha as she comes to Him with the request that He bid her sister help her with the serving. He entreated her not to allow the cares of her household to disturb the peace of her soul. "Martha, Martha," He said, "thou art careful and troubled about many things; but one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." [*Luke 10:41, 42.*] *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 13*

Listen to the words that He spoke as the weary mothers brought their children to Him to be blessed. The disciples, unwilling that their Master should be disturbed, were sending the mothers away. But Christ said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." [*Matthew 19:14.*] And taking them in His arms, He blessed them. Could the future of these children be opened before us, we would see the mothers recalling to their minds the scene of that day and repeating to them the loving words of the Saviour. We would see, too, how often, in after years, the memory of these words kept them from straying from the path cast up for the ransomed of the Lord. *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 14*

Think of the wonderful words that Christ spoke to one woman in Samaria. He was sitting by Jacob's well as this woman came there

to draw water. Christ asked a favor of her. "Give Me to drink," He said. [*John 4:7.*] He wanted a cool draught, and He wanted also to open the way whereby He might give to her the water of life. *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 15*

"How is it," said the woman, "that Thou being a Jew askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans." Jesus answered, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give Me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water. ... Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again; but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water, springing up unto everlasting life." [*Verses 9, 10, 13, 14.*] *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 16*

How much interest Christ manifested in this one woman! How earnest and eloquent were His words! When the woman heard them, she left her water pot and went into the city, saying to her friends, "Come, see a man which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" We read that "many of the Samaritans of that city believed on Him." [*Verses 29, 39.*] And who can estimate the influence that these words have exerted for the saving of souls in the years that have passed since then? *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 17*

My sister, this same Jesus is your Saviour. Have faith in Him. He is acquainted with your every trouble. Take your burdens to the Burden-bearer, and leave them with Him, knowing that He will carry them for you. He is the Christ, the One who bears the sins of the world. I say to you, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." [*John 1:29.*] *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 18*

In obedience to God there is a converting, sanctifying grace that makes a wicked man a Christian. God asks us to believe in Him as One able to save from all sin. And He asks us to bring into our lives the grace that will keep us from sin. There is no limit to the measure of grace that Christ is willing to bestow on us. He can give you grace that will enable you to show to the world that Christianity is a divine system which uplifts and ennobles human beings. *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 19*

All that God expects of you and all other Christians is that you live out your profession. Show that Christ's word is true, that He can keep human beings from sin. Conform your life to His pure, beautiful, holy life. Obey His commandments. This will bring you practical godliness. *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 20*

Do not dwell upon the hardships of the Christian life. Do not talk of your trials; for if you do, you will become more and more inclined to complain of God. Talk of the love of Christ, bringing it into your heart and life. Be thankful that the Lord has spared you, that you have not been cut off without having gained a preparation for entrance into the heavenly kingdom, where there is no sin, no sorrow. You have only one life in which to perfect a Christian character. If you reveal the grace of God in your character, if the law of kindness is ever on your lips, if you constantly thank the Lord for His goodness to you, you are preparing to praise Him in the home above. *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 21*

My sister, the Lord asks you to speak no unkind words of your Saviour. Come to Him in faith and trust. Be cheerful. Bring all the sunshine possible into your life. Jesus is your helper. Trust Him all the time. Leave with Him all your perplexities. Do not speak one despondent word; for such words please Satan. When he puts into your mind thoughts of discouragement, talk of Christ's goodness and tell of His power. Words of trust and hope and thankfulness are as easily spoken as words of distrust and complaint. Close the windows of the soul earthward, and open them heavenward. Put away all repining, and rejoice in the Lord; and then write me another letter, telling me whether you do not feel His light and love and joy in your soul. *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 22*

Your sister in Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 72, 1903, par. 23*

## Lt 73, 1903

Brn. in the Ministry and Medical Missionary Work

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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To my brethren in the ministry and in the medical missionary work,  
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Since returning from Conference I have been almost prostrated by a severe cold contracted in Oakland. For a time there seemed to be a sleepy lethargy upon me, and although I slept more than the usual number of hours during the night, yet during the day I would fall asleep pen in hand. *18LtMs, Lt 73, 1903, par. 1*

Ever since returning from the Conference, there has been upon me a burden that I cannot find words to describe. At night time and during the day, by myself, and at family worship, I have prayed most earnestly that God would show me what to do. About a week ago I was instructed to leave my case, with all my perplexities and difficulties with the Lord. *18LtMs, Lt 73, 1903, par. 2*

During the years that my life has been devoted to the work of God, from my first experience in it, the Lord has been giving me special light. By His Spirit He has given messages of warning and reproof, consolation and uplifting, to preserve in the earth the principles of heaven and to magnify the distinctive features of true godliness. That which has been presented to me from time to time, here a little and there a little, is of the greatest consequence to the people of God. Much of this instruction is in manuscripts, and much that has been published in our periodicals is not accessible to those who need it. I have been instructed to gather up the precious testimonies that God has given to correct evil and publish them in book form, in the least expensive way, that our people may have them for study

and reference, and that they may become better acquainted with the way in which, these many years, the Lord has been directing His people. *18LtMs, Lt 73, 1903, par. 3*

As the testimonies of warning and reproof are brought before our people, they will be a savor of life unto life to many who have not known of them. They will help them to avoid making mistakes. Many of our people are ignorant of the way in which the Lord has tried to save our institutions from corrupting influences and from the false judgment of men who have refused to be converted. God will be honored as the testimonies are presented which show how plainly He has spoken against the principle that He cannot endorse, and how decidedly He has exalted the pure, sacred principles that are in harmony with His Word. *18LtMs, Lt 73, 1903, par. 4*

The articles that from week to week are printed in our papers are soon forgotten, because there are so many things to divert the minds of the readers. These articles are to be gathered together, reprinted in book form, and placed before believers and unbelievers. *18LtMs, Lt 73, 1903, par. 5*

While at the Conference in Oakland I suffered the most intense mental agony. At times it seemed to me that I could not live, to think that the cause of God bears so much the imperfection of human minds, and that I must open before the world the faulty character of much of the work done for the last twenty-five years. I thought, What will be the result of doing this? Then the word came, You have a message to bear to the churches. It is not possible that the dishonor that has been brought upon the cause and work of God will escape the notice of the world. The reproofs and warnings that God has given must be published, that it may be seen how elevated is the position that He designed His cause and work to occupy in the world. The instruction of the past and of the present, which God has given to make His people pure and keep them pure, must be placed on record. The Lord is greatly displeased by the manifestation of pride and selfishness that for years has been seen in His work. He is dishonored by the low ebb of piety and sanctified ability. Soon every possible effort will be made to discount and pervert the truth of the testimonies of God's Spirit. We must have in readiness the clear, straight messages that since 1846 have been

coming to God's people. There will be those once united with us in the faith who will search for new, strange doctrines, for something odd and sensational to present to the people. They will bring in all conceivable fallacies and will present them as coming from Mrs. White, that they may beguile souls. The light that the Lord has given should be in the hands of our people, so that they may see that the reports made are false, that there is in the testimonies nothing of what these men declare to be in them. *18LtMs, Lt 73, 1903, par. 6*

Those who have treated the light that the Lord has given as a common thing will not be benefitted by the instruction presented. There are those who will misinterpret the messages that God has given, in accordance with their spiritual blindness. Some will yield their faith and will deny the truth of the messages, pointing to them as falsehoods. Some will hold them up to ridicule, working against the light that God has been giving for years, and some who are weak in the faith will thus be led astray. But others will be greatly helped by the messages. Though not personally addressed, they will be corrected and will be led to shun the evils specified. Their errors will be reprovved by the warnings given to the erring. The Spirit of the Lord will be in the instruction, and doubts existing in many minds will be swept away. The testimonies themselves will be the key that will explain the messages given, as Scripture is explained by Scripture. Many will read with eagerness the messages reprovving wrong, that they may learn what they may do to be saved. From all directions will come the cry, "What must I do to be saved?" [*Acts 16:30.*] Light will dawn upon the understanding, and the Spirit will make an impression on minds, as Bible truth is clearly and simply presented in the messages that since 1846 God has been sending His people. These messages are to find their place in hearts, and transformation will take place. *18LtMs, Lt 73, 1903, par. 7*

The spiritual growth of many has been dwarfed. They have not brought forth in their lives the fruits of righteousness and peace and joy, but have been as the fruitless fig tree. If those who have received the light will respect and appreciate the testimonies of the Lord's Spirit, they will see the religious life in a new light. They will lay hold of the precious things that God has given them and will be translated from the kingdom of darkness into God's marvelous light.

The messages that come to them will be to them as a voice speaking from heaven.*18LtMs, Lt 73, 1903, par. 8*

## Lt 74, 1903

Brethren in Battle Creek

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 1, 1903

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To my brethren in Battle Creek,—

I am bowed down and greatly troubled. I am in sore distress. My whole being is full of pain. At times it seems to me that I can not live. The thought of the terrible spiritual destitution among our people presses heavily upon me. God’s judgments have fallen upon our institutions in Battle Creek; but how little has this done to move hearts to repentance! Must the rebuke of God still continue to be felt, and will it still continue to be without effect? I am amazed at the apparent indifference of many who should see and understand. I know not what to say or do. Seeing that the judgments of God have made so light an impression on the minds of those occupying important positions, fear and trembling takes hold of me as to what will be the next revelation of God’s displeasure. *18LtMs, Lt 74, 1903, par. 1*

Men have dishonored God by choosing their own way. They have brought into His institutions principles that He has condemned. They would not change the ways and works that displeased Him and belittled the testing truth for these last days. *18LtMs, Lt 74, 1903, par. 2*

Those who have disregarded the messages of warning have lost their bearings. Some, in their self-confidence, have dared to turn from that which they knew to be truth, with the words, “Who has told Sister White?” These words show the measure of their faith and confidence in the work that the Lord has given me to do. They have before them the result of the work that the Lord has laid upon me;



and if this does not convince them, no arguments, no future revelations would affect them. The result will be that God will speak again in judgment as He has spoken heretofore. When for years His messages of warnings have come to institutions and individuals, and no special heed is taken, what power will convince them? Only the power of God revealed in judgment. Yet His hand is stretched out still to save, if thorough repentance is shown.*18LtMs, Lt 74, 1903, par. 3*

We need to watch and pray, lest we enter into temptation. On one occasion, as Christ was returning to Jerusalem from a missionary tour, He was speaking to those with Him about the personal salvation that all must have who enter the kingdom of heaven. His words were becoming decidedly personal and very pointed, and one present, wishing to change the subject, said, "Lord, are there few that be saved?" Then He said, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us; and He shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence you are; then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in Thy presence, and Thou hast taught in our streets. But He shall say, I tell you I know not whence ye are; depart from Me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. And behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last." [*Luke 13:23-30.*]*18LtMs, Lt 74, 1903, par. 4*

In the great day of God, to many who make the entreaty, "Lord, Lord, open unto us," the answer will come, "I know not whence you are, depart from Me." [*Verses 25, 27.*]*18LtMs, Lt 74, 1903, par. 5*

There is a right way and a wrong way, and in one or the other each human being is following. Those who truly believe in Christ live a life of holy obedience. They are sanctified through the truth. Their piety is not a pretense, but a reality. They have a sanctified

Christian experience in holy living. *18LtMs, Lt 74, 1903, par. 6*

Let us make sure that we are perfecting Christian characters through belief of the truth. We cannot be too particular in regard to this. If we fail here, our life work will bring us no reward. Those who believe in Christ and give up their will and their plans for God's will and God's plans enter upon a life of Christlikeness. This is the only way to gain salvation. *18LtMs, Lt 74, 1903, par. 7*

**Lt 74a, 1903**

Christenson, C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 5, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Mrs. C. Christenson  
Sebastopol, California

Dear Sister,—

I was glad to receive your letter of April 29 in which you told me of your interest in the Southern field. I am glad to know that your heart is drawn out toward that work. *18LtMs, Lt 74a, 1903, par. 1*

The printing office in Nashville has been established in the providence of God in a place where its influence can tell mightily in behalf of the work for the white people and also for the colored people in the great South. The buildings are large enough to accommodate the work which ought to be done, and with a few additional facilities they can print and bind many books. *18LtMs, Lt 74a, 1903, par. 2*

You will recognize that I have confidence in the work of the Southern Publishing Association when I tell you that I have loaned them some money and that I am planning to give them some of my books for publication. I feel free, my sister, to recommend you to make a loan to the Southern Publishing Association as proposed in your letter. I look for a great work to be done in this office. *18LtMs, Lt 74a, 1903, par. 3*

Yours in the Master’s service. *18LtMs, Lt 74a, 1903, par. 4*

**Lt 75, 1903**

Drier, Marian

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 7, 1903

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Dear sister Marian Maynard Drier,—

I have received and read your letter and will try to answer it. My sister, I understand something about the state of your mind. The other day I wrote a letter to a poor, tempted soul, and I will send you a copy of this letter. *18LtMs, Lt 75, 1903, par. 1*

To each one of us has been given the great blessing of being God’s little child. Why, then, should we be unhappy? We are all afflicted with the malady of sin, but we have a Saviour who can take away our sin; for in Him is no sin. We all have many difficulties to meet, many problems to solve. Many try to escape from their difficulties by doing various things. But only by coming to Christ can poor, erring human beings find peace and happiness and help. *18LtMs, Lt 75, 1903, par. 2*

There is a remedy for you, Marian. Do not look on the dark side. There is a bright side. It is your privilege to be pleasant and cheerful and to believe the precious promises of God. Remember that you are one of the heavenly Father’s little children. The dear Saviour loves you, and He does not want you to bring distress into your heart by thinking that your case is hopeless. *18LtMs, Lt 75, 1903, par. 3*

You will never find relief while you keep your eyes fastened on yourself. I offer you a sure remedy. Look ever to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith. Will you not try this remedy? You will find that it is efficacious. Christ invites you, “Come unto Me; ... and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am

meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” [Matthew 11:28-30.] *18LtMs, Lt 75, 1903, par. 4*

I want you to begin to realize more fully than you have ever done before that Jesus is the Sin-bearer. He came to this world as the great Medical Missionary, and He says to you, “Lay on Me your burden of sin. I have become the Sin-bearer.” He lived in our behalf a life of perfect obedience, and in our behalf He shed His precious blood on the cross; and He clothes repentant sinners with His robe of righteousness. He would have you realize more fully His power to save to the uttermost all who come to Him. He will take you under His watchcare. He loves you. He will accept you and set you apart to His service. He does not cast you off when you make mistakes. He does not want you to look on the dark side and talk unbelief, but to look on the bright side, my dear, afflicted sister. By the indwelling of His Spirit, He will make you more than a conqueror through Him that loved you and gave Himself for you. *18LtMs, Lt 75, 1903, par. 5*

When you look at yourself, darkness comes into your soul. Look to Jesus. He is your righteousness and your light. Cast your helpless soul upon Him. If you throw yourself upon His mercy, you will surely receive blessings. Your efforts to help yourself will be of no avail. Come to the precious Saviour in faith, saying, “In my hands no price I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling.” He will reach out His divine hand and lift you up. *18LtMs, Lt 75, 1903, par. 6*

Speak cheerful words until this becomes familiar language to you. Commit the keeping of your soul to Christ. Show that you believe that you are His little child. Speak cheerful, hopeful words, and the Lord will help you. Never, never give way to fear. Be joyful in God. The Bible reveals our fallen condition, and it also reveals Christ as our Saviour. His salvation is for you. “All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God,” but Christ declares, “Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.” [Romans 3:23; John 6:37.] *18LtMs, Lt 75, 1903, par. 7*

You have no power in yourself to save yourself. You know this. Christ is your Redeemer. He will save you. He has purchased you; you are His property. Then do not wrench yourself away from Him.

We ought to be thankful every moment of our lives that an atonement has been made for us. When we were yet without hope, Christ died for us. Say, "I believe that He died for me. I claim Him as my Saviour." Lay hold of the riches of His grace, saying, "I will believe, I do believe that Jesus died for me." *18LtMs, Lt 75, 1903, par. 8*

From the cross of Calvary there come to us liberty, hope, and encouragement. No longer dishonor Christ by showing unbelief. The prospect may seem dark, but God can make it light. When the enemy tells you that you have sinned, and that there is no hope for you, resist his temptation, saying, "Get thee behind me, Satan. Sin shall not have dominion over me." [See *Luke 4:8; Romans 6:14.*]*18LtMs, Lt 75, 1903, par. 9*

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments." [*1 John 2:1-3.*]*18LtMs, Lt 75, 1903, par. 10*

May the Lord bless you, and help you, and strengthen you by His rich grace, is my most earnest prayer. Look no longer on the dark side. The Lord Jesus is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. Then look toward the light. Educate your lips to speak the praise of God. Thus you will glorify His name.*18LtMs, Lt 75, 1903, par. 11*

**Lt 76, 1903**

Drier, Brother

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 7, 1903

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Dear Brother Drier,—

I have read the letter that you wrote me, and I will now try to respond. I wish to say to you, my brother, that the Lord would have you treat your wife very tenderly. I am instructed to say that it is not true that your wife has committed the unpardonable sin. She is afflicted with hopeless feelings and has lost her faith that Christ loves her. But she is one of the Lord’s little ones, and you must be very careful to lay no stumbling block in her way. *18LtMs, Lt 76, 1903, par. 1*

The idea that she has been forsaken by the Lord is a device of the enemy to destroy her faith. You must both unite in seeking the Lord in earnest prayer to lift this cloud from her. Humble your heart before Him, my brother, and be sure always to treat your wife with love and kindness. In the home follow a course that will increase her confidence in you as a true, faithful servant of Christ. Have you been as faithful as you should to keep your home life elevated? There is danger of your failing to be cleansed and sanctified in your home life. Act so consistently that your wife will not be tempted to question your piety or your Christianity. *18LtMs, Lt 76, 1903, par. 2*

It is not necessary that you and your wife should separate. If you will, you can help your wife. Be a true, faithful Christian. Bring all the encouragement to your wife that you can. Show her that you love her. Never give her the slightest cause to think that you have lost your love for her. Make every effort to bring sunshine into her life. Let her see that you value her. Make a special effort to lift the cloud that is hanging over her; for thus Satan is trying to deceive

her. *18LtMs, Lt 76, 1903, par. 3*

To whom shall we go with our troubles but to Christ? You may also add, "Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." [*John 6:68, 69.*] Bring Christ into your home as an honored guest. Talk of His love and His goodness. Your standard of what a Christian should be is too low. Your conversation must be in heaven, whence we look for the Saviour. *18LtMs, Lt 76, 1903, par. 4*

Christ's life, His death, His resurrection, His ascension are not mere theories, but facts, testifying that in Him alone there is power to save. O my brother, your finite capacity of perception and knowledge may be greatly increased by a daily practice of the truth. Speak the truth in love. The mercy, the love, the sympathy that dwelt in the heart of Christ needs to be constantly cherished in your heart. Christ is to appear, not merely in occasional remarks, but in all that you say and do, because you value His love. You need greater refinement and deeper, more constant spirituality. As you bring Christ into your life, the sanctifying, purifying influence of His Spirit will be sure to appear in your words and acts, in your home life and in your church work. *18LtMs, Lt 76, 1903, par. 5*

I ask you, Will you not change decidedly in your words and manners? God's love is not only to be talked of, but brought into the daily life. You are to reveal Christ wherever you are. But your first work is to reveal Him in your home. By bringing into the home life consideration, tenderness, thoughtfulness, and unselfish love, you will gain an experience that will make you a blessing wherever you go. I ask you to exert in your home an influence that is soul-saving. Encourage your wife. This service, done for the sake of one who needs it, will be acceptable to God. *18LtMs, Lt 76, 1903, par. 6*

Do not presume upon the forbearance of God. Kneel before Him with your wife, and ask Him to give you both His grace, His love, His peace, that you may be what God desires you to be to one another. *18LtMs, Lt 76, 1903, par. 7*

Make it your first business to help Marian. Do not disparage her. Be a help and a blessing to the little church in your own home, and then God will make you a blessing to the church in other places. In



your home pray to God and humble your heart before Him. Then go to the assembly of His people to exalt and glorify Him. Do not talk unbelief. Talk a noble, uplifting faith, that will bring you both rich blessing. Say, I will not fail nor become discouraged. Try God's plan, and then write and tell me if your experience does not change.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 76, 1903, par. 8*

**Lt 77, 1903**

Drier, Brother and Sister

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 8, 1903

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My dear brother and sister,—

This morning I have read over the letters I have written you, and I will now write a letter to you both. Do not for one moment think of separating. See how much of the precious graces of the Spirit you can each bring into your lives. Soon we shall see the King in His beauty. In this life we are to get a fitting up that will enable us to act a part in the future life. Remember that the eye of Christ is upon you both. He says, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” [*Matthew 28:20.*] Study His life and follow His example. Never give way to your feelings, but move from a consciousness that Christ is your only hope. Commune with Him. “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.” [*Philippians 2:12, 13.*] Take your position on the side of God. See in the beauty and perfection of His created works a revelation of His power and goodness and majesty. He desires to form in each of you a character like His own perfect character, that your record in the books of heaven may be, “Ye are complete in Him.” [*Colossians 2:10.*]*18LtMs, Lt 77, 1903, par. 1*

Remember that in your treatment of one another, you are to reveal the gentleness of Christ. Love dies unless it is kept watered with words of encouragement.*18LtMs, Lt 77, 1903, par. 2*

“Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.” [*Psalms 103:13.*] The strength of the Lord is revealed by His gentleness and condescension and by His incarnation. He was “God manifest in the flesh.” [*1 Timothy 3:16.*] Think of the love He

manifested in receiving so kindly the mothers that the disciples would have sent away when they came bringing their children to Him that He might lay His hands on them and bless them. "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not," He said to the disciples; "for of such is the kingdom of heaven." [*Matthew 19:14.*] *18LtMs, Lt 77, 1903, par. 3*

That same Jesus speaks to you both today, saying, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." [*Matthew 11:28.*] Marian, dear child, you are invited to come to Jesus. He will give you, Marian Maynard Drier, rest in Him. He will heal your infirmities. He will inspire you with hope. He will fill your heart with His love and compassion. *18LtMs, Lt 77, 1903, par. 4*

Have faith in Jesus. Cultivate trust in Him. Do your best every day, and each day you will be enabled to do better. Life and immortality are before you. Press on to reach the standard that God has set before you. Learn of Christ; you will then be a blessing to one another in the daily life. You can glorify God by bearing daily inconveniences uncomplainingly. Sing to the Lord. Pray to Him in faith. Come before Him with thanksgiving. Make one another happy. This is your first work. Be pleasant to one another. This will strengthen the best traits of character. Throw the windows of the soul wide open heavenward, and let the sunshine of Christ's righteousness in. Morning, noon, and night your heart may be filled with the bright beams of divine light. *18LtMs, Lt 77, 1903, par. 5*

Do not find fault with one another. This will encourage the enemy to enter. You can help one another if you will exercise tact and ingenuity and wisdom. Speak kind, affectionate words. Never utter a word of blame or censure. Blend together in union, and God will water your souls with the dew of heaven. *18LtMs, Lt 77, 1903, par. 6*

A fountain has been opened for Judah and Jerusalem, and Christ invites you to come and drink. No one who comes to this fountain goes away unhealed. Come, my dear sister, just as you are. Christ invites you to come and be healed. The fountain is open, and it is ever flowing for all. Then believe, believe. Receive the blessing that God has for you, and rejoice in His love. *18LtMs, Lt 77, 1903, par. 7*

**Lt 78, 1903**

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

Oakland, California

March, 1903

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Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

We are in the midst of our Conference. For a time I thought I would not attend. The Lord alone knows how severely my strength was taxed during the council meetings which were held last October in Battle Creek, though I did not go to them. Night after night for about four weeks, I was unable to sleep after twelve o'clock. My soul was burdened as a cart beneath sheaves. I knew that a crisis had come in the work of Seventh-day Adventists, and that unless right moves were made, we should be brought into very strait and difficult places. For three nights many things were presented to me. One night I saw as it were a flaming sword of fire stretched out over Battle Creek. So heavily burdened was I that the agonies of death seemed to be upon me. I cried, "Lord, have mercy upon Thy erring people. O God, save for Thy mercy's sake."*18LtMs, Lt 78, 1903, par. 1*

When I received the news that the office of the Review and Herald had been burned, but that no lives had been lost, I could but feel a sense of relief, and say, "Lord, in Thy wrath Thou hast remembered mercy." [See *Habakkuk 3:2*.]*18LtMs, Lt 78, 1903, par. 2*

But the destruction of our Review and Herald office is not to be lightly regarded. For many years, and especially for the last twenty years, the Lord has been sending warnings to His people, but these messages have been little heeded. What else could we expect than that God should in a signal manner manifest His displeasure?*18LtMs, Lt 78, 1903, par. 3*

Every act in the service of God should be performed in the Lord's way. Those working in connection with the cause of God should not permit one act of injustice to be seen in their business transactions. *18LtMs, Lt 78, 1903, par. 4*

The Lord was in the establishment of the Review and Herald office in Battle Creek. And until the men in positions of trust in that institution transgressed the principles of God's law, a good work was done there. But there were brought into connection with the office men who in character and disposition did not represent Christ. God says, "I hate robbery for burnt offering." [*isaiah 61:8.*] *18LtMs, Lt 78, 1903, par. 5*

Twice during His earthly ministry, Jesus cleansed the temple, driving out those engaged in robbery and oppression. At the beginning of His ministry He entered the temple. He was the originator and founder of the whole system of Jewish economy. All the sacrifices were types of the great Offering who now stood in His temple. But how dishonoring to God the scene that met His eye. A large number of sacrifices were offered at the time of the Passover, and the sales at the temple were very large. The priests and rulers having bought cattle and other animals at very low cost were selling them at exorbitant prices to those who had come a long distance and were compelled to buy animals for sacrifice. Here could be heard sharp bargaining, the lowing of cattle, the bleating of sheep, the cooing of doves mingled with the clinking of coin and angry disputation. *18LtMs, Lt 78, 1903, par. 6*

As Jesus came into the temple, He took in the whole scene. He saw the unfair transactions. He saw the distress of the poor who thought that without shedding of blood there would be no remission of sins. He saw the outer court of His temple converted into a place of unholy traffic. Christ saw that something must be done. Raising the scourge of small cords, gathered up on entering the enclosure, He bids the bargaining company depart from the precincts of the temple. With a zeal and severity He has never before manifested, He overthrows the tables of the money changers. The coin falls, ringing sharply upon the marble pavement. None presume to question His authority. None dare stop to gather up their ill-gotten gain. Jesus does not smite them with the whip of cords, but in His

hand, that simple scourge seems terrible as a flaming sword. Officers of the temple, speculating priests, brokers and cattle traders with their sheep and oxen rush from the place with the one thought of escaping from the condemnation of His presence.*18LtMs, Lt 78, 1903, par. 7*

Once again Jesus cleansed the temple courts. He drove from them those who were desecrating them, saying, "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." [*Matthew 21:13.*]*18LtMs, Lt 78, 1903, par. 8*

**Lt 79, 1903**

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 7, 1903

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Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

I have received and read your letters. I can write but a short letter in reply, as I am unable to tax my head or my eyes too severely. I feel very grateful to my heavenly Father that He comes very near to me and strengthens me by His rich grace. *18LtMs, Lt 79, 1903, par. 1*

The burdens I carried at the Conference taxed my strength severely, but the Lord strengthened me, and I had evidence that He had a work for me there. As I was unable to walk to the meetings, and could not conveniently get the use of a horse and carriage, I was taken to and from the church in a comfortable wheel chair rented from a secondhand furniture store. *18LtMs, Lt 79, 1903, par. 2*

I spoke several times before the large congregation gathered in the Oakland church. The second Sabbath I was in doubt as to the advisability of attempting to speak, as I had contracted a severe cold. But I dared not remain at home; so I said, I will place myself in a position to speak, and then, if I am unable, I will be humble enough to refrain from speaking. I found the church crowded. To the praise of God, upheld and sustained by His power, I was enabled to speak for an hour and a quarter. Some who for forty years have frequently heard me speak said they had never before heard me give so powerful a discourse. No one could doubt that the power of God rested upon me. Before I took my seat, I asked all to rise to their feet who would seek to meet the mind of the Holy Spirit, and pledge themselves by God’s help to put away all murmuring

and complaining and all evil speaking; who would cease to hinder one another by setting a wrong example. Nearly all in the congregation rose, testifying that they would seek to advance the work of God instead of hindering it. *18LtMs, Lt 79, 1903, par. 3*

Then we knelt, and as my soul was drawn out in earnest prayer, the congregation realized that the power of God was upon me. I had much reason to be thankful that the Lord so evidently sustained me. I asked the congregation to sing, "Rock of ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee." This hymn was a prayer to God in which all could join, and I know that angels of God united with the petition that rose from so many hearts and voices. *18LtMs, Lt 79, 1903, par. 4*

I was sustained during all the time I was at the Conference; and a few days before the close of the gathering, I returned to St. Helena. The strain upon me had been heavy. *18LtMs, Lt 79, 1903, par. 5*

Since the Conference, the brethren have been in council at Battle Creek. I have been greatly encouraged to hear from the brethren there that unity and love exist among them. This is a great victory. *18LtMs, Lt 79, 1903, par. 6*

I hope that there may not be a shadow of discord at our Sanitarium in Sydney. I would say, Constantly draw near to God; and when you are all one with Christ, you will be united in holy, Christian fellowship. *18LtMs, Lt 79, 1903, par. 7*

We each need the help we can receive from other minds. God will work in other minds than ours. The various gifts given to different ones are to blend for the "perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." [*Ephesians 4:11, 12.*] *18LtMs, Lt 79, 1903, par. 8*

I have been instructed to say to our medical missionary workers in America that the yoke of forms and ceremonies must be broken from their necks. Our medical missionary work has been sick and in need of a physician. *18LtMs, Lt 79, 1903, par. 9*

The Lord Jesus Christ will heal our infirmities and our weaknesses. He owns us. We are His by creation and by redemption. We must



all be united in Him. He is the only source of healing. All restoring power comes from Him. He has opened a fountain “to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.” [*Zechariah 13:1.*] He gives each one an invitation to come and be healed and to drink of the water of life. Let us not trust in ourselves, but in Jesus. *18LtMs, Lt 79, 1903, par. 10*

There will always be obstacles before us, but we are to follow our Leader, meeting our difficulties unitedly, hand in hand. There is only one way to heaven. We must walk in the footsteps of Jesus, doing His works, even as He did the works of His Father. We must study His ways, not man’s ways; we must obey His will, not our own. Walk carefully. Do not go ahead of Christ. Make no move without consulting your Leader. Ask in humble prayer, and “ye shall receive.” He is “the Way, the Truth, the Life.” [*John 16:24; 14:6.*] *18LtMs, Lt 79, 1903, par. 11*

Read and study carefully the prayer that Christ offered just before His trial, recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John. Follow its teachings, and you will be brought into unity. Our only hope of reaching heaven is to be one with Christ, and then in and through Christ we shall be one with one another. No one is called to walk alone. In Christ life and immortality are brought to light. He has opened the way to the kingdom of heaven to those who believe in Him, but He assigns to no one a path different to that which all must travel. He calls for unity, and unity we must have. God asks us to sink self in Christ. For the natural man this is not easy. But through the power of the incarnation of Christ, God manifest in the flesh, the strength of God is revealed in gentleness and beauty. To “as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God.” [*John 1:12.*] By this power we may overcome our evil tendencies and so modify our imperfect dispositions, that the will of God may be fulfilled in us. *18LtMs, Lt 79, 1903, par. 12*

We are all God’s little children, members of one family. We must each be refreshed by the same living stream, that we may find true elevation of soul. We must all be united when we reach the heavenly courts. *18LtMs, Lt 79, 1903, par. 13*

We are to be one with Christ. He is our pattern. We are

commanded to be “followers of God, as dear children.” [*Ephesians 5:1.*] Our liberty is found in wearing Christ’s yoke. “Follow Me,” He says, “in humble, practical obedience. If you walk by yourself the obstacles in the road will be insurmountable. Believe in Me. Commit the keeping of your soul to Me.” *18LtMs, Lt 79, 1903, par. 14*

I wish to speak particularly in reference to the establishment of food stores in various places. I have no light that this is your work. It is not clearly defined to me as the work for which you are best qualified. *18LtMs, Lt 79, 1903, par. 15*

If you can connect with the Doctors Kress, this will be of great benefit both to you and to them. The Lord would have you labor together in unity, even though your ideas and plans are not exactly alike. Men and women of different dispositions must unite in labor, working without contention or strife. Both you and Doctor Kress should stand in a conciliatory position. Remember that no one is free from mistakes. May the Lord help you, my dear friends. *18LtMs, Lt 79, 1903, par. 16*

Now let me speak as a mother to you both. You ought not to be troubled with dyspepsia if you partake of simply prepared food and eat nothing between meals. Let your stomach rest when you sleep. A tainted breath and a coated tongue indicate that undigested food is lying in the stomach. *18LtMs, Lt 79, 1903, par. 17*

Let not your work show the effect of errors in diet. This is not health reform. I am instructed to tell you that the Lord would have you improve your dietetic habits. You need to study carefully what foods you are best able to digest. For years you have been doing injury to your digestive organs, and you now need to exercise care. Unless by correct habits you place yourself on the list of health reformers, you cannot properly do the work of the Lord. You should stand where you can be of the greatest use in His cause. *18LtMs, Lt 79, 1903, par. 18*

**Lt 80, 1903**

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 8, 1903

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Dr. J. H. Kellogg

My dear brother,—

I received your letter, also one from Elder Daniells. It made my heart very thankful to know that our brethren are doing all they possibly can to come into unity. May the Lord lead them on step by step.<sup>18LtMs, Lt 80, 1903, par. 1</sup>

I have begun several letters to you but have been hindered from finishing them. The responsibilities at this time rest upon me heavily. They seem tremendous, and I lay down my pen and feel like weeping. The day before yesterday, between one and two o'clock in the morning, I was greatly blessed. I was given the assurance that the everlasting arms were round about me. I praised the Lord with heart and soul and then went from my sleeping room to my office and walked the room, rejoicing in my Saviour and in my heavenly Father for giving Christ to our world.<sup>18LtMs, Lt 80, 1903, par. 2</sup>

We have much to be thankful for. I am especially thankful for the present movement of the brethren in Battle Creek to become one with Christ in God. For several months I have been writing almost constantly, trying to present before our people that which the Lord has given me for them. Again and again it has been urged upon me to present to them that which has been presented to me. I thought that it might be that my work was about to close up, and that this was the reason that the charge was made so urgent; and I have

written for the eternal interest of all who desire to know what is truth. *18LtMs, Lt 80, 1903, par. 3*

There are many who will sell their eternal interests for worldly favors. On every side there will be oppression. The leaven of evil will be introduced by those who are not spiritual-minded, those who are not molded and fashioned after the divine similitude. Confidence placed in any one but God will blight and wither. *18LtMs, Lt 80, 1903, par. 4*

The Word of God does not repress activity, but guides us aright, pointing out sanctified methods for the accomplishment of the work that is to save souls. It presents to us a work that if done faithfully will make us worthy of the immortal inheritance. God knows exactly what each man needs to enable him to rise in moral value. He puts the Bible into his hands—a light that is not to be ignored or set aside as of no special importance. “Search the Scriptures,” Christ says, “for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of Me.” [*John 5:39.*] The Word of God tells man how he may become an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ to an immortal inheritance. Knowing that it is man’s nature to accumulate and amass, God in His Word reveals to him the unsearchable riches, an inexhaustible treasure. Knowing that man’s strongest impulse is to stand on vantage ground before all, God points out to him an ambition that he may safely cherish. “I will make a man more precious than fine gold,” He declares, “even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.” [*Isaiah 13:12.*]*18LtMs, Lt 80, 1903, par. 5*

It is that man may obtain the life that measures with the life of God that the Lord breaks up his worldly, ambitious projects, which, if permitted to engross the mind, would unfit him for the future world. *18LtMs, Lt 80, 1903, par. 6*

God is testing every one of us. He entrusts us with talents, to see whether we will be thoroughly unselfish in the use we make of them. He tells us plainly, “He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much.” “And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man’s, who shall give you that which is your own?” [*Luke 16:10, 12.*]*18LtMs, Lt 80, 1903, par. 7*

Let us remember that we are to be tried by the laws of Christ’s

kingdom. We are not our own to do with ourselves as we please. We have been bought with a price, and the laws of Christ's kingdom, the ten holy precepts, present the standard that we are to reach. God is jealous of His law. He tests every man to see whether he will obey or not. *18LtMs, Lt 80, 1903, par. 8*

Man sinned, and death is the penalty of sin. Christ bore the penalty and secured for man a period of probation. In this time of probation we are now living. We have been given an opportunity to prove ourselves of value in the sight of Him who gave His only begotten Son that we should not perish, but have everlasting life. *18LtMs, Lt 80, 1903, par. 9*

One is our Master, even Christ. We are to remember that we are His blood-bought heritage. God's will is to become our will. Physical, mental, and spiritual gifts have been placed in our possession. In the Bible, God's will is plainly made known. God expects every man to use his gifts in a way that will give him an increased knowledge of the things of God and will enable him to make improvement, to become more and more refined, ennobled, and purified. In this world men and women are to fit themselves to take their places among the nobility of heaven. In this world they are to prepare for translation into the courts above. Those who take up this work as the Bible directs will, through the grace of Christ, become examples of what all must be who enter in through the gates into the city. *18LtMs, Lt 80, 1903, par. 10*

We are to use God's gifts in a way that will please Him. We are to make real advancement in knowledge and virtue, learning Christ's meekness and lowliness, wearing His yoke and bearing His burdens. Thus we co-operate with Christ. His followers are to reveal to the world His spotless character, giving an example of the purity and nobility of those who will make up the family of the redeemed. Thus they work out their own salvation, knowing that God is working with them to will and to do of His good pleasure. *18LtMs, Lt 80, 1903, par. 11*

Those who remain faithful to God will meet the high standard that He has set up. Thus they will prove that human beings can, through the infinite sacrifice made for them, live pure, holy lives in this world

carrying out the principles of the heavenly kingdom.*18LtMs, Lt 80, 1903, par. 12*

Those who do not value their high calling, those who do not fulfil God's purpose for them, who fail of meeting the conditions plainly marked out in His Word, cut themselves loose from God. They prove themselves entirely unfit to serve the interests of their Master. Professing to be Christians, they dishonor Christ. They are doing the works of Satan, and God cannot co-operate with them. Their defects of character are constantly increasing. How can the Lord work with them? How can He place responsibilities in their hands? He can entrust His work to men only who will to do His will, to men who with consecrated hearts keep His commandments.*18LtMs, Lt 80, 1903, par. 13*

How can those who do not properly estimate the things that are of eternal interest be safe guides for God's people? The work that God requires from the leaders and teachers of His people demands eternal vigilance. It demands that men watch for souls as they that must give an account. He who is reckless in regard to his character building will make many others reckless, if he makes an effort to be pleasing to them and to gain their favor.*18LtMs, Lt 80, 1903, par. 14*

In all that we do we are to seek the glory of God. We are to be cleansed, renewed, sanctified, made in character like Christ. "They that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." [*Romans 8:8-11.*]*18LtMs, Lt 80, 1903, par. 15*

**Lt 81, 1903**

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 8, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *21MR 70-71*.

Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

I have read the letters that came to me from you in the last mail from Australia. I will try to write you a few lines in reply. My left eye must be kept bandaged, because of its weakness and pain, and I cannot read your letters over again; so you must excuse me if I do not speak of all the points you mentioned. *18LtMs, Lt 81, 1903, par. 1*

One point stands out clearly before me—the proposition that Elder Starr and his wife connect with you in the Sanitarium. This is just what I was going to propose. They will, I think, be a blessing to you. *18LtMs, Lt 81, 1903, par. 2*

The work upon which you have entered so recently will bring new duties, and the faithful performance of these duties will bring new blessings. New trials will come, new dangers and difficulties. You will have new problems to solve. But though a veil hangs over the future, you have a knowledge of the Lord’s mercies in the past. Allow no difficulties to discourage you. You have passed through trials, and you will be called to pass through trials again. You have had to pass through experiences not altogether agreeable, and these experiences may be repeated. Temptations have come to you, and temptations will come to you again. *18LtMs, Lt 81, 1903, par. 3*

We know not what is before us; but we know that we have the privilege of committing our souls to God, as unto a faithful Creator. Let us thank God that we have a refuge in trial. Let us remember that Christ is a present help in every time of need. The promises of God’s Word are rich and full and free. God is with us; He cares for

us. *18LtMs, Lt 81, 1903, par. 4*

God is revealed to us in Christ. Our Saviour is the image of the invisible God. O how near to heaven we may be. "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father," Christ declared. [*John 14:9.*]*18LtMs, Lt 81, 1903, par. 5*

Let us allow no worldly business to absorb our energies. Let us allow nothing to occupy the place that God should fill. We must have periods of rest, times set apart for meditation and prayer and for spiritual refreshing. Christ went about doing good, healing all manner of sickness and forgiving all sins, comforting the mourners, banishing sorrow by His presence. Let us behold Him, the very compassion and lovingkindness of God Himself.*18LtMs, Lt 81, 1903, par. 6*

Let us seek the Lord. He will be your Helper as you commit the sick ones in the Sanitarium to His care. Rest assured that He will cooperate with those that are connected with the Sanitarium. Never forget that you are God's little children. Refuse to worry about what you cannot help. If you make mistakes, go to the compassionate Saviour and ask Him for forgiveness. Tell Him that you want to follow His will. Be polite to God. Remember that He cares for you, and that He will be a present help in every time of need. His "tender mercies are over all His works." [*Psalms 145:9.*]*18LtMs, Lt 81, 1903, par. 7*

It is our privilege to open our hearts and let the Saviour in. Let us praise Him for the brightness of His presence. Let us carry the sunshine of His love on our countenances and bring it into our words. Then His joy will be in us, and our joy will be full.*18LtMs, Lt 81, 1903, par. 8*

There is one thing I wish you to do—you and Brother and Sister Burden and Brother and Sister Starr. Search out what is written in the Scriptures and in the Testimonies on the subject of unity, and read it often. You will be tried by the ways of your fellow workers. Never forget that God's plan is that there shall be unity in diversity. The breath of the higher life is to be breathed into our lifework. This will bind us to one another and to God. The love of Christ needs to come into our experience. Then we shall love one another as Christ



has loved us. I feel an intense desire to see the people of God united by the strong bonds of love and unity. *18LtMs, Lt 81, 1903, par. 9*

**Lt 82, 1903**

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 10, 1903

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Dear brother and sister Burden,—

I am very anxious that you should move understandingly. According to the light given me of God, the food business should be carried on for the purpose of educating people to live healthfully and economically, not for financial gain. Each one should learn what foods are best adapted to his own necessities. *18LtMs, Lt 82, 1903, par. 1*

We cannot expect that those who come to our sanitariums will be able at once to feel perfectly satisfied with the sudden change in diet. They cannot immediately realize the advantage to be gained. Our managers must exercise wisdom in this matter. *18LtMs, Lt 82, 1903, par. 2*

I would not advise the use of meat in our sanitariums, but the patients should be told why it is not provided. In their lectures, the doctors should explain these things. *18LtMs, Lt 82, 1903, par. 3*

The quantity of food eaten does not determine the benefit received. Many, even among Seventh-day Adventists, eat too freely. Their health would be much better if they ate less. When too much food is eaten, the stomach is overburdened and is unable to perform its proper functions. The result is that the digestive organs are disordered. If those who have brought themselves to this condition would eat proper food, and about half as much as they have been in the habit of eating, their digestive organs would recover. *18LtMs, Lt 82, 1903, par. 4*

In my habits of eating, I have learned to accommodate myself to the circumstances in which I am placed. I was obliged to do this in my earlier experiences. Sometimes when laboring the hardest, speaking before large gatherings two and even three times a day, I have found that I was better fitted for work when I ate but one meal a day. Ordinarily I eat two meals a day, taking breakfast at seven and dinner at half-past one. I never experience a feeling of faintness, except when I have taxed my vocal powers severely. I then take a cold bath as a tonic and lie down. The greatest strain seems to come on my abdominal muscles, which are brought into use when I speak. *18LtMs, Lt 82, 1903, par. 5*

Reason from cause to effect, that you may be able to select the food that is best for you. The Lord expects you to treat yourselves as His temple. You can do for yourselves what others cannot do for you. Act intelligently, that you may be kept in the best possible condition of health. Every soul is precious in the sight of God. We must guard the physical structure carefully, lest we defile the temple of God. *18LtMs, Lt 82, 1903, par. 6*

**Lt 83, 1903**

Kellogg, H. W.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 13, 1903

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H. W. Kellogg

My dear brother,—

I had almost forgotten that I ought to write to you in regard to lending Edson some money to assist him in publishing a book that he is getting out. He told me that you would be willing to lend him some money, were it not that you had promised some to me to help in purchasing the Potts Sanitarium in San Diego.*18LtMs, Lt 83, 1903, par. 1*

I wish to say, Brother Kellogg, that I am afraid that nothing can be done in regard to the purchase of this property until some one who thoroughly understands the matter can be on the ground to take charge of the business. I wish that the property could be purchased, but this seems impossible at the present time. Those on the ground do not seem to be in a position to handle the matter. And I dare not take the responsibility of urging them to go ahead.*18LtMs, Lt 83, 1903, par. 2*

I think that I shall <now> let this matter rest where it is; for I cannot take the responsibility, as I once felt that I could. We thought that perhaps the question of purchasing this property would be taken up at the General Conference, but nothing was said in regard to it.*18LtMs, Lt 83, 1903, par. 3*

I am carrying a heavy burden for the work and cause of God. As I see the lack of principle manifested, and the feeble faith that is

shown in the message that means so much to us, I am filled with fear. I am now obliged to write some things in regard to the danger of carrying the health food business and the restaurant work to extremes. I have written that restaurants should be established as a means of bringing those who know the truth into touch with the people of the world and of providing opportunities of reaching these people with the message of present truth. Should those attending these restaurants reform in their habits of eating, they would be better prepared to listen to arguments in favor of the truth. *18LtMs, Lt 83, 1903, par. 4*

But if by the restaurant work there is not awakened a deep and living interest in the things of eternal importance, what is gained by the work? Christ is hungry for souls, hungry to see those for whom He gave His life receiving the blessings placed within their reach. Shall He have died for them in vain? Satan will use every opportunity to seduce men from their allegiance to God. He and the angels who fell with him will appear on the earth as men, seeking to deceive. God's angels, also, will appear as men and will use every means in their power to defeat the purposes of the enemy. We, too, have a part to act. We shall surely be overcome unless we fight manfully the battles of the Lord. *18LtMs, Lt 83, 1903, par. 5*

It is in order that those who love God and keep His commandments may have as little hindrance as possible in their advancement in the heavenward way, that they are warned not to live in the cities. If by our restaurant work souls are not won to the truth, what is gained by entering so largely into this work, which must be done in the cities? Will the result justify the effort put forth? Will it pay for our young men and young women to spend their time and energy in providing and serving food for worldlings, while they make no effort to save their souls, no effort to lead them to see the light of present truth? *18LtMs, Lt 83, 1903, par. 6*

Christ said, "I am the light of the world. He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. [*John 8:12.*] Those who walk in the light of My example, becoming My servants, My imitators, through faith and trust in Me will become sons of God." *18LtMs, Lt 83, 1903, par. 7*

A word further in regard to the point I mentioned at the beginning of this letter. I ask you to lend Edson the money that he needs in order to publish the book that he is getting out. With this book he desires to help the Southern work, and if you can lend him some money now, it will be a great help to him. *18LtMs, Lt 83, 1903, par. 8*

I am carrying a very heavy load of debt, much of which I incurred in my effort to establish the work in Australia on right lines. I have been given light that I should own the plates of my books, [that] I may plan wisely for their wide circulation. The Review and Herald owns the plates of several of my books, and I wish to ask you, my brother, whether you would be willing to lend me some money to buy back these plates. I should indeed feel thankful if I could arrange this matter with the Review and Herald. I ask the money as a loan, and I will pay you again; for the Lord will favor me. I have not forgotten the money that I owe you. When you want it, you shall have it. *18LtMs, Lt 83, 1903, par. 9*

I must stop now, and I will ask Willie to write you more fully regarding this matter. *18LtMs, Lt 83, 1903, par. 10*

## Lt 84, 1903

White, J. E.; White, Emma

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 12, 1903

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Dear children Edson and Emma,—

I have just written to H. W. Kellogg, asking him to send you some money to help publish the book you spoke of in your letter to me.*18LtMs, Lt 84, 1903, par. 1*

I have been writing many things lately in reference to various features of the work. Each day I have written as long as I have dared. Yesterday when I felt that I could no longer write, I read some of the letters you wrote me a long time ago. I am glad I have these letters. They have all been preserved in a canvas sack. I have read of your experiences in shipbuilding in Allegan, Michigan, and afterwards in operating the boat; of your work with Brother Palmer in Vicksburg and of his being called away. I feel sure that the best way to remove prejudice will be to have this history published. If all would feel as much interest in this history as I have felt while reading it, a great deal of good would be accomplished, and the work in the Southern field would be strengthened. Sara is arranging these letters so that I may read them in order. As I read them, I place them in Bro. Crisler's hands, who is preparing a section on the Southern work for the next testimony. He will use part of these letters in connection with the letters I have written you. When the matter is prepared, we will send the matter for your examination, that you may correct any mistakes you may see, and add to your letters any points you may think advisable.*18LtMs, Lt 84, 1903, par. 2*

I have had so much writing to do that most of the time I am very weary, but I will try to write to you frequently. If you have letters

from me that have not been copied, I would be glad if you would send them to me. Most of them have been copied, but I think a few were not. *18LtMs, Lt 84, 1903, par. 3*

I am trying to prepare for publication matter that will guard the work on every side so that it may not become disproportionate. We have many things in preparation for publication. We must move cautiously, lest we stir up bitter feelings. But the truth must appear just as it is. *18LtMs, Lt 84, 1903, par. 4*

I trust you are of good courage in the Lord. You can best help the work by gaining an experience in bookmaking. I know you are engaged in this work and that the Lord will help you. *18LtMs, Lt 84, 1903, par. 5*

Brother Hall from Oakland has been with us today. I have been talking with him in reference to the publication of my books. The Review and Herald is desirous of handling the books I shall bring out, but I have been instructed that I should own and control all the plates of my books. I am not to leave the precious things given me of God to be handled as the managers of any institution may be pleased to handle them. There must be perfect unity, but that unity must be maintained in diversity. *18LtMs, Lt 84, 1903, par. 6*

The publishing work is to be divided into many different territories. The Advocate publishers will have the territory that properly belongs to them. The Southern Publishing Company will work its own territory. The Review and Herald will also have its territory, but never again will they or any other company have the exclusive control of my books. *18LtMs, Lt 84, 1903, par. 7*

No longer is there to be one center in any branch of the work where men may say, "The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we." [*Jeremiah 7:4.*] The confederacy of power that has ruled for so long according to its selfish idea of superiority is to exist no longer. God has uprooted such claims. *18LtMs, Lt 84, 1903, par. 8*

Let those who have heeded the admonitions and counsels and appeals of God be respected. Unless there is in deed and in truth a decided reformation among our leading brethren, they will not be prepared to judge righteously, deal mercifully, or walk humbly with



God. This reformation is the only hope for our institutions. Truth, precious truth, must be enthroned in the heart to wield the scepter of righteousness. The Lord will save all who will imitate His character. *18LtMs, Lt 84, 1903, par. 9*

Our message is a solemn, sacred one. Are we prepared to meet the issue? "And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day." [*John 6:40.*] "I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth on Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." [*John 11:25, 26.*] "I go to prepare a place for you" (who believe in Me, and are imitators of Me). "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am there ye may be also." [*John 14:2, 3.*]*18LtMs, Lt 84, 1903, par. 10*

"Verily, verily I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live. ... The hour is coming, in the which all that are in their graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." [*John 5:25, 28, 29.*]*18LtMs, Lt 84, 1903, par. 11*

I have a deep interest in Brother Palmer, and remember you both in my prayers. I hope and pray that there may be a decided change in the atmosphere of the office. *18LtMs, Lt 84, 1903, par. 12*

There is a work for us to do, a preparation for us to make. We must imitate Christ's character. May the Lord put His Holy Spirit upon us, that we may do thorough work in fitting our characters for eternal life. God help you, my children, to be ready for the Lord's coming. *18LtMs, Lt 84, 1903, par. 13*

Edson and Emma, let us move carefully. We need not be discouraged. Watch and pray. Only believe, and you will see the salvation of God. Let everything be done in the spirit of meekness. Let us be sure that we possess the gentleness of Jesus. I have many burdens to bear, and you must help me. *18LtMs, Lt 84, 1903, par. 14*

In love. Peace be unto you.*18LtMs, Lt 84, 1903, par. 15*

**Lt 85, 1903**

Santee, Clarence

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 15, 1903

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Elder Clarence Santee  
Fernando, California

Dear Brother,—

I received your letter this afternoon and have time to write you only a few words before the Sabbath. *18LtMs, Lt 85, 1903, par. 1*

For years the Lord has been presenting to me the importance of holding our camp-meetings where we can reach the multitudes. Our time to work is very short, and we must carry our message to the people. I think there may be places where your camp-meeting could be located that would accomplish more in warning the people of coming events than in Fernando. *18LtMs, Lt 85, 1903, par. 2*

We are glad to hear your encouraging words about the school. I have felt from the first that it was the Lord's providence which gave you that location; and that if the school were wisely managed, it would prove a great blessing to the people of Southern California. I have felt that you ought to do thorough work with whatever you undertake; and that if you are faithful in teaching the common branches, many of your students could go directly into the work as canvassers, colporteurs, and evangelists. We need not feel that all workers must have an advanced education. I have been sorry that you called your school a college and that you have promised to teach so many advanced studies. I have never supposed that it was the work of the Fernando school to try to do the same work that is done at Healdsburg, Walla Walla, and South Lancaster schools. You will certainly make a serious mistake if you undertake, with a few students and a few teachers, to do the advanced work which is carried forward with so much difficulty and expense in our larger

schools. It will be better for your students and for the school for those who require the advanced studies to go to Healdsburg, and thus leave your faculty free to devote their best energies to doing thorough work in teaching the common branches. *18LtMs, Lt 85, 1903, par. 3*

Please do not make use of the document signed by yourself, Brother Giddings, and Brother Ballenger. I will make a more complete statement of my views regarding the work to be done at the Fernando school. *18LtMs, Lt 85, 1903, par. 4*

In arranging your faculty for the coming year, I advise you to secure a strong man to stand as principal of your school, a man whose physical strength will support him in doing thorough work as a teacher, thorough work as a disciplinarian; a man who is qualified to train the students in habits of order, neatness, and industry. *18LtMs, Lt 85, 1903, par. 5*

This is all I can write tonight. I shall hope to send you a longer letter in time for your consideration before you settle your plans for the coming year. *18LtMs, Lt 85, 1903, par. 6*

**Lt 86, 1903**

Exec. Committee of Southern Calif. Conf.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 17, 1903

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To the Executive Committee of the Southern California Conference

Dear brethren,—

From Elder Santee’s letter, I learn that it has been proposed to hold your next camp-meeting at Fernando. No doubt this would be a convenience to those living near the school and to those families who wish to place their children in the school. But our camp-meetings ought not to be planned with a view to meeting the convenience of a few families, but with a view to warning the world and converting souls to the truth. *18LtMs, Lt 86, 1903, par. 1*

The church of Christ was organized for missionary purposes. Our camp-meetings are among the most important agencies in our work for fulfilling these purposes. Through them we may reach many with the gospel message. The Lord has instructed us that they are most effective agencies for doing this work. *18LtMs, Lt 86, 1903, par. 2*

From (*Testimonies for the Church 6:33*), I quote the following: *18LtMs, Lt 86, 1903, par. 3*

“In the sermon on the mount, Christ said to His disciples, ‘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.*] If our camp-meetings are conducted as they should be, they will indeed be a light in the world. They should be held in the large cities and towns where the message of truth has not been proclaimed. And they should continue for two or three weeks. It may sometimes be

advisable to hold a camp-meeting for several successive seasons in the same place; but as a rule the place of meeting should be changed from year to year.”*18LtMs, Lt 86, 1903, par. 4*

Brethren, I exhort you to read again what is written in this testimony regarding our camp-meeting work. Read it with a determination to understand the instruction given and to carry it into effect. I urge you to realize the importance of reading the directions that the Lord has given us, that we may carry forward His work on the lines that He has marked out. Let us hold our camp-meetings near some of the important cities, in a retired place, yet not so far away that the people will not attend. We are to hold these meetings where we can reach those who are perishing in sin.*18LtMs, Lt 86, 1903, par. 5*

Please read also the *section in Testimony Vol. 6, entitled “Education.”* This is the Lord’s message to parents, children, and teachers. Let our students obtain this book and read it with a determination to improve.*18LtMs, Lt 86, 1903, par. 6*

**Lt 87, 1903**

Students of the Fernando School

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 17, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *SpM 296-297*.

To the students of the Fernando school,—

I am very much pleased to know that during the first term of the school souls have been converted. I hope that you will always remember that it is for your eternal interest to make the most of your capabilities and opportunities. Remember that in your school life here below you can, if you choose, fit yourselves for entrance into the school above. *18LtMs, Lt 87, 1903, par. 1*

Those who are indeed Christians will reveal in their lives a fragrance of character that will win others to Christ. While you are in school, help your teachers all you can. Do not grieve and perplex them. They are human, like yourselves, and they need the grace of Christ as verily as you need it. Make the way as pleasant as possible for them. Be pleasant and agreeable. Be careful in regard to your words and actions. Do not make it necessary for your teachers to correct you again and again in regard to your personal habits. *18LtMs, Lt 87, 1903, par. 2*

Correct all that is lax or careless in your speech or your habits. Do not pass this over as a matter of little consequence. Wherever you are, keep your room clean and tidy. Let no dirt or rubbish accumulate, “lest the Lord pass by and see your uncleanness.” [See *Deuteronomy 23:14*.] Christ is pure and holy and undefiled. Do not grieve the heavenly angels by cherishing untidy, shiftless habits. It rests with you yourselves to decide whether you will be accepted by the Lord as vessels unto honor, fit for His use. *18LtMs, Lt 87, 1903, par. 3*

The Lord desires to see in you a daily improvement. Your parents sent you to school with the hope that you would obtain an education

that would make you more helpful in the home, more obedient, more kind, more thoughtful. The school term is about to close, and as you return to your homes, let your parents see that the school has accomplished much for you, making you a blessing in the home and in the Lord's work. *18LtMs, Lt 87, 1903, par. 4*



## Lt 88, 1903

Those in Charge of the Fernando School

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 17, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *SpM* 295-296.

To those in charge of the Fernando school

My dear brethren,—

I have received a letter from Brother Santee regarding the work of the Fernando school. He says, “God has blessed our Fernando school in many ways, and there is prospect of a much larger attendance in the next school year.” “We have labored for the students faithfully, and nearly all have given themselves to the Lord.” *18LtMs, Lt 88, 1903, par. 1*

For this encouraging report I am very thankful. It is for this that we have hoped and for this that we have prayed. Every student attending our schools should put on Christ, that by and by he may sit with the angels in heavenly places with Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 88, 1903, par. 2*

The light given me is that the educational branch of our work will be of great importance. What is it that will make our schools a power? It is not the size of the buildings. It is not the number of advanced studies taught. It is the faithful work done by teachers and students, as they begin at the lower rounds of the ladder of progress and climb diligently round by round. *18LtMs, Lt 88, 1903, par. 3*

Intermediate schools are highly essential. There are many parents who do not know how to train their children to be workers together with God. They have not in all things outgrown their childishness, and therefore they know not how to care properly for the church in their homes. Fathers and mothers have become indifferent to their obligations to God and unmindful of their duty to their children. Therefore we must establish schools that will be as the schools of

the prophets. *18LtMs, Lt 88, 1903, par. 4*

Recently it has been clearly presented to me that by the continued sale of the book *Christ's Object Lessons*, we may obtain means to help in establishing these schools and in freeing from indebtedness those already in operation. *18LtMs, Lt 88, 1903, par. 5*

The Word of God is to lie at the foundation of all the work done in these schools. And the students are to be taught the true dignity of labor. They are to be shown that God is a constant worker. Let every teacher take hold heartily with a group of students, working with them and teaching them how to work. As the teachers do this, they will gain a valuable experience. Their hearts will be bound up with the hearts of the students, and this will open the way for successful teaching. *18LtMs, Lt 88, 1903, par. 6*

Thorough work must be done in these schools; for many students will go from them directly into the great harvest field. They will go forth to use what they have learned, as canvassers and as helpers in various lines of evangelistic work. Many workers, after studying for a time in the field, will feel the need of further study and, with the experience gained in the field, will be prepared to value school privileges and to make rapid advancement. Some will desire an education in the higher branches of study. For these our colleges have been established. *18LtMs, Lt 88, 1903, par. 7*

It would be a sad mistake for us to fail to consider thoroughly the purpose for which each of our schools is established. This is a matter that should be faithfully considered by our responsible men in each Union Conference. All the different interests should be given careful consideration, and then each school should place its work on a proper basis. *18LtMs, Lt 88, 1903, par. 8*

I fear that my brethren have misunderstood my words regarding the Fernando school. I did not suppose that they would call it a college, or undertake to do college work. I was pleased with the number of students present at the opening, and with their appearance, and I wished to encourage them to reach the highest standard of excellence and usefulness. But I knew quite well that the school was not prepared to do the work done at Healdsburg College in advanced studies, or to give instruction that would entitle it to the

appellation of “college.” *18LtMs, Lt 88, 1903, par. 9*

It is a mistake for our schools to get out flowery notices of what they intend to do. It would have been well if at the very start you had counseled more freely with your brethren of the Union Conference, who have had experience in educational work. *18LtMs, Lt 88, 1903, par. 10*

Some may think that at Fernando we should undertake to do the same work as at Healdsburg College. But we must remember that Healdsburg College was designed to do advanced work for our students in many Conferences, and that it took years for Healdsburg College to reach its present advancement. In order for it to do this, a solid foundation had to be laid. Never did I entertain the thought that the present faculty of the Fernando school could do the work done in Healdsburg. *18LtMs, Lt 88, 1903, par. 11*

**Lt 89, 1903**

Teachers of the Fernando School

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 17, 1903

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To the teachers of the Fernando school,—

I have something to say in regard to the school at Fernando. Last night I was in earnest conversation with the school faculty. I was bearing them a decided message.*18LtMs, Lt 89, 1903, par. 1*

We are very grateful to God that there have been conversions in the school. But the school is not in all things reaching the high standard to which it may attain. A mistake was made in choosing the name adopted and in the announcement of studies that it was said would be taught. It is not wise for a new school to lift its banner and promise a high grade of work before it has proved that it is fully able to do preparatory work as it should be done. It should be the great aim in every intermediate school to do most thorough work in the common branches.*18LtMs, Lt 89, 1903, par. 2*

In every school that is established among us, the teachers should begin humbly, not grasping the higher rounds of the ladder before they have climbed the lower ones. They are to climb round after round, beginning at the bottom. They are to be learners, even as they teach the common branches. When they have come down to the simplicity of true education, they will better understand how to prepare students for advanced studies. Teachers are to learn as they teach. Advancement is to be made, and by advancement experience is to be gained.*18LtMs, Lt 89, 1903, par. 3*

Our teachers are not to think that their work ends with giving instruction from books. They should devote several hours each day

to working with the students in some line of manual training. This should in no case be neglected. *18LtMs, Lt 89, 1903, par. 4*

In every school there should be those who have a store of patience and disciplinary talent. It should be the part of these to see that every line of work is kept up to the highest standard. Lessons in neatness, order, and thoroughness are to be given to the students. They are to be taught to keep everything in the school and about the grounds in perfect order. *18LtMs, Lt 89, 1903, par. 5*

A teacher should learn to control himself before he attempts to deal with the youth. If he is not a constant learner in the school of Christ; if he has not the discernment and discrimination that enable him to employ wise methods in his work; if he cannot control those in his charge with firmness, yet pleasantly and kindly, how can he be successful in his teaching? The teacher who is not under the control of God needs to heed the invitation, "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:29, 30.*]*18LtMs, Lt 89, 1903, par. 6*

Every one acting in the capacity of a teacher should learn daily of Jesus, wearing His yoke of restraint, sitting in His school as a student, obeying the rules of Christian principle. The teacher who is not under the guidance of the great Teacher will not be able to meet successfully the different developments that will arise as the result of the perversity of the children and youth with whom he is dealing. *18LtMs, Lt 89, 1903, par. 7*

Let the teacher, bring love and peace and cheerfulness into his work. Let him not allow himself to become angry or provoked. The Lord is looking upon him with intense interest, to see if he is being educated by the great Teacher. The child who loses his self-control is far more excusable than the teacher who allows himself to become angry and impatient. When a teacher has a reproof to give, let him give it in a soft, gentle voice. Let him be careful not to make the child stubborn by speaking to him harshly. Let him follow every correction with drops of the oil of kindness. His heart should be softened by love and kindness. He should never forget that He is dealing with Christ in the person of one of Christ's little

children. *18LtMs, Lt 89, 1903, par. 8*

Let it be a settled maxim that in all school discipline, faithfulness and love are to reign. When a student is corrected in such a way that he cannot get the idea that the teacher desires to humiliate him, love for the teacher springs up in his heart. *18LtMs, Lt 89, 1903, par. 9*

**Lt 90, 1903**

Santee, Clarence

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 18, 1903

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Elder Clarence Santee

Dear Brother,—

I am sending to you words of counsel regarding your camp-meeting and your school. I am deeply interested in the prosperity of your school and desire to see God’s richest blessings attend it.*18LtMs, Lt 90, 1903, par. 1*

There is a great work to be done in the field, and the school interests must not become all-absorbing. It will not be wise for you to devote your time largely to the school. The Conference requires the labors of its president.*18LtMs, Lt 90, 1903, par. 2*

I advise you to strengthen your faculty. The principal is not able, physically, to do the work that needs to be done. He should be in a place where he will not have much brain work; for he can not endure the strain, neither can he do justice to the work.*18LtMs, Lt 90, 1903, par. 3*

Brother Giddings is not a man of strong mental or physical talents. He lacks some of the qualifications essential to success in dealing with minds. Let those teachers who have not self-control study diligently the lessons that Christ has given. When they have learned these lessons, they will be better qualified to teach the youth.*18LtMs, Lt 90, 1903, par. 4*

**Lt 91, 1903**

Faith, Elizabeth

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 18, 1903

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Mrs. Elizabeth Faith

My dear sister,—

I am pleased to see that you have been enabled, in the light of the law of God, to see sin as it is. When we talked together in Battle Creek, you had not moral perception to enable you to distinguish right from wrong. You were transgressing the law of God, but you did not appear to understand what you were doing. If you have been enlightened, if you can understand what it means to keep the law of God, if you have a correct idea of what sin is, how thankful you should be. If you know right from wrong, if you can distinguish between the service of sin and the service of God, if you have a clear sense of God’s requirements, then you may safely engage in His work as providence opens the way. *18LtMs, Lt 91, 1903, par. 1*

“The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.” [*Psalm 19:7.*] If a canvasser should be tempted by human agencies to do wrong, and should yield, and at the same time should think that he was doing right, should he continue to be trusted with a sacred, holy work? Will you think of this? You were dealt with as you should have been. A person doing as you did should no longer be left to handle sacred things. *18LtMs, Lt 91, 1903, par. 2*

If the Lord has given you a true conversion, and you can distinguish between sin and righteousness, God will instruct you. If you put your entire trust in Him, He will accept your service. The Lord forgave David, but He punished his transgression. David sincerely repented, but he lost his child. *18LtMs, Lt 91, 1903, par. 3*

I am thankful that you regard the past as you do, and I would



encourage you to do all the good you can in humble, trusting faith. If you go forward in meekness and do your best, you will be kept by the power of God.*18LtMs, Lt 91, 1903, par. 4*

I greatly desire the salvation of every soul. Each soul is precious in the sight of the Lord. He will give His grace to all who in sincere love for Him seek to do His will. He will pardon their transgressions.*18LtMs, Lt 91, 1903, par. 5*

Praying that you may be an overcomer, I am, Your sister.*18LtMs, Lt 91, 1903, par. 6*

**Lt 92, 1903**

Palmer, E. R.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 21, 1903

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Dear Brother Palmer,—

In the past I have felt perplexed about saying to you all that I desired to say; for I feared that you would not understand me. I now wish to say that had not the Review and Herald been destroyed, the plans that you and Elder Daniells were forming would have made it necessary for me to say many things to counteract what you were working to accomplish. In your feelings of opposition to the proper development of the smaller printing offices, and your desire to bring much of our publishing work to Battle Creek, you were on the wrong track. But the Lord has taken this matter in hand, in a way that must be recognized, and it is not necessary for me to carry this burden on my heart. *18LtMs, Lt 92, 1903, par. 1*

There are some things that I must present to you. It is not best for you to take up work in Battle Creek. Had you decided to accept the invitations for you to do this, I should have felt it my duty to present to you as clearly as possible what the result would be. I will now say that your wisest course will be not to attach yourself to any large center. In such a place there are always many perplexities, and there are always influences that work counter to the right. You are not prepared, mentally or physically, to meet these things. *18LtMs, Lt 92, 1903, par. 2*

My counsel to you is to take up the work in some new place. Try to build up a work that has not been shaped. In doing this your strength will be employed to far better advantage than in a place like Battle Creek, where the influences are so varied and so

unsanctified, and where the elements of contention are so strong. Away from the confusion of Battle Creek, you would be of far more value to the line of work that you are best fitted for. *18LtMs, Lt 92, 1903, par. 3*

Brother Palmer, the Lord has given you a special and important gift in your experience as a canvasser and your ability to teach others how to engage successfully in this work. You are not to become discouraged when you find that many do not see in all points as you do and that there is a diversity of plans. The Lord has not given you the responsibility of governing the work, but He has given you wisdom as a teacher, and He will help you to help others to learn how to carry the canvassing work forward to success. *18LtMs, Lt 92, 1903, par. 4*

The Lord will give you strength to bear every burden that He has laid upon you. He will help you to make a success of the canvassing work. That which the Lord has fitted you to do in the education of canvassers is a much-needed work. *18LtMs, Lt 92, 1903, par. 5*

It is not for me to lay out for you a definite line of work. But you should work, if possible, in some place where your mind will be kept in even balance, where you can be peaceful and quiet, where you will not be consulted on many questions. It is not best for you to have supervision over many things. Your mind should not be overtaxed. This would be a great injury to you. When too many perplexities are placed upon you, the blood rushes to your head, and you give way to an intensity of feeling that endangers your health. *18LtMs, Lt 92, 1903, par. 6*

Place yourself, if possible, where you will have little cause to worry over the work of others. As a teacher of canvassers you have talents that will make you very useful in the cause of God. But you are not to stand as a dictator. *18LtMs, Lt 92, 1903, par. 7*

If you should take upon you perplexities in which large interests are involved, the confusion that would come as the result of planning for the management of many things would not be for your own good or for the best interests of the cause of God. Those who would place upon you a variety of duties requiring the most careful management

are making a mistake. Your mind needs to be tranquilized. You are to do a work that will not produce friction in your mind. You are to keep your conscience in the fear of God, according to the Bible standard, and you are to make steady improvement, that you may not be in any way unfitted for the work God has given you to do.*18LtMs, Lt 92, 1903, par. 8*

You are not to place yourself where a multiplicity of cares will crowd upon you. And above all, you are not to forget that you have a church in your own home to care for. This point must be considered. You have children to guide and direct. In studying the differences in their dispositions and tendencies, you will gain a valuable experience. Do not try to embrace too much in your labors. If you do this, you will not have opportunity to study the characters of your children.*18LtMs, Lt 92, 1903, par. 9*

I should not advise you to connect with any of our large institutions, to be exposed to the many temptations that will come. We all accept too much responsibility in connection with our work when we need instead more restraint and a deeper sense of what God is to us and what we may be to Him. How many there are who live under such a pressure of worry that they taste but little of the sweetness of God's love. They do not know the meaning of the words, "That My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." [See *John 15:11.*]*18LtMs, Lt 92, 1903, par. 10*

Your dependence must be in God. You are not to let other men empty their minds into your mind. You are not to allow them by their persuasions to lead you into false paths. Put your trust wholly in Him who declares, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." [*Hebrews 13:5.*]*18LtMs, Lt 92, 1903, par. 11*

God has made a covenant of grace with you. Christ is your hope, your refuge. It will be well for you to consider carefully your accountability to Him, your need of walking in the ways of the Lord, so that you may be enabled to carry the responsibilities placed on you in consecrated, prayerful dependence on Him, with an eye single to His glory. God will help you to labor in a way that will bring encouragement and upbuilding to those who are striving to follow the Lord in self-denial and who cherish pure, unadulterated

principles. *18LtMs, Lt 92, 1903, par. 12*

Our salvation is not in our own keeping. It has been placed in the hands of our Mediator. We are safe only while we keep a firm hold on the unerring Guide. Our success is sure if we do not weave our natural inclinations into the doing of God's work. When we bring self into our efforts, our feelings are stirred upon the least provocation, and we speak and act with an authority that God does not design His children to exercise toward one another. *18LtMs, Lt 92, 1903, par. 13*

All who have a part in God's work are to remember that He is the Ruler, and that those who have been appointed to take charge of His work must be under His rulership, body, soul, and spirit. And they are to remember that it is not enough that they do no wrong. They are not to suffer wrong to be done. They themselves must cherish a fear to offend God that will effectually restrain them from doing evil. *18LtMs, Lt 92, 1903, par. 14*

He who is engaged in God's service must look constantly to Jesus, filled with the determination to follow Him who gave His life for the life of the world. Our abrupt words and actions show a zeal that is not according to knowledge. We need always to be on watch, lest the policy of the world creep in and one-sided plans unbalance the mind. Many are in positive danger of being led astray because they do not realize that they are in positive danger. They breathe the tainted atmosphere of the enemy, and as a thief in the night deception creeps upon them. The clear spiritual vision is dimmed. A line of action formed on false conceptions is followed, and the Holy Spirit is grieved. *18LtMs, Lt 92, 1903, par. 15*

With this I shall send to you something which I wrote several months ago about your work and that of Elder Daniells. You may have seen it. Please read it again. In it you will find encouragement and instruction. *18LtMs, Lt 92, 1903, par. 16*

**Lt 93, 1903**

Arthur, Sister

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 21, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Sister Arthur,—

I would be very glad if I could talk with you this evening, but as that is impossible, I will write. I hardly know where to address you, as by this time you may have left Boulder. *18LtMs, Lt 93, 1903, par. 1*

I am greatly comforted as I contemplate the strong pillars of our faith. Those who possess true godliness will reveal it in their daily lives. In business transactions, the Christian will honor his Master. In his social relations, he will manifest love, mercy, compassion, and strict integrity. In our lives we must ever reveal clearly the high and holy principles of heaven. To His followers, living amidst the wickedness of this world, Christ says, “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.*] True Christians will let their light shine and will be loyal to Christ. Christ demands constant loyalty. Let nothing interpose between your soul and Jesus Christ. Cast your helpless soul upon Him, and then the enemy cannot separate you from the love of Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 93, 1903, par. 2*

My dear sister, I hope that you are taking care of yourself and that your health is improving. Remember that the Lord Jesus is the Chief Physician. He knows every anxiety of your mind. He is acquainted with your every difficulty. He would have you lay aside your trouble and anxiety and put your trust in Him. “Be not faithless, but believing.” [*John 20:27.*] *18LtMs, Lt 93, 1903, par. 3*

My dear sister, we have a most precious Saviour. You love Jesus; therefore your life is hid with Christ in God. Love for Him will enable us to withstand the severe trials and temptations that come to us day by day. His love for fallen humanity has been plainly

demonstrated. His love for us is of the highest, most exalted character. It never fails. Privation could not starve that love. The whole weight of the sins of the world could not break the cord of love with which He encircles humanity. It was the thought that so many would fail to respond to His great love that caused Christ's heart to break. The great question for us to answer is, Do I love Jesus with the whole heart? If we do, His love will be more precious to us than language can express. *18LtMs, Lt 93, 1903, par. 4*

Be not surprised if temptations come to you. But remember that Christ's yoke is easy. He has bound Himself up with humanity, that humanity may be bound to Him. *18LtMs, Lt 93, 1903, par. 5*

Be hopeful. Knowing that Jesus loves you, you can be cheerful. Keep your soul in the love of God. Sometimes we may gain strength by being kept in quietness. Action is good sometimes; but often we may receive great blessing in calm, sweet meditation and in quiet study, waiting upon God for the refreshing of His Holy Spirit. "For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." [*Isaiah 30:15.*] *18LtMs, Lt 93, 1903, par. 6*

When we are in affliction, we need the grace of Christ to sustain us. You may have a calm and sweet trust in God. The Word of God is the bread of life. You may feed upon its rich promises. I have prayed for you especially this morning, that your soul may have a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit; that you may sit together with Christ in heavenly places, casting all your care upon Him who careth for you; that Satan with his temptations may not separate you from the love of Christ Jesus your Lord. *18LtMs, Lt 93, 1903, par. 7*

You are one of God's older children. Your children are His little children. Your husband is the priest of the household. You may lean your soul upon his deep affection. If you are separated, you can write to each other. When you write to him, say that I am praying for you both. I have received for him the comforting assurance that the Lord will be His Helper and will keep him by His power. "Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them." "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk

uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.” [Psalm 84:5, 11, 12.] Christ’s righteousness will go before him, and he will be guided from above. *18LtMs, Lt 93, 1903, par. 8*

“Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: He preserveth the souls of His saints; He delivereth them out of the hands of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.” “Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.” [Psalm 97:10-12; 100:2-5.] *18LtMs, Lt 93, 1903, par. 9*

I wish Colorado were not so far away. I have many dear friends in Boulder. How I would like to see them and speak to them frequently of the Saviour’s love! *18LtMs, Lt 93, 1903, par. 10*

But my work is here. I must prepare books and give the light that the Lord gives me. I do not want to leave an unfinished work. I have with me an excellent company of workers, who take a decided interest in the work, and who can value aright the light given. *18LtMs, Lt 93, 1903, par. 11*

My sister, trust in the Lord and be of good courage. Commit the keeping of your soul to Him. He cares for you as one of His little children. Be cheerful. Whatever your condition, look in faith to the great, all-wise Physician. You are to remember that Christ owns you, and that He blesses and strengthens you. I pray that He will help you, that you may have health to care for your children, if that will be for your present and eternal good. Take hold of His strength, and exercise faith, living faith in Jesus. May the Lord bless you and every member of your family. *18LtMs, Lt 93, 1903, par. 12*



**Lt 94, 1903**

Hall, L. M.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Dear Sister Hall,—

Sara has just read me your letter to her and to us all. I am very thankful to my heavenly Father that my health continues to improve. I have much writing to do, and I am glad that I can put the instruction given me into the form of books and send these books on their mission to enlighten the world. *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 1*

The Lord is soon to come, and I must be prepared to meet Him in peace. I am sure that the world is ripening for the last great conflict. I am determined to do all in my power to impart light to those around me. I am not to be sad, but cheerful, and I am to keep the Lord Jesus ever before me. He is coming soon, and we must be ready and waiting for His appearing. O how glorious it will be to see Him and be saved through His merits. Long we have waited, but our faith is not to become weak. It is to grow stronger as we see the signs of the times fulfilling. The end is near, and we are to put all our energies into the work of preparing to move from this lower school to the school above. *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 2*

I am presenting my case before the Lord for His special blessing. We must have His presence with us constantly. We need it here, in our home, in our office, and in the heart of every worker. I must be cheerful, and although I feel sorrow of heart as I think of how little earnest work is done for the saving of souls, and how much we all need the converting power of God, I dare not put on a doleful, complaining aspect. We must face the Sun of righteousness. We must do our very best. We must pray and then believe that our

prayers will be answered. Let us not cherish a complaining spirit. We love Jesus, and we know that He loves us—poor, failing, sinful human beings. Let us praise Him for His goodness and His mercy. We are His property, and it is our privilege to rejoice in His love. *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 3*

Marian has been very sick, something as you were when you were with us. One evening while she was at Conference, she went to the Observatory with a party of friends. The evening was very cold, and she became thoroughly chilled. The next day she was quite sick. We sent her at once to the Sanitarium, and she has been there ever since. She has had a severe illness. For a time she was in a very critical condition. It was doubtful whether she would live. She coughed almost constantly and could not eat. For a while she had a day and night nurse. She is better now. Her cough has almost gone. When the weather is favorable, she walks out in the garden and greatly enjoys picking the roses. *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 4*

But she does not dare to return home yet; for she finds that she cannot do without radiant heat. This always relieves her cough. *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 5*

I can assure you that we miss her very much. We need her to complete the preparation of the book on temperance. But I fear that she will not be able to work for sometime. *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 6*

I am doing what I can to answer the letters that come to me and to send needed instruction to the workers in Australia, Africa, and other parts of the world. The other day I received letters from two sisters in despondency, and these I answered at once. I always give such letters immediate attention, trying to write that which will inspire faith and hope and courage. *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 7*

We are doing what we can to reach those in darkness. Every other Sabbath a song service is held in the Soldier's Home, at Yountville, a town about nine miles from here. In this Home there are hundreds of aged soldiers who are supported by the State. Our people have held meetings there for some time. The company who go drive over. Most of the time is spent in singing, and often a thirty-minute talk is given on some Bible subject. Papers and books are taken to

give to those who wish them. *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 8*

The soldiers greatly enjoy these meetings, and several are becoming interested. All who attend earnestly request that the meetings shall be continued. Some have seen my name in the papers and books given them, and they are calling for me to come and speak to them. I should go next Sabbath, but I cannot; for I have promised to speak at the Sanitarium at eleven o'clock. *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 9*

I have not dared to tax my strength in speaking; for I carry a heavy burden all the time for other lines of work. My writing must be attended to. My books must be prepared for publication. *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 10*

There are many opportunities for missionary work among the people round us. Six miles from the Sanitarium there is a wood-choppers' camp where many men are working. We shall go there sometime and speak to the men. We intend to carry the truth into the highways and byways. The seeds of truth are to be sown beside all waters. *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 11*

Brother Taylor has just called to invite me to speak at the Sanitarium tomorrow. He says that at present the highest-priced rooms in the institution are filled with a most excellent class of patients. *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 12*

We think that we now have at the Sanitarium the help that we need in physicians. Brother and Sister Evans take very well with the patients. They take a deep interest in the patients; they sympathize with them; and the patients love them. *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 13*

We have some backsets that we cannot help. Several weeks ago a sister came to the Sanitarium from San Francisco, sick. Her sickness was found to be what is called manilla itch, a mild form of smallpox. This is the disease that Ella and Mabel had while we were in the East last year. The sister was quarantined in a tent at some distance from the Sanitarium, and a nurse was sent to take care of her. But it was not long before the nurse caught the disease, and then, knowing that Mabel had had the disease, the doctors asked her if she would look after these two patients. She said that

she would, and she has now been with them three weeks. The tent in which they live is not far from Elder Taylor's house, so they are not alone. *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 14*

This case had to be reported, and it caused several patients to leave the Sanitarium. *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 15*

Mr. Blackman, one of our neighbors, has been ailing for some time with stomach trouble. He is not a Sabbath-keeper, you know, and he thought much of Dr. Burke. About a week ago, he was taken very sick, and he went to Dr. Burke's Sanitarium. But he lived only for a few days after going there and died with no Christian hope. This made me feel very sad. He little thought when he left his home that he would never see it again. The warning comes to us to be ready should death call us unexpectedly. This poor man was not ready. Old age and infirmities have come upon me, and I want to live near to my Saviour. I want to cling close to His side. I want to do the will of my heavenly Father. I want to remember constantly that our life is pure only when we are under the control of God and happy only when we hold communion with Him. *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 16*

All the luster possessed by those who have gained the richest experience is but the reflection of the light of the Sun of righteousness. He who lives nearest to Jesus shines the brightest. And let us thank God that the Master has His hidden ones, who are not recognized by the world, but whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. The luster of the tiniest gem in God's casket will glorify Him. There are many, like your sister Eleanor, who during this life do not seem to be particularly honored. But the Lord sees those who serve Him. "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." [*Malachi 3:17.*] *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 17*

"Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not." [*Verse 18.*] "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord

of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings; and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall." [*Malachi 4:1, 2.*] *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 18*

I am so glad that we have a God who understands—a God who will reward every man according as his works shall be. *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 19*

I have just come up from evening worship. Our lesson chapter was the *eighty-fourth Psalm*, which contains these words: "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God." [*Verses 1, 2.*] I long to see Christians who are harmonious in all their parts. It is so sad to see those whose lives are a jumble of opposites. Christians must be Christlike. The life of a true, loveable Christian is the most powerful argument that can be produced in favor of the gospel. *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 20*

Sister Hall, let us not worry. I was pleased with your cheerfulness when you were with us. I feel the greatest pleasure in the thought that we shall be together again soon, and that the old times will be renewed. We shall enjoy each other's society. We have both lived a very active, earnest life. If we can now ripen for the higher life, it will mean everything to us. You have not lived to please or exalt yourself, and I hope that you will now feel that you have done enough struggling to help others, and that you can enjoy peace and quietude and the sweet satisfaction of knowing that you have done what you could, and that the Lord will reward you according to your works. *18LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 21*

Be of good courage, Sister Hall. Our warfare is almost over. We can both rest in the assurance that "we are His workmanship." [*Ephesians 2:10.*] Do not for a minute suppose that the Lord will forget your unselfish labors. During our lives the conflict has been sharp and severe. We can recall how again and again we have been pressed down to the grinding wheel. But let us never forget that if we can but see the King in His beauty, we shall be forever and forever blessed. I feel as if I must cry out aloud, "Homeward bound." We are nearing the time when Christ shall come in power

and great glory. Be of good courage in the Lord.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 94, 1903, par. 22*

**Lt 95, 1903**

Daniells, A. G.

St. Helena, California

May 19, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *5Bio 272-273*.

Dear Brother Daniells,—

We have received your letter in regard to the selection of a place for the Review and Herald Publishing House.*18LtMs, Lt 95, 1903, par. 1*

I have no special light, except what you have already received, in reference to New York and the other large cities that have not been worked. Decided efforts should be made in Washington, D.C. It is a sad thing that the record stands as it does, showing so little accomplished there. It will be best to consider what can be done for this city and see what ways of working will be the best.*18LtMs, Lt 95, 1903, par. 2*

In the past, decided testimony has been borne in regard to the need of making decided efforts to bring the truth before the people of Washington. I shall find what I have written on this point, if I can, and send it to you.*18LtMs, Lt 95, 1903, par. 3*

May the Lord help us to move understandingly and prayerfully. I am sure that He is willing that we should know, and that right early, where we should locate our publishing house. I am satisfied that our only safe course is to be ready to move just when the cloud moves. Let us pray that He will direct us. He has signified, by His providence, that He would have us leave Battle Creek. In the large Tabernacle there, many meetings, many ministerial institutes have been held. Light and power have been centered there when they should have been scattered far and near in the many cities yet unworked. Small centers should have been made in many places to represent the truth. Thus much good would have been accomplished. New members would have been added to the ranks

of believers. With an increase of numbers would have come an increase of tithe, providing means to carry the message to other places. *18LtMs, Lt 95, 1903, par. 4*

New York needs to be worked, but whether our publishing house should be established there, I cannot say. I should not regard the light I have received as definite enough to favor the movement. *18LtMs, Lt 95, 1903, par. 5*

Let us all lift our hearts to God in prayer, having faith that He will guide us. What more can we do? Let Him indicate the place where the publishing house should be established. We are to have no will of our own, but are to seek the Lord and follow where He leads the way. *18LtMs, Lt 95, 1903, par. 6*



**Lt 96, 1903**

Hall, L. M.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 22, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *PM 344-345; WM 339.*

Dear Sister Hall,—

Will you please take the responsibility of making inquiry in regard to books of mine that are needed in the Sanitarium library. I understand that many of the books were consumed at the time of the fire. Please find out what is needed in the patients' library, and purchase the necessary volumes, at my expense, as I desire to make a gift of them to the Sanitarium. I would wish these books for the patients' library to be in the best binding. Also find out whether there is a set of my books in the helpers' library. If not, please buy a set for it, too. The binding of this set need not be the most expensive. Use your judgment in regard to this matter.*18LtMs, Lt 96, 1903, par. 1*

I should also like you to find out whether the Old People's Home and the Orphans' Home are supplied with sets of my books. If not, please buy for them what may be needed, including both the large and the small books. I desire to make these gifts to these needy places. I have the tenderest feelings toward all these institutions. Please use your judgment in supplying the necessities of these institutions, sending to each place the books required, at my expense.*18LtMs, Lt 96, 1903, par. 2*

There is another errand that I will commit to you. I used to have some books that I cannot now find. Among them were four or five leather-bound volumes of Barnes's *Notes on the Bible*, which I purchased from Brother Saxby when I was in Washington, D.C. I think my name is in them. I want them, if they can be found. Please ask Brother Amadon about them. If they cannot be found in the West Building of the Review office, please ask that public inquiry be made in regard to them. If these books are about the office, this fact

will be known; for the volumes are almost square, leather-bound, second-hand; and if inquiry is made in a public meeting, some one may be found who knows something in regard to them.*18LtMs, Lt 96, 1903, par. 3*

Another volume that I cannot find is Mr. Horace Mann's book on temperance. If any one has this book, or any other books belonging to me, I should be glad to have them returned to me. My name is in most of my books.*18LtMs, Lt 96, 1903, par. 4*

The Review and Herald office had some old cuts, or engravings, of a large photograph of my husband Elder James White and of myself. I want these and also the copies of the pictures printed from these engraved plates. I understand that a large package of the pictures is stored in the General Conference office, together with old pamphlets.*18LtMs, Lt 96, 1903, par. 5*

At one time I had some remnants of books and some complete volumes of *Sabbath Readings* stored somewhere in Battle Creek. Please ask Brother Amadon to make diligent search for all these things and to send to me, by freight, packed securely in a box, all my belongings that I have referred to. We can use the small volumes of *Sabbath Readings* and other works to good advantage in orphans' homes and in many other places where these little books will be highly valued. We could use some of them in the Soldiers' Home at Yountville, where many hundreds of old soldiers are provided for in large government buildings. We are giving these men every attention possible. Every other Sabbath a party from the Sanitarium and the St. Helena churches visits them to sing religious hymns and to speak to them. They are interested in these meetings and seem delighted with everything that our people do for them.*18LtMs, Lt 96, 1903, par. 6*

We are sending papers to these soldiers and have placed in their library copies of my works—*Christ's Object Lessons* and some larger books of mine. Many of these men are intelligent. Our brethren and sisters are working this field, and we hope to do much more for the soldiers than we have yet done. Sometimes a talk—a short, pointed, Bible sermon—is given them, and they listen with intense interest. The gospel songs, the short prayer, and the good

talk, taken together, seem to be just what is needed to interest the old men. They say, "We never have had any such work as this done for us before!" *18LtMs, Lt 96, 1903, par. 7*

We desire to keep books and papers circulating among these soldiers. Please help us all you can along this line by gathering together something for them to read—books and papers full of Bible truth. *18LtMs, Lt 96, 1903, par. 8*

I must stop writing, else I shall not get this into the mail. *18LtMs, Lt 96, 1903, par. 9*

In much love. *18LtMs, Lt 96, 1903, par. 10*

**Lt 97, 1903**

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 22, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dr. J. H. Kellogg

My dear Brother,—

With this I am sending you two articles on the food work. Please read them, and weigh carefully every point. I thought they had been sent to you.*18LtMs, Lt 97, 1903, par. 1*

I will soon send you another letter; for I have the deepest interest in you. I want you to be an overcomer. I pray that we may meet you in the family of the redeemed, rejoicing that we have gained entrance into the city of God.*18LtMs, Lt 97, 1903, par. 2*

**Lt 98, 1903**

Morton, Eliza

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 25, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *2SM 261*.

Dear Sister Morton,—

I have read the letter that you wrote to Sister McEnterfer in regard to your mother's death; and I could but say, “Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.” [*Revelation 14:13*.] For a long time your mother had been very feeble. You have cared constantly for her. To see her face no more will be a great grief to you. Were we living nearer you, we would say, “Come apart, and rest awhile.” [*Mark 6:31*.] But your duties claim your time. I would say to you, Trust in the Lord. You will feel the death of your mother very keenly; but let me tell you that I sorrow not for the righteous dead, but for the living. I know that you have laid your mother in the tomb in the full hope that she will come forth when the trump of God shall sound.*18LtMs, Lt 98, 1903, par. 1*

What do you think of doing? I have a deep interest in you. Please write and tell me about your plans for the future. Remember that you are to leave the present and the future in the hands of your heavenly Father, who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. I know what it means to bury loved ones. My father, mother, brothers and sisters, my husband, and two of my sons are sleeping in their graves. My sister Mary and I and my two sons are all that are left.*18LtMs, Lt 98, 1903, par. 2*

If Adam and Eve had not sinned, we should never have known anything about death. But they yielded to the temptations of the enemy, and we became subject to death. Christ came to free us from the power of death. He passed through death, that He might destroy him that had the power of death. When He came forth from the tomb, He proclaimed over the rent sepulcher, “I am the

resurrection and the life. I was dead, but I live again, and all who go down to the grave believing in Me will I bring again to the land of the living.”*18LtMs, Lt 98, 1903, par. 3*

Christ came to this world to be tempted in all points like as human beings are tempted, that He might be able to succor those that are tempted. “As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God.” [*John 1:12.*] He came to honor humanity by standing at the head of humanity. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. O how blind and foolish are those who refuse to avail themselves of the great advantages secured to them by the death of the Son of God. His heart is filled with grief as He looks upon those who might be saved, but who will not give up their sins.*18LtMs, Lt 98, 1903, par. 4*

## Lt 99, 1903

Nichols, Henry

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 24, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear brother Henry Nichols,—

We were pleasantly surprised to hear that you and your family are so much nearer to us than when you lived on the Nichols estate. I wanted to talk with the friends who came from the place where you are now living. I asked that arrangements be made for them to visit me. But for some reason this was not brought about.*18LtMs, Lt 99, 1903, par. 1*

I want you to write to me and tell me about yourself. I understand that you are again keeping the Sabbath. I have not lost my interest in you, but I thought that you had lost all interest in those who once knew you so well. I have not ceased to pray for you. Will you not write to me at once, and tell me all about yourself and your family? I should be so pleased to meet you again. I have thought much of our first acquaintance, when your father acted a father's part to me. What happy times we had together in the Nichols mansion.*18LtMs, Lt 99, 1903, par. 2*

How many times I have wanted the little leaflet of hymns from which we used to sing. If you have it, keep it carefully, and sometime we will republish it.*18LtMs, Lt 99, 1903, par. 3*

I will send you copies of letters that I have written to others. The sketch of our doings may not be uninteresting to you.*18LtMs, Lt 99, 1903, par. 4*

My life has been a very busy one. It has been a life of continuous labor. I have been enabled to do something for the Master.*18LtMs, Lt 99, 1903, par. 5*

We find many opportunities for missionary work among the people around us. For some time some of the members of the church here have been going to the Veterans' Home at Yountville, about nine miles from St. Helena, every other Sabbath and holding a song service for those of the soldiers who care to listen. Sometimes a short talk is given on some Bible subject. I have not been to the Home yet, but I expect to go soon. *18LtMs, Lt 99, 1903, par. 6*

These meetings open a wonderful field for missionary effort. The soldiers are given our books and papers to read, and some are becoming interested. *18LtMs, Lt 99, 1903, par. 7*

There, workers met in the Home Stephen Tracy, who once lived in Brunswick, Maine. He had met with an accident and had broken his leg, which had to be amputated. He made himself known to the members of my family who were at the meeting. I shall ask him to pay us a visit. *18LtMs, Lt 99, 1903, par. 8*

Elder G. A. Irwin, who two years ago was the president of our General Conference, and who has since been sent to Australia, returned to America a few months ago to attend a recent session of the General Conference. He came to see us and while here attended the meeting at the Veterans' Home. He served in the war himself and at Yountville met a soldier with whom he had many times stood side by side in battle. *18LtMs, Lt 99, 1903, par. 9*

Those in charge of the institution say that the soldiers take more interest in the song service than in any other of the religious meetings held for them. They are highly pleased with the efforts made by our people and say that they would like meeting every Sabbath. These men are to be labored for. I know that the Lord has not forgotten them. They have souls to save, and we must improve every opportunity to work for them. *18LtMs, Lt 99, 1903, par. 10*

In closing, I would say that I am so glad that the Lord has brought you near to Himself again. I am so glad that you are once more able to sing, *18LtMs, Lt 99, 1903, par. 11*

“Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.”*18LtMs, Lt 99, 1903, par. 12*

We do not want to lose one who had a part in the work done just after the passing of the time in 1844. We need their experience.*18LtMs, Lt 99, 1903, par. 13*

**Lt 100, 1903**

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 25, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *PC 37-38*.

Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

The Australian mail has just come, and I have read your letter. Thank you very much for writing. I have much writing on hand, but I will begin a short letter to you and to your associates in the Sanitarium. *18LtMs, Lt 100, 1903, par. 1*

Make haste slowly as far as electric lights are concerned. I think that while your patronage is so light and while there is so great a dearth of means, it would be a mistake to incur large expense for the introduction of the electric lights and the electric light bath into the Sanitarium. Far better will it be for you to labor untiringly to develop to their fullest usefulness the facilities within your reach, especially all the natural facilities of the place, and wait awhile before investing in so expensive a facility as electric lights. *18LtMs, Lt 100, 1903, par. 2*

Be sure that the orchard has some means expended on it. It will respond to treatment. Give it the care that will enable it to do its best. I look upon that orchard as of great value to the institution. *18LtMs, Lt 100, 1903, par. 3*

Do all that you possibly can to perfect the institution inside and out. Be sure that your premises are in the best of order. Let there be nothing about them that will make a disagreeable impression on the minds of the patients. *18LtMs, Lt 100, 1903, par. 4*

Encourage the patients to live healthfully and to take an abundance of exercise. This will do much to restore them to health. Let seats be placed under the shade of the trees, that the patients may be encouraged to spend much time out-of-doors. And a place should

be provided, enclosed either with canvas or with glass, where, in cooler weather, the patients can sit in the sun without feeling the wind.*18LtMs, Lt 100, 1903, par. 5*

Obtain the best help in the cooking that you can. If food is prepared in such a way that it is a tax on the digestive organs, be sure that investigation is needed. Food can be prepared in such a way as to be both wholesome and palatable.*18LtMs, Lt 100, 1903, par. 6*

Fresh air and sunshine, cheerfulness within and without the institution, pleasant words and kindly acts—these are the remedies that the sick need, and God will crown with success your efforts to provide these remedies for the sick ones who come to the Sanitarium. By happiness and cheerfulness and expressions of sympathy and hopefulness for others, your own soul will be filled with light and peace. And never forget that the sunshine of God's blessing is worth everything to us.*18LtMs, Lt 100, 1903, par. 7*

Teach nurses and patients the value of those health-restoring agencies that are freely provided by God and the usefulness of simple things that are easily obtained.*18LtMs, Lt 100, 1903, par. 8*

I will tell you a little about my experience with charcoal as a remedy. For some forms of indigestion, it is more efficacious than drugs. A little olive oil into which some of this powder has been stirred tends to cleanse and heal. I find it is excellent.*18LtMs, Lt 100, 1903, par. 9*

Pulverized charcoal from eucalyptus wood we have used freely in cases of inflammation. During the first camp-meeting that we held in Australia, a young woman was taken very sick with inflammation of the liver and the lungs. It was feared that she would die. Dr. M. G. Kellogg, who was attending her, came to me for advice. I suggested that he make a compress of pulverized charcoal, and put it on the sick woman's side. She had been crying out in her pain, but in about fifteen minutes after the compress was applied, she fell into a sweet sleep.*18LtMs, Lt 100, 1903, par. 10*

When we first went to Cooranbong, the men who were clearing in the woods would often come in with bruised hands. In these and other cases of inflammation, I advised the trial of a compress of

pulverized charcoal. Sometimes the inflammation, which was very high before the compress was applied, would be gone by the next day. *18LtMs, Lt 100, 1903, par. 11*

Always study and teach the use of the simplest remedies, and the special blessing of the Lord may be expected to follow the use of these means which are within the reach of the common people. *18LtMs, Lt 100, 1903, par. 12*

If you can get Brother and Sister Starr to unite with you in sanitarium work, do so by all means. Let no spiritual advantages be looked upon as expensive. Let the truth be presented in its simplicity and power. If Brother Starr can take up this work, it will be a help to physicians and managers and a blessing to helpers and patients. *18LtMs, Lt 100, 1903, par. 13*

To all the workers in the Sanitarium I would say, Be sure to help the souls that are ready to perish. Oh, it does me good to hear that sinners are being made to understand how they can be saved. Do not forget that a worker must not take upon himself so many burdens that his soul will become weary. His first and greatest care should be to keep fresh and fragrant in spirit. In the unfolding of God's plan we are to be restored to a state corresponding to the perfection of divinity. This is accomplished through the death of Christ and through His mediatorial work in our behalf. As we move forward in the fulfilment of God's plan, our character is established in holiness, and we gain more and more knowledge of God and of Christ. We are ever to remember that we are chosen of God and precious, and that the saving of souls is to be our one great aim in all that we do. *18LtMs, Lt 100, 1903, par. 14*

**Lt 101, 1903**

Irwin, Sister [G. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 12, 1903

Previously unpublished.

My dear Sister Irwin,—

The Australian mail has just gone, and at the last moment Sara took your letter from me and put it in an envelope. She had only a minute, for they were waiting to take the letters to the post office. *18LtMs, Lt 101, 1903, par. 1*

I wanted to add one more text to your letter. It was this: “Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. For I will not contend forever, neither will I be always wroth; for the spirit should fall before me, and the souls which I have made. ... I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.” [*Isaiah 57:15, 16, 18.*] Are not these words full of encouragement? God assures us that He will not leave us to walk in the sparks of our own kindling, to grope our way along in uncertainty. He will not leave us to be our own teachers in the serious, all-important matters that concern our eternal interests. He declares, “I will be your Teacher. I will give you light and knowledge.” “Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.” [*Psalms 97:11.*]*18LtMs, Lt 101, 1903, par. 2*

I am glad, Sister Irwin, that you are not one that is easily discouraged. We gain nothing by gathering about us the mist and cloud of darkness. We are to walk in the light because we are imitators of Christ. The Lord wants us to be cheerful and bright. He wants us to have a cloudless experience because we believe His Word. *18LtMs, Lt 101, 1903, par. 3*

We need often to pray, Lord, increase my faith, that I may be strong to quench the fiery darts of the enemy. Make me more than a conqueror through Him that loved me and gave Himself for me. The Holy Spirit, earnestly sought and constantly cherished, works in the hearts of those who believe, giving them power to become the sons of God. To follow Christ means everything to us. The path of the Christian is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. He who follows Christ is assured that he will have “the light of life.” [*John 8:12.*] This light means an insight into sacred things. It means an acquaintance with God Himself—a personal, vital acquaintance. *18LtMs, Lt 101, 1903, par. 4*

It grieves the Holy Spirit for us to distrust the Lord. The twelve disciples had not a true appreciation of Christ, and they were always in danger of forfeiting the great blessings that He came to bring them, by misunderstanding His intentions, walking contrary to His purposes, and suggesting lines of action not in harmony with His will. Thus they made trouble for themselves. They meant to be faithful to Christ, but they did not understand Him. They did not value aright His sympathy and care for them. So it is with many today. Their sympathy with Christ in no wise compares with His sympathy for them. *18LtMs, Lt 101, 1903, par. 5*

**Lt 102, 1903**

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June 3, 1903

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Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

I should so much enjoy a visit with you, but as I cannot talk with you, I will try to write you a few lines. I am too weary to write as I should like to. I have written a short letter to Brother and Sister Kress.*18LtMs, Lt 102, 1903, par. 1*

Last Friday I drove over to Healdsburg to be present at the closing exercises of the school. I praise God for the blessing He has bestowed upon the school. Advancement has been made, and the spiritual interest is much improved. On Sabbath morning, I spoke in the church to a large number. The Lord strengthened me. I am grateful for the privilege of being able to speak to His people.*18LtMs, Lt 102, 1903, par. 2*

Brother and Sister Burden, let us walk and work courageously. Let us take no backward steps, but ever move forward and upward in the pathway of light, stablished, strengthened, and settled in the faith. Walking in this path, we are following Christ. We certainly have not the wisdom to guide ourselves aright. We must be learners in the school of Christ, receiving knowledge from the great Teacher, that we may impart it to others. We are to practice the lessons that He teaches us. Thus we eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God. If we fail to walk humbly with God, we shall fail to receive the great treasure prepared for us—even the riches of His grace.*18LtMs, Lt 102, 1903, par. 3*

I know that you will often be disappointed. But you must not

become discouraged. Commit the keeping of your souls to God, as unto a faithful Creator. This means much more than many realize. Show that you realize that at your baptism, in the presence of the heavenly universe, you pledged yourselves to be separate from the world, separate from its theories, customs, and practices. You have been “buried with Him in baptism wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead.” [*Colossians 2:12.*] You were baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. These three great powers are pledged to be your efficiency, if you will continue to present yourself as an offering to God. “And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all your trespasses.” [*Verse 13.*] “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. ... Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things, put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.” [*Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17.*] Will you not make earnest efforts to obey this instruction? We must seek the Lord daily if we would become the excellent of the earth. *18LtMs, Lt 102, 1903, par. 4*

Remember that man must preserve His God-given talent of intelligence by keeping the physical machinery in harmonious action. Daily physical exercise is necessary to the enjoyment of health. It is not work, but overwork, without periods of rest, that breaks people down, endangering the life forces. *18LtMs, Lt 102, 1903, par. 5*



Those who overwork soon reach the place where they work in a hopeless way. The work done to the Lord is done in cheerfulness and with courage. God wants us to bring spirit and life and hopefulness into our work. Brain workers should give due attention to every part of the human machinery, equalizing the taxation. Physical and mental effort, wisely combined, will keep the whole man in a condition that makes him acceptable to God.*18LtMs, Lt 102, 1903, par. 6*

Encourage the patients at the Sanitarium to use their muscles. May the Lord help you and put into your mouth words of wise instruction. Bring into the day's work hopefulness, courage, and amiability. Do not overwork. Better far leave undone some of the things planned for the day's work than to undo oneself and become overtaxed, losing the courage necessary for the performance of the tasks of the next day. Do not today violate the laws of nature, lest you lose your strength for the day to follow.*18LtMs, Lt 102, 1903, par. 7*

The enemy will work continually through half-converted men and women, leading them to speak words of discouragement and to stand always on the negative side. We need men of activity and of clear thought, of spiritual and physical soundness who can act as leaders and directors; men of wisdom who, when a crisis comes, will stand boldly in the front ranks, presenting to the enemy an unbroken front.*18LtMs, Lt 102, 1903, par. 8*

God has given us great and sacred truths for the foundation of our faith. Satan will set in operation every device that he thinks will help him to fight his way to pre-eminence. Those who proclaim the third angel's message must put on the whole armor of God, that they may stand bravely at their post, in the face of detraction and falsehood, fighting the good fight of faith, resisting the enemy with the weapon that Christ used—"It is written."*18LtMs, Lt 102, 1903, par. 9*

Every day consecrate yourselves anew to God. Bring to Him an offering untainted by selfishness, and it will be acceptable to Him. This is your reasonable service. God calls for a complete sacrifice. It is complete trust in Christ that makes the sacrifice complete, and wholly acceptable to God.*18LtMs, Lt 102, 1903, par. 10*

Keep yourselves where the three great powers of heaven—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—can be your efficiency. These powers work with the man who gives himself unreservedly to God, heart and soul, and mind and strength. “If a man love me,” Christ said, “he will keep My words; and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him.” And He said again, “I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.” [*John 14:23, 21.*] His power is at the command of His believing ones. The man who makes God his trust is barricaded by an impregnable wall. *18LtMs, Lt 102, 1903, par. 11*

Be hopeful and steadfast, holding the beginning of your confidence firm unto the end. Soon everything is to be shaken that can be shaken. Then be sure to be fastened to Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 102, 1903, par. 12*

I shall send you more in the next mail. My time has been so taken up during the last week that I have not been able to write half that I desired to. *18LtMs, Lt 102, 1903, par. 13*

## Lt 103, 1903

Starr, Brother and Sister [G. B.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June 3, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *TDG 163*.

Dear Brother and Sister Starr,—

I read the good letter that I received from you in the last mail and was pleased with its contents. I will try to send you a few lines in response. *18LtMs, Lt 103, 1903, par. 1*

As I see the terrible calamities that from week to week are taking place in this country, I inquire, What will be the result of these things? Are they hedging up our way, or does God permit them to come to arouse those who are transgressing the law of God? The most awful destructions, by fire and flood, are following one another in quick succession. How many can now commit the keeping of their souls to God as unto a faithful Creator? *18LtMs, Lt 103, 1903, par. 2*

All who will turn to the Lord, repenting of their sins, will be saved. To be converted means to be born again, not of the flesh, but of the Spirit. There are many, many in our churches who know little of the real meaning of the truth for this time. They have not searched for truth with humble, contrite hearts. I appeal to the members of our churches not to disregard the fulfilling of the signs of the times, which says so plainly that the end is near. O how many who have cared not for the salvation of their souls will soon make the bitter lamentation, “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and my soul is not saved.” [*Jeremiah 8:20.*] *18LtMs, Lt 103, 1903, par. 3*

In a world like ours, where truth and falsehood are so closely mingled that it is difficult to discern between them, it is a perilous matter to neglect to seek wisdom from on high. Those who will now take heed and turn to the Lord without delay, taking their position on the true foundation, will receive pardon. All error is mixed with truth,

and this makes the deceptions of Satan harder to see. But when the time of test and trial comes upon us, there will be seen the difference between the righteousness of the righteous and the wickedness of the wicked. *18LtMs, Lt 103, 1903, par. 4*

Every error is sin, and every sin has its origin with Satan. Wrong practices have blinded the eyes and blighted the perceptive faculties of men and women. We need now to be guarded on every point. We need to seek the Lord while He may be found. Brother Starr, tell this to the unconcerned and indifferent. Gain their attention if you possibly can. Tell them that truth alone will stand the test in the great day of trial before us. *18LtMs, Lt 103, 1903, par. 5*

Christ prayed to the Father in behalf of His disciples, “Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth.” [*John 17:17.*] The Spirit of truth will guide into all truth those who confess and forsake their sins. *18LtMs, Lt 103, 1903, par. 6*

Workers who will labor perseveringly and unitedly are needed in the cause of God. We have no time, in these solemn moments, to contend with one another. Those who cherish evil surmisings and engage in contention do not realize how much time they are losing and how much time they cause others to lose. God’s servants have been called to settle difficulties between brother and brother, and time has been spent in this way that belonged to those ready to perish [and] that ought to have been devoted to the fulfilling of the commission, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” [*Matthew 28:19.*]*18LtMs, Lt 103, 1903, par. 7*

In the future, instead of calling for ministers to leave their work to settle differences, let church members seek the Lord for themselves. Let them confess their sins and be converted. Let them pray together. *18LtMs, Lt 103, 1903, par. 8*

We are engaged in a great work—the saving of souls ready to perish. We cannot devote our God-given time to a people who have been given the light of the Scriptures and the testimonies. Let God’s people walk in the light that He has given them. Let them believe the message and be converted. Let them use their knowledge and ability in the work for this time. Then their doubts and unbelief will

disappear, and they will walk and work in the path that Christ has traversed. He declares, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*] *18LtMs, Lt 103, 1903, par. 9*

The voice is heard, "I will send My messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee." "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make His paths straight." [*Matthew 11:10; 3:3.*] *18LtMs, Lt 103, 1903, par. 10*

A decided testimony is needed at this time. The fields are ripe for the harvest. The inhabitants of the world, under Satan's leadership, are binding up in bundles ready to be burned. We have no time—not a moment—to lose. The judgments of God are in the land, and those who stand obstinate, unconvinced by the warnings that God sends, will be bound up in bundles ready to be burned. Let ministers and church members go forth into the vineyard. They will find their harvest wherever they proclaim the forgotten truths of the Bible. Missionaries, men and women, are needed. They will find those who will accept the truth and take their position beside their teacher to win souls to Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 103, 1903, par. 11*

Peter and James and John left their nets to follow Christ. And today men and women will leave their vocations to proclaim the message of the gospel. Multitudes are to be gathered into the fold. Many who have known the truth have corrupted their way before God and departed from the faith. The broken ranks will be filled up by those represented by Christ as coming in at the eleventh hour. There are many with whom the Spirit of God is striving. The time of God's destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who have no opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; His hand is still stretched out to save, while the door is closed to those who would not enter. Large numbers will be admitted who in these last days hear the truth for the first time. *18LtMs, Lt 103, 1903, par. 12*

The Lord calls upon every believer to consecrate himself wholly to His service. All are to work for Him, according to their several ability. To those in the Sanitarium I would say, Work with the facilities that you have, and trust the Lord for your success. Do your

best, in the fear of the Lord, and He will accept your work; for He is behind your efforts. "Without Me," He said, "ye can do nothing." [John 15:5.]*18LtMs, Lt 103, 1903, par. 13*

Maggie has been taking this from me page by page and copying it; for very soon the mail must go. I must stop now.*18LtMs, Lt 103, 1903, par. 14*

In much love to the members of your family and to all other dear friends.*18LtMs, Lt 103, 1903, par. 15*

**Lt 104, 1903**

Faulkhead, Brother and Sister [N. D.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June 3, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brother and Sister Faulkhead,—

I feel a deep interest in the work in Melbourne and in all Victoria. Let us now seek the Lord with earnestness. The end is near. God is speaking to His people and to the world by His judgments. We are nearing the time when every case will be decided. Let us seek the Lord while He may be found. *18LtMs, Lt 104, 1903, par. 1*

I entreat the members of our churches in Victoria to seek the Lord. Do they realize that the end is near? They have heard the invitation to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Have they put on the wedding garment? I have been shown that there are many in the North Fitzroy church who, unless thoroughly converted, will never enter the city of God. *18LtMs, Lt 104, 1903, par. 2*

God calls for workers. Men of clear judgment and humble hearts are needed. Christ’s sorrowful lamentation is, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” [*Matthew 9:37.*] *18LtMs, Lt 104, 1903, par. 3*

I thought to send you a longer letter, but have not had time. May the Lord bless you, is my most earnest prayer. *18LtMs, Lt 104, 1903, par. 4*

**Lt 105, 1903**

Butler, G. I.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June 1, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *17MR 344-347*.

Dear brother Butler,—

I received your letter and read it with deep interest. I should have answered before, but I have been very busy.*18LtMs, Lt 105, 1903, par. 1*

Recently I have been doing much writing; for I know not how long the Lord may spare my life. As I write you this letter, my heart is filled with gratitude to God for all His goodness to the children of men.*18LtMs, Lt 105, 1903, par. 2*

I feel deeply over our present situation. We must now do a work that should have been done long ago. We must do as the Lord directed Moses to do, when the children of Israel, having crossed the desert, were encamped on the borders of Jordan. Moses was bidden to rehearse to them all the dealings of the Lord to them during their journeyings through the wilderness. The record of this rehearsal is found in the book of *Deuteronomy*.*18LtMs, Lt 105, 1903, par. 3*

The record of the experience through which the people of God passed in the early history of our work must be republished. Many of those who have since come into the truth are ignorant of the way in which the Lord wrought. The experience of William Miller and his associates, of Captain Joseph Bates, and of other pioneers in the Advent message should be kept before our people. Elder Loughborough’s book should receive attention. Our leading men should see what can be done for the circulation of this book.*18LtMs, Lt 105, 1903, par. 4*

We must study to find out the best way in which to take up the



review of our experiences from the beginning of our work, when we separated from the churches and went forward step by step in the light that God gave us. We then took the position that the Bible, and the Bible only, was to be our guide; and we are never to depart from this position. We were given wonderful manifestations of the power of God. Miracles were wrought. Again and again, when we were brought into strait places, the power of God was displayed in our behalf. At such times, souls were convicted, and amidst the scorn and derision of the opposing churches, they bore testimony in favor of the truth. "So mightily grew the word of God, and prevailed." Under the preaching of the truth, men were converted and were "instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, spake and taught diligently the great things of the Lord." [Acts 19:20; 18:25.] *18LtMs, Lt 105, 1903, par. 5*

I was then very young, but I believed the message, and the Spirit of the Lord was upon me. I was guided by the Spirit to act an important part in the work of the Lord for this time. *18LtMs, Lt 105, 1903, par. 6*

I have lost none of my faith in the message. After the passing of the time in 1844, we were a disappointed people, few in numbers. We sought the Lord most earnestly and read and reread His commandments. We saw wherein we had been working and walking contrary to them, and then we thanked the Lord for our disappointment. The *fourteenth chapter of Revelation* was most diligently studied, and we discerned the meaning of the words, "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." [Verse 12.] Light was given us on the claims of the law of God. We were convicted that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord, and we began to observe it as holy unto Him. *18LtMs, Lt 105, 1903, par. 7*

The light given in the Word of God regarding the Sabbath is too plain to be misunderstood. God declares: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and

earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.” [Exodus 20:8-11.] *18LtMs, Lt 105, 1903, par. 8*

And again He says, “Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep; for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. ... The children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever.” [Exodus 31:13, 16, 17.] *18LtMs, Lt 105, 1903, par. 9*

The world has accepted a false rest day and has dishonored the Creator of heaven and earth. The false is revered in the place of the true. God’s Sabbath is trampled under the feet of men. What excuse can those who do this give for placing the first day of the week where the seventh should be and for making laws compelling its observance? God’s condemnation will rest upon all who have thus disregarded His commands. *18LtMs, Lt 105, 1903, par. 10*

Seventh-day Adventists need to search the Scriptures, that they may know the reasons of their faith. Christ says, “Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me.” [John 5:39.] We are living in the close of this earth’s history. Let no one say in his heart, “My Lord delayeth His coming.” [Matthew 24:48.] Prophecy is fulfilling. Soon Christ will come with power and great glory. We have no time to lose. Let the message sound forth in earnest words of warning. *18LtMs, Lt 105, 1903, par. 11*

We must persuade men everywhere to repent and flee from the wrath to come. They have souls to save or to lose. Let there be no indifference in this matter. The Lord calls for workers who are filled with an earnest, decided purpose. Tell the people to be instant in season and out of season. With the words of life upon your lips go forth to tell men and women that the end of all things is at hand. *18LtMs, Lt 105, 1903, par. 12*

Let us keep our souls in the love of God. The note of warning must be given. The truth must not languish upon our lips. We must rouse people to immediate preparation; for we little know what is before

us. My faith is as strong as ever that we are living in the last remnant of time. Let every teacher present an open door before all who will come to Jesus, repenting of their sins. We are not only to watch; we are to pray and work and wait. *18LtMs, Lt 105, 1903, par. 13*

“The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat, the earth also, and the things that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be, in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for a new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless.” [2 *Peter 3:10-14.*]*18LtMs, Lt 105, 1903, par. 14*

**Lt 106, 1903**

General Conference Committee

Healdsburg, California

May 20, 1903

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To the General Conference Committee

My dear brethren,—

During the past night many things have been presented to me regarding our present dangers, and some things about our publishing work have been brought most distinctly to my mind. *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 1*

As our brethren search for a location for the Review and Herald Publishing House, they are earnestly to seek the Lord. They are to move with great caution, watchfulness, and prayer, and with a constant sense of their own weakness. We must not depend upon human judgment. We must seek for the wisdom that God gives. No proud, self-sufficient spirit is to be cherished. We are to move forward with humility and contrition. We are to pray earnestly, with humble hearts remembering our weakness. Prayer places us at the feet of the great Teacher, imploring His help, confiding in His wisdom. We ought to pray much more than we do, and talk less. Our Saviour is wise in counsel. When He bids us watch unto prayer, He means that we are to keep the windows of the soul opened heavenward and closed earthward. *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 2*

God understands our situation. He alone knows where the Review and Herald Publishing House should be established. "The meek will He guide in judgment; and the meek will He teach His way." [*Psalm 25:9*.] *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 3*

In regard to establishing the institution in New York, I must say, Be guarded. I am not in favor of its being near New York, I cannot give all my reasons, but I am sure that any place within thirty miles of that city would be too near. Study the surroundings of other places. I am sure that the advantages of Washington, D.C. should be closely investigated.*18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 4*

The workers connected with the publishing house must be closely guarded. Our young men and young women must not be placed where they will be in danger of being ensnared by Satan.*18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 5*

We should not establish this institution in a city or in the suburbs of a city. It should be established in a rural district, where it can be surrounded by land. In the arrangements made for its establishment, the climate must be considered. The institution should be placed where the atmosphere is most conducive to health. This point should be given an important place in our considerations; for wherever the office of publication is established, preparation must also be made to fit up a small sanitarium and to establish an agricultural school. We must, therefore, find a place that has sufficient land for these purposes. We must not settle in a congested center.*18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 6*

My brethren, open up the work intelligently. Let every point be carefully and prayerfully considered. After much prayer and frequent consultation together, act in accordance with the best judgment of all. Let each worker sustain the other. Do not fail or become discouraged. Keep your perceptive faculties keen and clear by learning constantly of Christ, the Teacher who cannot err. Avoid all that would endanger your eternal interests. The foe, keen and wary, stands ready to take the helm if he is given opportunity. He watches his chance to seduce souls to their ruin.*18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 7*

I have seen heavenly angels watching with intense interest the movements of the people of God. I have seen Satan presenting false securities, while a hand was stretched out, pointing the other way. One reckless movement, one imprudent step, and the surging waves of some strong temptation would have to be met.*18LtMs, Lt*

We are Seventh-day Adventists, and of this name we are never to be ashamed. As a people we must take a firm stand for truth and righteousness. Thus we shall glorify God. We are to be delivered from dangers, not ensnared and corrupted by them. That this may be, we must look ever to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. We must plan wisely, in much prayer, asking God to make us partakers of the divine nature, that we may escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. We must seek in every way to adorn the doctrines of Christ our Saviour.*18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 9*

In every part of the work done, love for Jesus and for one another is to be expressed. Then God's miracle-working power will be revealed. In our human weakness His strength will be perfected. He will give courage and strength and perseverance and joy and that inward peace that Christ alone can impart. His followers are to be strong in the grace that the Saviour has provided for them.*18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 10*

God will work with all who will submit to Him. They will grow in grace, becoming more and more nearly conformed to His likeness. Those who work out the will of Christ will have a heaven here to go to heaven in. Their influence will be a constant blessing to others. It will be a light shining amidst the moral darkness of the world. To them will be fulfilled the promise: "Thus saith the high and lofty One, that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy, I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." [*Isaiah 57:15.*]*18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 11*

God knows how to distinguish between the righteous and the wicked in His church on this earth. To the righteous He will give peace and comfort in this life, and in the life to come glory everlasting. But to the wicked He will give confusion and unrest and shame everlasting.*18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 12*

I have given you the instruction that God has given me. He has told us what He expects of us. Wherever we may go, we are zealously and faithfully to carry out the principles of Christ's kingdom, thus

showing plainly the difference between those who serve God and those who serve Him not. *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 13*

When the office of publication is once more established, a much purer, holier atmosphere should pervade it than pervaded the institution in Battle Creek. Principles should be followed that will make the institution an honor to the cause of God. Those who refuse to work except for the highest wages should not be encouraged to connect with this institution. We do not need those who have no spirit of self-sacrifice. *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 14*

God's work is to go forward. Its success depends on the putting forth of consecrated efforts and the carrying out of pure principles. Amidst the apparent confusion of surrounding difficulties, we may feel at a loss to know how to proceed. Let us be sure that those who are united with the work are first united with Christ. Let us remember that every day we are to be preparing for promotion into the higher grade. This world is not our home. We are pilgrims and strangers. Our part is to reveal in our lives the light and life of Christ, that others may take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus and have learned of Him. The love of Christ cherished in the soul will make our words and actions fragrant. *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 15*

Ever we are to press forward, keeping in view the city whose Builder and Maker is God. He has prepared for us a city, and He longs to see us giving proof, by faithfulness in service, that we are preparing to enter this city. He longs to see us learning the language of Canaan. In His strength we can make steady advancement in gaining a preparation for His kingdom, becoming transformed in character, having a conscience void of offence toward God and man. *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 16*

### **An Assurance of Victory**

As we see the strife and confusion that fill the world, we ask, What will be the end of these things? We are given courage to press on in the work of the Lord by the waving of the banner of victory, on which is inscribed the words, "The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." [*Revelation 14:12.*] My brethren, will you assemble

together to consult as to whether it is best to continue to carry forward aggressive warfare amidst hindering discouragements and backsets? Will you lower the banner that God has given you? Will you allow despondency to seize you, while you wait for a revelation to inspire you to advance? Have you learned what it means to wrestle with God in prayer? Have you presented your requests to Him? His Word declares, "Ask, and ye shall receive." [John 16:24.] Have you assembled with one accord in one place, to ask God for understanding, that you may know, through the wisdom God has promised, what course to pursue? Have you asked Him for help and strength and then gone to work in faith in harmony with your prayers? If you will give yourselves to prayer as did the disciples, confessing your sins and drawing near to God, He will draw near to you, and you will see of His salvation. *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 17*

The kingdom of Christ is to be enlarged. The workers are to grow in power and efficiency. This they will do if they will believe as the disciples believed. The Lord will act His part. But when human beings refuse to be the Lord's helping hand, they break the link that connects them with heaven. *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 18*

To us as a people God has given great light, and He calls upon us to let it shine forth into the darkness. By us the light, the power, of a living truth is to be given to the world. From us there is to shine forth to those in darkness a clear, steady light, kept alive by the power of God. We are charged to use the light given us to create other lights, that our fellow men may rejoice in the truth. Let us not disregard the charge. Suppose that the sun should refuse to shine. What terrible darkness and confusion would result. For us to refuse to let our light shine to those in darkness is to contract guilt the magnitude of which cannot be computed. *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 19*

### **The Work Before Us**

Christ's commission to us is, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:19, 20.] *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 20*



We have before us a great work. False teachers will preach false theories. They do not desire the truth. They are afraid to have the truth presented to the people. They do not want the facts to appear as they are given in the Word of God. Let all who believe the third angel's message take up the work that God has committed to them. Let them seek to realize its greatness and importance. Let believers do all in their power to arouse an interest in present truth in the neighborhood in which they live. Let all act an earnest, disinterested part. Some will labor in one way, and some in another, but all should do something. The books containing the reasons of our faith must be translated into all languages. This work must make more rapid progress than it has made. *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 21*

When we act our part with faithfulness, Christ will work with power upon minds. We are to be God's helping hand. We have no time to devote to self-pleasing. With freshness and power the truth is to be presented to the people of the world. Christian workers are greatly needed. *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 22*

#### **God's Plan for Proclaiming the Gospel Message**

"The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." [*Revelation 22:17.*] These words outline God's plan for the promulgation of the gospel. His instrumentalities, human and divine, are to unite in an effort to save the lost. Thus souls are to be rescued from the bondage of sin. God calls upon those who have taken His name to obey His orders. All are called to some part of His work. *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 23*

"I Jesus have sent Mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. I have united humanity and divinity, and My office invests Me with all power in heaven and in earth. I have ordained that angels and men shall be employed in My work. Divine and human instrumentalities are to unite. I have given the churches instruction regarding what they are to do. My work is to be carried forward until I shall arise and proclaim with a loud voice, 'It is finished.' [*John 19:30.*] I have opened a fountain of living water for a perishing world. Agencies from the heavenly courts unite in urging

the members of the church on earth to give the invitation to come to the water of life. Each one, feeble though he may deem himself, is to voice My words and perform some part of My work. I call upon those who have received the truth to take up the work entrusted to them. Do your best. Proclaim the gospel invitation. Unite with those who are already at work. I testify that if any one shall alter the words of the prophecy of this book, engendering unbelief, and causing My words to lose the practical application which I thus fully and authoritatively give them, I will visit him with signal marks of My displeasure.” *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 24*

### **The Power of the Truth to Convict and Convert Souls**

It is through the transforming influence of divine grace on human hearts that the power of the word of truth is revealed. The truth, proclaimed in regions where it has not yet been heard, makes an impression on hearts. It seems to have greater power to transform character than when presented to those who are familiar with its office work. Truth has little power on the hearts of those who walk contrary to it when by so doing they can gain advantage for themselves—those who, while claiming to receive it, follow a course opposed to its principles. Such ones admit that they believe the truth, but they give no evidence that they are sanctified by the truth. The places in which the truth has never been proclaimed are the best places in which to work. The truth is to take possession of the will of those who have never before heard it. They will see the sinfulness of sin, and their repentance will be thorough and sincere. The Lord will work upon hearts that in the past have not often been appealed to, hearts that heretofore have not seen the enormity of sin. *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 25*

Christ is the only successful antagonist that sin has ever encountered. Let the full light of His life stream into the souls of those who are in darkness. Under the direct power of the gospel thousands have been converted in a day. *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 26*

When a sinner becomes sensible of the fact that only through Christ can he gain eternal life, when he realizes that obedience to God’s Word is the condition of entrance into the kingdom of God, when he

sees Christ as the propitiation for sin, he comes to the Saviour in humility and contrition, confessing his sin and asking for forgiveness. His soul is impressed with a sense of the majesty and glory of God. The power of an eternal life of peace and joy and purity is felt so deeply that an entire surrender is made. *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 27*

I am instructed to say that some who outwardly appear the most fully given to sin will, when light flashes into the soul, make most successful workers in places where there are those who are just such sinners as they themselves once were. *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 28*

I write this because those engaged in canvassing work and in house-to-house labor often meet men and women who are coarse and forbidding in outward appearance, but who, if won to the truth, will be among its most loyal and staunch adherents. The spirit of truth is indeed of value in any church. Those whom the Lord uses may not always have outward polish, but if they have integrity of character, the Lord values them just as highly. *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 29*

### **Power From Above**

As the end draws near, the work of God is to increase in strength and purity and holiness. The workers are to be filled with love for God and for one another. They are to cherish principles of the strictest integrity. When the true keynote is struck, God will reveal Himself as a God of mercy and love. Angels of heaven will ascend and descend the ladder of shining brightness, co-operating with human workers. The members of the church triumphant—the church in heaven—will be permitted to draw near to the members of the church militant, to aid them in their necessity. Let us ever remember that we are laborers together with God. In this heavenly union, we shall carry forward His work with completeness, with singing and rejoicing. In every soul will be kindled the fire of holy zeal. Company after company will leave the dark standard of the foe to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 30*

God's workers must gain a far deeper experience. If they will surrender all to Him, He will work mightily for them. They will plant the standard of truth upon fortresses till then held by Satan and with shouts of victory take possession of them. They bear the scars of battle, but there comes to them the comforting message that the Lord is teaching them terrible things in righteousness. He will lead them on, conquering and to conquer. *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 31*

When God's servants with consecrated zeal co-operate with divine instrumentalities, the state of things that exists in this world will be changed, and soon the earth with joy will receive her King. Then "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." [*Daniel 12:3.*] *18LtMs, Lt 106, 1903, par. 32*

**Lt 107, 1903**

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 8, 1903

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Dr. Kellogg

My dear Brother,—

I received your kind letter the day before yesterday. This morning a great blessing has rested upon me. The peace of Christ fills my soul. I am pleading with my Saviour to reveal His grace and His salvation to you. *18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 1*

I have presented to you your dangers as God has presented them to me, and I shall continue to give you any light that the Lord may give me for you. Ever since the opening of the new year I have felt an intense desire to see you walking in safe paths. I have prayed most earnestly, day and night, that the Lord would give you a new heart. I could think of no other way in which you could be placed on vantage ground. You have allowed too many things to accumulate and engross your mind. You have had altogether too heavy a load to carry. Every day of life that remains to you is precious. I pray that the worldly ambitions that you have cherished may be changed for new, sanctified ambitions. *18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 2*

Your letter expresses your desire to do everything in your power for unity, but you say, Principle must be maintained. I wish to say a few words on the point of maintaining principle. Many make a mistake here. They have worked for so long to maintain principles that are earthborn, that originate in self, that are mingled with worldly policy, that they are in danger of losing their bearings. My brother, you are in danger. You have been weaving into the fabric a pattern different from that which God placed in your hands, a pattern of human

invention, a pattern that makes the fabric worthless. God condemns the web in which the pattern is incorrect and misleading. The marred pattern cannot be accepted by Him as His design.*18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 3*

You must preserve principles that are of heavenly origin, not principles that lead you away from God's holy truth. In the past, you have not, in many things, made the principles of heaven your guide. You need to discern with anointed eyes the difference between pure, ennobling principles and the self-ordained principles of the world. The law of God contains the principles that are to govern your life in every particular; and never can these principles be changed to meet man in his fallen condition. These principles are of value with God because they came forth from Him. He is the Author of the pure principles that are the transcript of His character.*18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 4*

There is no other safe guide for you or for any other human being but the Word of God. This Word is the foundation on which you are to build and the rule by which you are to live. It is the standard by which you will be judged. You are to turn neither to the right hand nor to the left. You are to plant your feet firmly upon the word, "It is written." There are many doctrines, but the doctrine that has not the ten holy precepts of God's law as its foundation is an unsafe guide. And the man who does not make these precepts the foundation of his life practice is working on the enemy's side.*18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 5*

Christ came to this world in the likeness of men. This He did that He might meet human beings where they were. For us He lived a life of sinlessness, and for us He died a death of shame on the cross, redeeming us from the power of Satan. We are His by creation and by redemption. "Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are His." [1 *Corinthians* 6:19, 20.] With sincere purpose and full faith receive Christ as your personal Saviour. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." [*John* 1:12.]*18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 6*

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May 19, 1903

I desire to write some things to you alone. I hoped that I should not have to write these things to you, I hoped that you would see and realize your peril, and make diligent work for repentance. I have received and read your letters to me, and yet I am not relieved. I am instructed that you know not what spirit you are of. When you break the spell that is upon you, we shall know it. Your associates will understand that you are reconverted. You will be meek and lowly. For a long time you have been forsaking God, and you do not see your danger. You are certainly ignorant of Satan's devices. I tell you the truth: you know not what spirit you are of. Unless the converting power of God comes upon you, you will be left to your own perverted ideas. *18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 7*

We are all praying for you, but it rests with you yourself to decide whether you will surrender all to God. I am instructed to say that you have work to do for yourself that no one can do for you. You have not cleansed your soul from defilement. I plead with you to die to self. You will meet with many temptations; for Satan is working in every way to secure you to his side. You alone can make the determined effort that is needed to make you a free man in Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 8*

When you linked yourself up with worldlings, to talk the language of worldlings, the Lord heard your denial to them of the truth that we as a people have received. He could not give you His grace; for you felt no need of it. You were exchanging leaders. I heard you making statements to unbelievers that voiced the sentiments of Satan. An evil spirit had taken possession of you, the same spirit that led Peter to deny his Lord. You did not know what spirit you were of. *18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 9*

Study the record of Christ's temptation in the wilderness. He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, to be tempted by Satan. And having been tempted, without yielding in one particular, He is able to deliver those who are tempted. He has exposed the enemy's points of attack by receiving his assaults and standing firm to His allegiance. He has shown us the weapons by which we are to overcome. *18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 10*

The tempter claimed to have Christ's honor in view. Evil never seeks entrance to the heart as evil, but as goodness and truth. Satan presented himself to Christ in the wilderness as one in deep sympathy with His sufferings, pitying Him because He was so ill-used by the heavenly universe and even by God Himself. He came as one desiring Him to have the food that, he declared, was being cruelly withheld. Would the Son of God allow His life to be sacrificed to starvation, when by the exercise of His power He could turn stones into bread? His life must be maintained. "Command therefore that these stones be made bread," the tempter said. [*Matthew 4:3.*] "Thus your life will be saved."*18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 11*

Jesus did not enter into any argument. He took His stand on Bible ground, saying, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." [*Verse 4.*] His answer was a recognition of God as His Father, a declaration that every appointment and arrangement of God is wise and loving.*18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 12*

I entreat you, my brother, for your soul's sake, to break the spell that is upon you. It is not God's will that you continue to be overcome as in the past. Your only hope is to become one of God's little children. Place yourself under His discipline, and be converted. You are not yet on vantage ground. Make every effort to break the enemy's power, or you will surely be taken captive.*18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 13*

I am pleading with God for the salvation of your soul. You have not yet broken completely with the enemy. You have not taken your position to break the trap of Satan completely and be fully on the side of truth and righteousness. I ask you now to make thorough work for eternity. Die to self. Break the awful spell that is upon you.*18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 14*

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May 23

I feel an intense interest in you. I am praying for you. Your strenuous efforts to carry out your own designs will be to your



eternal disadvantage. Although you may present in your offerings the best that you have, as did Cain, it will be worthless unless you bring with it that which shows your faith in Christ. You need the Lord Jesus to sanctify your soul. You need the healing power of the One who gave His life for a fallen world. You have complained and have done strange things, because you could not have your own way. *18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 15*

Christ is the One that you are to represent to the world. You are to put on the wedding garment, else you cannot sit down with the guests at the marriage feast. Your character must be transformed. You can talk the truth, but you do not live the truth, and your life is not an honor to the cause of God. You frequently become provoked with your brethren, because they do not coincide with all that you say. Do you stop to think what representation you are making to the world? Does your example bring to those with whom you come in contact in the world the conviction that they must repent and be converted, else they will perish in their sins? *18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 16*

To be able to see sin is one thing; to forsake sin is another. It is like plucking out the right eye or cutting off the right hand. *18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 17*

There is a question of life and death for you to settle; you must make a decided change. Your bodily health may give way before you are transformed in mind and character. Your imagination is sick and broken. The spiritual pulse indicates disease. But you have a chance of recovery. Will you improve this opportunity? Will you do what Cain might have done? He might have supplied the lamb for the burnt offering. Cain knew this. He knew what God required. But in rebellion he did that which placed him where so long as life lasted he would be opposed to his Creator. *18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 18*

Will you not ask, What must I do to be saved? Will you not die to self? Unless you do, your efforts will all be valueless. Unless self is crucified, you cannot rest on God any more than Cain could. *18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 19*

Your habit of doubting the sincerity of every one who does not accept your view of things is sapping your faith and your love for the

truth. It has become as natural for you to doubt as to breathe. Because your own course is not free from evil, it is most difficult for you to suppose that others are not bringing into their character building the same wrong methods that you are bringing into yours.*18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 20*

You keep salted down and preserved a host of things that should be burned up, cast out of your mind. These things have become to you a cause of awful deception. They are full of power to destroy your faith and hope. You show a wilful persistence in recounting them, judging your fellow men unjustly. You treat your conjectures as truth and feast upon them, and they grow into every fiber of your spiritual life. When any difference arises between you and your brethren, these well-preserved suppositions are brought out, and with them you brace yourself in resistance, when they should be placed where they would be beyond recognition.*18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 21*

If others should as carefully preserve the memory of the incorrect, cruel, unkind things that you have said and done, what impression of you would be made on minds? Think of this, my brother. I know whereof I speak. I should not present these things as I do had I not your best interests at heart.*18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 22*

However greatly a man may be deceived, God is never deceived. He does not accept the lifework when there are brought into it traits of character that dishonor Him. He does not accept the character building when imperfect timbers are used. There are those who for so long have cherished unchristlike traits of character, who for so long have been bringing imperfect timbers into their character building, that they are unconscious of their danger. It is hard for such ones to see themselves as they are.*18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 23*

Your character building is faulty. You have supposed that if you confessed a wrong, your influence would be injured. This is not a correct conclusion. It is necessary for us to confess our wrongs.*18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 24*

Many excuses have been made for you by your brethren. These have done you no good, but rather harm. Your brethren ought,

when your spirit was calm, to have sat down with you, and laid plainly before you the evil of your actions. At first you might not have accepted what they said and you might have treated them unkindly. But for them to do this would have been true medical missionary work.*18LtMs, Lt 107, 1903, par. 25*

**Lt 108, 1903**

Palmer, Brother and Sister [W. O.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June 6, 1903

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Dear Brother and Sister Palmer,—

I have the same interest in you that I have had ever since I first became acquainted with you. I earnestly desire that you shall both perfect a Christian character and that the love of Jesus, abiding in your hearts, may be to you both a constant solace. You may rejoice in the Lord, notwithstanding the many trials that come to you. I thank the Lord as I realize that the trials that have come to you have not consumed the true metal, but have cleansed away much dross. The Lord permits trials to come upon His children, not to make them unkind and disagreeable, but to help them to look keenly into their motives and purposes and to put away every sinful thought and plan. If you continue to look to Him who has redeemed you, you will be fitted for entrance into the heavenly city, whose Builder and Maker is God.*18LtMs, Lt 108, 1903, par. 1*

God desires you both to be vessels unto honor. Christ is waiting to give you the wisdom of heaven. Then you will be prepared to impart the precious grace that you receive.*18LtMs, Lt 108, 1903, par. 2*

You are not to exhaust your physical and mental strength by taking upon you too many responsibilities. Do not load yourselves down with cares that will drive the love of the truth out of your soul. High-souled integrity is to characterize your dealings with your fellow men. Your business transactions are to be presided over by equity. You are to purify your hearts by receiving the rich grace provided for you.*18LtMs, Lt 108, 1903, par. 3*

You are to strive for those things which belong to the health of the

soul. That which belongs to your present and eternal interests is never to be made secondary, set aside for temporal concerns. Give eternal interests their proper place. Oh, so many are ruined for this life and for the life to come by overdevotion to temporal things. They do not open the windows of the soul heavenward and close them earthward. Thus they defraud their souls of heavenly grace and peace. But we do not advise inactivity. There is peril in idleness as well as in overdevotion to business. *18LtMs, Lt 108, 1903, par. 4*

Remember that you have been bought with a price—and what a price! You are not your own to do with as you may desire. The will of Him who is your Creator and Redeemer is to be your guide. You are to glorify God in your body and in your spirit. Remember that in order to do this, you must do all that you can to keep the powers of mind and body in health and strength. *18LtMs, Lt 108, 1903, par. 5*

In love to you and your family. *18LtMs, Lt 108, 1903, par. 6*

## Lt 109, 1903

White, J. E.; White, Emma

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June, 1903

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Dear children Edson and Emma,—

We have just returned from Healdsburg. We drove over to attend the closing exercises of the school. I spoke in the church on Sabbath morning. The house was well filled. The Lord gave me strength to speak most earnestly. *18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 1*

We were well pleased by what we saw of the school. It has made rapid advancement, and teachers and students are reaching higher and still higher in spiritual lines. There have been some remarkable conversions in the school during the past term. Lost sheep have been found and brought back to the fold. *18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 2*

Our schools are to be conducted with the greatest care. The students are to be taught to know God and Jesus Christ; for this is life eternal. They are to be taught to regard the Word of God as the foundation of all true knowledge. “Search the Scriptures,” Christ said; “for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me.” [*John 5:39.*] *18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 3*

June 3

Dear children, I have begun several letters to you, but before I could finish them, something has always come to call me away. The Australian mail demanded my special attention. It went on Wednesday, and after it had been sent off, Maggie and I were both wearied out. But the boat goes only once in three weeks, and we

knew that the workers in Australia would be disappointed if they did not hear something from us. *18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 4*

Every day brings its burden, and we try to do the work that needs to be done. I am so grateful to my heavenly Father for His sustaining grace. I have my pen in hand nearly all the time. *18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 5*

The terrible disasters that have recently taken place in different parts of America speak in solemn warning, saying, "Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." [*Matthew 24:44.*] Time is golden. The hours of probation are fast passing. We cannot afford to be found sleeping on guard. *18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 6*

In the heart of the truly converted man or woman, love for God takes the place of love for the world. The pleasure derived from the contemplation of heavenly things reaches high above all earthly attractions. *18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 7*

The things that concern our eternal welfare are now to absorb our attention. We cannot tell how long our lives may be spared. Let us therefore keep the heart with all diligence. We cannot afford to give heavenly things the second place. Christ says, "Seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all things will be added unto you." [*Matthew 6:33.*] Our reasoning powers are to be concentrated on the themes that have to do with everlasting life. *18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 8*

I have not felt much like writing since the Conference. The work that I did there and the burdens that I bore were too much for me. I am obliged to stop writing to relieve my brain. Then, too, my heart is made very sad by the thought that there are those who will misconstrue my words and endeavor to use them to misrepresent me. *18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 9*

June 8

I have once more been broken off the letter I am trying to write to you. A week ago last Friday Prof. Prescott called to see us on his way from the North Western camp-meetings. We were glad to meet

him, but we had little time to talk with him, as he was anxious to do some writing while here. He spoke on Sabbath morning at the Sanitarium, and the people were much interested in what he said. *18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 10*

The next day an open-air meeting was held at Calistoga, and the appointment had been given out that I would speak in the afternoon. The day was very hot, but I kept my appointment. I offered the opening prayer and then spoke to the people from the *third chapter of First John*. I spoke for an hour. Then Sara and I drove home. I did not suffer much from the heat, though I perspired freely. The rest of our party—two carriage loads—remained behind to sing and talk with those who had come to the meeting. *18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 11*

I feel much more like speaking to a company who has not a knowledge of the truth than to those who have had great light. *18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 12*

The people seemed to enjoy the meeting very much, and appointments were given out that meetings would be held in the same place the following Sabbath and Sunday. There are some earnest Christian people in the church in Calistoga, and they greatly desire that their neighbors shall become interested in the truth. During the hot weather it is almost impossible to get an audience in a small church, but open-air meetings seem to be a success. *18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 13*

I wish that I could visit you, but I cannot venture to take so long a journey on the train. I had a great desire to attend the camp-meeting in Portland, Maine. It was in this city that I had my very first experience. I should so like to bear my testimony on the old ground where I received the first light in regard to the Lord's appearing from the lips of Father Miller, Elder Himes, and many others of the messengers of the Lord who now sleep in Jesus. *18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 14*

But Portland is a long way off, and I must be where my workers are. I have almost decided that I can best serve the Master by staying where I am and keeping my mind clear. *18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 15*



I have decided not to exhaust my strength in trying to adjust misunderstandings. It is time lost. I must reach out for those who have not heard the truth, whose hearts have not been made unimpressible by a continued rejection of light.*18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 16*

For some months a company of workers from the Sanitarium have been holding a song service every other Sabbath at the Veterans' Home at Yountville, about nine miles from here. In this home there are eight hundred old soldiers who are cared for by the State.*18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 17*

The soldiers greatly enjoy the song service. At first only a few of them attended. Now there are from seventy-five to one hundred and fifty present at every meeting.*18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 18*

Sometimes a thirty-minute talk on some Bible subject is given. At the meeting held about a month ago, the soldiers were asked if any of them would like to have a short Bible reading after the song service. About a dozen said that they would. But when the time came for the reading to be held, there were over fifty present.*18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 19*

I am sure that good is being accomplished by these meetings. The workers take reading matter with them; and when the soldiers are asked whether they would like it, their faces light up, and their hands are eagerly stretched out to receive it.*18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 20*

I have not yet attended any of these meetings. It was feared that the tobacco smoke in the room where the soldiers assemble would hurt me. I shall go, however, if arrangements can be made to hold a meeting out-of-doors.*18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 21*

On every side there are open doors for missionary workers. In Pope Valley, about fifteen miles from here, there is a camp of woodchoppers. I think that soon we shall hold some meetings there. We are not at liberty to hover over the churches. We must carry the message to regions beyond, where the truth has not been proclaimed. The seeds of truth are to be sown beside all waters. God expects those who claim to be His children to bring others to

Him. 18LtMs, Lt 109, 1903, par. 22

**Lt 110, 1903**

Richardson, Edwin

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June 20, 1903 [typed]

Previously unpublished.

Edwin Richardson  
Woodward, Oklahoma

My dear brother,—

Your letter stating that you would make me over some property—which is valued at one thousand dollars or that, if I chose, I could have the money itself to use in the work of God—has been read to me by my secretary. I had been asking my heavenly Father to open the way for me to prepare books and to provide means for the translation of these books into foreign languages. I have many precious things that I wish to place before the people in book form, and when I received your letter, it seemed like an answer to prayer. Your liberal offer I gratefully accept. The money will be of great help to me. *18LtMs, Lt 110, 1903, par. 1*

We need money just now very much. There is a great work to be done. Many are calling for the truth. Calls come from different places asking for a gospel minister. Souls are hungry for the bread of life. *18LtMs, Lt 110, 1903, par. 2*

I am thankful to the Lord, my brother, that He put it into your heart to give this money to His cause. The Lord will move upon the hearts of His people who have means, and they will give of their means to prepare the way for the publications containing the light of present truth to be carried to the world. God will open ways whereby the gospel messages shall be given to every nation and kindred and tongue and people. In this great work we have a part to act. We must be wide-awake. We have no time to loiter. The terrible disasters that have recently taken place in different parts of America speak in solemn warning, saying, “Be ye also ready; for in such an

hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.” [Matthew 24:44.]  
Time is golden. The hours of probation are fast passing. We can not  
afford to be found sleeping on guard. *18LtMs, Lt 110, 1903, par. 3*

**Lt 111, 1903**

Magan, P. T.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June 16, 1903

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Dear brother Magan,—

I have been made very sad by hearing from Sister Druillard of your wife’s sickness. I have been feeling anxious about you and Brother Sutherland. I have been trying to get an opportunity to write to you, but I would no sooner get a page written than something else would come up that demanded my attention. Several times I have written a page or two and then have had to stop. I will try to find these pages and will have them copied and sent to you.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 1*

After hearing of the affliction that has come to you in your home, I felt that I must write to you, even if I had to leave other things undone. I am sincerely sorry that your wife has been so troubled by the reports that she has heard. I wish to tell her and you that I am not two-sided. I have said nothing to any one in disparagement of you or of Brother Sutherland. The fear I have had for you is that you would take too many burdens. You must have special help if you do the work that you have outlined for yourself. You desire to do more than your physical strength will justify you in doing.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 2*

This is the fear that I have had for you both—that you will not realize how much you both need help to carry on the work resting so heavily on you. I feared that you would fail if you tried to carry the many burdens that you were preparing to carry.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 3*

The Lord has given us our work to do. He will hold us responsible if we permit ourselves to be so heavily drawn upon by different enterprises, that the work which He has given us to do for perishing

souls is made a matter of secondary importance. *18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 4*

I pray that God will give Sister Magan special help, and that she will not worry any longer. She need not entertain the thought that Sister White is working or will work against Brother Magan. I have never given any one reason to say this. I feel deeply grieved that reports that grieve and wound souls should be carried by those who claim to believe the truth. What an amount of mischief the unruly tongue can frame out of nothing. How much harm can be done by those who try to make things appear in the worst light! I have not lost confidence in Brother Magan or Brother Sutherland. Their names are often mentioned by me in private prayer and at our seasons of family worship. *18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 5*

My fear for them has been that they would gather so many responsibilities to themselves that in the work they are planning to do they would exhaust their vital energies and rob themselves of their power to stand as men of capability and influence. They must have a larger number of faithful helpers. *18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 6*

I shall pray most earnestly that the Lord will give light and grace and saving power to Sister Magan, that she may be restored to health. The Lord bids her look to Him for strength. I shall pray, too, that God will strengthen Brother Magan. I have often expressed my fear that the burden was resting too heavily upon him and Brother Sutherland. I am sure that it is. My brethren, consider carefully the work that you and others have decided must be done at Berrien Springs. Then say firmly that you cannot be weighed down by an accumulation of cares and burdens. I do not want you to think that you must carry forward certain lines of work, such as the sale of *Education* unless you can have facilities and helpers that will enable you to do this without becoming worn out. I want you to live and to be in good health, and I cannot consent that my interests shall be a worry or a burden to you. *18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 7*

I do not worry and will not worry about myself. I have done my duty and in doing it have incurred debts. My place has brought me in nothing as yet; in fact, it has been some loss. We sold our last

year's prune crop to a young man, a neighbor of ours. He bought largely from other prune orchards and got more on his hands than he could manage. Then, too, the weather was very unfavorable for his drying operations, and he lost heavily. Of course, his creditors lost with him, and I among the rest. My loss was about five hundred dollars. But I would not say anything to add to the young man's affliction. He took so much on himself that he could neither do justice to himself nor his neighbors. He made a mistake that meant great loss to himself, and I felt very sorry for him. I mention this to show you that I believe in making the best of a bad case. It is not right to discourage one who has been unfortunate.*18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 8*

The rain came early last year, and tons of my grapes rotted on the vines. These losses came at a time when I needed money very much. But I made no complaint; for this would not have helped the matter at all.*18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 9*

Thus disappointment after disappointment has come to us. This year we have no apples or peaches on our place, and very few cherries. But we have much to be thankful for. The loganberry bushes are doing well. We had a few strawberries, and on the land that I hire from the Sanitarium there was a very heavy crop of oats, which we shall use as winter feed for our horses and cows.*18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 10*

We shall not have nearly so many prunes this year as we had last, but they will be larger and will bring a good price. I am thankful to the Lord for every favor that I receive from His hand.*18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 11*

I have always had the very tenderest feelings for you, my brother. I have ever regarded you as the Lord's workman, and my only fear for you now is that in your intense effort to make a success of the sale of *Education*, you will disqualify yourself physically for the lines of work that the school demands of you. I want you to be successful in the work of your school—or rather, in the work of the Lord's school; for in the Berrien Springs School, God desires to fit young men and young women to accomplish a precious work for Him. He desires you to co-operate with Him in giving the right mold to the

work of the school. *18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 12*

I have expressed myself in a crude way, but I hope that you will understand me. If you suppose that I am taking sides against you, my brethren, you are making a mistake. I am intensely interested in the school problem with which you are wrestling. I want your work to be a success. I will do anything in my power to help forward this work. I will help, by counsels and appeals, to encourage our people to carry forward the work of selling *Object Lessons* as it has been carried in the past. The work that has been and is being done to circulate this book is missionary work that the Lord has laid out to be accomplished. About the importance of this work we have no question. Many souls have been brought into the truth through reading *Object Lessons*. The plan that has been followed for its circulation bears the signal approval of God. *18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 13*

I beg of you not to be in any way disheartened. When you hear reports that I have changed my attitude toward you, will you not be frank enough to ask me whether I have? *18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 14*

If it is best for you and Brother Sutherland to come apart and rest awhile, I hope that you will do so. Brother Magan, you have a family, and you should give your wife and children time and attention. You should take time to rest. I entreat you to do this. Do not ruin your health. Stop before you reach the breaking point. Tell your wife that the Lord has a tender care for her. Tell her that He desires her to be of good courage in the Lord. She must rely on Him. *18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 15*

### **To Every Man His Work**

You cannot have understood the words that I spoke in the Pacific Press Chapel. They were spoken to guard you from the danger of taking too much responsibility. I desired to keep you from loading yourself down with so many burdens that the strain upon you would be greater than you could bear. What I wished to impress upon you was the thought that in your school work you are to unite and combine with other minds, that you may have sufficient workers to



carry the work forward symmetrically. Every part of the work is to stand out clear and distinct in its own individuality. One man is not to be expected to have exactly the same train of thought that another man has. One may have tact and ability that the other does not possess. The Lord will prepare workers to fit into their lot and place; for each one has his work. *18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 16*

You are in danger of looking unfavorably upon some whom the Lord desires to unite with you for fear that they will counterwork your work. Varied gifts must be brought in. You need these gifts in the work that you are doing. In the building of the tabernacle, different lines of work were assigned to different ones. But all labored under the supervision of God. The Lord gives men talents that will enable them to carry forward special lines of work. Each one is to be allowed to do the special work for which he is fitted. Then part will fit perfectly to part. *18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 17*

Give other men a chance to get hold with you. Let each be a help to the other. Hold up one another's hands. You cannot expect that all will work in exactly the same way in which you work. It is the Lord's plan that there shall be unity in diversity. There is no man who can be a criterion for all other men. Our varied trusts are proportioned to our varied capabilities. I have been distinctly instructed that God endows men with different degrees of capability and then places them where they can do the work for which they are fitted. Each worker is to give his fellow workers the respect that he wishes to have shown to himself. *18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 18*

Of all the leaves upon a tree, there are no two precisely alike. And the Lord does not expect that His workers shall be exactly alike in their skill or in their manner of working. *18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 19*

There are those who think that it is only to a certain few that talents have been given and that these few are to be distinguished above their fellows. This is not so. Every member of the church of Christ is the possessor of some special gift. Every one has been given wisdom and tact which fit him to perform some special work. There is a place for every one, a post of duty for every soldier in the Lord's army. All have been entrusted with the goods of heaven. Some

have one class of goods and some another. For one to belittle the work and talents of another is to dishonor God. Let the Lord place His own estimate upon the talents entrusted and upon the use made of them.*18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 20*

We are all to be united in Christ, and we are ever to be ready to make the improvement that the Lord, through His different agencies, may tell us we should make. The Lord desires His workers to make constant improvement. He desires them to work in perfect unity, helping one another. As our talents are diligently traded upon, they will multiply.*18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 21*

Every gift that the Lord has entrusted to us is to be valued and used. The smallest gift is not to be overlooked. The Lord gives to every man according to his several ability to use the gift bestowed. Each should be encouraged to use his gift. The least talented may enlarge his capabilities by doing his best. The church of Christ is made up of vessels large and small. The Lord can use the smallest gift to advance His cause, if the possessor has faith in Him.*18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 22*

The workers brought together in the providence of God may have traits of character that differ widely. Yet their gifts may be just what God needs to mold and fashion the minds with which they are brought in contact. They are to labor in harmony, however different they may be. The Lord looks from heaven and sees that in His work on this earth a variety of gifts is needed. The church is a garden, adorned with different trees and plants and flowers.*18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 23*

I have to write this over and over again to the very best of workers in our cause. Do not misunderstand God's plan or disappoint His purposes. There is danger that grave mistakes will be made by putting aside the very men that the Lord has prepared to act a part in educating and training the youth.*18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 24*

God does not expect any man to use talents that He has not given him. He expects His workers to use their talents in union with one another. No one is to think that his work is to be carried forward in a stereotyped, precise way, little details being carried out in a way that is approved by one man or two men or three men. Give your

students room to work with the greatest Teacher the world has ever known. He is a true educator. As members of God's family, we are to give one another room to work. *18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 25*

When God gives a man a special work to do, he is to stand in his lot and place as did Daniel, ready to answer the call of God, ready to fulfil His purpose. *18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 26*

Let us all do our best. Let us learn from one another; and above all, let us go often to the great Teacher; for He has pledged His word that He will give divine wisdom to those that ask in faith. *18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 27*

The commission that Christ gave to His disciples just before His ascension is given to us also. "Go ye therefore," He said, "and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:19, 20.*]*18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 28*

Oh, if those who claim to be the followers of Christ would fulfil this commission, what a great work might be done! We are glad that on every side, in fields close at hand and in the regions beyond, there are openings for missionary workers. But there are many who please the enemy by exerting their influence to keep matters in confusion among themselves. The love of the truth is not cherished in their hearts. They are not sanctified by its power. *18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 29*

Brother Magan, whenever in the future any one shall say to you, "I will lend Sister White some money," ask them if they will not lend it to her without interest. It is right to borrow money to carry forward a work that we know God desires to have accomplished. We should not wait in inconvenience, and make the work much harder, because we do not wish to borrow money. Mistakes have been made in incurring debt to do that which could well have waited till a future time. But there is danger of going to the other extreme. We are not to place ourselves in a position that will endanger health and make our work wearing. We are to act sensibly. We must do the work that needs to be done, even if we have to borrow money

and pay interest. *18LtMs, Lt 111, 1903, par. 30*

**Lt 112, 1903**

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June 21, 1903

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Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

I must not let this mail go without writing you a few lines. I have sometimes hoped that I should see you before this. But though we cannot see each other, I thank the Lord that we can communicate by writing. *18LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 1*

This year we have had a few cherries of good quality, but not nearly as many as we had last year. We have almost no apples or peaches on our trees. Soon after we came here we set out some loganberry bushes and were so much pleased with their yield last year that we set out more plants. We had less rain than usual this spring, but the loganberry bushes are doing well. They stand the drought better than blackberries or strawberries. We have already put up sixty quarts of loganberries and are canning more today. From our place we have had all the peas we could use in our family, and have also sold some. We are now picking string beans, and soon the tomatoes will be ripe. We did not realize as much from the strawberries as last year. We had not sufficient water for them. We can get either white or red cherries near St. Helena for four cents a pound by picking them ourselves. *18LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 2*

The weather for a few days in May was very warm, but the nights are generally cool. *18LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 3*

I was under a heavy strain during the Conference in Oakland. The Lord put His Spirit upon me, both when I spoke and when I offered prayer in the congregation. I am so thankful that I was not prostrated. *18LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 4*

I visited Healdsburg at the close of the school. We were much pleased with what we saw of the school. It has made rapid advancement, and teachers and students are reaching higher and still higher in spiritual lines. During the past term there have been some remarkable conversions in the school. Lost sheep have been found and brought back to the fold. *18LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 5*

The closing exercises passed off very nicely. I am very glad that Prof. Beardslee is educating the students to sing. Good singing adds much to the worship of God. The Lord strengthened me to speak to a large audience in the church Sabbath morning. I had been unable to ride for some time, owing to hip and spine difficulties, and during the drive home I became very weary. But I am so grateful to my heavenly Father that He strengthens me. *18LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 6*

Recently, open-air meetings have been held by our brethren at Calistoga. The first meeting was held on Sunday, June 7, in the park near the hot springs. I spoke in the afternoon. I had much freedom in speaking. We had a good audience, among whom were several from outside. The people seemed to enjoy the meetings very much, and appointments were given out that meetings would be held in the same place the following Sabbath and Sunday. I spoke on both days. There were more present on the second Sunday than on the Sunday before. There are earnest Christian people in our church at Calistoga, and they feel a great desire to carry the truth to those in places who have not heard it. *18LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 7*

We expect to continue these open-air meetings. The next one will be held near St. Helena, if a suitable place can be found. We desire to do all we can to warn those around us of the soon coming of the Saviour. I believe much good will be accomplished as we take up this work. My heart is drawn out for those in darkness, who know not the truth. We are not to hover over the churches. The members must be aroused to do their duty, to bear the last message of mercy to a world ready to perish. *18LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 8*

Yesterday I spoke in the Sanitarium chapel. The room was crowded, many extra chairs being brought in to accommodate the

people. I felt the power of the Spirit of God upon me and was able to speak the words of the Lord to the people with great earnestness. I will send you a copy of the sermon when it is written out. *18LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 9*

I hope soon to visit the soldiers' home at Yountville. For several months a company of workers has been going there every other Sabbath to hold a song service. At first only a few attended the services, but now there are from seventy-five to one hundred present every time. Sometimes a thirty-minute talk on some Bible subject is given. At a meeting held a few weeks ago, the soldiers were asked if they would like to have a short Bible study after the song service. About a dozen said they would. But when the time came for the reading to be held, over fifty were present. *18LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 10*

The workers take reading matter with them, and when the soldiers are asked whether they would like it, their faces light up, and their hands are eagerly stretched out to receive the books and papers. *18LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 11*

Last Sabbath one intelligent-looking man in the home said to one of our brethren, "Before you came here to sing for us, I spent nearly all my time in drinking and carousing with my companions. But since you have been coming here, I have found a much better way to employ my time. I have given up liquor drinking and am spending my spare time in reading the *Desire of Ages*." *18LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 12*

Miss Peck has been teaching the church school here. She has had about forty pupils. The discipline of the school has been excellent. Miss Peck will not tolerate disorder. She is firm and just in her management, and the school has done the children great good. *18LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 13*

A few weeks ago, about twenty of the children from the school went to Yountville to sing before the soldiers. Mr. Moonie lent them a large stage wagon for the trip. Sister Peck had drilled the children thoroughly, and the soldiers were greatly pleased and interested. They are now asking that the children may come again. *18LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 14*

We hope that the work for the soldiers will go forward. Several are interested, and those in charge of the home recognize the good work that is being done. I fully believe that some of these old men, perhaps many, will be saved.*18LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 15*

I wish that all our people could see the many doors that are open before them. Beside all waters we are to sow the seeds of truth. O how my soul is drawn out for sinners, that they may be won for Christ. If those who have received the truth would exercise a living faith in Christ, if they would realize that they are to be His workers, wholly consecrated to His service, what a work might be done! When God's people surrender themselves unreservedly to Christ, they will use every power of mind and body to His name's glory; and His work will make rapid advancement.*18LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 16*

Paul, speaking of himself and his Christian brethren, said, "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." [*Romans 14:7, 8.*]*18LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 17*

Faith in action is mighty. When we cherish the faith that works by love, we shall value aright the love of Him who gave His life to save a perishing world. Looking unto Jesus, beholding His excellence, His great offering of love, we shall seek for His sufficiency, His grace, His sympathy, His forbearance. Our souls will hunger and thirst for the love that cannot be expressed.*18LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 18*

Christ is able to supply all our necessities. He will be all in all to the heart that longs for salvation. He is worthy to be loved and adored. Let us honor Him by our profession of faith, by seeking for His power, His grace, and His glory. All who fully realize the privileges that are theirs will let their light so shine before the world that men, seeing their good works, will glorify their Father which is in heaven.*18LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 19*

The cross of Calvary is our hope and crown of rejoicing. Let us trust in Christ. Let us humble ourselves before Him and walk circumspectly. He gave Himself for us. He asks us to give ourselves



to Him, that He may mold and fashion us.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 112, 1903, par. 20*

## Lt 113, 1903

Brethren in the Medical Missionary Work

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May, 1903

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To My Brethren in the Medical Missionary Work,—

When I heard that unity had come into the recent council held at Battle Creek, I rejoiced. But I have been shown that a thorough work has not yet been done. The fallow ground of the heart has not been broken up. Only the surface has been stirred. The apparent unity of heart was but the beginning of a work that was to deepen and widen until carried forward to perfection. We must not rest satisfied with what has been accomplished. The work has but just begun. The true reformation has scarcely been entered upon. *18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 1*

We are living in the close of this earth's history. Prophecy is fast fulfilling. Soon Christ will come in power and great glory. We have no time to lose. Let no one say in his heart or by his works, “My Lord delayeth His coming.” [*Matthew 24:48.*] Let the message of His soon return sound forth in earnest words of warning. Let us persuade men everywhere to repent and flee from the wrath to come. They have souls to save or to lose. The Lord calls for workers who are filled with an earnest, decided purpose. *18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 2*

We are not only to watch; we are to pray and work and wait. The note of warning must be given. The truth must not languish upon our lips. We must arouse men and women to immediate preparation; for we little know what is before us. We are living in the last remnant of time. Every teacher of truth is to present an open door before all who will come to Jesus confessing their sins. *18LtMs,*

*Lt 113, 1903, par. 3*

As a people, we should be doing the work of God with an eye single to His glory. But we are far from the position that we should occupy in this matter. Many things have come in that are hindering the progress of the work that should be moving solidly and rapidly forward. Upon many of the plans devised, the Lord cannot place His approval. Men have departed from the plans that God has laid for the proclamation of the message for this time. Their minds have become so engrossed with their own plans and inventions that they have lost their spirituality and devotion. *18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 4*

I am charged with a message to those who have been compromising with worldly principles. Eternal interests are at stake. God calls upon you to repent. The presentation that some have made of our work before worldlings is an offense to God, which He will surely punish. He will not sanction any effort to serve both God and Baal. Some who have long been connected with our institutions in Battle Creek have by their arguments placed our institutions there on a level with worldly institutions, calling them undenominational, cutting them away from the true foundation on which all our institutions were established. Thus they have made our work much harder than it would otherwise have been. Such representations destroy the sacredness of our work in the minds of unbelievers. *18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 5*

Some who profess to be loyal to God's law have departed from the faith and have humiliated His people in the dust, representing them to be one with worldlings. God has seen and marked this. The time has come when, at any cost, we are to take the position that God has assigned to us. Seventh-day Adventists are now to stand forth separate and distinct, a people denominated by the Lord as His own. Until they do this, He cannot be glorified in them. Truth and error cannot stand in co-partnership. Let us now place ourselves where God has said that we should stand. Let us do all in our power to recover ourselves from the terrible humiliation to which we have been subjected. We are to strive for unity, but not on the low level of conformity to worldly policy and union with the popular churches. *18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 6*

Strange things have been introduced into the medical missionary department of our work. Methods have been followed that misrepresent the character of the work for these last days. There must be a decided reformation. I call upon the leaders of the medical missionary work to come boldly to the front and clearly define their position. When those engaged in this work show that they are in harmony with the divine will and that they are willing to bear the yoke of Christ; when they learn from Him His meekness and lowliness, instead of looking to men for support and counsel, then the medical missionary work will stand in its proper place in the work of God for this time. Upon its banner will be the inscription, "The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." [*Revelation 14:12.*] *18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 7*

### **A Word of Caution**

The Lord has plainly instructed me that our young people should not be encouraged to devote so much of their time and strength to medical missionary work as it has been carried forward of late. The instruction they receive regarding Bible doctrines is not such as to fit them to perform properly the work that God has entrusted to His people. *18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 8*

The talents of God's people are to be employed in giving the last message of mercy to the world. The Lord calls upon those connected with our sanitariums, publishing houses, and other institutions to teach the youth to do evangelistic work. Our time must not be so largely employed in establishing sanitariums, food factories, food stores, and restaurants, that other lines of work shall be neglected. Young men and young women who should be engaged in the ministry, in Bible work, and in the canvassing work should not be bound down to mechanical employment. *18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 9*

The youth are to be encouraged to attend our schools, which should become more and more like the schools of the prophets. Our schools have been established by the Lord, and if they are conducted in harmony with His purpose, the youth sent to them will quickly be prepared to engage in various lines of missionary work. Some will be trained to enter the field as missionary nurses, some

as canvassers, some as evangelists, some as teachers, and some as gospel ministers. *18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 10*

Satan is earnestly striving to lead souls away from right principles. Multitudes who profess to belong to God's true church are falling under the enemy's deceptions. They are being led to swerve from their allegiance to the blessed and only Potentate. Plans which should be recognized as wrong are accepted by many because these plans are clothed with saintly garments and appear to be righteous. Some things designed to be blessings have become snares because those who have them in charge have allowed selfishness and ambition to control their minds. Thus precious things that God has given us as a blessing, to glorify His name, have become a hindrance to spirituality. *18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 11*

### **The Power of Influence**

How closely related are all who are engaged in the Master's service! Every one is dependent upon his fellow man. Then how important that each shall guard carefully his words and acts, lest from him shall go forth an evil influence, far-reaching in its results. By a careless sneer, a turn of the head, or words of scorn and derision, a wrongdoer may set in motion an influence freighted with evil. An evil insinuation, once started, will spread rapidly, carried from mind to mind. It was by the expression of such thoughts that Satan placed in the minds of the angels that rebellion spread among them. *18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 12*

Many today live for self. Thus they cut themselves away from the source of divine help. Selfishness is the law by which they are governed. They place themselves on the side of rebellion, and God allows them to become the prey of their own increasing depravity until to them sin appears to be righteousness and righteousness sin. They do not realize that they do themselves untold injury every time they yield to selfish desires. Every time they do that which is against their convictions of right, they sink deeper into the deceptions of Satan and more vigorously oppose those who are doing right. From them come evil suggestions glossed over with the appearance of religion. They work against God and tempt others to

do the same things. Then, strengthened by the sympathy of their associates, they strive to counteract right principles. Should any one endeavour to counteract their evil plans, they cherish a feeling of hatred for him. *18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 13*

Men today are in danger of manifesting the same spirit that Jeroboam manifested, and of doing a work similar in character to the work that he did. His plans, put into operation, led the children of Israel away from God into idolatry, and they performed and permitted terrible evils. The Judge of all the earth will lay to the charge of Jeroboam the awful results of his course. And to the charge of those who follow his example will be laid the results of their wrong course. *18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 14*

### **A Stern Rebuke**

In the days of Christ the temple service had become perverted. In the hands of unprincipled men it was the means of extortion and robbery. Many who came there from afar to attend the Passover went home after the feast bruised and wounded in spirit by the overbearing tyranny of the priests and rulers. *18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 15*

At the beginning of His ministry, Jesus came up to Jerusalem to the Passover. As He entered the temple, He took in the whole scene. He saw the unfair transactions. He saw the distress of the poor, who thought that without shedding of blood there would be no forgiveness for their sins. He saw the outer courts of His temple converted into a place of unholy traffic. *18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 16*

As Christ beheld the scene, indignation, authority, and power were expressed in His countenance. He spoke, and His clear, ringing voice—the same that upon Mount Sinai proclaimed the law that priests and rulers were then transgressing—could be heard echoing through the arches of the temple: “Take these things hence; make not My Father’s house a house of merchandise.” [*John 2:16.*] *18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 17*

Slowly descending the stairs, and raising the scourge of cords

gathered upon entering the enclosure, Jesus bade the bargaining company depart from the precincts of the temple. With a zeal and severity He had never before manifested, He overthrew the tables of the moneychangers. None presumed to question His authority. None stopped to gather up their ill-gotten gain. Jesus did not smite them with the whip of cords, but in His hand that simple scourge seemed terrible as a flaming sword. Officers of the temple, speculating priests, brokers, and cattle traders, with their sheep and oxen, rushed from the place with the one thought of escaping from the condemnation of His presence. *18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 18*

At the close of His mission, Christ came again to the temple and found it desecrated as before. The condition of things was even worse than before. The dignitaries of the temple were themselves engaged in buying and selling and the exchange of money. So completely were they controlled by greed that in the sight of God they were no better than thieves. *18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 19*

Again the piercing look of Christ swept over the desecrated court of the temple; and He spoke with a power that swayed the people like a mighty tempest: "It is written, My house shall be called a house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." [*Matthew 21:13.*] His voice sounded like a trumpet through the temple. The displeasure of His countenance seemed like consuming fire. With authority He commanded, "Take these things hence." [*John 2:16.*]*18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 20*

This history may be repeated. The Lord will not today sanction sharp dealing and selfish grasping for power to take advantage of others. Commercialism has been so interwoven with the work of God that for some it is difficult to distinguish between the sacred and the common. The Lord will soon show that He is Lord of lords and King of kings. To Him sin is sin, and righteousness is righteousness. A crisis has come in His work. God has a controversy with those who have followed their own will and their own way. Now is the time to repent and turn to Him with full purpose of heart. *18LtMs, Lt 113, 1903, par. 21*

## Lt 114, 1903

Leaders in Our Work

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 23, 1903

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To the leaders in our work

Dear Brethren,—

I have a message for you. The Lord is in earnest with His people. I expected that great humiliation of heart would follow the manifestation of the Lord’s displeasure in the destruction of the principal buildings of our two largest institutions. But how little influence this has had to bring humiliation and repentance. God’s people have dishonored Him, and their hearts have become so unimpressible that even when He speaks in judgment, they make no decided change. *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 1*

Evil entered the heavenly courts through the angel who, next to Christ, occupied the most exalted position. Lucifer was the first of the covering cherubs, holy and undefiled. Of him it is said, “Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering. ... Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so. Thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.” [*Ezekiel 28:12-15.*] *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 2*

But though honored above the heavenly host, Lucifer was not content with his position. He ventured to covet the homage due alone to the Creator. He cherished feelings of envy, and these feelings he communicated to the other angels. It was his endeavor



to secure to himself their service and loyalty. In so deceptive a way did he work that the sentiments that he inculcated could not be dealt with until they had developed in the minds of those who received them. *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 3*

The influence of mind on mind, so strong a power for good when sanctified, is equally strong for evil in the hands of those opposed to God. This power Satan used in his work of instilling evil into the minds of the angels, and he made it appear that he was seeking the good of the universe. As the anointed cherub, Lucifer had been highly exalted; he was greatly loved by the heavenly beings, and his influence over them was strong. Many of them listened to his suggestions and believed his words. "And there was war in heaven; Michael and His angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought, and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven." [*Revelation 12:7, 8.*]*18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 4*

Cast out of heaven, Satan set up his kingdom in this world, and ever since, he has been untiringly striving to seduce human beings from their allegiance to God. He uses the same power that he used in heaven—the influence of mind on mind. Men become tempters of their fellow men. The strong, corrupting sentiments of Satan are cherished, and they exert a masterly compelling power. Under the influence of these sentiments, men bind up with one another in confederacies, in trade unions, and in secret societies. There [are] at work in the world agencies that God will not much longer tolerate. In a milder form the same evil and the same spirit has been introduced into our institutions. The Lord opened the matter to me, showing me that the wrong was of the same character as that introduced into heaven. It was Satan who was working to bring in certain influences to bind different interests under one control. This was not in harmony with God's will, and He declared that He would not sanction anything of the kind. *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 5*

This work was first started in the Review and Herald office. Things were swayed first in one way and then in another. It was the enemy of our work who prompted the call for the consolidation of the publishing work under one controlling power in Battle Creek. *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 6*

Then the idea gained favor that the medical missionary work would be greatly advanced if all our medical institutions and other medical missionary interests were bound up under the control of the medical association at Battle Creek. *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 7*

I was told that I must lift up my voice in warning against this. We were not to be under the control of men who could not control themselves and who were not willing to be amenable to God. We were not to be guided by men who want their word to be the controlling power. The development of the desire to control has been very marked, and God sent warning after warning, forbidding confederacies and consolidation. He warned us against binding ourselves to fulfil certain agreements that would be presented by men laboring to control the movements of their brethren. *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 8*

Light has been given me that there are papers that have been drawn up by lawyers that are blinding the eyes of the simple people of God. Men have means that they are willing to lend at interest, and these papers, signed by those to whom the money is lent, are given as security. But if those receiving the money should change leaders, if they should turn away from straightforward principles, they could, because of the wording of the papers, take advantage of those whose money they have received and bring in oppression. We are to guard against the things that tempt men to hurt their fellow men. We are to guard against the acceptance of documents framed in language that is confusing to minds. We have no need of such documents. They are a snare, and our people are warned to beware of them. *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 9*

Warnings against these things were given me in Australia. The word of the Lord came to me, Say to My people, Put not your trust in writings drawn up by lawyers, filled with technicalities and conditions and restrictions, which blind the minds of those who have to do with them. God wants those who believe the truth to take their stand against everything of the kind. *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 10*

We are church members, believers in the Bible, and we are not to make the Lord Jesus ashamed to call us brethren, because we have no confidence in one another. We are to be afraid of those

who have little confidence in their fellow workers and who demand that they should be bound about by agreements and restrictions, which can be misinterpreted and used to do harm. Should they in the future be turned from their integrity, they would take advantage of some wording that those who signed the documents did not at the time comprehend. *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 11*

### **The Result of Exalting Self**

I am instructed to call the attention of our people to the second dream given to Nebuchadnezzar and to the experience that came to him as the result of his failure to heed the warning. Nebuchadnezzar was troubled by the dream; and unable to obtain from his wise men an interpretation of it, he called in Daniel and told him the dream. *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 12*

“I saw,” he said, “and, behold, a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great. The tree grew and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the width thereof unto the end of all the earth; the leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all; the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowl of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it. I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven, and he cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit; let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches; nevertheless, leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth; and let his heart be changed from man’s, and let a beast’s heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him ... This dream I Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now, thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation; but thou art able: for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee.” [*Daniel 4:10-16, 18.*] *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 13*

The dream and its meaning filled Daniel with astonishment, and “his thoughts troubled him.” [Verse 19.] But he faithfully told the king that the fate of the tree was emblematic of his own downfall; that he would lose his reason and, forsaking the abodes of men, would find a home with the beasts of the field; and that he would remain in this condition for seven years. He urged the proud monarch to repent and turn to God and by good works avert the threatened calamity. “Wherefore, O king,” he said, “let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquility.” [Verse 27.] *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 14*

Had the king heeded this counsel, the threatened evil might have been turned aside. But he went on in proud superiority. For a time he was impressed by the warning given him. But his heart was not changed, and the heart that is not wholly transformed by the grace of God soon loses the impression made by the Holy Spirit. Nebuchadnezzar felt that he was rooted in the hearts of his subjects, and his prosperity tempted him to do unjust things. His rule, which in the past had to a great extent been just and merciful, now became harsh and oppressive. The reason that God had given him was used for self-glorification. *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 15*

About a year after the king received the warning, he was walking in his palace, thinking of his power as the ruler of earth’s greatest kingdom. And the king spake, and said, “Is not this great Babylon that I have built for the house of my kingdom, by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?” [Verse 30.] *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 16*

The God of heaven read the heart of the king and heard it whisperings of self-gratulation. “While the word was yet in the king’s mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken, The kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field; they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will.” [Verses 31, 32.] *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 17*

“The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar.” In a moment his reason was taken away, and he became as a beast. “And he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles’ feathers, and his nails like birds’ claws.” [*Verse 33.*] For seven years he was thus degraded. For seven years he was an astonishment to his subjects. At the end of this time his reason was restored to him, and looking up in humility to the God of heaven, he recognized the divine hand in his chastisement. The transformation had come. The mighty monarch had become the humble child of God, obedient to His will. The despot had been changed into the wise, compassionate ruler. *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 18*

In a public proclamation Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged his guilt and the great mercy of God in his restoration. The record says: *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 19*

“At the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored Him that liveth forever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom from generation to generation; and all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of earth, and none can stay His hand, or say unto Him, What doest Thou? At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom mine honor and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom and excellent majesty was added unto me. Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and His ways judgment; and those that walk in pride He is able to abase.” [*Verses 34-37.*] *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 20*

The lesson that the Lord would have all humanity learn from the experience of the king of Babylon is that all who walk in pride He is able to abase. By stern discipline Nebuchadnezzar had to learn the lesson that God, not man, is Ruler, that His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. So men today must learn that God is supreme. When men gain success in the work of the Lord, it is because God has given them this success, not for their own glory,

but for God's glory. He who seeks to steal a ray of light from the glory of the Lord will find that he will be punished for his presumption. *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 21*

David declares, "I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not; yea, I sought him, and he could not be found." [*Psalm 37:35, 36.*] *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 22*

Let a people boast themselves in their own wisdom, let them exalt self and indulge pride, and the result will surely follow. As surely as the sun shines by day, so surely does pride go before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Let a church become proud and boastful, and that church will be laid low. Let those in charge of any institution become presumptuous, taking to themselves the credit for the success that has come to them in certain lines, let them glory in their wisdom and their efficiency, and they will certainly be brought to humiliation. *18LtMs, Lt 114, 1903, par. 23*

## Lt 115, 1903

Wessels, John

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June 20, 1903

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Dear Brother John Wessels,—

This morning I read your letter to me. Thank you for writing. I have a deep interest in you. The enemy of souls has tried very hard to spoil your record, but I rejoice to know that you are seeking most earnestly to walk and work in the way of the Lord. The enemy will make a strong effort to compass your ruin. Christ is your only hope. Look to Him. He will save you. In His strength you can be more than a conqueror. He is the Captain of the Lord’s host. He gave His life to secure your redemption, and He will care for you.*18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 1*

The same mail that brought your letter brought me one from Brother Washburn, who is laboring in Washington, D.C. I have been strongly impressed by the Lord that in this city a most decided work must be done to proclaim the truth regarding the seventh-day Sabbath. Several years ago instruction was given me in regard to this.*18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 2*

Wilbur Crafts, a prominent member of the National Reform League, has his headquarters in Washington, and he seems determined to carry his point. He is connected in some way with the W.C.T.U. He will do all in his power to eclipse the light on the Sabbath question. I think it would be well if our people could get a standing in Washington. But if it seems best for some one of the branches of our cause to have its headquarters there, buildings must be erected that will rightly represent our faith. These buildings must show no extravagance. There must be no display about them, but they must be such as will accord with the character of the truth we are proclaiming.*18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 3*

It would be no disparagement to our paper, the *Review and Herald*, to bear the imprint of Washington, D. C. It is important that in these last days the message should go with convincing power from the most exalted station. *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 4*

Our publishing house should be situated in the place that is most favorable for its work. The Lord will guide us in the selection of a place for this institution. We shall let Him work out His purposes. *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 5*

What a work might have been done if the Battle Creek Sanitarium could have been established in Washington, D. C. But there will be a sanitarium there. This is the light that was given me thirteen years ago. *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 6*

The judgments of God are in our land. The Lord is soon to come. In fire and flood and earthquake, He is warning the inhabitants of this earth of His soon approach. O that the people may know the time of their visitation! *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 7*

We have no time to lose. We must make more determined efforts to lead the people of the world to see that the day of judgment is at hand. Our understanding needs to be quickened by the Holy Spirit. We need to stand constantly in a humble, contrite attitude, that we may see the Lord's design and be prepared to make known His will from day to day, not only in word, but in deed. *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 8*

Oh, if our people would feel as they should the responsibility resting upon them to give the last message of mercy to the world, what a wonderful work would be done. We need the impartation of the Holy Spirit, that we may realize how closely heavenly things are bound up with God's church on this earth. *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 9*

The Christian church began its existence by praying for the descent of the Holy Spirit. It was in its infancy, without the personal presence of Christ. He had ascended to heaven. Just before His ascension He had commissioned them to preach the gospel to all the world. "Ye shall receive power," He said, "after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost



parts of the earth. And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.” [Acts 1:8, 9.]*18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 10*

In obedience to the word of their Master, the disciples returned to Jerusalem, and for ten days they prayed for the fulfilment of God’s promise. These ten days were days of deep heart-searching. They put away all differences that had existed among them and drew close together in Christian fellowship. As they prayed, they realized what a privilege they had had in being permitted to associate so closely with Christ. Sadness filled their hearts as they thought of how many times they had grieved His heart of love by their slowness of comprehension, by their failure to understand the lessons that for their good He was trying to teach them. Not till after His trial and crucifixion had they been able to see fully the meaning of His words.*18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 11*

At the end of ten days the Lord fulfilled His promise by a wonderful outpouring of His Spirit. “Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ... And the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things in common; and sold their possessions, and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” [Acts 2:2-4, 41-47.]*18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 12*

### **Crucified for Us**

At the hands of those who claimed to be the chosen people of God, our Redeemer suffered humiliation such as cannot be exceeded.

Those for whom He had done so much mocked and derided Him. At His trial, He was taken, faint with weariness and covered with wounds and scourged in the sight of the multitude. "The soldiers led Him away into the hall, called Praetorium; and they called together the whole band. And they clothed Him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about His head, and began to salute Him, Hail, King of the Jews! And they ... did spit upon Him, and bowing their knees worshipped Him." [Mark 15:16-19.] Occasionally some wicked hand snatched the reed that had been placed in His hand and struck the crown upon His brow, forcing the thorns into His temples and sending the blood trickling down His face. *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 13*

"He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." [Isaiah 53:5.] *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 14*

Christ was taken to Calvary and crucified between two thieves, as if He were the chief of sinners. To those soldiers who had placed Him on the cross, His clothing was given. Christ heard their contention as they parted His garments among them. His tunic was woven throughout without seam, and they said, "Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be." Thus was fulfilled the Scripture, "They parted My raiment among them, and for My vesture they did cast lots." [John 19:24.] *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 15*

"And they that passed by reviled Him, wagging their heads, and saying, 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 also the chief priests, mocking Him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him; for He said, I am the Son of God." [Matthew 27:39-43.] "And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming to Him, and offering Him vinegar, and saying, If thou be the King of the Jews, save Thyself. ... And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on Him, saying, If Thou be the Christ, save Thyself and us." [Luke 23:36, 37, 39.] *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 16*

It is impossible for any one to suffer more than Christ suffered. Shame, ignominy, reproach, were heaped upon Him. All this He endured, that sinful human beings, worthy of death, might not perish, but have everlasting life. He died that we might have a life that measures with the life of God. Those who here accept Christ by faith, willingly sharing His reproach and His sufferings, will be rewarded by having their names acknowledged by God before the heavenly universe and before those who have rejected Christ and have closed their eyes to the evidence of truth, lest they should be convicted and take their position with the loyal and true. Those only who obey God's commandments will have a right to the tree of life and will enter in through the gates into the city. *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 17*

I have a deep interest in you and your mother and brothers and sisters. But Christ has a deeper interest in you all than it is possible for me to have. We cannot measure the depth of His interest in us. My brother, labor earnestly for the advancement of the cause of God. Let nothing interpose between you and the salvation of your soul. Do not allow the things of this earth to place you among the transgressors of the law of God. *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 18*

### **The Relation of Man to His Fellow Man**

In the Lord's plan human beings have been made necessary to one another. If all would do their utmost to help those who need their help, their unselfish sympathy and love, what a blessed work might be done. To every one God has entrusted talents. These talents we are to use to help one another to walk in the narrow path. In this work each one is connected with the other, and all are united with Christ. It is by unselfish service that we improve and increase our talents. *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 19*

The members of the church of God on this earth are as the different parts of a machine, all closely related to one another and all closely related to and dependent on one great center. There is to be unity in diversity. No member of the Lord's firm can work successfully in independence, detached from the others. *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 20*

There are many who have not a clear, distinct understanding of the relation of man to his fellow man in the work of God. The members of God's church stand in close relation to one another. All are to use their entrusted capabilities in His service, that each may minister to the perfection of the whole. Each is to work under the supervision of God. By Christ's wonderful union of divinity with humanity, we are assured that even in this world we may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 21*

It is God's plan that each believer shall be a help to those who have not yet become partakers of the divine nature. Christ has pledged Himself to co-operate with those to whom He has entrusted talents. He has pledged Himself to train us to be His co-laborers. He will help us to follow His example, doing good and refusing to do evil. *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 22*

We are to be consecrated channels through whom the love of Christ flows to those in need of help. Every true worker is connected with heavenly instrumentalities. Of the angels it is said, "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation?" [*Hebrews 1:14.*] Christ sends His light to those who keep the windows of the soul open heavenward. Under the Holy Spirit's influence, they work the works of God. He who approaches nearest to obedience to the divine law will be of the most service to God. He who follows Christ, reaching out after His goodness, His compassion, His love for the human family, will be accepted by God as a worker together with Him. Such a one will not be content to remain on a low level of spirituality. He will constantly reach higher and higher. *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 23*

In order that Christ's missionary work may be accomplished, His servants must exert an influence that draws their fellow men to Him. Every one is to work out his own salvation with fear and trembling, lest he make errors that will lead others astray. All are to seek diligently for the wisdom that God gives to those who ask in faith. God sent Christ to our world to show what human beings may become through the aid of divine grace. *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 24*

Christ was tempted in all points like as we are tempted, yet He maintained His integrity. Not once did He swerve from His allegiance. No stain of sin marred His life. He is our example. We are to follow Him. Every good word uttered, every good action performed, exerts an influence that is as lasting as eternity. *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 25*

God expects His chosen people to co-operate with Him. They are constantly to advance in their experience, drawing nearer and nearer to Christ, becoming more and more like Him, daily drawing nearer to the perfection that He requires. Such an assimilation to Christ makes human beings examples of what God expects His children to be. This experience all must gain who are pronounced worthy to enter the holy city. *18LtMs, Lt 115, 1903, par. 26*

**Lt 116, 1903**

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June 24, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *Ev 103; PC 16-17.*

Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

I have read with much interest the letters that came to me from you in the last mail. You do not seem to understand, my brother, that when I write regarding the need of practicing economy, I am not writing to you personally, but to all the workers in the Sanitarium. I certainly have never had to reprove you for a failure to economize. Please do not think that I regard you as defective in this respect. I send you cautions so that when you talk with the workers regarding these things, you will have something from me to help you in reaching right principles. *18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 1*

I certainly think that at present it would not be wise to invest two or three thousand dollars in electric light baths and in machinery to operate them. The prosperity of the Sanitarium is not dependent on electric light baths. It is dependent on the prayers and faith and labors of the workers. *18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 2*

In the mail that brought your letters I received a letter from Dr. Caro. I think that he would like to connect with the Sanitarium at Wahroonga. It may be right for him to do this, if he will take the position in the institution that he should take. But if he feels that he must guide the ship, he should not be encouraged to come. A more experienced commander is needed. *18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 3*

I feel very sorry for Dr. Merritt Kellogg. He put his whole soul into the work on the Sanitarium building and labored unselfishly and untiringly. It was thought best for him to come to America. But it is not right for him to be left with nothing, to begin all over again; for he is old and worn and has a family to care for. His eyesight is failing, and he cannot take up the work that he thought he could

take up when he came to this country. We are trying to help him. His brother John sent him six hundred dollars. He must have something to do. We are trying to find him a place where he can have a garden and keep some chickens. He has found a place in Sebastapol for sale. A house and ten acres of land are offered for sale at eight hundred dollars. There are fruit trees and a good well on the place. The property is looked upon as being very cheap, and there are others ready to take it if Dr. Kellogg does not.*18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 4*

How much did Dr. Kellogg put into the Wahroonga Sanitarium? I meant to ask him this when he was here.*18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 5*

I hope that Sister Kress is quite well. Dr. Margaret Evans, who has been working with her husband at the Sanitarium here, was confined a few days ago. The baby was born dead. I feel very sorry for Brother and Sister Evans, but I cannot tell what is best. We must let the Lord work out His plans for us in His own way. Our trials, severe though they may seem to us as we pass through them, are sent for our good.*18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 6*

God's blessing will rest upon all who take hold of His work intelligently. His Word is our wisdom. We need the guidance of the Spirit of God at every step. We need the keeping power of God every day. We know not how to order our lives aright. Constantly we are to pray to the Lord to lead us into all truth.*18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 7*

In our association with one another, we are to remember that all have not the same talents or the same disposition. The workers differ in plans and ideas. Varied gifts, combined, are necessary for the success of the work. Let us remember that some can fill certain positions more successfully than others. The worker who has been given tact and ability that fit him for the accomplishment of some special line of work should not blame others for not being able to do that which he, perhaps, can do readily. Are there not things that his fellow workers can do far more successfully than he?*18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 8*

The various talents that the Lord has entrusted to His servants are

essential in His work. The different parts of the work are to be brought together, piece by piece, to make a complete whole. The parts of a building are not all the same, neither are they made by the same process. The lines of God's work are not all the same, and neither are they to be carried forward in exactly the same way. *18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 9*

In all the work that is done for the Lord, unity is to prevail. "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; in whom the whole building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." [*Ephesians 2:19-22.*]*18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 10*

Strike the true keynote in the Sanitarium. When Jesus sent out the twelve disciples, He said, "As ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give." [*Matthew 10:7, 8.*]*18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 11*

Let there be in the Sanitarium much prayer for the healing of the sick. We must depend more decidedly upon the great Healer. It is the miracle-working power of God that will give efficiency to the gospel message. As believers, are we not sons and daughters of God? Is not Christ our Elder Brother? Then shall we not believe that He will reveal His power in restoring the sick to health? Tell Him your wishes and desires, and plead the promise, "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me, and he shall make peace with Me." [*Isaiah 27:5.*] Christ cannot too often be reminded of His pledged word. *18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 12*

Let us not take ourselves out of the hand of God. Our medical missionary work should bear the similitude of the greatest Missionary this world has ever seen. Present the Lord Jesus, the great Healer, as the One upon whom you depend. The instruction that you give the patients in your parlor lectures will be received much more readily if you send to heaven a petition for the power that is above all human power. *18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 13*



Encourage the patients to breathe the fresh air. Teach them how to breathe deeply and how to exercise their muscles. Teach them to use the abdominal muscles in breathing. Encourage them to spend much time in the open air. Make the grounds so attractive that they will want to be out of doors. Provide some pleasant, easy work for those who are able to work. Show them how agreeable and health-giving this out-of-door work is. This is an education that will be invaluable to them after they return to their homes. *18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 14*

Use nature's remedies—water, sunshine, and fresh air. Do not use drugs. Drugs never heal; they only change the features of the disease. *18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 15*

Do not allow the helpers to overwork. Let the patients see nurses that are cheerful and bright, not nurses who, because they are overworked, are discouraged and downhearted. It is most inconsistent with the principles on which our sanitariums are founded for the nurses to be allowed to break down in their work. *18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 16*

The workers are to practice the principles of health reform in all that they do—standing, walking, breathing, eating, and dressing. They are to surround themselves with an atmosphere of praise. They are to cultivate the voice, keeping it pleasant and sympathetic. No word of discouragement is to be heard. Let the nurses and physicians face the light. Let them open the windows of the heart heavenward, that it may be flooded with the beams of the Sun of Righteousness. *18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 17*

The workers are to strive day by day to reveal a character after the divine similitude. If they give themselves to Christ, He will subdue all in their nature that is harsh or overbearing or dictatorial. They are not to think that they will have no opposing influences to meet. But Christ has promised to be with them always, even to the end. If they constantly cherish a sense of His presence, they will act politely and courteously to all with whom they are brought in contact. *18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 18*

He who is a partaker of the divine nature realizes that he has been accepted by God. He walks before God in faith and humble trust.

The Lord impresses his mind, because he heeds the Word. Truth is unfolded to him more and more clearly. He receives with meekness the engrafted Word, and of the things which pertain to his peace and holiness he can say, "God has revealed them unto us by His Spirit." "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things which are freely given us of God." [*1 Corinthians 2:10, 12.*] "And the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." [*Galatians 5:22, 23.*]*18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 19*

Be of good courage, ever looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith. We are living in the last days of this earth's history, and we must keep fast hold of the great Medical Missionary. When you are tempted, repeat over and over again, "Christ and I are one. He can deliver me." Let Him appear as the minister of righteousness.*18LtMs, Lt 116, 1903, par. 20*

**Lt 117, 1903**

Caro, E. R.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June 24, 1903 [typed]

Portions of this letter are published in *MM 19-21; TMK 54*.

Dr. E. R. Caro

My dear brother,—

Several days ago I received your letter. I would say to you, the Lord lives and reigns. Take hold of His work in any place that you can. If you bring yourself to Him as a consecrated offering, making no reserve, He will accept you. *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 1*

In regard to your future connection with the Sanitarium, I do not know what to say, as I am not on the ground. I could not encourage you to go to the Sanitarium unless those now in charge of the institution have clear evidence that it is best for you to do this. You will have to seek God, and they will have to understand for themselves what their duty is. I dare not take this burden upon me. I know that, judging from past experience, your brethren do not look favorably upon your connection with the Sanitarium on account of your expensive habits. They fear the influence that your example would exert upon the institution. *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 2*

The carrying forward of sanitarium work requires self-denying, self-sacrificing effort. The Wahroonga Sanitarium must be managed by men who keep stern principle ever before them. Unless our workers submerge their own interests in the work for these last days, unless they deny self and bear the cross daily, self-indulgence will creep in little by little. An influence will be exerted that will do great harm. *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 3*

Christ came to this earth and lived for us the life that every one must live who is granted entrance into the city of God. He says, “If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his

cross, and follow Me.” [Matthew 16:24.] “So shall he be My disciple.” [John 15:8.] Your failure to obey this word is the great hindrance to your success in God’s work. I dare not say to the workers at the Sanitarium that it would be advisable for you to connect with the Sanitarium. Should you do this, you would, unless you are greatly changed, exert an influence that is counter to the influence that the Lord would have exerted in the institution. *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 4*

This world has been visited by the Majesty of heaven, the Son of God. “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.] Christ came to this world as the expression of the very heart and mind and nature and character of God. He was the brightness of the Father’s glory, the express image of His person. But He laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown and stepped down from His high command to take the place of a servant. He was rich, but for our sake, that we might have eternal riches, He became poor. He made the world, but so completely did He empty Himself that during His ministry He declared, “Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head.” [Luke 9:58.] *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 5*

He came to this world and stood among the beings He had created as a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. “He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.” [Isaiah 53:5.] He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 6*

Christ stood at the head of humanity in the garb of humanity. So full of sympathy and love was His attitude that the poorest was not afraid to come to Him. He was kind to all; easily approached by the most lowly. He went from house to house, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, comforting the mourners, soothing the afflicted, speaking peace to the distressed. He took the little children in His arms and blessed them and spoke words of hope and comfort to the weary mothers. With unfailing tenderness and gentleness He met every form of human woe and affliction. Not for Himself, but for

others did He labor. He was willing to humble Himself, to deny Himself. He did not seek to distinguish Himself. He was the servant of all. It was His meat and drink to be a comfort and a consolation to others, to gladden the sad and heavy-laden ones with whom He daily came in contact. *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 7*

Christ stands before us as the pattern Man, the great Medical Missionary—an example for all who should come after. His love, pure and holy, blessed all who came within the sphere of its influence. His character was absolutely perfect, free from the slightest taint of sin. He came as an expression of the perfect love of God, not to crush, not to judge and condemn, but to heal every weak, defective character, to save men and women from Satan's power. He is the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the human race. He gives to all the invitation, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 8*

What, then, is the example that we are to set to the world? We are to do the same work that the great Medical Missionary undertook in our behalf. We are to follow the path of self-sacrifice trodden by Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 9*

As I see so many claiming to be medical missionaries, the representation of what Christ was on this earth flashes before me. As I think of how far short the workers today fall when compared with the divine example, my heart is bowed down with a sorrow that words cannot express. Will men and women ever do a work that bears the features and character of the great Medical Missionary? *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 10*

How did men treat Christ when He came? "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not." [*John 1:1-5.*] *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 11*

“There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through Him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.” [*Verses 6-11.*]18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 12

Thus it is today. This history is being repeated and will be repeated again and again before the Lord shall come in the clouds of heaven. The deceptions of Satan will be upon those who dwell on the earth. The enemy will claim to be Christ and will deceive all but those who are steadfast and true to God.18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 13

“But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. ... And 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.” [*Verses 12, 14, 16.*]18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 14

After fitting up this world as the dwelling place of man, God looked upon it, and rejoiced in it, pronouncing it very good. So He will accept of and rejoice in the reformation wrought out by those who, receiving Christ as their Saviour, have obtained power to become the sons of God. “If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” [2 *Corinthians 5:17.*] The *first chapter of Colossians* shows us the heights to which it is our privilege to attain. We may be “filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;” walking “worthy of the Lord ... being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; who hath delivered us from the powers of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son, in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins.” [*Verses 9-14.*]18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 15

Is there not woe enough in this sin-stricken, sin-cursed earth to lead us to consecrate ourselves to the work of proclaiming the message that “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.*] This earth has been trodden by the Son of God. *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 16*

He came to bring men light and life, to set them free from the bondage of sin. He is coming again in power and great glory, to receive to Himself those who during this life have followed in His footsteps. *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 17*

O how I long to see those who claim to be medical missionaries honoring the great Exemplar, whose life declares what is comprehended in the claim to be a medical missionary. I would that they were learning the Saviour’s meekness and lowliness. My heart aches to think that Christ is so greatly disappointed in His followers. They bear a name that their daily life does not give them the right to bear. *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 18*

We must be sanctified, soul and body, through the truth; then we shall honor the name, Medical Missionary. Oh, this name means so much. It calls for a representation altogether different from the representation given by many who bear it. Soon these will understand how far they have departed from the principles of heaven and how greatly they have grieved the heart of Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 19*

My brother, I have the tenderest feelings for you, and I should be so pleased to know that you were occupying a position in some part of the work of God, weighted with a sense of the importance of the truth for this time. Your mother has always been to me a precious friend and helper. It would be a great joy to me to see you established, strengthened, and settled upon the foundation principles of present truth. *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 20*

Jesus is coming soon. I want you and your wife to make ready for His appearing. I want you to wash your robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. Christ said of the church at Sardis, “Thou hast a few names, even in Sardis, which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white; for they

are worthy.” [Revelation 3:4.] I greatly desire that you shall be sanctified, body, soul, and spirit, through the truth. O my brother, I lift before you a crucified and risen Saviour, whom we are to receive as our Regenerator. I say to you, “Look and live.” [Numbers 21:8.] It is our privilege to enjoy the abiding presence of Christ in our hearts. He says, “If a man love Me, he will keep My words; and My Father will love him; and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him.” [John 14:23.] This is the identification that we must have with Christ in this world, if we are identified as His saints in the mansions that He has gone to prepare for those that love Him. We must know Christ here if we ever see the King in His beauty. Christ must be in us and we in Him. We must sit together with Him in heavenly places. *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 21*

God’s people are to show to the world the power that comes to those who live the life of Christ. The Saviour declares, “This is the Father’s will that sent Me, that of all that He hath given Me I should lose nothing. ... And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son and believeth on Him should have everlasting life.” [John 6:39, 40.] *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 22*

My brother, Christ loves you. He has shown you how much He loves you. I cannot find words to tell you how greatly you have disappointed Him in the past. You have allowed the enemy to sway you first in one way and then in another, and the tempter has exulted as you have given way to his temptations. You must have an entirely different experience before Christ can say to you, “Well done, good and faithful servant, ... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” [Matthew 25:23.] When you are thoroughly converted, you will be kept by the power of God from exhibiting the weak points in your character. *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 23*

May God bless you and your wife, giving you both clear discernment. May He teach you what it means to be a follower of Christ. May He put His Spirit upon you, that you may be enabled to reveal Christ to a world dead in trespasses and sins. This is my prayer for you. My soul longs for your salvation. I pray that you may be enabled to overcome as Christ overcame and sit down with Him on His throne. *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 24*



Your sister in Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 117, 1903, par. 25*

**Lt 118, 1903**

Irwin, Sister [G. A.]

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June 24, 1903 [typed]

Previously unpublished.

Dear Sister Irwin,—

I am sorry that I can write you but a short note by this mail, but I will send you copies of letters written to others and ask you to excuse me for not writing more to you personally. *18LtMs, Lt 118, 1903, par. 1*

Be of good courage in the Lord. I am anxious that every one shall be filled with zeal, and in the love and grace of Christ be strong in striving for the crown that will be given to the overcomer. *18LtMs, Lt 118, 1903, par. 2*

The mail closes soon, and I will not have time to write more, but I ask you all to pray for me. I need your prayers. I am striving with all the powers that God has given me to hold aloft the banner, bearing the inscription for this time, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." *Revelation 14:12. 18LtMs, Lt 118, 1903, par. 3*

**Lt 119, 1903**

Santee, Br.; Whitelock, Br.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June 12, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear brethren Santee and Whitelock,—

I have been speaking to Dr. Evans in regard to the Sierra Madre Villa property that is offered to you at about thirty thousand dollars. He thinks it will be purchased by the brethren and is himself in favor [of] the proposition. *18LtMs, Lt 119, 1903, par. 1*

I am deeply interested in this movement and am heartily in favor of your obtaining this property. It is not too far from Los Angeles. There would be no objection to it if it were ten miles farther away. Seeing that this property is so favorably situated, and that, in the providence of God, there is on it a furnished building, I believe it would be well for you to purchase it. *18LtMs, Lt 119, 1903, par. 2*

I am anxious that you shall act in this matter without unnecessary delay. Whatever is done should be done quickly, that Southern California may have the benefits of a sanitarium. In time, as the way opens, changes may be made in the buildings, so that it will better accommodate patients. But do not think of erecting a new building, or making extensive improvements, if you can utilize the building already there. The first thing to do is to secure the property. Then you can decide what needs to be done next. *18LtMs, Lt 119, 1903, par. 3*

It has taken so long for the brethren in Southern California to decide where to establish the sanitarium that I am nearly ready to lay off the burden. I will not say, My brethren, if you will pray more, and if you will carefully consider the light that God has given us, you will move by faith rather than by sight. “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” [*Hebrews 11:1.*] *18LtMs, Lt 119, 1903, par. 4*

I hope you will do your best to secure this place.*18LtMs, Lt 119, 1903, par. 5*

Make a thorough canvass of our own people, and also solicit gifts from outsiders. Let the interest-bearing debt be as small as possible.*18LtMs, Lt 119, 1903, par. 6*

If the place is bought, do not immediately sell part of the land. Consider prayerfully the matter of selling sites to families, on which to erect homes. Do not be in a hurry to settle families on the place. After a time, small cottages may be erected for families who will be a help and strength to the sanitarium and who will constantly exert a good influence. But good judgment must be exercised in selecting men to connect with the institution.*18LtMs, Lt 119, 1903, par. 7*

If this property is secured, it may be that I can come down there and spend a little time with you. Sister Hall, who for twenty years was connected with the Battle Creek Sanitarium as matron, will soon be with us and will be a member of my family. She might be of some help to us in starting the sanitarium work.*18LtMs, Lt 119, 1903, par. 8*

**Lt 120, 1903**

Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June 26, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *5Bio 274*.

Dear brother Daniells,—

We have been praying for light regarding the location of our work in the East, and light has come to us in a very decided way. We are filled with the greatest satisfaction as we think of the places mentioned in your letter. Positive light has been given me that there will be offered to us for sale places upon which much money has been expended by men who had money to use freely. The owners of these places die, or their attention is called to some other object, and their property is offered for sale at a very low price.*18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 1*

Such seems to be the case with the property sixty miles from New York, which you describe in your letter to Willie. From your description of this property, I can see that it is just what we need for a sanitarium and a school. A sanitarium should be established without delay near New York.*18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 2*

The terms upon which this property is offered seem easy, and I should not delay its purchase. It is of no use to wait. We have been praying for light, and light has come.*18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 3*

In regard to Washington, I will say that twenty years ago memorials for God should have been established in that city, or rather, in its suburbs. It was in the providence of God that our people were offered the church that they recently purchased there. I am glad that this church is so nearly paid for.*18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 4*

We are many years behind in giving the message of warning in the city that is the capital of our nation. Time and time again the Lord has presented Washington to me as a place that has been

strangely neglected. There should be a sanitarium in Washington. The people in the nation's capital should know what we are doing. Let the work stand high upon its eternal foundation as gospel medical missionary work. Why should not this work be carried forward in Washington? Why should not the leaders of the American people have the privilege of learning the Lord's will?*18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 5*

If there is one place above another where a sanitarium should be established and where gospel work should be done, it is Washington. We cannot estimate how great an influence would have gone forth from Washington in favor of the truth had a sanitarium been established there twenty years ago. Above all places, this place should now be worked. Satan is working there against Jehovah with all his might.*18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 6*

I present this to you as a matter that is stirring me mightily. One thing is certain; we shall not be clear unless we at once do something in Washington to represent our work. I shall not be able to rest until I see the truth going forth as a lamp that burneth.*18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 7*

I dare not now write all the words that have been given me on this subject. In the future I may feel free to write them.*18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 8*

From the light given me, I know that for the present the headquarters of the Review and Herald should be near Washington. If there is on our books and papers the imprint of Washington, D. C., it will be seen that we are not afraid to let our light shine. Let the publishing house be established near Washington. Thus we shall show that we are trying to do what God has bidden us do to proclaim the last message of mercy to a perishing world. We should begin our work there in a limited way at first, and increase as the Lord may favor us.*18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 9*

But let us not say much until something definite has been decided in regard to settling in Washington. The Lord is good. He is going before us. But let us work quietly. Say nothing about moving the publishing work from Battle Creek until your preparations are made

in Washington to begin the work there. To make a stir about matters would impede the progress of the work. Many objections would be raised, and there would be much talk. *18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 10*

We have come to a place where something must be done. But move cautiously and slowly in regard to taking the publishing work from Battle Creek. Do not pull up from there until you have some better place prepared for the work. *18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 11*

And do not say much about the property near New York until the bargain is secured. It will be best for us to keep our plans to ourselves for a time. We are not to let everything be known, giving those who love to talk opportunity to exaggerate and misinterpret and to do everything but the right thing. Never was there a time when we needed to be more careful—careful how we hear and careful how we speak. At times, silence is eloquence. Wisdom in speech will gain for us precious victories. *18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 12*

All the powers of Satan are at work to create dissension in the ranks of Seventh-day Adventists. Many spend their time in talking over the defects of their brethren and sisters. They are blind; they cannot see afar off. I call upon our people to read the *fourth chapter of Ephesians*. This chapter is filled with warning, reproof, and encouragement. Notice especially the following words: *18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 13*

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

effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” [*Verses 8, 11-16.*]18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 14

Our endeavors to prevail on our people to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace have not been followed with the best results. We hoped for something better. Sadness and discouragement come over us as we see that, notwithstanding the encouragement that God has given in His Word, and notwithstanding the warnings and counsels He has sent by His Spirit, many are determined to follow their own way. But the Lord would not have His workers brought down to the level of these professed Christians, who are always working on the negative side.18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 15

God sends us the message, “Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” [*Ephesians 6:10-17.*]18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 16

We have a tremendous battle to fight. Our worst drawback is our need of workers. Many even of the ministers who claim to be working for the conversion of souls are themselves in need of conversion.18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 17

We are to go into new places—into those parts of the vineyard where the gospel message has not yet been proclaimed. We are to work as Christ worked.18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 18

“Let nothing be done through strife and vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every



man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every other name.” [Philippians 2:3-9.]18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 19

“Do all things without murmurings and disputings; that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.” [Verses 14, 15.]18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 20

Brother Daniells, the Lord has been striving with me, and I say to you, We must make decided moves, and quickly bring things into order, that God may see a different representation, lest His wrath come upon us, and we be not able to escape. The Lord calls for sanctified minute men. He has no use for men who try to serve God and Baal. Let us pray much, and let us refuse to say one word that will irritate a fellow worker. We are to provoke one another to love and to good works, not to anger.18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 21

Let us take hold of the arm of infinite power. Let us walk humbly before God, but let us be giants in meeting discouragement and difficulty. We must have increased faith. Let us praise God. He is our strength, our shield, and our defense, our front guard and our rearward.18LtMs, Lt 120, 1903, par. 22

**Lt 121, 1903**

Hall, L. M.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June 25, 1903

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Dear Sister Hall,—

I shall be very glad to see you again. I am expecting you sometime in July. When you write, please tell me when you are planning to come. We shall have many things to talk of when we see each other again. Please write to me when you receive my letters, that I may know that they reach you.*18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 1*

I have kept very well since the warm weather came. I am surprised that at my age I am favored with such good health. I can go up and down stairs as easily and as quickly as any member of my family.*18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 2*

Generally, I am cheerful. I do not want to cast a shadow in my family. I desire that every word that falls from my lips shall be fragrant with Christlike love.*18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 3*

Last Wednesday morning, Sara and I in the single surrey and Brother James, Mr. and Mrs. Bedell, and some of Brother James’s children started for an eight-mile drive up Howell Mountain to a place where there is a large quantity of small black cherries. Our carriages were drawn up under the trees and I picked nineteen quarts, sometimes sitting on the carriage seat and sometimes standing on it. Among us, we picked four boxes. Of these, Mrs. Nelson canned two boxes, making sixty quarts. Brother James, Miss Peck, and Mrs. Bedell had the rest. These cherries are very rich. The juice is almost black.*18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 4*

I feel so thankful for the physical strength and mental clearness that the Lord gives me. I am filled with an intense desire to do my work

wisely, in such a way that it will bring glory to God. My principles are not to be molded or fashioned by any human being. The Lord Jehovah is my strength. I want to accustom myself to commune with God. I want to cherish a constant realization that He is everywhere. He has shown Himself to be a God who hears and answers prayer. Graciously He manifests Himself as a comforter. He is revealed in the teachings of His Word, in the lessons and parables of Christ. As we study this Word, our minds will expand. We shall gain spiritual strength. *18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 5*

I am preparing for the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for those who love Him. This He would have all do. He desires us to be earnest students of His Word, that we may be sanctified through the truth. *18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 6*

Let us look to Jesus in perfect faith, sitting at His feet and learning of Him. Let us give ourselves to God, to be used in any way that He may see fit. Then our usefulness will appear. We shall have increased faith. *18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 7*

We have been commissioned to go forth as God's missionaries. In the Bible we learn what work God has given us to do, and there, too, we learn how to do this work. No one can know the will of God so certainly as he who abides in Christ. There are some who are constantly inquiring and speculating and guessing, but who, instead of advancing, are retrograding. They are not united with Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 8*

We are not to stumble along in uncertainty. Christ says, "Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Mark 8:34.*] "He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." [*John 8:12.*] As we advance, we become used to following. The path of life shines brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. *18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 9*

How deeply grieved the Saviour is by the loss of one of the souls for whom He made so great a sacrifice. He would bring all into the kingdom of heaven. He desires all to see the King in His beauty. *18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 10*

How pleased the enemy would be if he could keep God's workers in constant perplexity because of the inconsistent course of professing Christians. Let us not keep looking at the defects of others. Let us look ever to Jesus. The world is perishing in sin, while unconverted, unconsecrated Christians are making as much trouble as possible. There are sinners to be saved, and in word and deed we are to fulfil Christ's purpose for them, as His agencies of healing.*18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 11*

The great mass of professing Christians will meet with bitter disappointment in the day of God. They have not upon their foreheads the seal of the living God. Lukewarm and half-hearted, they dishonor God far more than the avowed unbeliever. They grope in darkness, when they might be walking in the noonday light of the Word, under the guidance of One who never errs.*18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 12*

Oh, what a sad representation our people are giving to the world by their contention, their gossiping, their faultfinding and accusing. If they would read and study their Bibles, they would be ashamed of their weakness and inefficiency. Their inconsistency is a stumbling block to sinners. They have no faith in themselves and no confidence in those who are loyal and true.*18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 13*

How true are the words of Paul, "Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits." [*1 Timothy 4:1.*] Oh that the people of God would arouse to see themselves as they are in their backslidden condition! But they will not receive the testimonies sent to help them, and in this they have encouragement from some ministers. But God is not with them.*18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 14*

How solemn are the warnings given in the *ninth chapter of Ezekiel!* These warnings point to stern realities, which will shortly come to pass. But the many warnings of God's Word are neglected. O how sad, how sad!*18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 15*

When those claiming to be Seventh-day Adventists are converted, when they return to their first love, they will begin to work to save perishing souls.*18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 16*

I am making earnest efforts to win the crown of life which at the last great day the Judge of all will give to those who love His appearing. Let us not allow our lips to be tarnished by unbelief. Let us talk the truth. Let us refuse to be deceived by the seducing spirits that will come.*18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 17*

Sister Hall, will it not be a blessed thing to be an overcomer, to sit with the royal family in the kingdom of heaven, to have a place in the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for those who love His appearing?*18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 18*

Be of good courage, my sister. Let nothing discourage you. Keep cheerful. Stand under the bright rays of the Sun of Righteousness.*18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 19*

I must stop now. May God bless you, is my prayer. I shall send this to Sister Whitney to hand to you. If you have left Battle Creek, she will know where to send it.*18LtMs, Lt 121, 1903, par. 20*

**Lt 122, 1903**

Kellogg, H. W.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June 28, 1903

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H. W. Kellogg

Dear Brother,—

I thank you for the letters you have written, and I will now write a few lines in reply. *18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 1*

We are having summer weather. I am trying to keep cool, but find it difficult, especially when the hot winds are blowing. However they do not continue for more than a day or two at a time. As I think of the intense heat in some of the large cities, such as New York, I wonder how people can live in them. And as I look around me, and see the beautiful scenery that surrounds us here, I feel very thankful that we are not in a city. *18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 2*

There are many cities in which as yet no memorials for the Master have been established. To us is given the commission of Christ, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” [*Matthew 28:19, 20.*] *18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 3*

In our vicinity, we are doing what we can to carry the truth to those around us. Three open-air meetings have been held at Calistoga in the Hot Springs Park. I spoke at each of these meetings. I did this that I might reach those who do not attend church. The Lord greatly blessed me in this effort. He gave me strength to speak so that all who attended could hear me. An open-air meeting is to be held near St. Helena next week, and I have been asked to speak. I shall do so if the Lord gives me the necessary strength. *18LtMs, Lt 122,*

1903, par. 4

For nearly a year, Brother James, my farmer, has been holding a small Sabbath school at Larkmead, a place six miles away. The Catholic priest did all that he could to break up this school, but we think that some good will result from the effort that Brother James has put forth. There is one family that we hope will accept the truth. The leaven has been put into the meal, and it will work. The influence of what has been done has already been felt in the neighborhood.*18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 5*

At Yountville, about twelve miles from here, is the State Veterans' Home. In this home there are about nine hundred old men who at some time have fought in the war.*18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 6*

Some months ago, a small company from the Sanitarium began to go to this institution every other Sabbath to hold a song service, taking with them books and papers for the soldiers.*18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 7*

When Brother Irwin was here, he went with the workers to the soldiers' home and spoke to those of the men who were at the song service. He found here a comrade who had stood by his side in battle and who had been with him in Andersonville Prison.*18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 8*

Miss McEnterfer went with the workers one Sabbath, and a soldier by the name of Foy made himself known to her. He is a brother of John Foy, who works at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. He seems to be a nice man. Once while he was on horseback, his horse fell, and his leg was broken and had to be amputated, so that he walks with a crutch. We are expecting him to come and make us a visit some day, and perhaps work of some kind can be provided for him.*18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 9*

A minister from another church speaks at the home on Sundays, but he does not seem to interest the soldiers much. At first but few came into our services, but the attendance has been steadily increasing, and now from sixty to seventy come in every time that a song service is held.*18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 10*

A few weeks ago, some of the soldiers expressed their desire for a Bible study. Thus the way has opened for instruction to be given them in regard to the truth. *18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 11*

So you see we have a large missionary field within the short distance of twelve miles. Brother Stevens and Elder Taylor have been taking a leading part in the work at the soldiers' home, and Dores Robinson has recently joined them. Sister Peck has charge of the singing. *18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 12*

The singers spend considerable time in practice, that their songs may make the best impression possible. *18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 13*

A few Sabbaths ago, Sister Peck, who has been teaching the church school here, took with her about twenty of the children to sing to the soldiers. Mr. Moonie, a livery man in St. Helena, lent them a large stage and two horses for the occasion and also provided a driver. Sister Peck had drilled the children thoroughly, and they sang beautifully. The soldiers were much pleased, and are requesting that the children come again. *18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 14*

The effort that is being put forth is bringing the truth before these soldiers. The interest is growing steadily. Those in charge of the home have expressed their pleasure at the good influence our people seem to have exerted. *18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 15*

Some of the men are already becoming convicted of the truth. Two weeks ago an intelligent man about sixty-five years of age told one of our brethren that before our people went there to sing, he had spent most of his time drinking and carousing with some of the other men, but that since they had been coming, he had found a more profitable way of employing his hours. He said that he had given up drinking and was reading *Desire of Ages*. He thinks *Desire of Ages* is the best book he has ever seen and is reading it over and over again. He says that every time he reads it he finds it more interesting. A great change has been wrought in this man by the meetings held and the reading matter given him. Another old man is reading *Daniel and the Revelation*. *18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 16*



The workers went to Yountville yesterday and had a very interesting time. They found that some of the men have begun to meet in the grove during the week for Bible study and prayer. When they had finished the service in the chapel, they were requested by the hospital steward to sing to the men in the hospital. They went to that building and sang a few songs while standing on the verandah surrounded by men in wheel chairs. Through the doors opening on to the verandah other men could be seen reclining on their cots. Then the singers were asked to go into a different part of the building and sing again. This they did. The aged and infirm men to whom they sang were much affected and begged them to come again, saying that the singing had done them good.*18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 17*

We now need a worker who can visit the home during the week and labor personally with those who are interested. Last Sabbath one man asked one of the workers to come to his room and talk with him; and next Sabbath some one will go to the home to talk with this man and with any others who may so desire.*18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 18*

We need for this work a large number of books and tracts on the different points of present truth. We need health literature. We shall circulate among them all that we can obtain.*18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 19*

I have been requested to go down and speak at the home some Sabbath, but I have hardly dared to go, because I feared the odor of the tobacco in the chapel would be injurious to me. But recently the chapel has been provided with new ventilators, and I think that I may be able to speak in it, or perhaps arrangements could be made for an open-air meeting.*18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 20*

All around us there are souls who need the gospel. Who needs it more than these aged men? We believe that reformations will be seen in the home; for there is abundant evidence that the Spirit of God is working on the hearts and minds of some there. We are all to do what we can to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth. We are to work for our neighbors. There is work everywhere. God help us to do what we can for those nigh and afar off. The end of all

things is at hand. *18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 21*

May the Lord bless you and give you His Holy Spirit, that you may be filled with faith, and courage, and hope. “Hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.” [*Hebrews 3:6.*] *18LtMs, Lt 122, 1903, par. 22*

**Lt 123, 1903**

White, J. E.; White, Emma

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June 25, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *TDG 185*.

Dear children Edson and Emma,—

My last letter to you was a very poor apology for a letter, but I let it go, for I was overcrowded with work. I was writing early and late. I was never busier in my life than I am now. My head is clear, and I am able to write out many things. *18LtMs, Lt 123, 1903, par. 1*

Children, let us cleave to the Lord. Seek counsel of Him. The terrible disasters that are taking place from week to week speak to us in earnest tones of warning, telling us that life is uncertain and that we are to stand ever on guard. *18LtMs, Lt 123, 1903, par. 2*

The evangelization of the world is Christ’s work. In the service that we do for Him, we are to follow His example, that we may make no mistakes. A new era is to begin among the people of God. We are now to ask and receive blessing from on high. Christ has declared, “Without Me ye can do nothing.” [*John 15:5*.] How important, then, that we have His guidance at every step. How important that we move guardedly and that we understand by experience the *sixth chapter of John*. This chapter contains lessons that every worker in Christ’s service should comprehend. *18LtMs, Lt 123, 1903, par. 3*

There is a great work to be done in medical missionary lines. Aggressive efforts are to be put forth in every place. Church members are to be educated to look to Jesus and to follow His example in all things. *18LtMs, Lt 123, 1903, par. 4*

The first messengers of the gospel were sent forth with the word, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” [*Matthew 10:7*.] This is our message today. We are to remember that the work of reaching souls cannot be confined to any one method. Gospel medical

missionary work is to be carried forward, not in the precision of one man's lines, but in Christ's lines. All that is done is to bear the impress of the Holy Spirit. We are to work as Christ worked, in the same practical lines. Then we shall be safe.*18LtMs, Lt 123, 1903, par. 5*

The divine commission needs no reform. Christ's way of presenting truth cannot be improved upon. The worker who tries to bring in methods that will attract the worldly minded, supposing that this will remove the objections that they feel to taking up the cross, lessens his influence. Preserve the simplicity of godliness. The Lord's blessing rests not upon the minister whose speech bears the stamp of worldliness. But He blesses the words of the one who cherishes the simplicity of true righteousness.*18LtMs, Lt 123, 1903, par. 6*

Our work is to be practical. We are to remember that man has a body as well as a soul to save. Our work includes far more than standing before the people to preach to them. In our work we are to minister to the physical infirmities of those with whom we are brought in contact. We are to present the principles of health reform, impressing our hearers with the thought that they have a part to act in keeping themselves in health.*18LtMs, Lt 123, 1903, par. 7*

The body must be kept in a healthy condition in order that the soul may be in health. The condition of the body affects the condition of the soul. He who would have physical and spiritual strength must educate his appetite in right lines. He must be careful not to burden the soul by overtaxing his physical or spiritual powers. Faithful adherence to right principles in eating, drinking, and dressing is a duty that God has laid upon human beings.*18LtMs, Lt 123, 1903, par. 8*

The Lord desires us to obey the laws of health and life. He holds each one responsible to care properly for his body, that it may be kept in health.*18LtMs, Lt 123, 1903, par. 9*

Edson, take good care of your health. Do not imperil it as you have done in the past. There are obligations that you owe to yourself—obligations that you must fulfil if you would have spiritual tone and vigor. When the mental faculties are overworked, the usefulness of

the human being is crippled. *18LtMs, Lt 123, 1903, par. 10*

Much more is embraced in preaching the Word than many realize. In your work in the South, you will find that the colored people can best be taught by object lessons. Kind words and loving deeds will accomplish more than anything else. *18LtMs, Lt 123, 1903, par. 11*

The apostle Paul was a true missionary, a workman who needed not to be ashamed. Let us study his methods and follow his example, that we may be able to say, By word and deed I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 123, 1903, par. 12*

**Lt 124, 1903**

McClure, N. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June 25, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brother McClure,—

During the night I have been instructed that the family that occupies my house in Healdsburg should have the benefit of the fruit from the orchard, if they so desire, and if they will take care of the place and see that it is kept in good order. If they rent the place for twelve dollars a month, they should have all that they can get off it. It is not right to have others acting the part of caring for the place, while the tenant has little of the profit that comes from the place. I wish to do as I would be done by.*18LtMs, Lt 124, 1903, par. 1*

I think that I made a mistake in selling the vineyard for six hundred dollars. This should not have been separated from the house and the rest of the land. But as it is done, it is done.*18LtMs, Lt 124, 1903, par. 2*

I do not want you to sell my place in Healdsburg for less than three thousand dollars. Cautions have been given me in regard to this matter that I dare not trifle with. Three thousand dollars is my price for the place. I cannot now feel clear to sell it for two hundred dollars less than this price. I speak decidedly.*18LtMs, Lt 124, 1903, par. 3*

Things have been presented to me, which, though not yet clearly defined, show me that I must hold right where I am for the time being. In the future I shall understand more clearly the meaning of these things.*18LtMs, Lt 124, 1903, par. 4*

I want everything in my business dealing to be as God would have it. I want to be sure to do my work thoroughly, in the way that God has marked out.*18LtMs, Lt 124, 1903, par. 5*

## Lt 125, 1903

Brethren in the Med. Miss. Work & in the Review & Herald

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

June 11, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *Ev 102*; *7BC 969*.

To my brethren bearing responsibilities in the medical missionary work and in the Review and Herald,—

From letters received, I hear that you have had an excellent meeting. I rejoice that the spirit of unity came into your councils. But I must tell you that the spiritual condition of things at the heart of the work is not such as God would have it. You have but touched the wrongs that need to be made right. You are in positive danger, and this danger will increase unless you earnestly, perseveringly carry forward the work of reformation. The gospel of Christ must touch your hearts, that the transforming influence of the truth may be revealed. I dare not hold my peace. I entreat you to make thorough work for repentance. Do not stop with the superficial beginning that has been made. Make steady advancement, as workmen who are imbued with the spirit of the cross of Calvary. Repent, repent, and do the first works, or your candlestick will be removed out of its place. *18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 1*

“Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write: These things saith He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks: I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil; and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars; and hast borne, and hast patience, and for My name’s sake hast labored, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.” [*Revelation 2:1-5.*]*18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 2*

At one time Ephesus was a church distinguished for her good works. But she had a spiritual fall. God declared, "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." [Verse 4.] This was a most serious loss. *18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 3*

Although He had ascended to heaven, Christ had an intimate acquaintance with the church at Ephesus. He was present in their assemblies. He took pleasure in their faithful discharge of duty, and He commended them for it. But He saw in them a serious lack, and He told them of this lack. "Thou hast left thy first love," He said. [Verse 4.] *18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 4*

Please read, in connection with the message to the church at Ephesus, Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Paul had labored much for the church at Ephesus. "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; according as He has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love; having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved. In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence." [*Ephesians 1:1-8.*] *18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 5*

The first chapters of this epistle are words of commendation. Mark the outflowing of the apostle's love in the words: "Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles, the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the



church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Jesus Christ our Lord: in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him. Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”  
[*Ephesians 3:7-21.*]18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 6

How precious the prayer offered in behalf of the Ephesians! How large and full the encouragement given them!18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 7

The *fourth chapter* contains warnings that show us the peculiar privileges and dangers of the Ephesian church.18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 8

The gospel of Christ was designed to lead all to believe and practice the truth. The Christian is ready to sacrifice everything for His Master. He does not live to himself. From the cross of Calvary the sentence has gone forth, He who lives to himself is not a Christian. Every one who truly accepts Christ will co-operate with Christ. He will follow the Saviour’s example; for he is created anew in Him.18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 9

Upon every human being the Lord has a claim. Man is not his own proprietor. Every power of his being, every moment of his time, has been bought with a price, even the precious blood of the only begotten Son of God.18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 10

And so Paul writes to the Ephesians: “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye

are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." [Verses 1-6.] *18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 11*

Paul speaks of himself as the prisoner of the Lord. But he was not a prisoner because of unfaithfulness. He had committed no crime. He was not an evildoer. He was suffering for the steadfastness of his faith. Why then, should he or his brethren be ashamed of his bonds? *18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 12*

Paul presents before the Ephesians the wonderful privileges granted them. He calls upon them to remember what God had done for them. He tells them of the fruit that they are to bear by maintaining unity, "with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love." [Verses 2, 3.] Their words and works were to be an evidence of the presence of the grace of Christ in their hearts. *18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 13*

Mark the stress that Paul lays upon unity. "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace," he says. [Verse 3.] A man cannot live in unity with his fellow men without stern endeavor on his part. He must put forth untiring effort to control his perverse disposition. He must heed the words of the great Teacher sent from God, who gave His life to make it possible for human beings to live Christian lives, each believer working in his place, the gifts of one blending with the gifts of another, and no man standing apart to judge or criticize. *18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 14*

There are so many who pick flaws in their fellow workers. From those who do this Christ removes His Spirit. The Holy Spirit is trying to obtain access to the souls of men and women, that they may not be led astray by the cunning, crafty schemes of men. He sees what is done to hurt and destroy those whom He is seeking to save and bless and comfort. Let us now turn our attention to the saving of our souls. Christ would not have any one perish. He is our Advocate. He stands before God pleading in our behalf. It becomes us all to watch and pray, lest we enter into temptation and work on Satan's

side, making of no effect the mediation of Christ in our behalf. We are to confess Christ by standing in such a position that He can work through us. *18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 15*

In order to honor God, we must steadfastly maintain our allegiance to Him. We cannot yield to worldly influences without dishonoring our Leader. We must be united with Christ and with one another. We must guard carefully against any betrayal of the sacred trust that has been committed to us. Each believer is to strengthen the other, helping him to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith he is called. *18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 16*

Every Christian, at his baptism, pledges himself to love his brethren, as Christ has loved him. Day by day he is to live out the principles of the gospel. Christ is the source of the divine love that His children are to receive and impart. His disciples are to be afraid to exhibit traits of character resembling Satan's traits. The life of the one who claims to believe in Christ, and yet spends his time in arousing strife and dissension, is a falsehood, a deception. God abhors his evil practices. He has never learned the meaning of sanctification through the truth. *18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 17*

God has made provision for man to be a partaker of the divine nature. It is the eternal purpose of God that His children shall reveal for one another the love that Christ has revealed for them. Selfishness is the fruit borne by the tree nourished by Satan's corrupting influence. In this world of selfishness and sin, Christians are to demonstrate the power of the love of Christ. A Christian life speaks louder than words possibly can, declaring that Christ's followers have learned of Him, and that the power of His love has made them steadfast and persevering, enlarging their comprehension of His love, because they themselves have tasted that love. The love that Christ puts into the hearts of His disciples will enlarge their comprehension of His love, and this will be still more fully opened to them in the eternal ages. *18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 18*

Truth sanctifies the soul. No error is of the truth. Brought into the daily life, truth makes men and women more like Him who is Truth, until at last they will be complete in Christ, in word and deed

revealing His likeness. *18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 19*

I am instructed to say that had the people of God walked in love and unity, they would now be standing high in moral and spiritual power, and the message would have gone to all parts of the world. A greater zeal would have distinguished believers from unbelievers. The world would not have been soothed and flattered in its transgression of God's law. The line of demarcation between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not would have been plainly discerned. *18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 20*

Christ is our Teacher. To Him we are to go for instruction. We are to heed His invitation, "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [*Matthew 11:29.*] My brethren, try the wearing of Christ's yoke. Come down from your spiritual stilts, and practice the grace of humility. Put away every evil surmising, and be willing to see the value of the gifts God has bestowed on your brethren. Remember that Christ is the Advocate of every man with whom you refuse to unite in service. *18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 21*

The Holy Spirit will come to you if you will give Him opportunity. Are you standing on the side of those who wear Christ's yoke of restraint and obedience? He is an all-sufficient Helper. The prophet Isaiah says, "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." [*isaiah 9:6.*] Let us leave our case in His hands. Let us refuse to be enticed by the glowing pictures and representations of human beings who are led by the adversary to counterwork the works of God. Do you realize that in every institution Satan has his agencies who work as he worked? Through them he strives to entice men and women away from their first love. *18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 22*

"There is one body, and one Spirit," Paul declares, "even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." [*Ephesians 4:4-6.*] *18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 23*

One Lord, Christ Jesus is working upon different minds. The lives of those who respond to this working will reveal its power. The Holy Spirit will dwell in their hearts. All will rejoice in one hope—having

the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. By the power that Christ gives they become sons of God. For them there is one baptism. They are baptized into Christ, and they become partakers of the divine nature, “having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” [*2 Peter 1:4.*]18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 24

Paul continues: “But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore He saith, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. ... And He gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.” [*Ephesians 4:7, 8, 11-13.*]18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 25

“That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive, but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ.” [*Verses 14, 15.*] Speaking the truth in love means walking in the truth, being truthful in word and deed. “From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” [*Verse 16.*]18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 26

Paul’s letter to the Ephesians outlines the privileges granted them by the Lord, and it shows how earnestly the apostle labored for them. But they left their first love. They ceased to depend on Christ as their Teacher, and as a result they became cold and indifferent.18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 27

To those who today profess to believe the truth, the faithful and true Witness is bearing the message borne to the church at Ephesus: “Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou

repent.” [*Revelation 2:4, 5.*]18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 28

The Lord would have the principles of His kingdom plainly proclaimed by His people. And this I testify in the Lord, that our publishing houses, our schools, our sanitariums, are to be witnesses for Christ—witnesses that we are living in the world through the grace given by Christ. God’s law is to be the foundation of the principles followed in our institutions. When this law is ignored, as it has been, the Lord removes His favor from those who thus dishonor Him. He will deny them as they have denied the principles of heaven. As they deal with the truth for this time, so will the Lord deal with them in the day that He makes up His jewels. They will be cast aside as worthless stones, which do not reflect rays of light to a corrupt, godless world.18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 29

Those who come out from the world, to stand distinct from worldlings in words and works, those who realize that it is an honor to bear God’s sign, will receive power to become His sons. The Lord will have men who can be depended on. No one will enter the courts above who does not bear the sign of God. Those who in this sin-cursed earth bear this sign in holy boldness, looking upon it as an honor, will be recognized and honored by Christ in the courts above.18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 30

God will acknowledge those workers who are humble and contrite. He will fill them with light and will give them power that will prevail with God and man. Although God is in heaven, He walks in the midst of His churches on this earth. He knows and watches over every one who is trying to do something to save souls. Of these faithful workers He says, “I have graven them upon the palms of My hands.” [*Isaiah 49:16.*]18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 31

To us comes the message sent to the church at Ephesus, and to us also comes the message of *Revelation 3:14-22*. The colder and more formal men are in regard to religious things, the more self-confident they are and the more determined to carry out their ideas and plans. To all such comes the gracious call:18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 32

“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou

wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing, and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked; I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [*Verses 15-22.*]*18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 33*

This is the last call to repentance made to a backslidden church. Who will heed the warning? God abhors indifference in religious things.*18LtMs, Lt 125, 1903, par. 34*

## Lt 126, 1903

Brethren in Battle Creek, Mi. and in other States

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To my brethren in Battle Creek, Michigan, and in other states,—

I have been made sorry to learn that some who have stock in the Review and Herald Publishing House were decidedly opposed to the removal of the publishing work from Battle Creek, and that these were agitating the matter of withdrawing their stock, if the publishing work were taken to some other place.*18LtMs, Lt 126, 1903, par. 1*

The question arises, Why should any one make such a decision? The Lord has long been sending His word to our brethren in Battle Creek that there has been a failure to consider the needs of the whole field. Instruction has been given that the efforts to center so much in Battle Creek were not wise, and that this place was becoming a modern Jerusalem. The Lord has sent message after message to draw people away from Battle Creek. He has told us plainly that these large centers should be broken up, and that plants should be made in other cities.*18LtMs, Lt 126, 1903, par. 2*

Washington, D. C., the capital of our nation, has repeatedly been presented to me as a place in which there should be memorials for the Lord. Many years ago I was shown that in this city the third angel's message was to be proclaimed. With clearness and power the word was to sound forth, "The kingdom of God is at hand. Prepare to meet thy God." [*Mark 1:15; Amos 4:12.*] If there is any place in the world that should have the full rays of present truth, it is Washington, the city that is the very heart of this nation. Those who act a prominent part in framing laws for the nation should



understand what is written in the law of God, which lies at the foundation of all right laws.*18LtMs, Lt 126, 1903, par. 3*

There has been on the part of our people a great neglect of stewardship. Long ago a sanitarium should have been erected in Washington, that the people of that city might have the light on health reform. God has looked with displeasure upon the neglect that has been shown to this city. He has given us the commission, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:19, 20.*]*18LtMs, Lt 126, 1903, par. 4*

Even more explicit are the directions given in Mark: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; and he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In My name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." [*Mark 16:15-18.*]*18LtMs, Lt 126, 1903, par. 5*

The Lord has sent message after message to His people, telling them that there were too many buildings and too many gatherings in Battle Creek. He has declared that His means should be proportionately distributed, that the cities, not only of America, but of all the world, might hear the message of warning. If plants had been made in many places, if the cities had been worked as God designed they should be, thousands of men and women would have been converted to the truth.*18LtMs, Lt 126, 1903, par. 6*

The Lord instructed me that unless the people did respond to the words of admonition sent them, He would surely scatter them from Battle Creek. Again and again I have been shown that the Lord would turn and overturn in Battle Creek. Ministers and physicians were disregarding the cautions and warnings given them. The Lord told me that I must present these warnings to His people in other parts of the world who had not heard them and who, as they met in conferences and councils at Battle Creek, were ignorant of the light

that has been sent regarding the need of getting out of Battle Creek. *18LtMs, Lt 126, 1903, par. 7*

The Lord's messages of warning were despised. Then He sent warnings by fire. Shall I not punish for these things, saith the Lord. The destruction by fire of two of our largest institutions speaks to our people in Battle Creek, telling them to repent and be converted. If these warnings are not heeded, the Lord's hand will be stretched out still to punish. *18LtMs, Lt 126, 1903, par. 8*

I entreat my brethren and sisters in Battle Creek to be careful what they do; for the Lord marks all their actions. Men cannot mock God and go unpunished. The word has come that the publishing house is to be moved from Battle Creek, that it is to be placed where it can stand as a memorial for God, testifying to many people that His law has been trampled under foot, and that in the place of the seventh-day Sabbath, a spurious rest day has been accepted by the Protestant world. *18LtMs, Lt 126, 1903, par. 9*

The worldlings in high places are yet to be warned. Our neglect to proclaim the truth throughout the world stands as a reproach to us, condemning our unfaithful stewardship. *18LtMs, Lt 126, 1903, par. 10*

There are those who would now do all in their power to make of none effect the testimonies that God has given. But in so doing they stand in defiance of the warnings of the Lord. As surely as God lives and rules over the children of men, so surely will a continuation to reject heaven's warnings be visited upon an obdurate people. *18LtMs, Lt 126, 1903, par. 11*

**Lt 127, 1903**

Haskell, S. N.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Dear Brother Haskell,—

Yesterday I received a letter from you, in which you speak of not having heard from me for some time. I have not meant to neglect to write to you, but I have been very, very busy reading matter that has been collected on the work in the South from its beginning until the present time. We are planning to issue this matter in book form, and when this is done, I think we shall have something that will make it impossible for the work that has been done there to be falsely represented. Clarence has gathered together the letters that Edson has written me since he began to work in the South and the letters that I have written him. He is working just as hard as he can to get this matter together and is making good headway. In this book we shall try to show how the work began and how it has been carried forward. I hope that this book will have the effect of making your work in the South more pleasant than the work of some of our other laborers has been by opening the eyes of our people to the needs of the field and the difficulties of the work. *18LtMs, Lt 127, 1903, par. 1*

I have kept you in mind, and I know the course that has been pursued toward you. I have protested and do protest against it. A different order of things will be brought in ere long. I have been doing much writing. I have little on which to build up confidence in Dr. Kellogg's way of managing. I know that the Lord has not been leading him. But the Lord knows all about the underhand working, and He alone knows how it will end. I have sought to present the

dangers of these workings in a way that would reform, not destroy. *18LtMs, Lt 127, 1903, par. 2*

I am sure of one thing: the old heads are precious in the sight of the Lord. They must husband their strength. I can see that strength will be brought to the cause of God by your connecting with Brother Butler. The cause needs men who understand the first, second, and third angels' messages. *18LtMs, Lt 127, 1903, par. 3*

We have all confidence in your work in New York City. I believe that the Lord has led you; notwithstanding that your work has been made hard by so many things. But your difficulties have not been against you, for with them has come assurance and continual evidence of a power above human hindrances. The Lord has been sought unto by you. Have you not been given the assurance that you were sitting together in heavenly places in Christ? *18LtMs, Lt 127, 1903, par. 4*

The apostle Paul, who had received many revelations from the Lord, met difficulties from various sources, and amidst all his conflicts and discouragements, he did not lose his trust and confidence in God. Under the special tuition of the Holy Spirit, his judgment was purified, refined, elevated, sanctified. The devisings of human beings and of the enemy against him were to him a means of discipline and education, and he declares that thus he gained most excellent knowledge, because he made the Lord Jesus his dependence. "Yea, doubtless," he declares, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord." [*Philippians 3:8.*] How greatly this gospel enriches the garden of the soul, enabling it to produce most precious fruit! *18LtMs, Lt 127, 1903, par. 5*

The Lord Jesus has an interest in every phase of His work. I express to you my grief that in some respects mistakes have been made in the distribution of means. When the wages of a missionary who is doing the work that God has appointed him are cut down, it is because a mistake has been made by men who do not always have the mind of Christ. The Lord will make all these things work together for good, even though for the present His servants are inconvenienced and greatly disappointed by being hemmed in on

every side. *18LtMs, Lt 127, 1903, par. 6*

One door is opened for you always. "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These things saith He that is holy, He that is true, that openeth and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth: I know thy works; behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast not denied My name. ... Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." [*Revelation 3:7, 8, 10, 11.*]*18LtMs, Lt 127, 1903, par. 7*

May the Lord keep you and bless you. This is my prayer for you. The Lord will clear away the mist and fog; for the whole earth is to be lightened with His glory. The Lord has a work to be done in this world, and it will be done, even though all the host of the power of darkness shall be summoned to obstruct the way. In His own time God will cause the truth to triumph. *18LtMs, Lt 127, 1903, par. 8*

We must be wide-awake, quick to recognize the movings of the providence of God. We must keep our own counsel that we have entrusted to us by the Lord, not giving the enemy any advantage. The Lord is looking on; the Lord is opening ways whereby the truth shall gain the ascendancy; for truth is the habitation of His throne. *18LtMs, Lt 127, 1903, par. 9*

I have been carrying a very heavy burden, but the Lord does not mean that I shall die under the load. I must bear it gracefully, revealing the Spirit of the great Teacher. *18LtMs, Lt 127, 1903, par. 10*

Jesus feels every pang of sorrow felt by those who are consecrated to His service, and who, under great difficulties, are doing His work. Let us dwell upon the love of Jesus, that we may have courage and faith. The Lord lives and reigns. There will be unwise advisers who will try to confuse us, but let us look to Jesus, and trust in Him at all times. He has been our Helper, and He will continue to be our Helper. *18LtMs, Lt 127, 1903, par. 11*

Be of good courage in the Lord, my dear brother. Work on, even if means do not come to you. Say, "Lord, I have done my best. Wilt thou not make the little we get from the Conference go a long way?" Do not be discouraged and disheartened. I am sometimes greatly perplexed to know what to do, but I will not be depressed. I am determined to bring all the sunshine into my life that I possibly can. *18LtMs, Lt 127, 1903, par. 12*

The debt that I have incurred in trying to advance the cause of God sometimes worries me. I became involved in debt in trying to push forward the work in Australia. The publication of *Desire of Ages* was a heavy expense, and I still owe the publishing houses something. There are so many ways in which to use the little money that comes in that I find it hard to reduce my debt of twenty thousand dollars. At present, I am paying about a thousand dollars a year interest. *18LtMs, Lt 127, 1903, par. 13*

The house I now live in was paid for with borrowed money. I am just as willing to dispose of my place as I was to buy it. I have no abiding place in this world. When the Lord says, "Go, and build up the work in new places," I shall gladly go. My future is in the hands of God. *18LtMs, Lt 127, 1903, par. 14*

I say again, be of good courage, and watch unto prayer. Let us do our part to answer our prayers by living in harmony with them. We know something of what is before us. We know that trials await us. We know that unconsecrated Seventh-day Adventists, who have a knowledge of the truth, but who have linked themselves with worldlings, will depart entirely from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits. The enemy will gladly hold out inducements to them, to lead them to carry on a warfare against the people of God. But those who are true and steadfast will have a strong and powerful defense in God. My trust is unwavering. I am not discouraged, because I can hold to the hand of Christ. Let us be always cheerful, that others may not catch from us the spirit of discouragement. Sing praises to the Lord; sing praises to His holy name. *18LtMs, Lt 127, 1903, par. 15*

From your sister in the Lord. *18LtMs, Lt 127, 1903, par. 16*

## Lt 128, 1903

Daniells, A. G.; Prescott, W. W.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 1, 1903

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Dear Brethren Daniells and Prescott,—

Yesterday Willie received a telegram from Elder Daniells, telling him to come to Battle Creek immediately. Willie was very busy, and I very much disliked to spare him from my work just now, but I left it with him to decide. He goes this afternoon direct to Battle Creek.*18LtMs, Lt 128, 1903, par. 1*

My brethren, I am certain that just as soon as your plans are laid open to some in Battle Creek, you will have interference. The enemy will work to defeat the plan of entering Washington. Light has been given me that the efforts that we make to move the publishing work from Battle Creek will be strongly opposed by those who have not clear spiritual eyesight. These ones will seek to hinder every effort put forth to move the office of publication to any other place. Keep your own counsel. Be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves.*18LtMs, Lt 128, 1903, par. 2*

Move we must, and move we will, because it is the word of the Lord. If we can do this better by a short delay, let us delay; but if you see that the Spirit of God would have you move at once, do as you are directed.*18LtMs, Lt 128, 1903, par. 3*

God’s people are not to colonize. They are not to center their interests in one place. The Lord desires the truth to be represented in other places besides Battle Creek. Seeing that Battle Creek has been visited in so signal a manner by the judgments of God, I know whereof I speak.*18LtMs, Lt 128, 1903, par. 4*

My brethren, let us trust in the Lord always; for in Him is our strength. I am hopeful. I will not fail nor be discouraged. W. C. White will show you what I have written in regard to the money that our people have invested in Review and Herald. Should I withdraw my stock now, at a time when so great a disaster has come to the institution, I should feel that I were doing something that God could not approve. *18LtMs, Lt 128, 1903, par. 5*

We pray for you all. God will help you. Hide self in Jesus, and be assured that He will hide you with Himself in God. Whatever may occur, and wherever we are, let us be representatives of Christ, examples of practical godliness. *18LtMs, Lt 128, 1903, par. 6*

I am weary and must rest my head. I have written much this morning. In closing I would say to you, Do not become excited, whatever may occur. Stand always on guard. The enemy may come with soft, enticing words, and again, he may come as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. *18LtMs, Lt 128, 1903, par. 7*

May the Lord bless you is my prayer. *18LtMs, Lt 128, 1903, par. 8*



**Lt 129, 1903**

Arthur, Judge Jesse

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 2, 1903

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Judge Jesse Arthur

My dear brother,—

I have read your letter to Willie, and I must tell you that you do not view matters in a correct light. I have greatly desired that you should obtain an experience in the service of Him who gave His life for you. I have greatly desired that you should become acquainted with the precious Saviour and stand in line as one of His true helpers. *18LtMs, Lt 129, 1903, par. 1*

At one time you made the suggestion that if the managers of our institutions offered higher wages, they would secure a higher class of workmen and thus a higher grade of work. My brother, such reasoning is not in harmony with the Lord's plans. We are all His servants. We are not our own. We have been bought with a price, and we are to glorify God in our body and in our spirit, which are His. This is a lesson that we need to learn. We need the discipline so essential to the development and completeness of Christian character. *18LtMs, Lt 129, 1903, par. 2*

Our institutions are to be entirely under the supervision of God. They were established in sacrifice, and only in sacrifice can their work be successfully carried forward. *18LtMs, Lt 129, 1903, par. 3*

Upon all who are engaged in the Lord's work rests the responsibility of fulfilling the commission: “Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the

Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” [*Matthew 28:19, 20.*]18LtMs, Lt 129, 1903, par. 4

Christ Himself has given us an example of how we are to work. Read the *fourth chapter of Matthew*, and learn what methods Christ, the Prince of life, followed in His teaching. “Leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the seacoast, 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.” [*Verses 13-16.*]18LtMs, Lt 129, 1903, par. 5

“And Jesus, walking by the sea, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers. And He saith unto them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence, He saw two other brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them. And they immediately left the ship, and their father, and followed Him.” [*Verses 18-22.*]18LtMs, Lt 129, 1903, par. 6

These humble fishermen were Christ’s first disciples. He did not say that they were to receive a certain sum for their services. They were to share with Him His self-denial and sacrifices.18LtMs, Lt 129, 1903, par. 7

“And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought unto Him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and He healed them. And there followed Him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judea, and from beyond Jordan. And seeing the multitude, He went up into a mountain; and when He was set, His disciples came unto Him; and

He opened His mouth, and taught them.” [Matthew 4:23-5:2.] He gave what is known as the sermon on the mount—a discourse full of precious instruction for all who claim to be His disciples. His deeds of sympathy in restoring the sick to health had aroused a deep interest in His work and had prepared the people to listen to His words. *18LtMs, Lt 129, 1903, par. 8*

In every sense of the word Christ was a medical missionary. He came to this world to preach the gospel and to heal the sick. He came as a healer of the bodies as well as the souls of human beings. His message was that obedience to the laws of the kingdom of God would bring men and women health and prosperity. “Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand,” was the word that He bore. [Matthew 4:17.] His kingdom of grace was now to be recognized as surpassing in glory all the kingdoms of the earth. The gospel is the charter of this kingdom. It contains the king’s coronation oath, by which He pledges Himself to pardon all who believe in Him, and who come to Him confessing their sins. He pledges Himself to protect and save the loyal subjects of His kingdom. *18LtMs, Lt 129, 1903, par. 9*

As Christians submit to the solemn rite of baptism, He registers the vow that they make to be true to Him. This vow is their oath of allegiance. They are baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Thus they are united with the three great powers of heaven. They pledge themselves to renounce the world and to observe the laws of the kingdom of God. Henceforth they are to walk in newness of life. No longer are they to follow the traditions of men. No longer are they to follow dishonest methods. They are to obey the statutes of the kingdom of heaven. They are to seek God’s honor. If they will be true to their vow, they will be furnished with grace and power that will enable them to fulfil all righteousness. “As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.” [John 1:12.] *18LtMs, Lt 129, 1903, par. 10*

Christ “went about all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues, and healing the sick.” He preached in the synagogues because thus He could reach the many who gathered there. Then He went out and taught by the seaside and in the great thoroughfares of travel. The

precious truths that He had to proclaim were not to be confined to synagogues. “Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets; she crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates; in the city she uttereth her words, saying, How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn ye at My reproof; behold, I will pour out My Spirit upon you, I will make known My words unto you.” [*Proverbs 1:20-23.*]18LtMs, Lt 129, 1903, par. 11

Christ might have occupied the highest place among the highest teachers of the Jewish nation. But He chose rather to take the gospel to the poor. He went from place to place, that those in the highways and byways might catch the words of the gospel of truth. He labored in the way in which He desires His workers to labor today. By the sea, on the mountainside, in the streets of the city, His voice was heard, explaining the Old Testament Scriptures. So unlike the explanations of the scribes and Pharisees was His explanation that the attention of the people was arrested. He taught as one having authority, and not as the scribes. With clearness and power He proclaimed the gospel message.18LtMs, Lt 129, 1903, par. 12

Never was there such an evangelist as Christ. He was the Majesty of heaven, but He humbled Himself to take our nature that He might meet men where they were. To all people, rich and poor, free and bond, Christ, the Messenger of the Covenant, brought the tidings of salvation. How the people flocked to Him! From far and near they came for healing, and He healed them all. His fame as the great Healer spread throughout Palestine, from Jerusalem to Syria. The sick came to the places through which they thought He would pass, that they might call on Him for help and be healed of their diseases. Hither, too, came the rich, anxious to hear His words and to receive a touch of His hand. Thus He went from city to city, from town to town, preaching the gospel and healing the sick—the King of glory in the lowly garb of humanity. “Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.” [*2 Corinthians 8:9.*]18LtMs, Lt 129, 1903, par. 13

Christ reached out for all to whom He could open the treasures of heavenly wisdom. His ministers are to follow His example.

“Whosoever will come after Me,” He says, “let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [*Mark 8:34.*] God’s workers are to be instant in season and out of season. They are not to depend on regularly appointed meetings as the only means of working for souls. At all times and in all places they are to seek for those ready to perish. *18LtMs, Lt 129, 1903, par. 14*

Christ’s miracles were wrought in such a way that it could plainly be seen that they were the result of the working of a supernatural power. They were the seal that God placed on the commission given to His Son. Not by nature, but by the God of nature, were these miracles wrought. The testimonies borne by them to the divinity of Christ’s mission could not be controverted. But the Pharisees, determined not to yield to evidence, said, “This fellow doth not cast out devils but by Beelzebub, the prince of the devils.” [*Matthew 12:24.*] They would give Satan the glory that belonged to Christ. God gave them every opportunity to believe in Christ as the Messiah, but so long had they walked contrary to God that their hearts were not susceptible to His touch. They closed the door of the heart against the evidence that He sent, because this evidence condemned them as transgressors of His law. *18LtMs, Lt 129, 1903, par. 15*

**Lt 130, 1903**

White, Ella

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 5, 1903

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Miss Ells White

My dear granddaughter,—

I received your pleasant letter and will try to write you a few lines in reply. I hope that you will keep a diary of the experiences that come to you that are worth remembering. This may, in the future, be of use to you. *18LtMs, Lt 130, 1903, par. 1*

The Lord is the great Masterartist. To the books of heaven He is faithfully transferring a likeness of the character that each one is forming day by day, and this will determine our eternal destiny. *18LtMs, Lt 130, 1903, par. 2*

My dear granddaughter, I feel a deep interest in you. I want you to have an experience that will be for your present and eternal good. Keep your heart stayed ever upon God. He who has given Jesus for your salvation loves to have you seek Him in faith. Jesus, the precious Saviour, invites you to come to Him when weary and heavy laden. He will help and bless and encourage you. Without His help your efforts will be unavailing. “Without Me,” He says, “ye can do nothing.” [*John 15:5.*] *18LtMs, Lt 130, 1903, par. 3*

The work of cultivating the heart is profitable at all times and in all places. “Ye are God’s husbandry; ye are God’s building.” [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] We may learn a lesson from the work of the farmer in cultivating the field. He must co-operate with God. His part is to prepare the ground and plant the seed at the right time and in the right way. God gives the seed life. He sends the sunshine and the showers, and the seed springs up, “first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.” [*Mark 4:28.*] If the farmer fails to

do his part, if the human agent does not co-operate with divine agencies, the sun may shine, the dew and the showers may fall upon the soil, but there will be no harvest. And though the work of planting had been done, unless God sent the sunshine and the dew and the rain, the seed would never, never spring up and grow.*18LtMs, Lt 130, 1903, par. 4*

So, in the cultivation of character, you must co-operate with God. His Word directs you to “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.” [*Philippians 2:12, 13.*] You have a part to act, and as you act this part, God will surely co-operate with you. He says, “Ask, and ye shall receive.” [*John 16:24.*]*18LtMs, Lt 130, 1903, par. 5*

“Ye are God’s husbandry; ye are God’s building.” [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] The human agent is to watch unto prayer, seeking counsel from God. As we ask Him for His grace, we are to show that we believe that He will hear us. If we trust Him, He will give us His helping power, His grace, and His Holy Spirit.*18LtMs, Lt 130, 1903, par. 6*

The lessons that Christ gave during His earthly ministry are of great value to us. He tells us that His Father is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those that ask Him than parents are to give good gifts to their children. Be of good courage, and you will have the evidence that your Saviour will be a present help in every time of need. Trust Him, dear child, trust Him. He loves you, and He will bless you if you will put your trust in Him.*18LtMs, Lt 130, 1903, par. 7*

Grandma.

**Lt 131, 1903**

Foss, Mary

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 1, 1903

Previously unpublished.

My dear sister Mary,—

I ought to have written to you before. I will now try to send you a few lines. My health is quite good. I go up and down stairs as quickly and easily as any member of my family. I have a great desire to see you, but I do not know when I shall; for it is a task for me to travel. For twenty-five years my hip has been afflicted, and it is only by the most careful treatment of it that I keep free from the sciatica. In order to be able to sleep, I must have just such a bed—made up of a spring mattress, a hair mattress, a feather bed, and a cotton mattress. I can walk but little, but I have good horses, and I ride out often. *18LtMs, Lt 131, 1903, par. 1*

With this I will send you copies of letters to others. These will show you what we are trying to do here. *18LtMs, Lt 131, 1903, par. 2*

The other day I found in my diary the following extracts written thirteen years ago. Thinking that you might be interested in them, I copied them out: *18LtMs, Lt 131, 1903, par. 3*

Danvers, Mass., Dec. 12, 1890. Sister Edwards and I walked a short distance to call on my sister Harriet's daughter. She married Charlie Morrison, whose first wife Mary McCann was Emma's sister. Mary died of consumption, leaving three children. Two of these are now married. *18LtMs, Lt 131, 1903, par. 4*

Emma was much pleased to see me. We talked with her for about two hours. In the afternoon her husband came to the place where I was staying, with the covered carriage, to take me to see his mother and his two sisters. They all received me courteously, and the mother heartily. I was pleased to meet Charlie's mother. She is



a pleasant, sensible woman. She is benevolent looking and wholesome. *18LtMs, Lt 131, 1903, par. 5*

Dec. 14. After meeting I called upon Emma Morrison and found her alone. Soon her husband and his eldest son came from Salem. We had a short visit. *18LtMs, Lt 131, 1903, par. 6*

I spoke in the afternoon at half-past two. I was pleased to see that Charlie Morrison and Emma, with his son and his son's wife, were present. They were attentive listeners. I spoke from *1 John 3:1-4*. The church was well filled. Many from other denominations were present, including some First-day Adventists. All listened with the deepest interest. The Lord gave me His grace, enabling me to speak the Word with power. *18LtMs, Lt 131, 1903, par. 7*

After the meeting a lady came up to me, and addressing me with cordiality as a friend, asked me with tearful emotion if I thought that she could be saved and not keep the Sabbath. I answered, "My sister, you have the Word of God. This answers your question. Please read the *twentieth chapter of Exodus*; also the *thirty-first chapter, from the twelfth to the eighteenth verses*. Then read the last chapter of Revelation. There we find the promise, '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.' [*Revelation 22:14.*]*18LtMs, Lt 131, 1903, par. 8*

"If you believe the word just as it reads, you will do as the Lord has directed. You say that you are willing to keep the Sabbath if the Lord shows you that you should. You have heard what we have said to this people today. Search the Scriptures to see if these things are so. In His Word the Lord has revealed His will. He desires you to search the Scriptures with an earnest desire to know what is truth. Pray that the eyes of your understanding may be opened. Ask God to give you a mind willing to grasp every ray of light, although this light may be opposed to the belief that you have cherished in the past."*18LtMs, Lt 131, 1903, par. 9*

**Lt 132, 1903**

Butler, G. I.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 3, 1903

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Dear Brother Butler,—

I have received and read your letter. I am very sorry that your expectations regarding the raising of means for the Southern work have not been realized. But I am not surprised. I did not think that you would receive as much as you did. I know how in the past some have studiously tried to divert means into other channels. *18LtMs, Lt 132, 1903, par. 1*

I was instructed by the Lord that the Southern field was to be given every advantage. Especially was Nashville to be worked. Special pains were to be taken to reach the students and teachers of the large schools and colleges in and near Nashville. *18LtMs, Lt 132, 1903, par. 2*

But there were those who in public and private said that enough means had been poured into the South. As a result of their words, means that should have gone to the South was withheld or was given to other enterprises. Where did those who made these remarks get their light in regard to enough means being poured into the South? Only a part of the money that God has moved upon hearts to give to the work in the South has reached this field, because men have interposed to divert the means into other channels. *18LtMs, Lt 132, 1903, par. 3*

Therefore light has come to me to prepare a history of the work which has been attempted in the South, and which has been carried forward with little help from those who ought to have helped. The

Lord would have the facts appear as they are. I shall try to show what has been done under continual discouragement—discouragement brought by men who, notwithstanding the light they have received, have followed a course that has prevented help from coming to a most destitute field. *18LtMs, Lt 132, 1903, par. 4*

For some time Clarence has been gathering together what has been written regarding the work in the South. He has gathered together the letters that Edson has written me and the letters that I have written him since he began his work in the South. He is now classifying the matter. I think that it will make a very interesting book. *18LtMs, Lt 132, 1903, par. 5*

Willie has set himself most earnestly at work on my writings. I find him a great help. The Lord has given us a work to do here, and we shall try not to carry burdens that will unfit us for this work. We are asking God to lead and teach us. *18LtMs, Lt 132, 1903, par. 6*

The people of the South should do all that they can to sustain the institutions at Graysville and Huntsville. For the present, let these institutions look to the people of the South, if they are in need. These people can do more than they have to help. Huntsville needs assistance and has needed it for a long time. But great care must be exercised in regard to appropriating to the institutions already established in the South the means raised in other fields for the work in this field. Something should be done toward the establishment of a school and a sanitarium near Nashville. Efforts must be put forth to advance the work in places in which hardly anything has been done. *18LtMs, Lt 132, 1903, par. 7*

Brother Butler, the Lord is not asleep. But His watchmen are asleep, and the enemy is sowing his tares. Some of those occupying positions of trust in the Southern field are not wise men. They have been leavened with unbelief and doubt, and it will take much to eradicate this from their minds. If these men had not stood in their own way, the work there would now be a year in advance of where it is. *18LtMs, Lt 132, 1903, par. 8*

The God of Israel has commanded that the work in the South shall go forward. Let those who in the past have done little but block the wheels, misconstruing and misinterpreting the words of the workers,

now clear the King's highway. If they cannot do anything but hinder, let them, for Christ's sake, go somewhere else and engage in some other line of work. The Southern field is in itself difficult enough. The efforts of those who stand with stones in their hands, ready to block the way, are not needed. Let us pray that God will send to this field workers who are determined to make a success of surmounting difficulties. *18LtMs, Lt 132, 1903, par. 9*

It makes me sad to speak of these things. But as I see how matters have been managed, I feel as if I must make these statements. How sorry I am that men who profess to be doing God's service work against Him. *18LtMs, Lt 132, 1903, par. 10*

I have been writing much in regard to the need of making more decided efforts in Washington, D.C. Light has been given me that something should be done in this city at once. How strange it is that at the very heart of the nation so little has been done to represent the loyalty of the people of God. To us has been given the grandest truth ever committed to mortals. Washington, the capital of the United States, is the very place from which this truth should shine forth. But what has been done there to proclaim the truth? What excuse can we give to God for our unfaithful stewardship? *18LtMs, Lt 132, 1903, par. 11*

July 4

Brother Butler, God is awake. He is working while men sleep. All around us I see work to do. I will send you a copy of a letter I have written to H. W. Kellogg. It tells something of what we are trying to do. Last year I spoke several times in open-air meetings, and this year I have spoken three times. We shall hold open-air meetings in the towns near here, and I shall speak to the people whenever I am able. My voice is fully restored. I thank my heavenly Father that I am blessed with a clear mind. I am asking Him to help me to write on Bible subjects, and I believe that He will. *18LtMs, Lt 132, 1903, par. 12*

My brother, let us not worry. The work will move forward if we keep our hands uplifted to heaven. The Lord will be our strength, our frontguard, and our rearward. *18LtMs, Lt 132, 1903, par. 13*

I have been much interested in what Elder Daniells has written regarding the places that he and the other members of the Committee have found. He has written a full description of a beautiful place about sixty miles north of New York City. This place is offered for eleven thousand dollars. I think that it should be purchased by our people. The Lord has shown me that such places will be offered to us. *18LtMs, Lt 132, 1903, par. 14*

We must get out of Battle Creek. By fire the Lord has sent us this message. *18LtMs, Lt 132, 1903, par. 15*

My brother, let us heed the invitation, "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me, and he shall make peace with Me." [*Isaiah 27:5.*] Cling to the mighty One, and in His strength make decided efforts to advance. Be of good courage in the Lord. Have faith in Him; trust in Him, and believe that He will fulfil His Word. The Lord lives and reigns. Be strong in Him; yea, be strong. *18LtMs, Lt 132, 1903, par. 16*

## Lt 133, 1903

Brn-Srs. in America

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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My dear brethren and sisters in America,—

For some time I have been strongly impressed that decided efforts should be put forth to proclaim the testing truths of the third angel’s message in the city of Washington, the capital of the American nation. It is a sad thing that our record stands as it does, showing so little accomplished in this city. If there is any place in the world that should have the full rays of present truth, it is Washington, the city that is the very heart of this nation. Those who act a prominent part in framing laws for the nation should understand what is written in the law of God, which lies at the foundation of all right laws.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 1*

There has been on the part of our people a great neglect of stewardship. God has looked with displeasure on the neglect that has been shown to this city. He has given us the commission, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” [*Matthew 28:19, 20.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 2*

Oh, how much we lose by failing to do as Christ has instructed us to do! In the *first of Acts* are recorded special directions that Christ gave to His disciples in regard to proclaiming the gospel. “When they therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And He said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the

seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power. But 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 Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 3*

“And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.” [*Verses 6-11.*]*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 4*

After this the disciples were filled with holy boldness; for had they not the assurance that Jesus would be with them always? They knew they had a Friend at court.*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 5*

“Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a Sabbath-day’s journey. And when they were come in, they went into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphæus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brethren.” [*Verses 12-14.*]*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 6*

“When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 7*

“And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. ... Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judæa, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the

parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians.” [Acts 2:1-5, 9-11.]*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 8*

In the days of the apostles, Jerusalem was a great center of influence, and in this place light from heaven was to shine in its most powerful rays upon the Lord’s witnesses who were to bear the gospel message.*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 9*

Read the whole of the *second chapter of Acts*, and see if you are not convinced that there has been a decided failure to understand that one of our first duties is to make at the nation’s capital a special representation of the truth for this time. Why did we so long pass by Washington, neglecting to establish one signal memorial in this city? Let us determine that we will no longer be unfaithful stewards of this part of the Lord’s vineyard.*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 10*

Our brethren in Washington have been favored in finding properties suitable to use in carrying on various lines of our work. This is a fulfilment of the light given me, that in different sections of the country we should be able to secure, at low prices, properties that could be utilized for our institutional work. In Washington a few months ago a meetinghouse, in good condition, and admirably adapted to the needs of our work, was offered for sale at a price much below its first cost and was purchased by our people there. I am glad that this church is so nearly paid for.*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 11*

Since medical missionary work, when carried on as God has appointed, is indeed the helping hand of the third angel’s message, we should without delay take advantage of the favorable openings for beginning this work in the vicinity of Washington. If there is one place above another where a sanitarium should be established and where gospel work should be done, it is in this city. We cannot estimate how great an influence would have gone forth from Washington in favor of the truth had a sanitarium been established there twenty years ago.*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 12*

Our printing plant in Battle Creek is to be moved. In searching for a favorable place for this institution, let our brethren investigate the advantages that might be gained by a removal to Washington. Our



publishing house should be situated where its influence will accomplish the most in the promulgation of truth. The Lord will guide us in the selection of a place for this institution. We will let Him work out His purposes. *18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 13*

Above all other places, the capital of our nation should now have an opportunity to hear the message for this time. Satan is working there against Jehovah with all his might. I present this to you as a matter that is stirring me mightily. One thing is certain; we shall not be clear unless we at once do something in Washington to represent our work. I shall not be able to rest until I see the truth going forth from this place as a lamp that burneth. We are many years behind in giving the message of warning in this city. Again and again the Lord has presented Washington to me as a place that has been strangely neglected. In looking through my dairies, I have found some things that I wrote more than twelve years ago in regard to the work in Washington and the necessity of establishing there some memorial for God. The following was written March 12, 1891: *18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 14*

“Nearly the entire day I have been entertaining visitors who desired counsel. Brother Robinson, superintendent of the New York and Washington district, came in company with Brother Wright to consult with me in regard to the advisability of building a church in Washington, D.C., combining a church, a mission home, and a reading room in one building, to cost probably twenty-five thousand dollars. They proposed to invite our brethren all over the field to give one hundred dollars each toward this enterprise. *18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 15*

“When we were in Washington during the week of prayer, I had made a similar suggestion to Elder Washburn, saying that as the situation appeared to me, important interests should be established in this city. I could see no better way of letting the light shine forth from the very seat of government, the capital of the nation. It seems strange that some memorial of present truth has not been established there before. I advised that a meetinghouse be built. *18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 16*

“The brethren of the Washington City church are poor; and while

they will do all that they can, they are not able to carry the whole burden. The church must be located in a desirable part of the city. The purchase of a suitable lot and the erection of a plain but large, well-ventilated, and skilfully constructed building—something that will stand as an object lesson of neatness and thoroughness—will require a considerable sum.*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 17*

“Other visitors came in, and I closed this interview in regard to the work in Washington.”*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 18*

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In my dairy of 1889—fourteen years ago—I find precious matter in regard to entering new fields. I will quote a few paragraphs:*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 19*

“True missionary workers will not colonize. God’s people are to be pilgrims and strangers on the earth. The investment of large sums of money in one place is not in the order of God. Plants are to be made in many places. Schools and sanitariums are to be established in places where there is now nothing to represent the truth. These interests are not to be established for the purpose of making money, but for the purpose of spreading the truth. ...*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 20*

“The principles of present truth are to become more widespread. There are those who are reasoning from a wrong point of view. Because it is more convenient to have the work centered in one place, they are in favor of crowding everything together in one locality. Great evil is the result. Places that should be helped are left destitute.*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 21*

“What can I say to our people that will lead them to follow the course that will be for their present and future good? Will not those in Battle Creek heed the light given them by God? Will they not deny self, lift the cross, and follow Jesus? Will they not obey the call of their Leader to leave Battle Creek and build up interests in other places?*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 22*

“It is not God’s plan for our people to crowd into Battle Creek. God says: ‘Go work today in My vineyard. Get away from the places

where you are not needed. Plant the standard of truth in towns and cities that have not heard the message. Prepare the way for My coming. Those in the highways and hedges are to hear the call.’*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 23*

“God will make the wilderness a sacred place, as His people, filled with the missionary spirit, go forth to make centers for His work, to establish sanitariums, where the sick and afflicted can be cared for, and schools, where the youth can be educated in right lines. ...*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 24*

“There is a great work to be done. All around us are souls perishing in sin. Are we doing what we can to save them? The commission given to the disciples is given to us, and to us also is promised the power promised to them—the power that they received on the day of Pentecost, when, like a rushing, mighty wind, the Holy Spirit came down and filled the room in which they were sitting. Under the influence of this power, they went everywhere, preaching the Word, and thousands were converted.”*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 25*

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What a work might have been accomplished, if we had done our duty years ago! Can we stand clear in the sight of God, if we now fail of understanding our duty? The Lord calls on us to awake to a realization of the opportunities presented before us to let our light shine in the city of Washington, by establishing there memorials that will hasten forward the proclamation of the third angel’s message to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 26*

Let us take hold of the arm of infinite power. Let us walk humbly before God, but let us be giants in meeting discouragement and difficulty. We must have increased faith. Let us praise God. He is our strength, our shield and our defense, our front guard and our rearward.*18LtMs, Lt 133, 1903, par. 27*

**Lt 134, 1903**

Butler, G. I.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 1, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *1NL 141-142; PM 177.*

Dear Brother Butler,—

I have begun several letters to you. But each time, before I have been able to finish them, some one has brought to my attention a matter that must be attended to, and I have laid your letter aside unfinished. Then when my room was set in order, the letter would be picked up with other papers and put away. I have written to Elder Haskell and will send you a copy of the letter. *18LtMs, Lt 134, 1903, par. 1*

Our Saviour never used His power to make His own life less taxing. He went about doing good, healing the sick and preaching the gospel. In our work today the ministry of the Word and medical missionary work are to be combined. *18LtMs, Lt 134, 1903, par. 2*

Luke is called “the beloved physician.” [*Colossians 4:14.*] Paul heard of his skill as a physician, and he sought him out as one to whom the Lord had entrusted a special work. He secured his co-operation in his work. After a time he left him at Philippi. Here Luke continued to labor for several years, doing double service as a physician and a gospel minister. He was indeed a medical missionary. He did his part, and then besought the Lord to let His healing power rest upon the afflicted ones. His medical skill opened the way for the gospel message to find access to hearts. It opened many doors for him, giving him opportunity to preach the gospel among the heathen. *18LtMs, Lt 134, 1903, par. 3*

Christ understood the work that needed to be done for suffering humanity. As He was sending out the twelve disciples on their first missionary tour, He said to them, “As ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers,

raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give.” [Matthew 10:7, 8.] The fulfilment of this commission by the disciples made their message the power of God unto salvation. *18LtMs, Lt 134, 1903, par. 4*

It is the divine plan that we shall work as the disciples worked. Connected with the divine Healer, we may do great good in the world. The gospel is the only antidote for sin. As Christ’s witnesses we are to bear testimony to its power. We are to bring the afflicted ones to the Saviour. His transforming grace and miracle-working power will win many souls to the truth. His healing power, united with the gospel message, will bring us success in emergencies. The Holy Spirit will work upon hearts, and we shall see the salvation of God. *18LtMs, Lt 134, 1903, par. 5*

In a special sense the healing of the sick is our work. But in order to do this work, we must have faith—that faith which works by love and purifies the soul. *18LtMs, Lt 134, 1903, par. 6*

The great Teacher delegated power to His servants. “All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth,” He said. “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” [Matthew 28:18-20.] *18LtMs, Lt 134, 1903, par. 7*

The lapse of time has wrought no change in Christ’s parting promise. He is with us today as He was with the disciples, and He will be with us “unto the end.” [Verse 20.] Christ ordained that a succession of men should proclaim the gospel, deriving their authority from Him, the great Teacher. *18LtMs, Lt 134, 1903, par. 8*

In our work we meet with many discouragements. But we shall not gain a particle of strength by dwelling on the discouragements. By beholding we became changed. As we look in faith to Jesus, His image is engraven on the heart. We are transformed in character. *18LtMs, Lt 134, 1903, par. 9*

Judge Arthur makes a very discouraging representation of the financial standing of the Review and Herald Publishing Company. If

the case is indeed as he represents it, we have enough to feel sad about. But I am not going to be sad. I am determined to be cheerful. I was shown some things before the Review and Herald fire, and I am not going to take the burden now. Let us not keep our eyes fixed on the ruins of a condemned office. We shall get no inspiration from such a sight. *18LtMs, Lt 134, 1903, par. 10*

My brother, I do not want you to worry about finances. The Lord knows what we need. The gold and silver are His. Tell Elder Haskell that he must swallow his disappointment in regard to means. *18LtMs, Lt 134, 1903, par. 11*

Brother Butler, you must not take on yourself burdens that will wear you out. We have a great work before us. You and Brother and Sister Haskell are to be very careful of the strength that God has given you. Do not overwork. To do this is to work unwisely. Be of good courage in the Lord. He sees and understands your necessities. *18LtMs, Lt 134, 1903, par. 12*

## Lt 135, 1903

Haskell, Brother and Sister [S. N.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 8, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *3SM 55*; *7MR 401-402*; *6Bio 96-97*.

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell,—

I have just read your letter. Be assured that we pray for you most earnestly. You have our sincere interest and sympathy. The Lord God of Israel is your stronghold. Put your whole trust in Him. Preserve the simplicity of a little child. We are all God's little children. He will instruct us, and we in turn are to instruct others, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. We are to labor with unwearying endeavor to plant the seeds of truth in hearts. Thus we are to be Christ's witnesses. Never are we to sow a seed of doubt in the minds of those with whom we associate. In our work we shall meet with many whose minds are open to receive evidence from the Scriptures. The truth is to be enshrined in our hearts that we may bring forth from the treasure house things new and old to give to others. We are to make it our highest aim to win souls to Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 135, 1903, par. 1*

I have been thinking of how, after we began sanitarium work in Battle Creek, sanitarium buildings all ready for occupation were shown to me in vision. The Lord instructed me as to the way in which the work in these buildings should be conducted in order for it to exert a saving influence on the patients. *18LtMs, Lt 135, 1903, par. 2*

All this seemed very real to me, but when I awoke I found that the work was yet to be done, that there were no buildings erected. *18LtMs, Lt 135, 1903, par. 3*

Another time I was shown a large building going up on the site on which the Battle Creek Sanitarium was afterward erected. The

brethren were in great perplexity as to who should take charge of the work. I wept sorely. One of authority stood up among us, and said, "Not yet. You are not ready to invest means in that building or to plan for its future management."*18LtMs, Lt 135, 1903, par. 4*

At this time the foundation of the Sanitarium had been laid. But we needed to learn the lesson of waiting.*18LtMs, Lt 135, 1903, par. 5*

When I was in Australia, I was shown a large building in Chicago. This building was elaborately furnished. I was shown that it would be a mistake to invest means in a building such as this. Chicago is not the place in which to erect buildings. The Lord would not be honored by such an investment of His means.*18LtMs, Lt 135, 1903, par. 6*

I understand that some one said that the testimony that I bore in regard to this was not true—that no such building was erected in Chicago. But the testimony was true. The Lord showed me what men were planning to do. I knew that the testimony was true, but not until recently was the matter explained. When Judge Arthur was here, he said that the testimony was perfectly plain to him, because he knew that preparations were being made to erect in Chicago a building corresponding to the one shown me in vision.*18LtMs, Lt 135, 1903, par. 7*

I wrote to Dr. Kellogg in regard to the instruction given me, and Dr. Kellogg went no further with the plan. A warning was given that prevented the execution of a design that was not in harmony with God's will.*18LtMs, Lt 135, 1903, par. 8*

The Lord will make all things plain to the minds of those who are willing to be instructed. Spiritual things are spiritually discerned. But God must be our dependence. Unless His servants, ministers, physicians, teachers, editors, and workers in any other branch of His cause make Him their trust, unless they wear every piece of the Christian armor, they will not stand in the conflict before us.*18LtMs, Lt 135, 1903, par. 9*

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having



on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” [*Ephesians 6:13-17.*]18LtMs, Lt 135, 1903, par. 10

“Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only but now much more in my absence, 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. Do all things without murmurings and disputings; that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.” [*Philippians 2:12-15.*]18LtMs, Lt 135, 1903, par. 11

God is in earnest with us. We have received great light, great privileges, great encouragement. For our own good and for the good of those who look to us for a right example, let us beware of making crooked paths for our feet. We cannot afford to stand on any other ground than the sure Word of God.18LtMs, Lt 135, 1903, par. 12

The message of *Isaiah fifty-eight* means much to all who are on the Lord’s side. Truth will gather souls from every place in which it is proclaimed. Unsanctified human influences will try to banish it, but it will make its way, even in the most unfavorable places and in spite of the indifference of many of our own people, who have long been departing from safe paths, and of whom the Lord says, “They are joined to their idols; let them alone.” [*Hosea 4:17.*]18LtMs, Lt 135, 1903, par. 13

God cannot prepare for the day of trial before us those who are careless and indifferent. With those who are neither cold nor hot He has nothing to do. “I would thou wert cold or hot,” He says. “So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.” [*Revelation 3:15, 16.*] The half-hearted Christian exerts an influence more harmful than the influence of the avowed infidel.18LtMs, Lt 135, 1903, par. 14

Satan is all prepared to do his work. And under the influence of his

deceptions, many will depart from the faith, “giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.” [1 *Timothy* 4:1.] But the time is coming when the supreme authority of God will be recognized in earth as well as in heaven. Religion will rule the world with the scepter of righteousness. *18LtMs, Lt 135, 1903, par. 15*

It is a fact now as it has been in the past that where there is one physician wholly consecrated to God, there are many whose lives are but a pretense of godliness. They are a law to themselves, and they always will be, unless the grace of Christ subdues their hearts. They refuse the divine illumination. They lift up their souls unto vanity, and the Lord has no use for them in His service. *18LtMs, Lt 135, 1903, par. 16*

To have the religion of Christ, to have a firm hold from above—this is the privilege of every physician. Every physician who co-operates with the great Physician will have skill and aptitude. He will be enabled to minister to the needs of the soul as well as of the body. Physical as well as spiritual health is obtained through pure, unwavering faith in God. *18LtMs, Lt 135, 1903, par. 17*

Every truly converted physician is the helping hand of God. Through the Holy Spirit’s working he is placed in possession of skill and efficiency. Let him remember that his work is not to glorify himself. All the glory belongs to the Lord. *18LtMs, Lt 135, 1903, par. 18*

No one has greater need of a living connection with the Lord Jesus than the physician. He should cherish a constant sense of the importance of spiritual things. He cannot afford to be mixed up in common business transactions. He should not load himself down with responsibilities that others can carry. He is to keep his mind pure and clear, free from common worldly business. God will illuminate the minds of those who are willing to be educated by Him, those who will hold the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end. Those who submit to the training of Christ will be led by supreme wisdom. *18LtMs, Lt 135, 1903, par. 19*

**Lt 136, 1903**

White, W. C.

St. Helena, California

July 8, 1903

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My dear son Willie,—

On Sunday afternoon at half-past three, we left our home for Healdsburg. Our double surrey was still at the shop, so we borrowed Mrs. Nelson's carriage and took Ladybird and the Bakery horse. Dores drove. Brother Boeker went with us to Healdsburg and then went on by train. A strong wind blew the dust round us in clouds, yet the ride seemed to rest me. We had gone about half way when we met a wind as cold as if it had come straight from snow-covered mountains. We all suffered more or less; for we had not expected such a cold wind and were not prepared for it. I think Dores must have suffered a great deal; for he had on only his thin clothes and had brought no overcoat. For part of the way he got out of the carriage and ran to keep warm. I do not think that any of us took cold. *18LtMs, Lt 136, 1903, par. 1*

We went to Brother and Sister Mills's, and found Brother and Sister C. H. Jones there. I was glad to see them. I had a long conversation with them that night, and I told them about some of the matters that had been resting on my mind. It has been presented to me that satanic agencies are working in ways that man does not expect. At times he puts on the robes of an angel of light, and many receive him as such a being. If we will link ourselves closely with Christ, Satan will have no power to overcome us. As we draw near to God, He draws near to us, and lifts up for us a standard against the enemy. *18LtMs, Lt 136, 1903, par. 2*

I have been shown that some, even of those who teach the Word of God, would be in great danger of being overcome. I saw some linking their arms in the arm of Satan, while he talked most earnestly with them, telling them of the many things that needed to

be changed in the church. Afterward his words were repeated by those to whom he had talked. They were delighted with what seemed to them to be clearer perception and better methods of working. *18LtMs, Lt 136, 1903, par. 3*

I say to all, Be on your guard; for as an angel of light Satan is walking among every church, trying to win the members to his side. I am bidden to give to the people of God the warning, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked." [*Galatians 6:7.*] *18LtMs, Lt 136, 1903, par. 4*

Christ explains, in the parable of the sower and the seed, the need of guarding against the enemy. "When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not," He says, "then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart." [*Matthew 13:19.*] After one has heard the truth, he is in great need of personal labor. Questions arise in his mind. Satan is watching for an opportunity to lead him to doubt. The enemy chooses agencies whom he sends to him to misstate the words of the one who gave the message. "Then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart." The tempted one opens his mind to the evil agencies and yields to the tempter. Thus Satan turns the truth of God into a lie. The one that was convicted loses the blessed influence that if cherished would have meant eternal life to him. Satan takes possession of the heart, and it becomes hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. *18LtMs, Lt 136, 1903, par. 5*

I had a long conversation with Brother C. H. Jones and Brother Mills about many things, of which I will write you at another time. I told them that we cause the enemy to rejoice when we allow him to keep our minds fixed on perplexities. *18LtMs, Lt 136, 1903, par. 6*

I attended meeting at the College at nine o'clock on Monday morning. I told the brethren that on no account were the industries that had been started at Healdsburg College to be discontinued. It is of the utmost importance that industrial lines of work shall be carried forward in our schools. The students will find that in genuine muscular exercise there is a great blessing. Let teachers and students be of good courage. Let them put energy into their work. And if at times they make an apparent failure, let them try again. Let

them learn how to gain control of self, how to work together in love and harmony, how to conquer difficulties. Let them strive for sweetness of temper. This is a grace that the Lord Jesus will highly commend. If they learn these lessons, they will have gained a grand victory. *18LtMs, Lt 136, 1903, par. 7*

In many minds the question will rise, Can industrial work in our schools be made to pay, and if it cannot, should it be carried on? Thus minds are brought into confusion and unrest. Let us not lean to our own understanding in this matter, but follow the directions that God has given. *18LtMs, Lt 136, 1903, par. 8*

The books of the school may show that the school has suffered some financial loss by carrying on industrial lines of work, but if in these lines of work the students have learned lessons that will strengthen their character building, the books of heaven will show again far exceeding the financial loss. *18LtMs, Lt 136, 1903, par. 9*

If after carrying on manual training work for one year, the managers of the school find that there has been a financial loss, let them find out the reason for this loss, and guard against it in the future. Let not a reckless spirit of censure prevail. Let no word of censure be spoken. How grieved Christ is when words of censure are spoken to those who have done their best! In the Lord's Word there is encouragement as well as caution. Let all act their part to make the industrial work a success. God forbid that the hands of those who are trying to carry forward this line of work should be weakened. *18LtMs, Lt 136, 1903, par. 10*

I related some incidents that happened in our experience at Avondale, and I think this helped matters somewhat. I told the managers of the school to gird on the armor for another effort, and to plan and work carefully, following the very best methods. There will be apparent drawbacks in the work, but this should not discourage us. *18LtMs, Lt 136, 1903, par. 11*

I advised Brother Cady to stay at his post in the school until he was sure that there was a man found who was better qualified than he to fill it. *18LtMs, Lt 136, 1903, par. 12*

**Lt 137, 1903**

Brethren and Sisters

Healdsburg, California

July 6, 1903

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My dear Brethren and Sisters,—

“Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church. I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?” *18LtMs, Lt 137, 1903, par. 1*

“But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers. Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? Why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded? Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?” [*1 Corinthians 6:1-9.*] *18LtMs, Lt 137, 1903, par. 2*

Will not the brethren and sisters of the Battle Creek church, and of the churches in every other place, remember that they are working as for eternity? Will not they obey the injunctions of God’s Word, the teachings of which are to be brought into the life practice as spiritual food? *18LtMs, Lt 137, 1903, par. 3*

“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” [*1 Corinthians 1:10.*] *18LtMs,*

*Lt 137, 1903, par. 4*

**Lt 138, 1903**

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 10, 1903

Previously unpublished.

My dear son Willie,—

It is Friday afternoon. Last night I thought that at this time this morning I should be two hours on my way to Healdsburg. But instead, I am sitting on my lounge writing to you. The way seemed to close up against my going to Healdsburg. Sara is not well, and my carriage was not ready. So I decided to stay at home. But I think that perhaps I shall go to Healdsburg the first of next week.*18LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 1*

I have not changed my mind in regard to the moving of the printing plant from Battle Creek. I believe that this should be done, not in a rash, inconsistent way, but wisely and judiciously. Those men who deem it a virtue to oppose every move made to take the publishing work from Battle Creek, and who look upon the burning of the two institutions there as meaning nothing in rebuke and chastisement, will feel a still more severe stroke of judgment.*18LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 2*

I would say to those who have been enlightened by the Spirit of God, Move forward in obedience to the Lord’s will, relying wholly upon Him. The course that is being taken by some confirms the testimony given me by the Lord that His Spirit will not always strive with men. The developments that have already taken place show what may be expected from those who have long had light and evidence, but who refuse to see their danger and repent. The actions of these men give no promise that were the publishing work left in Battle Creek, it would be carried on in harmony with the Lord’s will. Their strength is not in the Lord God of Israel, but in the arm of the law. They are determined to carry out their own human devising. For a long time their opposition to the pure, holy principles



of truth has been strengthening, till at last the Lord saw that it was necessary to send consuming fire upon His institutions in Battle Creek. *18LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 3*

The large number of patients at the Battle Creek Sanitarium is not an assurance that God ordered that things should be as they are. Men may interpret it thus, but it is no sign that the institution is where God would have it. *18LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 4*

The statements made in regard to the grand future of the Sanitarium make my heart sick and sore. The Lord alone is to be served. The Lord alone is to be glorified. If we depend on Him, we shall be guided in safe paths. But we cannot safely depend on the judgment of worldly minded Sabbathkeepers, who are not willing to obey the pure principles of the truth for this time. *18LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 5*

If those who have a knowledge of the warnings that have come from the lips of the greatest Teacher the world has ever known are not convinced by them that the end of all things is at hand, what will convince them? Nothing but the reality, and then it will be too late for them to turn to God. Then, "every man's work shall be made manifest, for the day shall declare it." [*1 Corinthians 3:13.*] *18LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 6*

Let us study the *first chapter of Paul's epistle to the Corinthians*. He says: *18LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 7*

"Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; that in everything ye are enriched by Him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you; so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord." [*Verses 3-9.*] *18LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 8*

How wonderful are the possibilities and probabilities placed within the reach of those who believe. *18LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 9*

“Now I beseech you, brethren,” Paul continues, “by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” [*Verse 10.*] Those who are united with Christ will have an experience corresponding to that outlined in these words. *18LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 10*

Friday afternoon. I laid this letter aside this morning and went to St. Helena. Now I shall have to close it without writing as much as I desired to; for the Sabbath is drawing on. Today we received your card saying that you would soon be in Battle Creek. I hope and pray that you have been greatly blessed by God. Keep out of controversy. Do not be cast down or troubled. Be cheerful. Do not allow yourself to be discouraged. Let there be one voice among those who are trying to set things in order. The Lord is good, and I fully believe that it is His will that the publishing work shall be moved from Battle Creek. But in this we are to move so wisely that those who are opposed cannot block our way. *18LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 11*

I wish that while you are in Battle Creek, you would see Sister Hall, and ask her if she would not be willing to leave the sale of her property in good hands, and come to California. I want her here with us. *18LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 12*

I will send you with this a copy of my talk before the Healdsburg School Board. I do not think that the talk was written out quite as fully as I gave it, but what has been written out will give you an idea of what was said. I hope that this talk will help the brethren there. *18LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 13*

Our schools must understand that physical labor was imposed by God on every member of the human family, not as a curse, but as a blessing. The physical and mental powers of the students in our schools should be proportionately taxed. A field of wheat cannot be produced without the breaking-up plough. The Lord is wise and man is foolish. *18LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 14*

This morning Sara and I rode down to see Sister Hizerman. I wish that I had time to give you a full account of our conversation with her. She told me that she used to be an invalid, sick and suffering.

At that time they had no home of their own. They purchased the place on which they are now living. The ground is very good, but the house is rather old. While Brother Hizerman worked at his trade, Sister Hizerman began to cultivate the garden connected with the house. She says that at first she was able to work only for a short time, and then her back would ache so severely that she would be obliged to go into the house and lie down. But gradually she gained in health and strength, and now she can work for a long time without getting tired. She does most of the gardening, and this morning she took pride in showing us her growing crops. Her hands are hard, but her health is greatly improved. She says that in the past she has spent much time in sanitariums, but that all the treatment she received did not do her so much good as her work in the open air has done her. The physical exercise was just what she needed.*18LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 15*

Sister Hizerman takes great pleasure in her home. "I am so happy, so happy," she said this morning. "I never had a home before." They are going to build a new house as soon as they can. But they are determined not to go into debt. Whenever they have a little money to spare, they buy some timber, and as soon as they have sufficient, Brother Hizerman will put up the house.*18LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 16*

The benefit that Sister Hizerman's work in the garden has been to her is a lesson for us all. It shows what such work would accomplish for the patients at our sanitariums. It would work a cure without drugs. O how many invalids might be healed if the Lord's methods were followed. Weak and trembling, Sister Hizerman began her work, and now she is strong and well. Her outdoor exercise has surrounded her with an atmosphere of serenity. She has indeed been greatly blessed. She is full of peace and happiness. Her weakness has gone. The satisfaction of seeing what she could do has strengthened her purpose to do more.*18LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 17*

I asked her if she had *Education*. "O yes," she said, "I get your books as soon as they are placed on the market."*18LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 18*

Maggie has come for this letter, so I must close. May God bless you and those who with you are fighting the battle of the Lord. Pray, pray without ceasing, and let nothing disturb your confidence in God. I want so much to tell every one of our people not to dwell on the dark side of the picture, but on the bright side—the side of faith and hope and courage. I want to tell our ministers not to be afraid to bear the testimony of the Word without flinching. We know in whom we have believed. Let us trust in God with unwavering faith.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 19*

In much love.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 138, 1903, par. 20*

**Lt 139, 1903**

Brn. in Responsible Positions in the Work of God

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 2, 1903

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To my brethren in responsible positions in the work of God,—

I feel as if I must cry aloud to our people, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light. To every man God has given his work. We are to work and watch and pray, keeping in close touch with the Masterworker. The Lord has a controversy with His people, because they have felt so little concern for the souls ready to perish. Worldliness is mingled with their service. They do not stand out in sharp distinction from the world as those who are laboring together with God.*18LtMs, Lt 139, 1903, par. 1*

The last General Conference held in Battle Creek has a history that many will not understand till the day of judgment, when the books will be opened, and the cases of all will stand forth clearly revealed. At that meeting, the Lord Jesus Christ was among us. If all had worked in harmony with Him, separating from themselves the things that grieved the Holy Spirit, we should have had a Pentecostal season of blessing, and God would have been glorified. But there were many who would not humble their hearts in contrition before God. Sin was resting upon them, but they would not yield. All that had taken place since that meeting that has hindered the work of God is the result of the way in which these men braced themselves against the Holy Spirit.*18LtMs, Lt 139, 1903, par. 2*

Christ says, “Whosoever eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. ... It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life.” [*John 6:54-56*,

63.]18LtMs, Lt 139, 1903, par. 3

I am awakened in the night season, saying, "Trust not in men, and make not flesh your arm." [See *Jeremiah 17:5*.] By the mighty cleaver of truth God has brought His people, as rough stones, from the quarry of the world. These stones must be squared and polished. The rough edges must be removed. This is a painful process; but it is a necessary one. Without it, we could not be prepared for a place in God's temple. By trial, by warnings, by admonitions, God seeks to prepare us to fulfil His purpose. If we cooperate with Him, our characters will be fashioned "after the similitude of a palace." [*Psalms 144:12*.] It is the specified work of the Comforter to transform us. At times it is hard for us to submit to the purifying, refining process. But this we must do if we would be saved at last.18LtMs, Lt 139, 1903, par. 4

The Lord has told us to establish the publishing work in some place where there are not so many people who have hardened their hearts against His Word. There are many in Battle Creek with whom God's Spirit cannot strive. The Lord abhors their indifference. They say of themselves, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing;" but God says, "Thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see." [*Revelation 3:17, 18*.]18LtMs, Lt 139, 1903, par. 5

The difficulties that God's servants will meet as they move the publishing work from Battle Creek are but a repetition of the difficulties that Nehemiah met when trying to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Every possible hindrance was thrown in his way, and at times his work was almost stopped. But the Lord heard his prayers, and opened the way for his work to go forward.18LtMs, Lt 139, 1903, par. 6

## Lt 140, 1903

Brethren

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 5, 1903

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My dear brethren,—

Our people far and near need to ask themselves how the Lord regards their neglect of important centers in America. There are many places in this country in which the truth has never been proclaimed. Many years ago there should have been a sanitarium in Washington, D.C. But men have chosen their way in many things, and the places to which the truth should have found entrance, by the establishment of medical missionary work, have been neglected. *18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 1*

The Lord has opened this matter to me decidedly. The publishing work that has been carried on in Battle Creek should for the present be carried on near Washington. If after a time the Lord says, Move away from Washington, we are to move. We are pilgrims and strangers in this earth, seeking a better country, even a heavenly. When the Lord tells us to move, we are to obey, however inconvenient and inconsistent such a command may seem to us to be. *18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 2*

How shall we answer to God, I ask, for failing to proclaim the truth for this time in the capital of our nation? A representation should have been made there of our truth that would favorably have impressed those who have so much to do with framing the nation's laws. *18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 3*

Why have not those who have taken a leading part in medical missionary work been burdened to carry to Washington the

message of temperance in eating, drinking, and dressing? There would have been less difficulty in giving the message in this place than in some other places. *18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 4*

There are many places that need gospel medical missionary work. Plants should be made in these places. God designs that our sanitariums shall be a means of reaching high and low, rich and poor. They are to be so conducted that by their work attention will be called to the message that God has sent to the world. Many will not heed the call of mercy; nevertheless it is to be given to all, that whosoever will may come to the water of life and drink. *18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 5*

“I Jesus have sent mine angel 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 let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will let him take the water of life freely.” [*Revelation 22:16, 17.*] *18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 6*

The truth for this time is to be proclaimed in all parts of the world. If men and women fail to act their part, God will give voices to the stones, and they will proclaim the warning. *18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 7*

May God help us to give the stirring message for this time. We have no time now to amuse ourselves with the enemy’s sophistry or to apologize for his work. My brethren, keep off Satan’s ground. Do not tamper with what you ought to denounce firmly and boldly, in words the meaning of which cannot be mistaken. If you tempt Satan to tempt you, you will most assuredly be deceived by his reasoning. If you tamper with that which you ought to denounce, you will fall victims to your own ignorance and folly. *18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 8*

God’s Word portrays the fate of those who receive not His warnings. They receive not the love of the truth that they might be saved. “For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.” [2 *Thessalonians 2:11.*] Retribution for past sins comes upon them. Their feet are so entangled in inconsistencies that they cannot discern at what they stumble. *18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 9*



The gospel of Christ Jesus is of heavenly force. The message for this time is a most decided one. I call upon those to whom God has entrusted His work not to link their arms in the arm of Satan. Do not allow him to make a confident of you. Keep away from his specious devices. We have great and solemn truths to give to the world, and they are to be proclaimed in no hesitating, limping style. The trumpet is to give a certain sound. Some will come to hear the strange message out of curiosity; others with a longing to receive true knowledge, asking the question, "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" [*Mark 10:17.*] *18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 10*

Thus men came to Christ. And mingling with His hearers were angels in the form of men, making their suggestions, criticizing, misapplying and misinterpreting the Saviour's words. Christ presented the truth in the form of parables. This was the only way in which He could rebuke sin without causing personal offense. *18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 11*

In this time evil angels in the form of men will talk with those who know the truth. They will misinterpret and misconstrue the statements of the messengers of God. *18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 12*

The question is asked, Why is it that hearts are not moved by the proclamation of the gospel of Christ. It is because Satan is linked up with the religionists of today. Good seed is sown in the hearts of the hearers, but the soil was not prepared, and the seed does not spring up to bear fruit. The enemy comes with his suggestions and insinuations, and the words of life that were spoken lose their force. *18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 13*

Many will hear the message, but will refuse to heed; nevertheless the warning is to be given to all in clear, plain tones. Not only is the truth to be presented in public assemblies; house-to-house work is to be done. Let this work go forward in the name of the Lord. Those who engage in it have the heavenly angels as their companions. They will resist the attacks made by the enemy on those who are co-operating with God. *18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 14*

Christ has a message to give to the world through His messengers which, if received, would change the character of society entirely. The wilderness of thorns and thistles would be changed into a

garden of beautiful flowers and fruit-bearing trees.*18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 15*

Christ has laid down the conditions of acceptable service. “He that loveth his life shall lose it,” He says; “and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be; if any man serve Me, him will My Father honor.” [*John 12:25, 26.*]*18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 16*

It is Christ’s method of serving that is of value in God’s sight. The service of those who serve in the world’s way is worthless; for it is all for self. The selfishness of human nature takes control. They do not serve as Christ has given them example.*18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 17*

Let us study the life and death of Christ. Let us do all in our power to work out the plan of God. What tongue can tell, what pen unfold, the mighty results of looking to Jesus and living His life. How few of those claiming to be Christians have any real right to that sacred name.*18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 18*

Satan watches eagerly to find Christians off their guard. O that the followers of Christ would remember that eternal vigilance is the price of eternal life. Many have a slumbering faith. Unless they are invigorated, revived, quickened into action, their souls will be lost.*18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 19*

Self must die, and Christ must be enthroned in the heart as all and in all. The thoughts must be stayed on Him. Then the life will be an honor to His name. The soul will receive power from on high to resist Satan’s specious devisings.*18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 20*

Have Seventh-day Adventists forgotten the warning given in the *sixth chapter of Ephesians*? We are engaged in a warfare against the hosts of darkness. Unless we follow our Leader closely, Satan will obtain the victory over us.*18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 21*

“Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having

on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." [Verses 13-17.]*18LtMs, Lt 140, 1903, par. 22*

**Lt 141, 1903**

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 12, 1903

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My dear Son Willie,—

Yesterday I received a letter from Edson. I will send you a copy of this letter, so I need not repeat its contents. You will notice Edson’s proposition about the republication of the sketch of my early experiences. I think that this proposition is worthy of thought. I am sure that these experiences might with profit be studied by our people. I certainly think that it would be well if Elder Loughborough’s book could be given a larger circulation.*18LtMs, Lt 141, 1903, par. 1*

Do not fail to obtain the plates of *Steps to Christ*. I am anxiously waiting to hear from you the particulars as to why you were called away from home so suddenly.*18LtMs, Lt 141, 1903, par. 2*

One thing I have decided: I shall not again place myself in the turmoil of such a meeting as the Conference held at Oakland. I know that during that meeting the Lord helped me in a signal manner. But not all was accomplished that might have been accomplished. If the fallow ground of the heart had been broken up, those present would have gone forth from that meeting to work for Christ as they had never worked before.*18LtMs, Lt 141, 1903, par. 3*

I am hoping and praying that the Lord will give His people His grace and His salvation. Then the truth will go forth as a lamp that burneth. Let us not become faint-hearted. Let us cling fast to the hand of infinite power. Let us never, never trust in self, but in God. He is our true, unfailing Helper.*18LtMs, Lt 141, 1903, par. 4*

However dark may be the atmosphere that surrounds the souls of those who have had light and evidence, but who have rejected them, let us keep our eyes fixed on our Leader. God says, "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me, and he shall make peace with Me." [Isaiah 27:5.] *18LtMs, Lt 141, 1903, par. 5*

Every human being that exalts himself will be humbled. We have no desire to exalt the power of Satan; nevertheless, if we do not take heed and watch unto prayer, we shall do this; for on every side his subtle influence is seeking entrance. If we give him the least opportunity, he will lead us to bring his pattern into the web that we are weaving. *18LtMs, Lt 141, 1903, par. 6*

Let us follow the directions that God has given, whatever the result may be. God is not changeable. His word to His faithful people is not Yea and Nay, but Yea and Amen. To those who will not hear His voice, His message comes in vain. Christ says of them, "They would not heed My reproof. Therefore shall they be surprised, and fall, and be taken by the enemy, because they trusted in themselves, and did not repent at My rebuke." *18LtMs, Lt 141, 1903, par. 7*

**Lt 142, 1903**

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 12, 1903

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My dear son Edson,—

I received your letter yesterday and read it with interest. I look favorably upon the proposition that you make regarding the republication of the sketch of my early experiences. I think I have the book to which you refer. Its republication would help to revive the spirit that went with the message in the early days.*18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 1*

Now is our time to work. Satan reads the signs of the times. He works with all his energy to weaken the faith of the congregation of Israel in the part that the messengers of God have acted from 1844 down to the present time. Anything that will strengthen the faith of those who have not had an experience in the giving of these messages will be a wise investment. The faith of many is shaken by the position of men who, though occupying important positions in the work of God, are not following Christ, the Leader of the people of God.*18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 2*

I will leave the matters referred to in your letter, regarding the publication of my books, to Elder Butler and my two sons. Willie will have reached Battle Creek before this time, I suppose. He wrote me a few lines almost every day of his journey, knowing that it would relieve my mind to hear from him.*18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 3*

#### **Our Work**

I have been impressed to write something regarding the work of the

people of God for this time. Just before His ascension Christ said to the disciples, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have said unto you, and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:18-20.*]18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 4

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In My name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up fiery serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." [*Mark 16:15-20.*]18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 5

These plain directions are given to us as well as to the disciples. They outline our work. To us, as Christ's witnesses, has been assigned a special work. We are to reveal the character of God to a world lying in sin. How many are doing this work? How many are living Christ before the world? What can our listless church members say in regard to the way in which they have fulfilled the commission given them?18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 6

Let all church members study the *thirteenth verse of the seventeenth chapter of John*. "And now come I to Thee," Christ says, "and these things I speak in the world, that they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves."18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 7

It was Christ's joy to see souls converted. This joy will fill the hearts of His witnesses as they give themselves to the work for which He gave His life.18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 8

"We are laborers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] But there are so many who will not consecrate themselves to His work. They are not willing to be husbandmen and carpenters for the Lord. They are not willing to

sow the seeds of truth in the human heart, or to teach those newly won to the truth how to build for time and for eternity. *18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 9*

God calls upon believers to put forth personal efforts for souls, as those who must render an account to God. He says to them, “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. I am the vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing.” [*John 15:4, 5.*] *18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 10*

How do believers abide in Christ?—By faith, love, and obedience. Christ abides in them, through the Holy Spirit, as the source of spiritual life and power. *18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 11*

### **Holding Forth the Word of Life**

Speaking of Christ, Paul says, “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and hath given Him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” [*Philippians 2:9-11.*] *18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 12*

If all who believe in Christ would thus honor Him, what an influence would go forth from the church! The members would bear the fruit of good works. They would indeed be lights in the world. The difference between them and worldlings would be so plainly marked that it would be seen by all. *18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 13*

Paul continues, “Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” Be afraid lest in word or deed you shall misrepresent the name of Christian. “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.” [*Verses 12, 13.*] Be cheerful, but not trifling. In the life of the Christian there is to be no jesting or joking, no irreverence, no



selfishness—nothing that would make Jesus ashamed to own him as His follower. Pursue a course that will honor Christ, the One who works with every soul who bears fruit to His glory.*18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 14*

“Do all things without murmurings or disputings; that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain.”  
[*Verses 14-16.*]*18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 15*

Few realize that upon them rests the responsibility of revealing Christ in every phase of character. Many of those who are church members do not honor Christ. They do not hold forth the Word of life. They do not cherish the pure, holy principles that would constitute them missionaries for Christ. Their defective characters are a hindrance to the advancement of the work of God. Many do not see the sinfulness of murmuring and disputing. While they cherish unchristlike traits of character, they cannot bear anything but diseased, corrupt fruit which will contaminate like the leprosy.*18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 16*

The faith of those who profess to follow Christ, but who do not obey the principles of the gospel, is of no value. It needs to be changed for the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. It is the unsavory words and the untrained, unchristlike characters of the members that make the church so weak in spiritual power. The gospel inculcates humility, kindness, benevolence. Its fruit is palatable and refreshing. Unless those who claim to believe the Bible bring the principles of the Bible into the daily life, they are only drawbacks to those who long to be right and to do right.*18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 17*

### **How to Gain Spiritual Strength**

Those who receive and practice the truth will be as lights shining amidst the darkness of the world. Their lives reveal virtues that are a savor of life unto life. This is what Christ means when He says, “It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every

man therefore, that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto Me. Not that any man hath seen the Father”—He guards them on this point—“save He which is of God, He hath seen the Father.” [*John 6:45, 46.*]18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 18

Christ teaches by His Word, His Spirit, His providences, leading those who are willing to be led to a right comprehension of what is truth, and teaching them to see the importance of obeying the Word of God; for it is truth.18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 19

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life. ... I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. ... Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.” [*Verses 47, 51, 53, 54.*]18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 20

This is the gift that God has made to the world—the gift of His Son. It is His design that His children shall be partakers of the divine nature. Believing in Christ, eating His flesh and drinking His blood, they reveal Him to the world. They show that Christ’s principles are their principles. They gain spiritual strength because Christ supplied them with nourishment. A living union with Christ supplies the necessities of the soul just as the physical food we eat supplies the necessities of the body.18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 21

“As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father, so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. This is that bread that came down from heaven; not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead; he that eateth of this bread shall live forever. ... It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” [*Verses 57, 58, 63.*]18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 22

Those who have a living connection with Christ will not be among those who are neither cold nor hot, those who are building characters after the pattern of the world. But many of those who profess to believe in Christ must have an experience altogether

different from the experience that they now have, or they will never see the King in His beauty. Their lives show that they are not partakers of the divine nature. Their characters do not represent Christ's character. Should they gain admittance into heaven, they would not choose to remain. They would not be happy there. They do not on this earth find happiness in communion with Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 23*

The Lord desires all to gain the reward of obedience—eternal life. I plead with those who hear this message to be sure that their practice is in harmony with their profession. He who professes to be a Christian, and yet lives the life of a sinner, must suffer with the transgressors of God's law. *18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 24*

My heart is drawn out in love for every soul. I tremble when I think of how many there are who are doing no service for the Master. Their one thought is to please themselves. How many souls they might have been the means of saving if they had believed in Jesus as their personal Saviour! They know the truth, but they cling to their sins as if they were precious jewels with which they could not part. Unless they turn from their idols, placing the service of Christ before all else, they will lose eternal life. O that they would heed the command, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." [*2 Corinthians 6:17, 18.*]*18LtMs, Lt 142, 1903, par. 25*

**Lt 143, 1903**

Palmer, E. R.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 10, 1903

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Dear Brother Palmer,—

We have heard the news of your wife's death, but have received no particulars in regard to her sickness. *18LtMs, Lt 143, 1903, par. 1*

We sympathize with you. We pray that the Lord will comfort you, and impart to you His grace, so that you will not be prostrated by overmuch grief. Let us thank God that our faces are set toward the promised inheritance. Let us thank Him that His salvation is nigh, and not far off. *18LtMs, Lt 143, 1903, par. 2*

As you look upon your little ones, toward whom your wife so faithfully discharged her responsibilities as a mother, you have reason for rejoicing that she has done what she could to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The blessed Saviour who took little children in His arms and blessed them will not leave your children nor you comfortless. A double responsibility now rests upon you. May the Lord inspire the hearts of those who shall deal with these lambs of Christ's fold to treat them gently, tenderly, lovingly, so that their young and inexperienced feet may be ever guided to walk safely. Dear little ones, Sister White loves you, and she will ask the Saviour to bless you; for He loves you as His little children. *18LtMs, Lt 143, 1903, par. 3*

Brother Palmer, I know you will feel sad because you have had to bury one who was dear to your heart. But what saith the Scriptures? “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.” [*Revelation*

*14:12, 13.]18LtMs, Lt 143, 1903, par. 4*

We will pray for you and your precious little ones, that you may, by patient continuance in well-doing, keep your face and steps always directed heavenward. We will pray that you may have influence and success in guiding your little ones, that you, with them, may gain the crown of life, and that in the home above, now being prepared for us, you and your wife and children may be a family joyously, happily reunited, never more to be separated.*18LtMs, Lt 143, 1903, par. 5*

In much love and sympathy.*18LtMs, Lt 143, 1903, par. 6*

**Lt 144, 1903**

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 12, 1903

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My dear son Edson,—

I had just finished a letter to you when your second letter came. This proved to be a copy of a letter that you had written to Dr. Kellogg in regard to the sanitarium for colored people. I am very sorry that things are as you represent them. Have you or Brother Butler heard from a sister living at Sebastapol, California, a place not far from Santa Rosa? She wrote to me saying that she had some money that she wanted to lend to the work in Nashville. Willie answered her at once, giving her your address. I cannot remember the sister’s name. I think that Miss Peck took the letter that I received from her. Please tell me whether you or Brother Butler have received a letter from some one at that place. If you have not, I will either write to the sister myself, or will have someone visit her. I would go to see her myself, but I wish to save my strength for my writing. *18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 1*

Edson, do not worry. If, after you have done your best, things do not go as you wish them to, give the matter into the Lord’s hands, and the way will open before you. “If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him.” [2 *Timothy 2:12.*] Those who on this earth share in Christ’s sufferings will in the world to come share in His glory. *18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 2*

Of Christ we read, “Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; and being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him.” [*Hebrews 5:8, 9.*] Let us be patient under disappointment. “Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind; for He that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin.” [1 *Peter*

4:1.]*18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 3*

Christ suffered in sympathy with men. He declares, "The reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon Me." [*Psalm 69:9.*] God may see that it is best for us to meet disappointment on the right hand and on the left. Let us stand in close union with Christ, content to be partakers with Him of His sufferings, that we may at last be glorified with Him.*18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 4*

Christ suffers when one portion of His vineyard is deprived of the blessings that it should have, but does not have because His stewards are unfaithful in the discharge of their stewardship. Often the work in one place has an overabundance of facilities, while the work in another place has very few facilities for the carrying forward of the work that needs to be done. Through unfaithful stewardship souls are deprived of the blessings that God intended them to have.*18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 5*

God has bestowed gifts on man, not capriciously, but with equality. To every man He has given talents according to his ability to use them. And it is His purpose that the different parts of His field shall receive the help that their needs demand. When His stewards act selfishly, His work is hindered, and suffering is caused.*18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 6*

True Christians, whose interests are bound up with the interests of Christ, are pained to the heart as they see that by man's cupidity the Saviour is dishonored in the person of His saints. They are cut to the quick as they see their fellow men perishing in their sins, and precious opportunities to save them passing by unimproved because means for the carrying forward of the work of soul-saving are not available.*18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 7*

As laborers together with God, how can we but feel grieved as we see Christ robbed of the glory that He would receive from those who would be saved if the strange workings of men did not hedge up the way. But let us do our best, and let us remember that Christ suffers with those who suffer through the wickedness of the enemy's inventions.*18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 8*

The head of the body and its members; the shepherd and his flock—these words show the relation that exists between Christ and the members of His church. What a wonderful thought it is that we, poor, fallen sinners, can become one with Christ, partakers of His divine nature, through His grace refined, purified, glorified. We may overcome and sit down with Him on His throne, even as He overcame and sat down with His Father on His throne.*18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 9*

O what love, what matchless love! Fallen human beings may become so closely united with Christ that they are glorified with Him. On this earth they have followed in his footsteps, laboring as He labored for the souls for whom He died, and when He comes to claim His own, they enter into his joy, sitting with Him at His table in His kingdom. “Where I am,” He says, “there shall also my servant be.” [*John 12:26.*]*18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 10*

We are to be obedient children in this life, and though our perplexities may often seem great and unjust, we must accept them as they come, all the time doing our very best. We are to be patient, never complaining or reasoning in regard to what we cannot help. We must ever remember that Christ is afflicted in all our afflictions. We must be like Jesus, sorrowing only because we cannot do more to bring souls into union with Him.*18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 11*

We are to be patient in all our disappointments, hanging our helpless souls upon Christ. We are His property, bought with an infinite price. Frequently we must drink of the cup of sorrow, yet we are not to complain. Thus we are preparing ourselves to drink of the cup of everlasting joy.*18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 12*

We must carefully guard the health of mind and body. We are not to take upon ourselves burdens that will unfit us for service or that will spoil the fulness of our joy in Christ. We are to be conformed to His image. He loves us, and He will help us. We are to be passive in His hands. We have His promise. We hold the title deeds to real estate in the kingdom of glory. Never were title deeds drawn out more strictly according to law, or signed more legibly, than those that give God’s people a right to the heavenly mansions. “Let not your heart be troubled,” Christ says; “ye believe in God, believe also



in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." [*John 14:1-3*.]18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 13

Let us study the promises and assurances found in the *first chapter of second Peter*. The apostle writes: "Simon Peter, a servant, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us, through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." [*Verse 1*.]18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 14

All who will may come under the covenant promise. Precious is the price paid for our redemption—the blood of the only begotten Son of God. Christ was tried by the sharp proving of affliction. His human nature was tried to the uttermost. He bore the death penalty of man's transgression. He became the sinner's substitute and surety. He is able to show the fruit of His sufferings and death in His resurrection from the dead. From the rent sepulcher of Joseph rings forth the proclamation, "I am the resurrection and the life." [*John 11:25*.] Those who believe in Me, and do the works of righteousness that I do, are justified, sanctified, made white and tried. They have obtained godliness and eternal life.18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 15

What is the endowment of every soul who is willing to be saved in God's appointed way? "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, according as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue." [*2 Peter 1:2, 3*.]18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 16

This is the pledge that God makes to those who follow on to know Him, and who impart to others the knowledge that they have received, that they also may know the power of Christ's resurrection. We are assured that if we work on the plan of addition, Christ will work for us on the plan of multiplication.18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 17

What part is man to act?—"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of

the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” And we are not to stop here. “Besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity; for if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.” [*Verses 4-9.*] *18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 18*

This will be the sure result in the case of those who once believed, but who have been overcome by Satan because they did not with all diligence work on the plan of addition here outlined. They have become blind in regard to the course laid down for them in the great plan of redemption. *18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 19*

Satan, with legions of evil angels, works with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish. They have become blind in regard to their eternal interests. They have forgotten the precious passages in their experience, when they were fruitful in the knowledge of God. *18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 20*

Temptation must be met and resisted. Day by day the spiritual battle goes on. Day by day we are to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. It is God that works in us, to will and to do of His good pleasure. Every soul is to strive with “all diligence” to add constantly to his spiritual attainments, strengthening every grace, increasing in efficiency that he may grow in usefulness and holiness, as a fruit-bearing tree in the Lord’s garden. [*Verse 5.*] He is to be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. True religion leads to the cultivation of the gifts that make a man more precious in God’s sight than the gold of Ophir. *18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 21*

“All diligence” means much. It means a daily diligence. There is danger that we shall be blind in regard to the working of satanic agencies, and that we shall be ensnared by Satan’s alluring temptations. Therefore the word comes to us, “Giving all diligence,”

add to your character the graces that will make you strong to resist evil. [Verse 5.] “He that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off.” He does not realize his spiritual poverty. “Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things ye shall never fall; for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” [Verses 9-11.] *18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 22*

This is our life insurance policy. May God help His people to accept the conditions that make it possible for them to receive this life insurance policy, is my prayer. *18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 23*

Tuesday, July 14

I have just received a letter from Elder Daniells, written from Battle Creek. From what he says, I see that the very condition of things exists in Battle Creek that was presented to me as a reason for the removal of the publishing work from Battle Creek. A. R. Henry is doing his best to make all the trouble he can for the publishing company. He is working in a strong, unreasonable way to compel it to pay him certain sums of money. *18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 24*

The strain that our brethren are under is taxing every nerve and muscle, and I entreat you to be patient. Let the Lord work out your perplexities. Do not worry; do not be troubled. Just wait patiently, and trust in the Lord. He lives and reigns. Be of good courage in Him. “Fret not thyself in anywise.” [*Psalm 37:8.*] *18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 25*

The Lord would have us wait His time. We are not to run ahead of Him. Watch, and wait, and pray, and trust the word of the Lord. Allow nothing to lead you to lose your hold on Him. He is our God, and He will keep guard over the interests of His cause. *18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 26*

I have been much interested in the copy of a letter written by Brother Everson, who is laboring in Rome, to Brother Daniells. The Lord is opening the way before Brother Everson in a remarkable manner. He is much encouraged. He says that the people are ready to hear. *18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 27*

I have thought of a way in which I can help the work of God in Europe. I can write a history of my visit there and publish it in book form. I am sure that such a book would be a help to the workers in new fields; for we had most precious experiences in Europe.*18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 28*

I must not take time to write any more now. I will write again soon. Be of good courage in the Lord. I pray that He may richly bless you.*18LtMs, Lt 144, 1903, par. 29*

**Lt 145, 1903**

Palmer, Brother and Sister [W. O.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 14, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brother and Sister Palmer,—

I have not forgotten you and your fellow workers in Nashville. Although I have not written to you often, I have often presented you and your family before God in prayer and have felt the assurance that the Lord would bless you and work with you.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 145, 1903, par. 1*

If you become worried, and run-down physically, would it not be best for you to have a change for a time? We should be very glad to have you come to see us at any time. We would welcome you into our home. As you know, I am not always master of my own time; for often I must do much writing without delay. Many letters must be answered; and besides, I am trying to write some concerning the apostle Paul preparatory to revising my book *Sketches From the Life of Paul*. After completing this revision, I hope to add something to the book *Life Sketches* in order that another edition may be published. The work of revising these books leads us into a profitable field.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 145, 1903, par. 2*

I am trying to devise ways and means to advance the Lord's work. I have a strong hope that we shall indeed be “laborers together with God.” [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 145, 1903, par. 3*

My brother, do not load yourself down so heavily that you will become weak. Study from cause to effect. Let us work, and watch, and pray. Fail not to heed the suggestions I give you. Be diligent in your effort to live under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Daily add to your Christian experience. I will try to be a mother to you, if you will allow me to be. May the Lord strengthen you by His rich grace.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 145, 1903, par. 4*

Work for unbelievers in the high places as well as in the low places. Search diligently for perishing souls. O think of the yearning desire Christ has to bring to His fold again those who have gone astray! Let us watch for souls as they that must give an account. *18LtMs, Lt 145, 1903, par. 5*

If I were only young, I would go forth to labor in every place I could visit. But this is not a work that you are appointed to do. Your physical strength would not admit of your laboring much as a traveling evangelist. You can do a good work where you are. Daily live the truth in purity and humility. This is your safety. *18LtMs, Lt 145, 1903, par. 6*

Be cheerful and of good courage. We do not now see many ways opening for the advancement of the Lord's work in the Southern field, because but little new territory has been added lately. Many know not the things that belong to their peace, because the unfaithfulness of men has hedged up the way for the proclamation of the message for this time. Now is the day of our responsibility. And yet, Brother Palmer, you must not be careless or imprudent in your efforts to advance the cause. You cannot do the work of an evangelist, because you must not expose yourself to the changes that such a laborer must make. But if you adorn the doctrine of God and of our Saviour, you will surely have the joy and peace of Christ in your heart. *18LtMs, Lt 145, 1903, par. 7*

I will now close this letter. I hope to have time to write to you again soon. May the Lord bless you and your wife and daughter, and give you His sweet peace, which will be health to the physical, mental, and moral powers, is my prayer. *18LtMs, Lt 145, 1903, par. 8*

With love to all. *18LtMs, Lt 145, 1903, par. 9*

## Lt 146, 1903

Friends in Australia

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 15, 1903

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Dear Friends in Australia,—

We are doing what we can to carry the truth to those around us. Three open-air meetings have been held at Calistoga, in the Hot Springs Park. I spoke at each of these meetings. I did this that I might reach those who do not attend church. The Lord greatly blessed me in this effort. *18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 1*

For nearly a year, Brother James, my farmer, has been holding a small Sabbath school at Larkmead, a place six miles away. The Catholic priest did all that he could to break up this school, but we think that some good will result from the effort that Brother James has put forth. There is one family that we hope will accept the truth. The leaven has been put into the meal, and it will work. The influence of what has already been done has been felt in the neighborhood. *18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 2*

At Yountville, about twelve miles from here, is the State Veterans' Home. In this home there are about nine hundred old men who at some time have fought in the war. *18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 3*

Some months ago, a small company from the Sanitarium began to go to this institution every other Sabbath to hold a song service, taking with them books and papers for the soldiers. *18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 4*

When Brother Irwin was here, he went with the workers to the soldiers' home and spoke to those of the men who were at the song service. He found here a comrade who had stood by his side in battle and who had been with him in Andersonville Prison. *18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 5*

Miss McEnterfer went with the workers one Sabbath, and a soldier by the name of Foy made himself known to her. He is a brother of John Foy who works at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. Once while he was on horseback, his horse fell, and his leg was broken and had to be amputated, so that he walks on crutches. We are expecting him to come and make us a visit some day. *18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 6*

At first but few of the members of the Home came to our services, but the attendance has been steadily increasing, and now from sixty to seventy men come in every time that a song service is held. *18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 7*

A few weeks ago some of the soldiers expressed their desire for a Bible study. Thus the way has opened for instruction to be given in regard to the truth. *18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 8*

So you see we have a large missionary field within the short distance of twelve miles. Brother Stevens and Elder Taylor have been taking a leading part in the work at the soldiers' home, and Dores Robinson has recently joined them. Sister Peck has charge of the singing. The singers spend considerable time in practice, that their songs may make the best impression possible. *18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 9*

A few Sabbaths ago, Sister Peck, who has been teaching the church school here, took with her about twenty of the children to sing to the soldiers. Mr. Mooney, a livery man in St. Helena, lent them a large stage and two horses for the occasion, and also provided a driver. Sister Peck had drilled the children thoroughly, and they sang beautifully. The soldiers were much pleased and are requesting that the children come again. *18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 10*

The effort that is being put forth is bringing the truth before these soldiers. The interest is growing steadily. Those in charge of the home have expressed their pleasure at the good influence our people seem to have exerted. *18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 11*

Some of the men are already becoming convicted of the truth. A few weeks ago, an intelligent-looking man, about sixty-five years of age, told one of our brethren that before our people went there to



sing, he had spent most of his time drinking and carousing with some of the other men, but that since they had been coming, he had found a more profitable way of employing his time. He said that he had given up drinking and was reading *Desire of Ages*. He thinks *Desire of Ages* is the best book he has ever seen and is reading it over and over again. He says that every time he reads it he finds it more interesting. A great change has been wrought in this man by the meetings held and the reading matter given him. Another old man is reading *Daniel and the Revelation*.*18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 12*

The workers went to Yountville last Sabbath and had a very interesting time. They found that some of the men have begun to meet in the grove during the week for Bible study and prayer. When they had finished the service in the chapel, they were requested by the hospital steward to sing to the men in the hospital. They went to that building and sang a few songs while standing on the verandah surrounded by men in wheel chairs. Through the doors opening on to the verandah, other men could be seen reclining on their cots. Then the singers were asked to go into a different part of the building and sing again. This they did. The aged and infirm men to whom they sang were much affected and begged them to come again, saying that the singing had done them good.*18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 13*

We now need a worker who can visit the home during the week and labor personally with those who are interested. Last Sabbath one man asked one of the workers to come to his room and talk with him; and next Sabbath some one will go to the home to talk with this man and with any others who may so desire. The work at the Veterans' Home at Yountville should by all means go forward.*18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 14*

All around us there are souls who need the gospel. Who needs it more than these aged men? We believe that reformations will be seen in the home; for there is abundant evidence that the Spirit of God is working on the hearts and minds of some there.*18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 15*

The invitation to the marriage supper of the Lamb is to be given to

the aged men in the soldiers' home at Yountville and in similar institutions in other places. I believe that many of them can be won to Christ. By prayer and tender sympathy we are to lead them to seek refuge in Jesus. They may feel His converting power. Their souls are precious in the Redeemer's sight. He loves them with a deep, far-reaching love. Then shall not we, men and women of God's appointment, show as deep an interest in them? Shall we not be laborers together with God in their behalf? Shall we not improve every opportunity to lift up before them a crucified and risen Saviour?*18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 16*

Let the worker realize that he is only an instrument in God's hands. He is to labor in connection with Christ, depending on the grace and strength of God to enable him to present the glories of the heavenly Canaan to those who even in their old age need to learn that those who come to Christ He will in no wise cast out.*18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 17*

Let the children be encouraged to act their part in this work. There is in the simplicity of childhood something that has the power to break the spell of habits and customs of years.*18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 18*

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” [*John 14:1-3.*] What precious words these are to speak to aged men such as those in the Veterans' Home! What hope and joy may thus be brought into their lives! We have a message that they need, O so much. We have not a moment to lose. Let us with all tenderness persuade them to come to the Saviour. Jesus is seeking through us, His agencies, to draw them into the fold. Let us tell them—these old men, who one by one are going down into the grave—that Christ has given us a message for them. Let us tell them that as soon as they receive Christ as their Saviour, the privileges of sonship are theirs. They are children of God. “If children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.” [*Romans 8:17.*] Tell them that Christ wants them to be subjects of his kingdom. He says,

“Because I live, ye shall live also.” [*John 14:19.*] The kingdom was prepared for them before the foundation of the world. It is the Father’s good pleasure to give the kingdom to all who love Him and keep His commandments. He will keep them by His power if they will give their hearts to Him. If they will come to Him, they will find rest in a Saviour’s love. *18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 19*

The Lord would have us do our very best, as wise men and women, to draw these aged men to Jesus, that when the “house of this earthly tabernacle” shall fail, they may die rejoicing in the hope of a home in the kingdom of God. [*2 Corinthians 5:1.*] Christ will accept all who believe in Him. If these aged men accept Him as their Saviour, their life will be hid with Christ in God. When He who is their life shall appear, He will call them from their prison house, breaking for them the fetters of the tomb. *18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 20*

I know that to those in our prisons the Word of the Lord should be given. To them the gospel is to be preached, even as it was preached to the dying thief on the cross. The Lord will accept all who will receive and believe on Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 21*

There are many places in which as yet no memorials for the Master have been established, many men and women who have never heard the message for this time. To us is given the commission, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” [*Matthew 28:19, 20.*] *18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 22*

Every one who believes the truth can do something for its advancement. God is calling, all heaven is waiting, for human agencies to take up their appointed work. Oh, if we only knew how short is the time left us in which to work, we would do our utmost to point sinners to Christ. In the last great day, how bitterly we shall regret the waste of the time that we could have given to the saving of souls ready to perish. *18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 23*

It is not eloquent speakers that are needed, but humble, earnest workers, men who have childlike trust in a higher strength. It is the

men of prayer, who seek the Lord with humble, contrite hearts, that are men of power. They will be enabled to lead sinners to the marriage supper of the Lamb. I often think of the words, “And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.” [*Ephesians 6:15.*] If we will take up our work with hearts melted by God’s love, we shall see the salvation of God. *18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 24*

May the Lord bless you all, and give you His Holy Spirit, that you may be filled with faith, and courage, and hope, and that you may “hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.” [*Hebrews 3:6.*] *18LtMs, Lt 146, 1903, par. 25*

**Lt 147, 1903**

Farnsworth, Brother and Sister [E. W.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 14, 1903

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Dear brother and sister Farnsworth,—

Although I have not written to you for some time, I think of you often. But I do not always have time to write to you.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 1*

I have a great amount of work laid out to do. I think I will tell you something of what it is. Brother Haskell and Brother Butler are anxious for me to republish a little book containing my early experiences in the work. They feel that this book would be a great help to those who have just accepted the truth. I think that what they say is true. I wish to keep the way behind us lighted up. The past is to reflect its light on the present. The hearts of many are settling down into a fatal disregard for the light God has given us to shine upon the past and present and into the future. Those who have not humbled themselves to accept the light and walk in the light will become traitors to their holy trust. Privileges abused, grace despised, warnings rejected, convictions smothered, will witness against them.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 2*

Impenitence has taken hold upon some who once acted a prominent part in the work of God. There is on their part a settling down to a fatal hardness of heart, a confirmed resistance of the Spirit's pleading. Should death overtake them as they are now, the dreadful words would be spoken, “Weighed in the balances and found wanting.” [*Daniel 5:27.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 3*

It is possible for men to offer the Saviour outward homage, to be

Christians in profession, to have a form of godliness, while the heart, whose loyalty He prizes above <everything> else, is estranged from Him. Such ones have a name to live, but are dead.*18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 4*

I am in great distress and agony as I see how determined some who have been often warned are in their refusal to hear the words of entreaty. They have linked their arms in the arm of Satan, to be led captive by him at his will. I heard the words spoken, So long have they been impregnated with the life and customs of the enemy that they have no desire to break away from his companionship.*18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 5*

Many will come with the chosen to the marriage supper of the Lamb who have not on the wedding garment—the robe prepared for them with the price of His own life's blood. From lips that never make a mistake come the words, "Friend, how camest thou in hither not having on the wedding garment?" [*Matthew 22:12.*] Those addressed are speechless. They know that words would be useless. The truth, with its sanctifying power, has not been brought into the soul, and the tongue that once spoke so readily of the truth is now silent. The words are spoken, "Take them out of My presence. They are not worthy to taste of My supper."*18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 6*

As they are separated from the loyal ones, Christ looks with deep sorrow upon them. They had occupied high positions of trust in God's work, but they had not the life insurance policy that would have entitled them to eternal life. From the quivering lips of Christ come the mournful words of regret, "I loved them; I gave My life for them; but they persisted in rejecting My pleadings and continued in sin. O that thou hadst known, even thou, in this thy day, the things which belong to thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes."*18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 7*

Today Christ is looking with sadness upon those whose characters He must at last refuse to acknowledge. Inflated with self-sufficiency, they have had all hope that it would be well with their soul. All at once the mirror of detection reveals to them the evil that their hearts have practiced and at the same time shows them the impossibility

of reform. Every effort was made to bring them to repentance. But they stormed out words of defiance and refused to humble their hearts. Now the bitter lamentation is heard, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and my soul is not saved." [See *Jeremiah 8:20.*] *18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 8*

Satan and his angels will appear on this earth as men and will mingle with those of whom God's Word says, "Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." [1 *Timothy 4:1.*] The world is full of men and women whom Satan uses as his agencies. Christ has bought them with a price—even with the price of His blood. But they have given themselves unto Satan's control. They are blind and have forgotten that they were purged from their sins. *18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 9*

In His sermon on the mount, the Son of God mourns over lost souls. Before His eyes pass the millions and millions of souls yet unborn who will multiply their evil works, reject His pleadings, and rob Him of the glory that He would have received, had they allowed Him to impart to them the divine nature. *18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 10*

Christ tells us how in the last great day ministers, elders, evangelists, physicians, teachers will confront Him with their claims. They plead how they have led the singers in their songs of praise, how they have waved the palm branches, how they have spoken of Him before thousands. "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name," they say, "and in Thy name done many wonderful works of healing?" [*Matthew 7:22.*] *18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 11*

But Christ says, "Then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from Me, ye that work iniquity. O that you had known, even in your day of visitation, when like sweetest music, mercy's voice fell upon your ears! But you were not ready. If you had been faithful to the warnings of the Word; if you had dismissed Satan, instead of linking your arm in his; if you had preserved untarnished the principles of right; if you had obeyed My commandments, broken with ungodly advisers, scorned their impious bribes, which tempted them to worldly honor; if you had lifted the cross and followed [Me] in self-denial, I could have welcomed you into My presence. But you

have not cared for My society, and now you have no power to go from the snare.*18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 12*

“I offered you My life insurance policy, but you refused it, and chose the side of the enemy, even as the priests and rulers did. You refused to be touched by My dying agony on the cross of Calvary, and mocked at My humiliation. So will I refuse to acknowledge you. I weep for your future, but you have not cared to weep for yourselves. I was pledged to bear you and care for you, even as a father beareth and loveth his own son that serveth him. But you would not harmonize with Me.”*18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 13*

The precious invitation was so often given, “Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me, and he shall make peace with Me. But you would none of My counsel. You have despised all My entreaties and scorned My invitations. You have caused many to follow your sinful ways, and now your punishment has come. You will receive as your works have been. You must lose everlasting life. You have chosen your own ways, and with such ways, such sentiments, such characters, you could not enter the gates of the holy city.”*18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 14*

What a scene is this! I pass over the ground again and again, bowed down in an agony that no tongue can express as I see the end of the many, many who have refused to receive the Saviour. Justice will take the throne, and the arm strong to save will show itself strong to smite and destroy the enemies of the kingdom of God. Christ will lay bare the motives and deeds of every one. Every hidden action will stand out as clearly before the doer as if proclaimed before the universe.*18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 15*

### **Gethsemane**

Olivet was a sacred spot to our Lord. It was here that the cup of suffering trembled in His hand. Must He drink it, as if acknowledging Himself a transgressor? Hitherto He had been an intercessor for others; now He longed to have an intercessor for Himself. As He felt His unity with the Father broken up, He feared that He would be unable to endure the coming conflict with the powers of darkness. With the issues of the conflict before Him, His soul was filled with a



dread of separation from God. *18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 16*

It was to this time that Jesus had been looking forward when He said, "I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how am I straitened till it be accomplished." [*Luke 12:50.*]*18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 17*

Behold Christ contemplating the price to be paid for the human soul. In His agony He clings to the cold ground, as if to prevent Himself from being drawn further from God. The chilling dew of night falls upon His prostrate form, but He heeds it not. From His pale lips comes the bitter cry, "Oh My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me." Yet even now He adds, "Nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt." [*Matthew 26:39.*]*18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 18*

Christ knew that sympathizing hearts were suffering sorely with Him. He knew that He had the support of the angelic host. But He longed for words of consolation from His disciples. Rising with painful effort, He staggered to the place where He had left them. But He "findeth them asleep." [*Verse 40.*] Had He found them praying, He would have been relieved. Had they been seeking refuge in God, that satanic agencies might not prevail over them, He would have been comforted by their steadfast faith. But they had not heeded the repeated warning, "Watch and pray." [*Mark 13:33; Matthew 26:38, 41.*] At first they had been much troubled to see their Master, usually so calm and dignified, wrestling with a sorrow that was beyond comprehension. They had prayed as they heard the strong cries of the Sufferer. They did not intend to forsake their Lord, but they seemed paralyzed by a stupor which they might have shaken off if they had continued pleading with God. They did not realize the necessity of watchfulness and earnest prayer in order to withstand temptation. *18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 19*

Addressing Peter, Jesus said, "Simon, sleepest thou? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is willing, but the flesh is weak." [*Mark 14:37, 38; Matthew 26:41.*] He feared that they would not be able to endure the test that would come upon them in His betrayal and death. He did not reprove them, but said, "Watch ye, and pray lest ye enter into temptation." Even in His great agony, He was seeking to excuse their weakness. "The spirit truly is

ready,” He said, “but the flesh is weak.” *18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 20*

Again the Son of God was seized with superhuman agony. He knew that He was the Son of God. But a world of loathsome sin seemed about to fall upon Him. Fainting and exhausted, He staggered back to the place of His former struggle. His suffering was even greater than before. As the agony of His soul came upon Him, “His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.” [*Luke 22:44.*] *18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 21*

Christ was passing through a death struggle. Can it be that He will fail? Will He let sinful human beings fall into the hands of Satan? *18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 22*

A short time before, Jesus had stood as a mighty cedar, withstanding the storm of opposition that spent its fury upon Him. Now He was like a reed beaten and bent by the angry storm. He had approached the consummation of His work as a conqueror, having at each step gained a victory over the powers of darkness. As one already glorified, He had claimed oneness with God. In unfaltering accents He had poured out His songs of praise. He had spoken to His disciples in words of courage and tenderness. Now had come the hour of the power of darkness. Now He takes the position of a lost soul. Now His voice was heard on the still evening air, not in tones of triumph, but full of human anguish. The wonted calm and quiet seemed broken up, as it was when Jesus stood on the mountain overlooking Jerusalem, and broke forth into an agony of tears. The words of the Saviour were borne to the ears of the drowsy disciples, “O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done.” [*Matthew 26:42.*] *18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 23*

Again He felt a longing for companionship and for some words from His disciples that would bring relief and break the spell of darkness that well-nigh overpowered Him. But their eyes were heavy; “neither wist they what to answer Him.” [*Mark 14:40.*] His presence roused them. They saw His face marked with the bloody sweat of agony, and they were filled with fear. His anguish of body they could not understand. “His visage was so marred more than any man, and

His form more than the sons of men.” [*Isaiah 52:14.*]18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 24

Turning away, Jesus sought again His retreat, and fell prostrate, overcome by the horror of a great darkness. The humanity of the Son of God trembled in that trying hour. He prayed not now for His disciples, that their faith might not fail, but for His own tempted, agonized soul. That awful moment had come—that moment which was to decide the destiny of the world. The fate of humanity trembled in the balance. Satan came to Him with the masterly temptation, Save yourself even now. Christ might even now refuse to drink the cup apportioned to Him by guilty man. It was not yet too late. He might wipe the bloody sweat from His brow and leave man to perish in his iniquity. He might say, Let the transgressor receive the penalty of his sin, and I will go back to My Father. Will the Son of God drink the bitter cup of humiliation and agony? Will the innocent suffer the consequences of the curse of sin to save the guilty? The words fall tremblingly from the pale lips of Jesus, “O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done.” [*Matthew 26:42.*]18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 25

Three times He has uttered that prayer. Three times has humanity shrunk from the last, crowning sacrifice. But now the history of the human race comes up before the world’s Redeemer. He sees that the transgressors of the law, if left to themselves, must perish. He sees the helplessness of man and gathers on His divine soul the sinfulness of every man. He sees the power of sin. The woes and lamentations of a doomed world rise before Him. He beholds its impending fate, and His decision is made. He will save man at any cost to Himself. He accepts the baptism of blood, that through Him perishing millions may gain everlasting life. He has left the courts of heaven, where all is purity and happiness and glory, to save the one lost sheep, the one world that has fallen by transgression. And He will not now turn away from His mission. He will become the propitiation of a race that has willed to sin. His prayer now breathes only submission: “If this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it: Thy will be done.” [*Verse 42.*]18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 26

In this awful crisis, when everything was at stake, when the mysterious cup trembled in the hand of the sufferer, the heavens

opened, a light shone forth amid the stormy darkness of the crisis hour, and the mighty angel in God's presence, occupying the position from which Satan fell, came to the side of Christ. The angel came not to take the cup from Christ's hand, but to strengthen Him to drink it, with the assurance of the Father's love. He came to give power to the divine-human suppliant and to tell Him that His thrice-uttered prayer had been heard. He pointed Him to the open heavens, telling Him of the souls that would be saved as the result of His sufferings. He assured Him that His Father is greater and more powerful than Satan, that sacrifice would result in the utter discomfiture of Satan, and that the kingdom of this world would be given to the saints of the Most High. He told Him that He would see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied, for He would see a multitude of the human race saved, eternally saved. *18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 27*

The conflict was over. Satan was defeated. The punishment for sin must be borne, but Christ knew that His Father had suffered with Him, and He was comforted. The message of the angel brought to Christ the calm majesty of triumph. His agony did not cease, but His discouragement and depression left Him. The storm had in no wise abated, but He who was its object was strengthened to meet its fury. He came forth calm and serene. A heavenly peace rested upon His bloodstained face. He had borne that which no human being could ever bear; for He had tasted the sufferings of death for every man. *18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 28*

How few realize the awful power of the temptation with which Christ wrestled in Gethsemane. Here impurity fought with purity, the prince of light with the prince of darkness. *18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 29*

Christ's agony was not caused by the contemplation of His death on the cross. It was the thought of being punished as a transgressor of the law of God, knowing as He did His Father's hatred of sin, that almost overpowered Christ. There was no spot or stain of sin upon Him. He could say to angels and to men, Which of you convinceth Me of sin? No thought or word or deed of His bore taint of evil. His tongue knew no deceit. His heart was never polluted by an unholy thought. Even the evil spirits recognized His sinlessness. "We know Thee who Thou art," they said, "the Holy One of God." *[Mark*

1:24.]18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 30

Yet upon Him were laid the iniquities of us all. “He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.” [*isaiah 53:5, 6.*]18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 31

“Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art Thou red in Thine apparel, and Thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone, and of the people there was none with Me.” [*isaiah 63:1-3.*]18LtMs, Lt 147, 1903, par. 32

**Lt 148, 1903**

Faulkhead, Brother and Sister [N. D.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 15, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brother and Sister Faulkhead,—

The Australian mail leaves here this morning, and I shall have time to write you only a few lines. I have much writing to do, but I felt that I must send you a short letter. *18LtMs, Lt 148, 1903, par. 1*

I have every reason to praise the Lord for His great goodness and merciful kindness to me. My health is good, and I am able to do much work. *18LtMs, Lt 148, 1903, par. 2*

Last week we rode over to Healdsburg to attend a meeting of the school board. The Lord gave me words to speak to the brethren there, and I think that they were encouraged by what I said. They wanted me to remain longer, but I was obliged to return home, as the carriage that we had was a borrowed one. *18LtMs, Lt 148, 1903, par. 3*

On reaching home, we found that there were many letters awaiting our attention. I was glad that I had not been persuaded to stay longer in Healdsburg. At the end of the week a Young People’s Convention was to begin in Healdsburg, lasting several days. I expected to drive over on Friday, staying over Sabbath and Sunday, but I was hindered. It was well that I was; for the Lord gave me a message for the church here. *18LtMs, Lt 148, 1903, par. 4*

I spoke on Sabbath morning. Sister Kerr from Honolulu was present. She had persuaded a friend of hers to attend with her. He was well pleased with what he heard, and when the envelopes were passed around for the offering, he put in a dollar. I pray that the words that he heard may be a blessing to him. The meeting was a profitable one. The Lord certainly gave me a message to bear to the

people. *18LtMs, Lt 148, 1903, par. 5*

I bore a decided testimony in regard to every man's doing the work appointed to him, and not ignoring his responsibilities. If we neglect anything, let it not be the things that concern our eternal interest. We need to strengthen our souls in God. We need to be preparing ourselves every day to use our talents to better advantage in God's service. God will impart His grace to those only who keep the channel open to receive and to impart to others. *18LtMs, Lt 148, 1903, par. 6*

I thought that perhaps I might drive over to Healdsburg on Sunday. But very important letters came, which must be answered at once. Yesterday I wrote twenty pages to be sent to different ones. I will try to send you copies of some of the letters that I have written in regard to the work here. *18LtMs, Lt 148, 1903, par. 7*

My dear brother and sister, we shall be called to pass through strait places. Let us cleave to the Lord. He is our Strength and our Defender. He will be to us a present help in every time of need. Act well your part, and may the blessing of the Lord rest upon you. The more you feel your weakness and your dependence upon God, the more clearly you will see who is your Helper. As a family, work, work in such a way that God can use you as instrumentalities for the advancement of His work. *18LtMs, Lt 148, 1903, par. 8*

"God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." [2 *Corinthians 4:6*.] Without the helping power of God we cannot glorify His name. He would have us claim the saving knowledge that He has for us. He desires us to have a true, substantial faith in Christ. This is His commandment, that we should have faith in His Son Jesus Christ. God will be to us a present help in every time of need. There is a rich experience for us to gain. I am bearing testimonies to our churches calling upon the people of God to draw near to God. As they do this, He will draw near to them. We cannot afford to stop with a half-and-half experience now. The end of all things is at hand. We cannot afford to delay. God forbid that we should fail to heed the warning, "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left

thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.” [Revelation 2:4, 5.]18LtMs, Lt 148, 1903, par. 9

Let us not murmur because of this reproof. Let us thank God for the gracious words, “Except thou repent.” [Verse 5.] How glad we should be that we still have opportunity to repent!18LtMs, Lt 148, 1903, par. 10

Brother Faulkhead, call the attention of your fellow workers in the *Echo* office to this warning. Speak these words to the apprentices. O, teach them as Christ would teach them.18LtMs, Lt 148, 1903, par. 11

I pray that every church member, every worker in our institutions may feel to the depth of his being that the end of all things is at hand. Let them work and strive and pray and believe. They have a heaven to win and eternal death to shun. O that each one would seek the Lord for himself, that he might gain a personal experience in the things of God. I would that I could sound to the ends of the earth the words, “Seek the Lord, seek Him without delay. Satan is striving to preoccupy your thoughts, but give him no place in your mind or heart. Accept the invitation of the Saviour, ‘Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls; for My yoke is easy and My burden is light.’” [Matthew 11:29, 30.]18LtMs, Lt 148, 1903, par. 12

I have been impressed to call upon the members of our churches to study the *last two volumes of Testimonies for the Church*. When I was writing these books, I felt the deep moving of the Spirit of God as I wrote the instruction contained in them. They are full of precious matter. In the visions of the night the Lord told me that the truth contained in these books must be brought before the members of our churches, because there are many who are indifferent in regard to the salvation of their souls.18LtMs, Lt 148, 1903, par. 13

Every jot of the light that God has given must be accounted for. I ask the fathers and mothers in the North Fitzroy church and in the other churches near Melbourne how they have treated the light. If the heads of families would shake off their worldliness and



indifference, and show that they are terribly in earnest, many would take knowledge of them that they have been with Jesus and have learned of Him. Christ has made reconciliation for our sins. If we refuse now to be saved, the time will come when we shall seek for salvation, but will not be able to find it.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 148, 1903, par. 14*

**Lt 149, 1903**

Belden, Brother and Sister [S. T.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 15, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *10MR 82-85*.

Dear brother and sister Belden,—

I received your letters in the mail that came a week or two ago. We are always glad to hear from you, and all of us are interested in your letters. *18LtMs, Lt 149, 1903, par. 1*

I shall not be able to write you a very long letter this time; for I am much burdened with the many other letters that I must write. *18LtMs, Lt 149, 1903, par. 2*

We see the necessity of republishing the books that contain the account of our first experience in this work. Those who have come into the truth in recent years know nothing of the experience through which the people of God passed when the importance of proclaiming the first, second, and third angels' messages first came to us. *18LtMs, Lt 149, 1903, par. 3*

I am glad that you are able to help the believers on Norfolk Island. Tell them that health reform is necessary to a pure, clean breath and a pure, clean current of blood. Tea, coffee, port, and tobacco defile the users. The Lord calls upon all who claim to believe His truth to take their stand firmly on Bible ground in regard to health reform. There is to be a marked difference between those who serve God and those who serve themselves. *18LtMs, Lt 149, 1903, par. 4*

I call upon those in Norfolk Island who claim to believe the truth to co-operate with God; for they are not ready for His appearing. Unless they cleanse themselves from all filthiness of the flesh and of the spirit, they can never enter the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for those that love Him. They must prepare themselves

to meet God in peace by putting away from them all that defiles. *18LtMs, Lt 149, 1903, par. 5*

My brethren and sisters, I must tell you that your spirituality is a very short pattern. You are not following the example of Christ. Let every one who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity. Satan would demoralize those who belong to the church of these last days. If you will open the way, he will put evil thoughts into your minds. But God's Word tells us that if we resist the devil, he will flee from us. You may expect to meet the sharpest temptations, but if you cherish Bible truth, you can be witnesses for Christ. You can reveal Him to those in your beautiful island home who know Him not. *18LtMs, Lt 149, 1903, par. 6*

Will you not obey the words of Christ, "Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me"? [*Mark 8:34.*] The Saviour will help those who will do what they can to help themselves. Let those who are not converted seek the Lord most earnestly, that they may have clean, pure hearts, and faith to lay hold of the help that Christ is waiting to give them. Follow the light of God's Word, and you will have clear light and precious consolation. Christ will help you if you will deny the selfish inclinations that Satan wants you to gratify. The enemy wants to weaken your spirituality and to confuse your perceptions of righteousness and truth. *18LtMs, Lt 149, 1903, par. 7*

The Lord is grieved because so many of those who profess to believe in Him are not true believers. They will perish with the wicked unless they separate themselves from their worldly associates and follow the example of Christ. God wants every believer on Norfolk Island to be a representative of the truth for this time. My brother, my sister, if you will fulfil His purpose for you, He will give you His peace. But He is grieved because, though claiming to be His sons and daughters, you do not do His will. He desires you to be true Christians. But this many of you are not. You grieve the Holy Spirit and give occasion for the truth to be evil spoken of. *18LtMs, Lt 149, 1903, par. 8*

There ought to be on Norfolk Island a strong company to witness for the truth. There ought to be a church that is a representation of

what God designs His church to be. I entreat you, my dear friends on Norfolk Island, to reach a higher standard. I want you to be saved in Christ's kingdom. Look to Jesus for strength. Pray and believe, and let Christ be glorified in your well-ordered life and godly conversation. Unless you do this, you will surely lead others astray by your unsanctified lives. *18LtMs, Lt 149, 1903, par. 9*

Christ is looking upon you, and He says, "I know thy works, ... that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received, and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." [*Revelation 3:1-3.*]*18LtMs, Lt 149, 1903, par. 10*

There is no excuse for you to be so unlike Christ. God would have you pure and holy, and He has made it possible for you thus to be. "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white; for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels." [*Verses 4, 5.*]*18LtMs, Lt 149, 1903, par. 11*

I write you thus plainly because you are being deceived. You do not understand the Word. Come to the Lord as little children, and learn His ways; then you will be a people in whom the Lord can delight. "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.*]*18LtMs, Lt 149, 1903, par. 12*

We must be getting ready to move. It will not be long before Jesus gathers His jewels to Himself. Then those who on this earth have been faithful will dwell forever in the beautiful home above, never again to be tempted or tried by the enemy. *18LtMs, Lt 149, 1903, par. 13*

I pray that you may have clear discernment, in order that you may understand what it means to be a Christian. Cherish in your hearts the love of God, and practice it in the daily life. Then you will be

living witnesses for God and His truth.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 149, 1903, par. 14*

In much love to you all.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 149, 1903, par. 15*

**Lt 150, 1903**

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 19, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *CD 490; 2MCP 470, 506; HP 120; 6MR 139-140.*

My dear son Edson,—

You speak in your letter that I received yesterday of your intention of getting out some new books. I am in favor of this, because the old edition of *Patriarchs* is selling fairly well. We are now at work on a sketch of the efforts that have been put forth for the colored people in the South. I hope that this book will be a help to the Southern field. *18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 1*

At present I am very short of funds. I have no money in the bank; in fact, I have overdrawn my account there. I hope that some money will come in soon. I think that I shall bend my energies toward getting out some new books until things become more settled. Then we shall better understand what we ought to do in regard to getting out a new edition of *Patriarchs and Prophets*. *18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 2*

I think that a new edition of *The Life of Paul* should be published. I shall make some additions to this book, however, before it is republished. *18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 3*

I am going to make an effort to prepare a history of our stay and work in Europe. I shall get together the talks that I gave while there and publish them with the historical sketch, most of which is in the book published some years ago on this subject. Then, sometime, I want to get out a history of my work in Australia. *18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 4*

So you see, we have much work laid out before us. I think that we can accomplish it if my head keeps clear. I have freedom and

success in writing. But at my age I must be careful not to overtax my brain.*18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 5*

The last two Sabbaths I have spoken at the Sanitarium. Sister Kerr from Honolulu, who is staying at the Sanitarium, says that the patients are delighted with my talks. They say that they have never heard anything like them. They can hardly believe, Sister Kerr says, that I am seventy-four years old. When Sister Kerr told me this, I said, "On the twenty-sixth of November next, I shall be seventh-six years old."*18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 6*

My health is good. My appetite is excellent. I find that the simpler my food, and the fewer the varieties I eat, the stronger I am. I take a bath every day—sometimes two. It makes little difference to me whether the bath is hot or cold. I prefer a cold bath in the morning and a moderately warm one at night. Some mornings I get up at four o'clock, but generally I am up at three.*18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 7*

I thank the Lord for the good health that I enjoy. I thank Him that He has preserved my reasoning powers. I know that this is a miracle wrought by His mercy. I am so thankful, so thankful! If I can live until I can get my writings in shape and before the people, I shall be very grateful.*18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 8*

There is much to be done, and the doing of it will take time. But we can accomplish much if we work carefully, and in such a way that the Lord can work with us.*18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 9*

I must stop now for the present; for it is growing dark. I pray every day for you and Emma, and for all who are connected with you in your work. If you will have faith, God will help you, and that wonderfully.*18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 10*

I believe, I believe that the Lord hears my prayers, and then I go to work to answer my prayers, which I am sure are indited by the Lord. I am of good courage. Let us not overtax the strength that the Lord gives us. We are to preserve our brain power. If we abuse this power, we shall have no deposit to draw from in times of emergency.*18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 11*

Monday morning, 3 o'clock, A.M. There is one thing that I want to caution you about. Do not fret or worry; it does not pay to do this. Do not try to do too much. If you do not undertake too much, you will succeed in accomplishing much more than if you try to carry out too many plans. Constantly bear in mind the words of Christ, "Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." [Mark 14:38.] Christ is your personal Saviour. Believe that His saving power is exercised in your behalf minute by minute, hour by hour. He is by your side in every time of need. *18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 12*

The Holy Spirit is our Guide and Sanctifier. This Spirit indites the prayers of the sincere believer and bears witness to his sonship—witness to his adoption into the family of God. *18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 13*

We cannot afford to allow the enemy to obtain the advantage over us in the slightest particular. We cannot afford to allow him to put his impress on thought, word, or deed. We are set apart for service. God claims us as His property; for He has bought us with the blood of His only begotten Son. *18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 14*

### **Trusting in God**

With the continual change of circumstances, changes come in our experience; and by these changes we are either elated or depressed. But the change of circumstances has no power to change God's relation to us. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever; and He asks us to have unquestioning confidence in His love. Satan watches his opportunity to bring about circumstances that will tend to arouse unbelief, hoping to lead us to doubt God. We cannot afford to cherish one thought of unbelief. When we are tempted to look on the dark side, let us open the windows of the soul heavenward, that the bright beams of the Sun of righteousness may shine in. Let us draw near to God. He has promised that as we do this, He will draw near to us and lift up for us a standard against the enemy. The efficiency of His keeping power has in no wise decreased. Let faith stand its trial without wavering; for Christ is a perfect Saviour. *18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 15*

### **Laboring in Harmony With God**



You may look upon your plans as perfect, but God may see that it is essential for you to suffer disappointment, in order that your plans may be brought into harmony with His plan. His way is always the right way. He seeth and knoweth all things. We do not always see as He sees. Therefore changes must be made in our plans.*18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 16*

In your character building, be sure to labor in co-operation with the Masterbuilder, that at last He may pronounce your character perfect. Remember that you are a laborer together with God. “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling”—with fear lest your natural temperament shall come in to spoil Christ’s plan for you. “For it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” [*Philippians 2:12, 13.*]*18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 17*

Do not be satisfied without a living faith. The Holy Spirit always leads to the written Word and points to the duties and obligations specified in that Word, which are bound up with the promises and assurances. Take your stand on the Word of God. Whatever may occur, hold fast the beginning of your confidence firm unto the end. Plausible theories will be presented—theories that have no foundation in the Word of God. Accept them not. If you should accept them, they would weaken your faith in the truth that we have received point by point in the history of the past, and which has placed our feet in the narrow path of holiness.*18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 18*

We shall have to meet seducing spirits. We shall be tried and tested on every point. Let us stand firm in the position defined for us as a people by the Lord God of Israel. Let us hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end. “Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of Me.” [*John 5:39.*] Do not remove the landmarks that have been established by the Holy Spirit’s witness. He who inspired the Scriptures will test everything in our religious life by the Scriptures. “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.*] Even the work of the Spirit within is tested and tried by the Word. Some will claim that they have the Holy Spirit’s guidance, when in reality they are guided by another spirit, which the Word will not vindicate. The

sum must be proved. Those who claim to have the Holy Spirit must be tested by a “Thus saith the Lord.” The written Word is to decide all questions. *18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 19*

Truth never fails. Everything else will be shaken. Truth may for a time, in the minds of honest souls, be mingled with error. But as these souls daily search the Scriptures, and pray for guidance, they will be led into all truth. Guided by God, they will not call truth error and error truth. *18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 20*

### **How to Gain Spiritual Strength**

Bible truth is spoken of as the flesh and blood of the Son of God. Our spiritual strength depends on our receiving the Word of God and practicing its teaching. As we do this, the soul is filled with health and growth and spiritual soundness, to which the Spirit sets its seal. *18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 21*

In the *sixth chapter of John*, Christ repeats over and over again the lesson in regard to the bread of life. His words are clear, definite, positive. “I am the bread of life,” He declares. [Verse 35.] “The bread of God is He which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.” “Then said they unto Him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.” [Verses 33, 34.] *18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 22*

They were thinking of the miracle that He had wrought in feeding the five thousand with five loaves and two fishes. But Christ was trying to lead their minds to higher truth, trying to show them that He Himself is the bread of life, that if they would have eternal life, they must receive Him, believe in Him, become one with Him, eating His flesh and drinking His blood. “I am the bread of life,” He said; “He that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst.” [Verse 35.] *18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 23*

Then He charged the Jews with their unbelief. “But I said unto you, That ye also have seen Me, and believe not. All that the Father giveth Me shall come unto Me; and him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me. And this is the Father’s will which sent Me, that of all which He hath given Me, I should lose

nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.” [Verses 36-40.]18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 24

“The Jews murmured at Him because He said, I am the bread of life which came down from heaven.” [Verse 41.] Satan had gained access to their minds, and with subtle, deceiving power he was striving to prevent them from yielding to evidence. “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?” they said. “How is it then that He saith, I came down from heaven? Jesus therefore answered and said unto them. Murmur not among yourselves. No man can come to Me, except the Father which hath sent Me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto Me. Not that any man hath seen the Father, save He which is of God, He hath seen the Father. Verily, verily, I say unto you, 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 that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” [Verses 42-51.]18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 25

“As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father, so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. This is the bread which came down from heaven; not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead; he that eateth of this bread shall live forever. ... It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” [Verses 57, 58, 63.]18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 26

O how much is comprehended in this chapter! May the Holy Spirit help us to understand and obey the truths that it contains. These truths are everything to us.18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 27

All may have the glorious inheritance reserved in heaven for those who love God. It is the Father’s good pleasure to give the kingdom

to those who believe in Him. To Abraham and to his seed—to every believing soul—the promises are made.*18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 28*

But in order to obtain this inheritance, we must believe in Christ as a personal Saviour. We must reveal His character to the world. Those who do not comply with the conditions that He has laid down, those who do not receive and believe His words, will lose eternal life.*18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 29*

It is not through human inventions, but through relationship with Christ, that the kingdom of heaven is obtained. Through obedience to the laws of this kingdom we are made heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ. We must give proof that we believe in Christ as our Saviour and our Redeemer. We must resemble Him in character. Only as we are one with Him here can we be one with Him in the hereafter. Those who are fitting themselves for the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for those who become one with Him in God will at last enter into possession of a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. They are able to say, “The Lord is my portion; therefore will I hope in Him.” [*Lamentations 3:24.*]*18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 30*

In order to share in Christ’s glory, we must share in His suffering. We read of Him, “Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered.” [*Hebrews 5:8.*] “Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind; for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin.” [*1 Peter 4:1.*] “Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we look, not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.” [*2 Corinthians 4:17, 18.*]*18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 31*

Let us have courage in the Lord. I dare not advise you to enter into the warfare. You are not prepared to battle with counterinfluences. You are not in a physical condition to endure the strain. Do not engage in controversy, for time spent in controversy is time lost. Dwell upon the preparation of soul that each must have who shall

meet Jesus in peace. Tell your troubles to God. Do not load yourself down with burdens. Take them to the One who knows how to bear them. In your discourses, dwell upon the joy and glory that the overcomer will receive. Think of how happy we shall be! "We shall see His face, and His name shall be in our foreheads." [See *Revelation 22:4*.] What joy it will be to dwell in Christ's presence through the ceaseless ages of eternity. *18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 32*

Let us live in close communion with Christ, that we may catch the light shining from His face. Let us hold communion with God before we go forth to speak to the people. Let us impart light and joy to those with whom we are connected in service. *18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 33*

I am in sympathy with you in your endeavor to get out some new books. Remember that we pray for you every day. *18LtMs, Lt 150, 1903, par. 34*

**Lt 151, 1903**

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 23, 1903

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My dear son Edson,—

I received your letter dated July 16 written in regard to Dr. Kellogg's suggestions. If we could know distinctly and clearly that he is standing where he should stand, I would say, By all means accept of his proposition. But I do not feel altogether clear in the matter. I do not fully understand what is involved. *18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 1*

I see no way out of our difficulties but to consecrate ourselves, body, soul, and spirit, to our Creator and Redeemer. I have no confidence in any sanitarium or in any other institution that is not established in harmony with the conditions that God has specified. Those who will openly reveal the sign of their sanctification will stand on vantage ground with God. *18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 2*

“And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily My sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. ... It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed.” [*Exodus 31:12, 13, 17.*]*18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 3*

I have offered many prayers for Dr. Kellogg and his associates. If he will stand firm to the principles of God's Word, the Lord will use him. But with a divided mind, he can never reach perfection in Christ Jesus. *18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 4*

As a people we now need to uproot every weed from the garden of

the soul. Let us keep the law of the Lord perfectly.*18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 5*

July 23, 1903

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

My dear son Edson,—

Be careful of your strength. Do not work too hard. Consecrate yourself, body, mind, and soul, to the service of God. Seek Him for strength, and believe that He hears and will answer your prayer. Work to answer your own prayers, as if you saw Christ before you, ready to help you bear your burdens, as you seek to do those things that are pleasing in His sight. Rest assured that He is interceding in your behalf. For you, He lays open all the treasures of His grace. If you will but take Him at His word, they are yours.*18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 6*

Jesus asks you to present your needs before the Father in His name. “Ye shall ask in My name,” He says, “and I say not unto you that I will pray the Father for you: for the Father Himself loveth you, because ye have loved Me, and have believed that I came out from God.” [*John 16:26, 27.*] Christ does not have to entreat the Father to hear us. As we come in the name of Christ, the Father’s heart of love is open to hear us and to bestow upon us all the riches of His grace. “Ask, and ye shall receive.” [*Verse 24.*] “Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” [*John 14:13.*] All the human encouragement we could receive falls far short of the divine assurance.*18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 7*

Talk faith. Let your heart melt under a sense of the love of Jesus. We need never disconnect from the source of our power. God can give us the victory.*18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 8*

I tremble as I think of the responsibility resting on us to give to the people the solemn truths for this time. As we proclaim the truth, we are to lift up the crucified and risen Saviour. Let the tongue be inspired with a holy boldness to speak words of encouragement, words that will arouse and strengthen souls to break the bands of indolence and security that bind them in uncertainty.*18LtMs, Lt 151,*

1903, par. 9

Christ took upon Himself human nature, that He might place men and women on vantage ground with God and at last present before the universe a people who have met the strongest temptations of Satan and have conquered on every point. He was afflicted with all the afflictions wherewith man is afflicted. "Learn of Me;" He says, "for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [Matthew 11:29, 30.] *18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 10*

There is no condemnation to the soul who believes in Christ. We are to bring our sins to Him who, though He knew no sin, was made sin for us. As we do this, He imputes to us His righteousness. Our sins are laid on Christ, their penalty is met by His sacrifice, and His righteousness is imputed to us personally. *18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 11*

Edson and Emma, I am anxious that you shall both be blessed in the Lord. I know you appreciate His blessings. Do not allow your minds to be troubled. Hide self with Christ in God. *18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 12*

We feel deeply for the souls in the Southern field, and in all our cities, who are not saved. We would appeal to our people everywhere to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty forces of the powers of darkness. *18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 13*

It is difficult for us to accomplish much in a place where Satan has his stronghold, and where our work has not been long established, unless facilities are provided to lift up the standard of righteousness and proclaim the testing truths for this time. It is necessary for you not only to do the work in your field, but also to furnish the needed facilities. You must depend wholly on God, knowing that He alone, in His own way, can change the condition of things in the South. *18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 14*

Impress upon all under your charge that they have a work to do for Jesus. Time is rolling into eternity. What results have Christians to show in the work of soul-saving? No matter how great the capabilities of a man's mind, he will never know the power of saving



grace until he becomes a gospel worker. *18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 15*

I was struck by something I read lately. An infirm lady received \$600 a year. Of this she gave \$150 to pay for the time of a man to visit families in destitute places and distribute books and tracts. Besides this she invited a few pious women to her house once each week to unite with her in praying for the success of the work this man was doing. There were few men who were as successful as this man in winning souls to Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 16*

There is much work to be done in the Lord's vineyard. There are many who could do much as gospel workers if they were only consecrated to God. But in order to reap we must sow. And let us remember that the man who sows only a spare amount cannot expect to reap a full harvest. "He which soweth sparingly, shall also reap sparingly; but he which soweth bountifully, shall also reap bountifully." [*2 Corinthians 9:6.*] We are to spend our time laboring for the salvation of souls. *18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 17*

Talk to the people and urge upon them the importance of doing all they can for Him. There are many ways in which we may work for the Master. We may speak words of encouragement to those whom we meet. "A word spoken in season, how good is it!" [*Proverbs 15:23.*] Souls are perishing for the lack of personal labor. *18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 18*

The most important work we have to do in this world is to fulfil the pledge made with God at our baptism. *18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 19*

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him: rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." [*Colossians 2:6, 7.*] It is our privilege to be filled with joy and thanksgiving for the rich grace that Christ bestows upon us. We need to appreciate His mercies and cultivate gratitude. *18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 20*

To us is given the warning, "Beware, lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in Him dwelleth all

the fulness of the godhead bodily.” [Verses 8, 9.]18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 21

When we trust in the Lord Jesus, and are in union with Him, we shall have clear and decided victories in every line. Paul’s words will be applicable to us: “Ye are complete in Him, which is the head of every principality and power; in whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead.” [Verses 10-12.]18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 22

“And you being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses. ... If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. ... When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.” [Colossians 2:13; 3:1, 4.]18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 23

“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.” [Verses 12-17.]18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 24

If all in our churches would study this Scripture and be determined to follow its teaching, what a reformation would be seen! What pleasure God’s people would find in contemplating the goodness and love of Jesus. The more we study His character, the more we shall become assimilated to His likeness. We need the deep

moving of the Spirit of God upon our hearts. We need to guard ourselves closely that Christ shall not have died for us in vain.*18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 25*

The church in Nashville needs this instruction. If I were with you, I would be glad to make personal appeals to those in the different churches of the South. I desire to see the believers in the position that God desires them to be in.*18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 26*

When pure, unadulterated truth is presented to the mind and is received, there will be a learning of Jesus and an exercising of the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. In him who receives the truth in meekness, it becomes the engrafted Word.*18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 27*

If, as a people, we would only open the door of our hearts, the Holy Spirit would come upon us, and we would realize the things that pertain to our peace and holiness. There is a great work to be done for the church at Nashville, in order that they may say, "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." [*1 Corinthians 2:12.*]*18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 28*

There is a much higher standard for the believers in Nashville, and especially for the members of the colored church, to reach. In the name of the Lord, I call upon the believers, both colored and white, to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Let there be no friction or disturbances in the church. Let the talent of speech be appreciated as a precious gift of God and be used in such a way that it will be a source of comfort and blessing.*18LtMs, Lt 151, 1903, par. 29*

**Lt 152, 1903**

To All Whom it May Concern

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 22, 1903

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**The Work of the Pioneers in God’s Cause**

To all whom it may concern

My dear brethren and sisters,—

In 1890 I was given the following message to bear to our people:*18LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 1*

“A mistake has been made in putting young men forward to speak at our camp-meetings, before large congregations, when they had not the vital truths to present that were appropriate for the occasion. Precious time has been occupied by those who did not themselves know the true message for this time. Pioneers in the cause—men who had the bread of life to give to the people, men whose hearts and minds were filled with the vital truths needed by the hundreds and thousands of people assembled—have sat and listened to young preachers who could not do justice to the occasion. Not even half work was done in the presentation of the gospel message.”*18LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 2*

I am now called upon to present a similar message to our churches. Our aged ministering brethren are not to be overtaxed, but when they are at any of our churches, those in the church should remember that it is always courteous to ask them to speak. It is only showing these brethren the respect due them to say, “Brethren, you are older in the faith than we are. Have you not the word of the Lord for us at this time?”*18LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 3*

The time of these workers is precious. They have words to speak that the people need. When they come among you, give them all

the time that they can possibly fill. Make arrangements that will enable you to obtain all the help possible from them during their stay.*18LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 4*

At our camp-meetings, when large congregations assemble, the time given to public speaking should be occupied, as far as possible, by old experienced workers, who have the word of the gospel to present. Do not place before the large congregation a young man who has not been proved. He may do his best, but his words will not have the weight of the words of men of grey hairs, who have been long in active service, and who, understanding the deep things of God, can present them with clearness and power.*18LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 5*

It would be doing a young man a great wrong to place him before a large congregation before he had been proved. It would not leave the best impression on the minds of the hearers.*18LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 6*

In our camp-meetings call to the front men of long experience and of the very best talent—men who can impress hearts by bringing forth clearly the strong reasons of our faith; men who obey the words, “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” [*Ephesians 6:14-17.*]*18LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 7*

Our camp-meetings are not held for the purpose of putting men on exhibition, of showing off their capabilities. The people come together to receive spiritual food. There are among them those who are thirsting for the water of life. Give them opportunity to drink until their thirst is quenched. Let them hear a message fraught with the love of God. Let them have opportunity of listening to men of ripe talent, men whom God has been educating and training. The minds of these men are filled with truth that the people need. Do not bring in men who have not been proved, while men sit by in silence who have the Word of God burning in their souls, and who may never

again have opportunity to hear the message given them. Give these tried warriors all the opportunities to speak that they can improve without overtaxing themselves; for they can present the truths that are the very pillars of our faith. *18LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 8*

The younger ministers are not to think, because they are not called to speak to the large congregation, that there is nothing for them to do. There is work for all to do. Let them hold meetings in the smaller tents. Let the occupants of several tents meet in one tent for prayer and social meeting. In such meetings as these the younger ministers can do good service. Let them speak a few words right to the point and then give those present an opportunity to speak. All our people should learn to bear witness for God in social meeting. *18LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 9*

Let the younger ministers work for the children and youth, holding special meetings for them, and also putting forth personal efforts for them. *18LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 10*

Let the old standard bearers go from place to place, from meeting to meeting. Let our people have the benefit of their long experience. Let them speak the truth in all its force, but let them be sure that their feet are shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Let them present the truth, not in a way that will arouse the worst feelings of the human heart, but in love and tenderness and compassion. "If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, ... fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." [*Philippians 2:1-3.*] *18LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 11*

To our people as a whole, and to our younger and less experienced workers, I am instructed to say, "Let it be plainly seen that you respect and honor our aged workers, the men of grey hairs, who have seen long and faithful service in the cause of God, and who are recognized and honored in the courts of heaven as laborers together with God." *18LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 12*

"After the Tradition of Men, ... and Not After Christ" *18LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 13*

I have been instructed to say, also, that it is not new and fanciful doctrines that the people of God need. They do not need suppositions, which cannot be sustained by the Word of God. They need the testimony of men who know the truth, men who understand and obey the charge given to Timothy: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come that they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth; and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." [2 Timothy 4:2-5.] *18LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 14*

In some instances in America, men have been turned away from the truth to listen to fables. Efforts have been made to set right the poor souls thus deceived; but some had drunk so deeply from the fountain proceeding not from the throne of God, and had become so impregnated with false impressions, that it was impossible to undeceive them. They had come to believe that it was more profitable to eat of the food offered in the strange doctrine presented than to eat of the food contained in the Word of God. *18LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 15*

Christ calls upon His people today to eat His flesh and drink His blood, to receive and believe and practice His words. Those who eat God's Word and digest it, making it a part of every action, of every attribute of character, will grow strong in the strength of God. It will be seen that their faith is of heavenly origin. Before angels and before men, they will stand as men who have a strong, consistent Christian experience. They will not wander into strange paths. Their minds will not turn to a religion of sentimentalism and excitement, which does great injury to those who accept it. Those who have such a religion think that they must be filled with ecstasy and excitement, or they are great losers. Unless they have these feelings, they are depressed and discouraged. May the Lord have compassion on the poor souls who think that this is true gospel ministry. *18LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 16*

The Lord wants His ministers to have the vital power that comes

from faithful service. I beseech those who labor in word and doctrine not to accept the spurious for the genuine. I beseech them not to bring in tests that are mere nothingness. We have a whole Bible full of the most precious jewels of truth. We have no need for supposition, or fables, or false excitement. In the golden censer of truth as presented in Christ's teachings, we have that which will convict and convert souls. Present in the simplicity of the gospel the truth that our Saviour came to this world to proclaim, and the power of your message will make itself felt. Do not present theories or tests that have no foundation in the Bible. We have grand, solemn tests to present. We need no fabulous tests. "It is written" is the test that must be brought home to every one. *18LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 17*

Walk firmly, decidedly, your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. God has not laid upon any one the burden of encouraging an appetite for strange, odd doctrines and theories. My brethren, keep these out of your teaching. Do not allow them to enter into your experience. Let not your lifework be marred by them. *18LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 18*

The minds of the Jewish teachers were filled with maxims and suppositions. They interpreted the Word to mean that which God never designed it to mean, enforcing their oddities on the common people. *18LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 19*

A warning against such teaching is found in Paul's letter to the Colossians. The apostle declares that the hearts of the believers were to be "knit together in love; and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." "And this I say," he continues, "lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. ... As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him, rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and



power.” [*Colossians 2:2-4, 6-10.*]18*LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 20*

Brethren, look well to the character of your religion. Do not forget that Christ is your pattern in all things. You may be sure that His religion is not a sensational religion. A religion of this kind I learned to dread in my very earliest experience in the cause of God. I was at that time bidden to warn those who were cherishing fanciful ideas, declaring their strange movements to be inspired by the Spirit of God.18*LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 21*

I am now instructed to say to our people, Let us follow Christ. We may safely discard all ideas that are not included in His teaching. I appeal to our ministers to be sure that their feet are placed on the platform of eternal truth. Beware how you follow impulse, calling it the Holy Spirit. Some are in danger in this respect. I call upon them to love solidly, and to be sound in the faith, able to give every one who asks a reason of the hope that is in them. Do not get up doctrines of your own and say that they are of heavenly birth.18*LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 22*

Into the hearts of many who have been long in the truth there has entered a hard, judicial spirit. They are sharp, critical, faultfinding. They have climbed into the judgment seat, to pronounce sentence on those who do not meet their ideas. God calls upon them to come down, and bow before Him in repentance, confessing their sins. He says to them, “I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.” [*Revelation 2:4, 5.*] They are striving for the first place, and by their words and acts they make many hearts sore.18*LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 23*

Against this spirit, and against the false religion of sentimentalism, which is equally dangerous, I bear my warning. Take heed, brethren and sisters. Who is your leader?—Christ, or the angel who fell from heaven? Are you sound in the faith? My prayer for you all is that God “would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and

grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.” [*Ephesians 3:16-19.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 152, 1903, par. 24*

## Lt 153, 1903

White, J. E.; White, Emma

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 15, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *PM 89*.

Dear children Edson and Emma,—

I am daily seeking most earnestly to understand my duty. In the night season I offer prayer to the Lord, committing my ways unto Him and asking Him to guide and direct me at all times and in all places. *18LtMs, Lt 153, 1903, par. 1*

I am much interested in your work. In this letter I will send you some instruction that you may read to the workers in the publishing house at Nashville. These workers need to feel daily the converting power of God. A spirit of individual independence which bears not the divine credentials is coming in among them. This spirit works like evil leaven. It must not be allowed to prevail. *18LtMs, Lt 153, 1903, par. 2*

If the workers in this institution do not manifest a more Christlike spirit, let those who have charge of them call them together and give them the instruction given by One of authority, whom in the night season I saw addressing the workers. As He looked upon certain ones connected with the institution, He said, “The spirit that you are cherishing is not the right spirit. Your experience is not after the order of God.” *18LtMs, Lt 153, 1903, par. 3*

He addressed three in particular, saying: “The Lord is not pleased with you. You know not what spirit you are of. The Lord desires you to change your attitude and seek most earnestly for a pure, sweet spirit. You are making trouble for yourselves. You need to be cleansed, refined, and purified, that you may do according to the will of God.” *18LtMs, Lt 153, 1903, par. 4*

“Let all draw together in even cords, offering united prayers, in the

name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. The Lord will help every one who will seek Him with the whole heart. He will draw near unto the meek, those who are humble and lowly, and who will not be led astray or be influenced by evil. *18LtMs, Lt 153, 1903, par. 5*

“Follow your Redeemer in self-denial and self-sacrifice. Many do not seem to understand that they are to follow in the footsteps of their Redeemer. To every one He gives the invitation, ‘Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.’ [*Matthew 11:29.*] Those who respond to this invitation, those who obey the will of Christ and learn His lessons find rest and peace. This is the only way in which to find health of body, soul, and spirit. *18LtMs, Lt 153, 1903, par. 6*

“Let the purity and love of Christ shine forth in your spirit and your words. Your mind may reflect the mind of Christ. Remember that you will meet opposition. Satan knows that his time is short, and he is working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness to captivate souls and bring them under his control. ‘Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.’ [*James 4:7, 8.*] Look constantly to Christ. He will be to you a present help in every time of need. For every struggling soul, He will lift up a standard against the enemy. *18LtMs, Lt 153, 1903, par. 7*

“The messenger of heaven will co-operate with every true worker. In your work there is to be a revelation of that which will be to the praise and glory of God. Let there be no strife among you as to who shall occupy the highest place. But you may strive to meet the will of Christ. ‘Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.’ [*Galatians 6:9.*]*18LtMs, Lt 153, 1903, par. 8*

“Christ is reviewing your work in every line. He desires you to stand free from the power of Satan, that every one may recognize the purity of your work. The Lord can commend only that which is worthy of commendation. To those who are striving to do His will, He says with a voice of heavenly sweetness, ‘Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.’

[*Ephesians 1:2, 3.*]18LtMs, Lt 153, 1903, par. 9

“The work that is done to the honor and glory of God will bear the seal of God. Christ will endorse the work of those who will do their best. And as they continue to do their best, they will increase in knowledge, and the character of their work will be improved.18LtMs, Lt 153, 1903, par. 10

“The Lord desires His workers to learn from Him how to work, that they may be ‘to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of Promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory.’ [*Verses 12-14.*]18LtMs, Lt 153, 1903, par. 11

“How glorious the prospect before those who will be learners of Christ, meek and lowly in heart, after the divine Pattern! The Lord Jesus will be your Helper, your Strength, your Deliverance, if you will only believe and walk humbly before Him.”18LtMs, Lt 153, 1903, par. 12

Many more words were spoken. I saw that some present were weeping. Some were making confessions of wrong; and a softening, subduing influence was felt in every department of the office. Hearts had been wrought upon by the Holy Spirit of God.18LtMs, Lt 153, 1903, par. 13

The workers will understand the meaning of this representation if they will diligently search their hearts. I would say to them, Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, lest you weave selfishness into the work you are doing.18LtMs, Lt 153, 1903, par. 14

**Lt 154, 1903**

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 26, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Son Edson,—

I have just found a letter written to you July 15. I enclose it with this. It should have been sent before, but it shall not be longer delayed. Will you please read it to those in responsible positions in the work in Nashville. *18LtMs, Lt 154, 1903, par. 1*

The Lord God of heaven is watching all who are engaged in His service. He desires their work to be of such a character that He can place upon it His commendation. He desires to see among His workers a deep, earnest heart service. He will impart His Spirit to all who will put the whole heart into the work that they are doing for Him. *18LtMs, Lt 154, 1903, par. 2*

Those who have been influenced by a wrong spirit are in great danger, unless they repent, and earnestly seek to do the will of God. *18LtMs, Lt 154, 1903, par. 3*

I have an intense interest in the work in Nashville. I am anxious to see it moving forward in solid lines, according to Bible instruction. I hope that the workers will place themselves under the guidance of God. I send to them the words of Paul: “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love. Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” [*Ephesians 4:1-3.*] How much is comprehended in these words! *18LtMs, Lt 154, 1903, par. 4*

O, if we would all live the Word of God, there would be no trouble in any line of our work. Those who are standing at their post of duty may be assured that they have a Helper in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Among those who are working for God there must be no selfishness, no unholy ambition, no strife for the supremacy. They must walk and work in accordance with the requirements of God's Word. *18LtMs, Lt 154, 1903, par. 5*

Finite man may become united to the infinite God. When we have a living connection with Him, His words will abide with us. We shall not be guided by spasmodic feelings, but by the living, abiding principles of truth. "Speaking the truth in love," we "may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body, unto the edifying of itself in love." [*Verses 15, 16.*] *18LtMs, Lt 154, 1903, par. 6*

Christlike love is a most important aid to the harmonious progress of the work of God. It brings Christian politeness. *18LtMs, Lt 154, 1903, par. 7*

Never become discouraged. I have learned from experience that it is not wise to allow my mind to be disquieted. Keep your own counsel as much as possible. Be determined that you will be an overcomer. Behold Jesus continually. Ask yourself, What would He do, were He placed where I am placed? Meditate on the character of Christ, that by beholding, you may become changed into His image. *18LtMs, Lt 154, 1903, par. 8*

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." [*Ephesians 6:10, 11.*] There are many wiles of the devil, and you must be on your guard every moment. Your only hope is in cherishing the living, earnest, determined faith that works by love and purifies the soul. *18LtMs, Lt 154, 1903, par. 9*

Be careful that no cheapness appears in word or deed. We must be cleansed from the mildew of cheapness and selfishness. Be sure that worldliness is not enfeebling your spirituality. *18LtMs, Lt 154, 1903, par. 10*

Make Christ your dependence. Thus you may every day be

increasingly enriched by His love, which passeth knowledge. But without Him we are helpless, utterly unable to subdue one sin or to overcome the smallest temptation. May God help you to understand the words: "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in Me." [*John 15:4.*] Connection with Christ is a positive necessity if the fruit we bear is acceptable to God. Connection with Christ results in purification of the heart and in a circumspect life and faultless character. *18LtMs, Lt 154, 1903, par. 11*

What is the fruit for which God calls? "Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." [*Galatians 5:22, 23.*] May God help us to bear this fruit is my prayer. May He help us to put our capabilities and powers to a right use. Then we shall not see things through the eyes of the world. *18LtMs, Lt 154, 1903, par. 12*

How great the privilege granted to us! We may dwell with Christ in holy communion, as did His disciples. *18LtMs, Lt 154, 1903, par. 13*

I will now lay this aside and write some things in regard to the color line. *18LtMs, Lt 154, 1903, par. 14*



**Lt 155, 1903**

Christenson, C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 25, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Mrs. C. Christenson  
Sebastopol, California

My dear sister,—

Several weeks ago I received a letter from you in which you spoke of your interest in the Southern field and expressed your willingness to lend some money to the work there. I wrote to you, telling you that you would be perfectly safe in lending some money to the Southern Publishing Association. *18LtMs, Lt 155, 1903, par. 1*

I write now to ask you whether you did this? If not, would you be willing to lend me one thousand dollars. I will give you my note for this money and will return the loan at any time that you should need it. *18LtMs, Lt 155, 1903, par. 2*

My son J. E. White is very anxious to publish some new books to help the work in the South. He desires to get out some small books that will sell readily among the lower classes. These books will reach those who can be reached in no other way—those living far from any large settlement. I call these the byway hearers. To such ones our canvassers are to carry the books containing the message of salvation. *18LtMs, Lt 155, 1903, par. 3*

Our canvassers are to be God’s evangelists, going from house to house in out-of-the-way places and opening the Scriptures to those they meet. They will find those who are willing and anxious to learn from the Scriptures. *18LtMs, Lt 155, 1903, par. 4*

In Australia much has been accomplished by the faithful canvassers who have gone from place to place, bearing with them the books

containing the light of present truth. Entire families have been won to the truth through their efforts. *18LtMs, Lt 155, 1903, par. 5*

I greatly desire to do all in my power to reach those in the highways and the byways. It is that I may advance the work of soul-saving that I ask you to lend some money to the Southern field, if you have not already done so; or, if you would rather, lend the money to me, and I will be responsible for it. I am trying in every way possible to help my son to get out the books that are needed in the Southern field. *18LtMs, Lt 155, 1903, par. 6*

**Lt 156, 1903**

Magan, P. T.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 27, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *SpM 305-306*.

Dear brother Magan,—

I received your letter two or three days ago. I have also received letters from several others, among them one from a Brother Howard, of Washington, in regard to the color line. I have been kept very busy answering these letters. *18LtMs, Lt 156, 1903, par. 1*

When you see W. C. White and talk with him, you will understand that we have not changed the plans that we made with you. We feel that to change these plans would be to make a great mistake. *18LtMs, Lt 156, 1903, par. 2*

My dear brother, be of good courage in the Lord. Have faith in regard to your wife. We are praying for her. We shall have to wrestle with principalities and powers and spiritual wickedness in high places. And we shall have to contend with enemies in the form of our fellow beings—men who are spiritually blind and who know not at what they stumble. I see that you are in the struggle. You and brother Sutherland know what it means to struggle with the common calamities of life. Is not the spiritual conflict far greater, when we meet with the disguised powers of darkness who seem determined to destroy us? *18LtMs, Lt 156, 1903, par. 3*

One thing is certain: those Seventh-day Adventists who take their stand under Satan’s banner will first give up their faith in the warnings and reproofs contained in the testimonies of God’s Spirit. *18LtMs, Lt 156, 1903, par. 4*

The call to greater consecration and holier service is being made and will continue to be made. Some who are now voicing Satan’s suggestions will come to their senses. There are those in important

positions of trust who do not understand the truth for this time. To them the message must be given. If they receive it, Christ will accept them and will make them workers together with Him. But if they refuse to hear the message, they will take their stand under the black banner of the Prince of darkness.*18LtMs, Lt 156, 1903, par. 5*

I am instructed to say that the precious truth for this time is to open more and more clearly to human minds. In a special sense men and women are to eat of Christ's flesh and drink of His blood. There will be a development of the understanding, for the truth is capable of constant expansion. The divine Originator of truth will come into closer and still closer communion with those who follow on to know Him. As God's people receive His Word as the bread of heaven, they will know that His goings forth are prepared as the morning. They will receive spiritual strength, as the body receives physical strength when food is eaten.*18LtMs, Lt 156, 1903, par. 6*

We do not half understand the Lord's plan in taking the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage and leading them through the wilderness into Canaan. As we gather up the divine rays shining from the gospel, we shall have a clearer insight into the Jewish economy and a deeper appreciation of its important truths. Our exploration of truth is yet incomplete. We have gathered up only a few rays of light. Those who are not daily students of the Word will not solve the problems of the Jewish economy. They will not understand the truths taught by the temple service. The work of God is hindered by a worldly understanding of His great plan. The future life will unfold the meaning of the laws that Christ, enshrouded in the pillar of cloud, gave to His people.*18LtMs, Lt 156, 1903, par. 7*

We do not comprehend the deep things of God. Oh, if we did, faith would grasp the promises, and your wife would be healed. It is not the Lord, but the powers of darkness that keep her where she is. Go to the Saviour, my brother, and in faith ask Him to cast Satan out. Believe, only believe! In your wife's behalf lay hold of the merciful Healer.*18LtMs, Lt 156, 1903, par. 8*

Be strong and of good courage. In order to fight successfully, a soldier must have courage and strength. Of ourselves, we are weak

and feeble. But we have the promise, “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.” [*isaiah 40:31.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 156, 1903, par. 9*

May the Lord bless you and give you strength and grace, and may He send His healing power to your wife, is my prayer.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 156, 1903, par. 10*

**Lt 157, 1903**

Harper, Walter

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 28, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *12MR 242-245*.

Dear Brother Harper,—

I have been instructed that you need to view matters in an altogether different light, else those on both sides of the question that you are considering will be wronged. I believe that both you and your wife desire to do the will of God. Sister Harper must not become discouraged. In the past she has not been properly situated in many respects. When she left her home to become your wife, she was not to withdraw her love from her mother. The relationship between mother and daughter is a most tender one and is ever to be cherished. It is not at all strange, but the most natural thing in the world, that Sister Harper’s mother should wish her daughter to remain with her instead of marrying you. The daughter that ignores the tender relationship that should exist between parent and child should not claim to be a Christian. Children own certain obligations to their parents, and these obligations are to be fulfilled. A daughter owes her mother a debt that is binding upon her at all times and in all places.*18LtMs, Lt 157, 1903, par. 1*

And while the marriage vow is to be sacredly fulfilled, there is to be no transgression of the fifth commandment. God says to children, “Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee;” and He has set no time when this obligation ceases to be binding. [*Exodus 20:12.*]*18LtMs, Lt 157, 1903, par. 2*

Brother Harper, you have no idea of how the discord that has existed between you and your wife has worn upon her mind. When you leave her free to act toward her mother as her conscience tells her that she should act, a terrible strain will be removed from her. In the past she has not been free. She has had little opportunity to be

with her mother, and at the same time you have been a great deal away from her, engaged as you have been in the canvassing work. She has been placed where she could not [help] her mother as she desired to. She had a right to expect that her marriage with you would give her mother a son who would be a help and blessing to the family. *18LtMs, Lt 157, 1903, par. 3*

Your opinions in regard to your wife's association with her mother have been a cause of constant depression to her. She is a woman of capability. In some respects, her abilities are superior to yours. Your opinions in regard to her association with her relatives are unnatural, and she cannot make herself see things as you see them. *18LtMs, Lt 157, 1903, par. 4*

There is a good reason why your wife is with her mother now. Her aged grandfather in his feebleness needs care, and who but his grandchildren could be expected to help their mother give him this care? You have not viewed this matter in a right light. The impression that your wife has had in regard to this matter is in accordance with Bible truth, and she can no more rid herself of this impression than she can give up the truth. *18LtMs, Lt 157, 1903, par. 5*

You must both study how you can assimilate, instead of differing with one another. You must not exercise a masterly influence over your wife's mind; for often her judgment is superior to yours. You must not try to cramp your wife's mind to make it fit your own. She has an individuality that is not to be submerged in the individuality of another. You have a very strong mind, but it is not always correctly balanced. You see things in a way in which your wife cannot see them. *18LtMs, Lt 157, 1903, par. 6*

I have something more written in regard to your case, which I will send you when I find it. You have not practiced economy in the use of means. Sometimes when you have wished to help certain ones, you have bought them things which struck your fancy, but which they were unable to use. In such matters your judgment has often been quite defective. It would have been better for you to have given them the money you spent for them. They could have purchased that which would have been of use to them. Our money

is the Lord's and is not to be used with prodigality.*18LtMs, Lt 157, 1903, par. 7*

The Lord cannot endorse your course. Give your wife a share of the money that you receive. Let her have this as her own, and let her use it as she desires. She should have been allowed to use the means that she earned as she in her judgment deemed best. If she had had a certain sum to use as her own, without being criticized, a great weight would have been lifted from her mind.*18LtMs, Lt 157, 1903, par. 8*

From the light that is given me, I know that you should secure a little home for yourself and your wife. A small, modest home would not cost very much. Then assure your wife that if she wishes, she may have her mother live with her. If you could harmonize with your mother-in-law, her advice and counsel would in many respects be a great blessing to you. Your will is very strong, and you are inclined to be egotistical. You need a counsellor.*18LtMs, Lt 157, 1903, par. 9*

Matters between you and your wife may be satisfactorily adjusted if you will not take a hard, stern position. You will find that the use of mild, gentle methods will make a surprising difference in your lives. Do not treat your wife as if she understands no more than a child. Show her consideration and respect. Give her a home. I can assure you that she has never spoken one disparaging word of you to me.*18LtMs, Lt 157, 1903, par. 10*

I am your friend, and as such I write to you. I will send this letter to you today and will write more fully as soon as I can. But this will give you something to work on. You can be a blessing to your wife, and she can be a blessing to you.*18LtMs, Lt 157, 1903, par. 11*



**Lt 158, 1903**

Magan, Brother and Sister [P. T.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 29, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brother and Sister Magan,—

The other day I sent you a short letter. I could not write you as long a letter as I wished, because there were other letters that had to be finished. I will now try to write you a longer letter and hope to get it copied and sent off today. *18LtMs, Lt 158, 1903, par. 1*

I am indeed sorry to learn that your wife is no better. Encourage her with the words that Christ spoke to His disciples just before His suffering in Gethsemane: “I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more, but ye see Me; because I live, ye shall live also.” [*John 14:18, 19.*]*18LtMs, Lt 158, 1903, par. 2*

By faith the disciples were to receive this assurance, and by faith repeat to others the good tidings. Though Christ was no longer to be with them in bodily form, yet by faith they were to rejoice in the spiritual revelations of His presence. The promise of a Comforter was to be revealed to them as they proclaimed to a darkened world the gospel of a crucified and risen Saviour. *18LtMs, Lt 158, 1903, par. 3*

My dear brother and sister, I pray that you may be found not faithless, but believing. I pray that God will send you the Comforter to abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, “because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him.” [*Verse 17.*] I pray that to you shall be given power to discern and comprehend spiritual and divine things. *18LtMs, Lt 158, 1903, par. 4*

Brother Magan, the Lord does not look upon Sister Magan or upon you with displeasure. He would have you cheerful and of good

courage. Sister Magan has been tempted by the enemy to give place to the doubt, "Has God forsaken me?" My sister, God has not forsaken you, but Satan has cast his shadow between you and Christ. Have faith in God; lean your whole weight upon the sympathizing Redeemer. *18LtMs, Lt 158, 1903, par. 5*

When in Eden Satan tempted Adam and Eve, God said to him, "Because of the charges that you have made against Me, to allure Adam and Eve from their allegiance, I will put enmity between you and the woman, between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." *18LtMs, Lt 158, 1903, par. 6*

Obscure as the meaning of these words may seem, Satan fully understood that his claim to the position of prince of the newly formed world was to be contested; that One would come whose work would be fatal to his evil purposes; that he and his angels would be forever defeated. Satan was to bruise Christ's heel, but Christ was to bruise Satan's head—to destroy his power. The enemy's assurance of certain power, his sense of security was gone. Nevertheless, because Adam and Eve yielded to his temptation, human beings were to feel the strength of his affliction. But they were not to be left without a Helper. Christ came to this world to be tempted in our behalf and in our behalf to overcome. From the desert to Calvary the storm of Satan's wrath beat upon Him, but the more mercilessly it fell, the more firmly did the Son of God cling to the hand of His Father and press on in the bloodstained path. *18LtMs, Lt 158, 1903, par. 7*

"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, ... Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in every time of need." [*Hebrews 4:14-16.*] *18LtMs, Lt 158, 1903, par. 8*

**Lt 159, 1903**

Magan, P. T.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 30, 1903

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Dear Brother Magan,—

Today I found two pages that I wrote to you some days ago. I will have them copied and sent to you and will try to write a little more to go with them. *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 1*

I am sorry to hear that your wife is no better. Do not allow one word of a sorrowful nature to be spoken in her hearing. Let soft, encouraging, hopeful songs be sung to her. We are praying for Sister Magan—praying that the Lord will raise her up. Do not speak of trials or of anything that would have a depressing influence upon her. Talk of Christ and His power to save. *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 2*

How grateful we should be that Christ came to this world and in our behalf lived an absolutely stainless life, overcoming every temptation that Satan brought against Him! *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 3*

At the baptism of Christ, a voice from heaven was heard, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” [*Matthew 3:17*.] Immediately after this Christ went into the wilderness of temptation and began His long fast; and in His weakness, Satan came to Him and tempted Him. *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 4*

Why was it that at the beginning of His public ministry Christ was led into the wilderness to be tempted? It was the Spirit that led Him thence, and He went, not in His own behalf, but in our behalf, to

overcome for us. There was no compulsion about it. He was led by the Spirit, His humanity to be proved, as one who had undertaken to stand at the head of the fallen race.*18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 5*

Christ had been, and was then, in perfect harmony with the Father. He was to be tried and tested as a representative of the race. He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to meet the foe in personal encounter, to overthrow him who claimed to be the head of the kingdoms of the world.*18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 6*

While in the wilderness, Christ fasted, but He was insensible to hunger. Engaged in constant prayer to His Father for a preparation to resist the adversary, Christ did not feel the pangs of hunger. He spent the time in earnest prayer, shut in with God. It was as if He were in the presence of His Father. He sought for strength to meet the foe, for the assurance that He would receive grace to carry out all that He had undertaken in behalf of humanity. The thought of the warfare before Him made Him oblivious to all else, and His soul was fed with the bread of life, just as today those tempted souls will be fed who go to God for aid. He ate of the truth which He was to give to the people as having power to deliver them from Satan's temptations. He saw the breaking of Satan's power over fallen and tempted ones. He saw Himself healing the sick, comforting the hopeless, cheering the desponding, and preaching the gospel to the poor—doing the work that God had outlined for Him; and He did not realize any sense of hunger until the forty days of His fast were ended.*18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 7*

The vision passed away, and then, with strong craving, Christ's human nature called for food. Now was Satan's opportunity to make his assault. He resolved to appear as one of the angels of light that had appeared to Christ in His vision.*18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 8*

Christ is in the wilderness, the wild beasts His only companions and everything around Him tending to make Him realize His humanity. Suddenly an angel appears before Him, apparently one of the angels that He saw not long since, and addresses Him in the words, "If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." [*Matthew 4:3.*] "If Thou be the Son of God." Here is the insinuation of distrust. The words rankle with bitterness in his mind.

In the tones of his voice is an expression of utter incredulity. He ridiculed the idea of Christ's, the Majesty of heaven's being left in the wilderness to suffer from hunger. Would God treat His own Son thus? Would He leave Him in the desert with wild beasts, without food, without companions, without comfort? He insinuates that God never meant His Son to be in such a state as this. "If Thou be the Son of God," he says, "show Thy power by relieving Thyself of this pressing hunger. Command that this stone be made bread." *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 9*

The words from heaven, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased," were still sounding in the ears of Satan. [*Matthew 3:17.*] But he was determined to make Christ disbelieve this testimony. The Word of God was Christ's assurance of His divine mission. He had come to live as a man among men, and it was the Word that declared His connection with heaven. It was Satan's purpose to make Him doubt this Word. If Christ's confidence in God could be shaken, Satan knew that victory in the whole conflict would be his. He could overcome Jesus. He hoped that under the force of despondency and extreme hunger, Christ would lose faith in His Father and work a miracle in His own behalf. Had He done this, the plan of salvation would have been broken. *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 10*

And Christ, the Son of God, answering said, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." [*Matthew 4:4.*] Christ had been warned not to enter into argument with Satan. And though He recognized him from the beginning, He was not provoked to enter into controversy with him. Strengthened with the memory of the voice from heaven, He rested in His Father's love. He would not parley with temptation. *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 11*

Satan tempted the first Adam in Eden, and Adam reasoned with the enemy, thus giving him the advantage. Satan exercised his power of hypnotism over Adam and Eve, and this power he strove to exercise over Christ. But after the Word of Scripture was quoted, Satan knew that he had no chance of triumphing. *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 12*

Satan came to Christ hoping to gain the victory. He thought that he had every advantage over Him. But he was conquered by the Saviour's meekness and humility and by His reliance on the Word of God. Meek and lowly, and seemingly helpless, Christ was stronger than the strong man armed. O how Satan strove to make Him sin against God! But all his efforts failed to make Christ swerve from His allegiance. *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 13*

Our Saviour could receive the heavenly revelation without becoming self-exalted. Let us seek for His humility. The enemy is subtle and very daring, but he is not invincible. He is a strong man armed, but if we keep close to the Captain of our salvation, using the weapon that He has given us, we shall be victorious. Satan is armed with sophistry and deceptive statements. It is a mistake to quote his words and then seek to refute them. This always gives him an advantage. Keep close to Christ. Do not tell all that you know, thinking thus to baffle the enemy. By allowing yourself to contradict him, you give him opportunity to confuse you by his subtle reasoning. *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 14*

We cannot be overcome while we place our whole dependence upon God and stand firm in His strength. When we are tempted, we must humble ourselves. We must keep back the words of argument with which we think that we could baffle the enemy. What we desire to say might be perfectly true, but God does not wish His people to controvert Satan's suggestions. Let them take their stand on the platform of eternal truth, and let their only weapon be the Word, "It is written." This will bring more confusion to him than any charge that we ourselves could make against him. He has used the Word of God frequently to the heavenly assemblies. God's words stand fast forever. They cannot be changed. *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 15*

From the experience of Christ in the wilderness of temptation, we may learn that there is no conquest without a combat. Remember that this temptation came to Christ immediately after the heavens had been opened, and the Spirit of God, like a dove of burnished gold, had rested on Him. In the wilderness He had held close communion with God. Then the storm of temptation fell upon Him. *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 16*

Is it not thus with us? After the Lord has bestowed on us the richest blessings, does not some sore trial come to us, to darken our souls, and cause us to doubt God's goodness? Let us, at such times, remember that Christ was tempted in all points like as we are tempted and that in His strength we can overcome. Let us by prayer and fasting draw near to God. *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 17*

After great honor has been placed upon us, then is the time that we are to walk humbly with God. After Paul had been received into the third heaven, an affliction was sent to buffet him. <His eyes that looked upon Christ were always afflicted, but the Lord often gave visions of heavenly things.> The Lord prepares His people for temptation. Before a great trial, He gives them a more than usually clear revelation of His presence and compassion and love. *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 18*

Has the Holy Spirit witnessed to our adoption? Have we been given a commission to do a special work? And does this not nearly always bring to us a day of trial? But strength is given sufficient for the trial. God will surely answer the prayers of those who work in humility and faith. The assurance of the blessing of God need not lift us up in our own estimation. It should lead us to exalt God. If we will lay hold of the spirituality of our faith, and walk humbly with God, we shall be furnished with the weapon, "It is written." Through Christ we shall be enabled to answer wisely and firmly, and we shall not be overcome and led into temptation. Christ has conquered for us, and if we follow His example, our words will be few and true and pure. *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 19*

Christ did not need to fast for forty days because of inward corruption, or to subdue self. He was sinless. It was on our account that He fasted. He had been exalted by God, but He humbled Himself, and when He could have taken advantage of circumstances to favor Himself, He did not do this. *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 20*

We may have to diet for the combat, as wrestlers who are temperate in all things. Those who take part in worldly contests of physical strength prepare themselves by careful training. Paul says, "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things,"

and he adds, "Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible." [1 *Corinthians* 9:25.] *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 21*

During His fast Christ held communion with heaven. And the fast that we may be called upon to endure will be understood by One who knows. He took upon Him our natural infirmities, that He might know how to help us. In every temptation He makes for us a way of escape. *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 22*

Satan came to Adam and Eve with the suggestion that in forbidding them to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, God was defrauding them of rich blessings, of honor and exaltation that were theirs by right. They listened to him, accepted his suggestions, and fell. Today Satan is carrying forward zealously his work of temptation, and he will make many conquests over those who are not watching unto prayer. *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 23*

Christ was tempted in all points as we are tempted. Let those who are bowed down under trial and temptation, and who feel that their friends have forsaken them, think of Christ, of whom God has said, "This is My beloved Son" [*Matthew* 3:17], alone in the wilderness, meeting temptations severer than any that are brought against them. Let them not give up in despair, but reach out a trembling hand of faith to grasp the hand that is held out to save. Let them cast their helpless souls upon Jesus, who because He has passed over the ground knows how to deliver them that are tempted. *18LtMs, Lt 159, 1903, par. 24*



**Lt 160, 1903**

Hart, Brother and Sister [R. A.]

Oakland, California

March, 1903

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Dear Brother and Sister Hart,—

I should be very much pleased to see you both and to converse with you. I regret that this cannot be. *18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 1*

We have wonderful opportunities, in this age of the world, to do work for the Master, and we should consider these opportunities in the fear of God. We feel deeply over the fact that the cities of America are not worked as they should be. *18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 2*

At the time of our baptism, we pledged ourselves in the presence of the three most powerful agencies of heaven—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—that we would henceforth walk in newness of life. At the same time, all Heaven pledged itself to endow us with the power of the Holy Spirit. The fulfilment of our pledge is represented in the *third chapter of Colossians*: “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth.” [*Verses 1-5.*] Read the entire chapter. In striving to win in the Christian conflict, we are not to try to overcome in our own strength, but in the strength of these mighty Powers that have promised to lead and guide us onward to victory. *18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 3*

Life and inspiration are brought into the church only when the church members constantly depend on these pledged Powers for help and strength. God is always ready to help those who call on

Him in faith. If we act our part faithfully as co-laborers with Him, all the Powers of heaven are at our command. We are authorized to put our entire trust in the Head of the church, who has pledged Himself in His Word to give us the presence of the Holy Spirit in proportion to our necessities. *18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 4*

The true believer has a right to expect that sinners will be converted as the result of his labors, because he is one with those who believe in Christ; because he represents Christ in character. God will hear the prayers that are offered in faith. The church must come into her appointed place and by faith and true works prepare to sow the seeds of truth in every field where God's messengers shall find an entrance. *18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 5*

We ask the members of the church, Are you converted? From the apostle John comes the message to the church, "Little children, keep yourselves from idols." [*1 John 5:21.*] A commercial spirit must not be permitted to come into our church or into any of our institutions. Sharp, money-making practices are Satan's snares. Every man who is not converted is an idolater. Those who are satisfied to remain under the power of worldly influences will meet with sorrow and disappointment. *18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 6*

Christ asks, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" [*Mark 8:36, 37.*] My dear brother, let me tell you in the name of the Lord that your spiritual position, and the position of many others in Battle Creek, has been presented to me as perilous. If you remain where you are now, there will be no future blessedness for your soul. *18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 7*

Brother Hart, the Lord has instructed me to present before you a world that needs to be warned and saved. He says to you, "When thou art converted, thou canst be a laborer together with God." But your present spiritual condition is portrayed in the words of Christ, spoken through John the Revelator, to the church at Ephesus: "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou

repent.” [Revelation 2:4, 5.]18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 8

The message sent to the church at Sardis is applicable alike to you and to all others who are developing similar characters: “These things saith He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.” [Revelation 3:1-3.]18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 9

My brother, Jesus says to you: “He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels. ... As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.” [Verses 5, 19-21.]18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 10

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“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 30, 1903

My brother, my sister, will you realize that you are greatly indebted to God, and that you should strive to meet this indebtedness with a sense that you belong to Him, and that you are to use all your powers in His service? I see so much to be done; and in the night, representations pass before me that bring me great sadness.18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 11

Brother and Sister Hart, add to every prayer that you offer the prayer that Christ taught His disciples, and through the day study this prayer as a lesson of the highest value. Strive, by good works, to answer it.18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 12

Man has broken the law of Jehovah and is under sentence of death. But Christ paid the penalty, and if we receive Him as our Saviour, He pleads for us before the Father, saying, "I have taken the debt upon Myself. I have paid the penalty. I gave My life, the Just for the unjust. The law has not been changed. I became surety for the debtor. I died that through My merits man might stand before Jehovah accepted in the Beloved. He who believes in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. He who liveth and believeth on Me hath everlasting life."*18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 13*

"You hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." [*Ephesians 2:1.*] "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on His name." [*John 1:12.*] But we cannot be accepted while we continue to transgress. We are brought to God through Christ only as we accept the obligation resting on us to obey the law and are renewed in the spirit of our mind. "Wherefore," Paul writes, "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." [*1 Corinthians 15:58.*]*18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 14*

Brother and Sister Hart, do not, I entreat of you, regard the destruction of the printing office as a matter with which the Lord had nothing to do. For years it has been presented to me that the Lord would turn and overturn until His people understood that He is in earnest with them.*18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 15*

"And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." [*Ephesians 2:1.*] Christ will give us the vivifying influence of His Holy Spirit. This is what you both need, else you will never see the kingdom of God. When you are converted, you will see Christ as your sin-pardoning Saviour.*18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 16*

I have just read the following incident: "An old man, about seventy or eighty years of age, was once brought to me, as a monument of God's mercy. I asked him how old he was. He looked at me for a little while, and then said in faltering tones, while the tears ran down his cheeks, 'I am two years old.' I expressed my surprise, and then he said, 'Ah, until two years ago I lived the life of a dead man. I never knew what it was to live until I met with the life that is hid with Christ in God.'" *18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 17*

As I read this, I thought, What a beautiful idea! God has engraved it in my heart. “When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall we also appear with Him in glory.” [*Colossians 3:4.*] What a miracle of mercy that will be! Is this your hope—not a casual hope, but a hope well grounded and secure?*18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 18*

Have we not, in our experience, reached the time typified by the offering of the lamb on the night of Israel’s deliverance out of Egypt? The ceremonies connected with this time are of deep significance to us. They were to eat the lamb with the staff in their hand, with shoes on their feet, and with their loins girded. Does not this show us that we are to stand prepared to meet our foes? Are we not to be armed with the promises of God, that we may put to flight our enemies?*18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 19*

Let us be prepared; for the great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly. Let us be shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, ready to march at a moment’s notice. Every hour is precious. We have no time to use in self-gratification. All around us there are souls perishing in sin. Every day there is something to do for the Master. Every day we are to point souls to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world.*18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 20*

I am instructed to tell you to prepare to meet your Lord in peace; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. And in saying this to you, I say it, also, to the whole of the Battle Creek church. Be ye always ready. Go to your rest at night with every sin confessed. Thus we did when we expected to meet our Lord. And now this great event is nearer than when we first believed. Be ye also ready, in the evening, at morning, and at noon, that when the cry comes, “Behold the Bridegroom cometh! go ye out to meet Him” [*Matthew 25:6*], you may, even though awakened out of sleep, go forth to meet Him with your lamps trimmed and burning.*18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 21*

You need now to trim your lamps, and fill them with oil. God wants you to fill your vessels with the holy oil. Your hearts are to be filled with sacred zeal, else you will be found unready. I am instructed to say to you, Put your means in circulation to establish in various

places memorials for the Lord. We must all do what we can to give the warning in places that have never heard the message for this time. Do not keep the Lord's money bound up where it is doing nothing to advance His cause. *18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 22*

Study the scenes connected with the departure of the Israelites from the land of bondage. Prepare for the call, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh! go ye out to meet Him." [*Verse 6.*] Not only are you to be aroused; you are to arouse others. The time will soon come when it will be impossible to do the work that ought to have been done years ago. "Gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end." [*1 Peter 1:13.*] If you would move in the Lord's order, turn your attention wholly to yourselves for a while, until you have no disposition to criticize others. Prepare to meet thy God. You have no time to bind yourselves up with worldly interests. *18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 23*

Do not worry about Dr. Kellogg or talk discouragingly concerning him. Keep looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith. You are not ready, you are not prepared, for the scenes that ere long will open before us. I want you to break the spell that is upon you. "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." [*1 Corinthians 15:58.*] Your mind must be renewed, your character reformed; your thoughts, words, and deeds must be such that they will show that the miracle-working power of God has transformed the whole man. *18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 24*

When this miracle has been wrought out for you, keep praying, watching, and working. Never allow yourselves to fall back into the worldly condition that you have been in in the past. If you would meet Jesus in peace when He comes, and be made like Him, your efforts of preparation must never flag. What a blessing it is to know that as we watch and pray and work, we may have the assurance that our labors are not in vain in the Lord. *18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 25*

God sends to the individual members of the church this message: "Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not." [*Luke 12:33.*] The Lord calls upon you to send the light of truth to fields

right here in America that have never heard the message. We must do all we possibly can to work every place and to raise up workers who can give the message. We must stand prepared to meet anything that shall come. *18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 26*

Consecrate yourselves to God for service. If you would be partakers of His glory, you must be partakers of His suffering. Let no evil speech go forth from your lips. Let your words be profitable unto all. Let your works reveal the miracle-working power of God. *18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 27*

My brother, my sister, are you prepared to be partakers of Christ's self-denial and self-sacrifice? What is life? Why is it that we who are human live not the life of the brute creation? Oh, it is because Christ so loved fallen human beings that He laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown, and stepping down from His high command in the heavenly courts, came to this world as a man, that humanity might touch humanity, and divinity grasp the throne of the Infinite. Our life is of value to God and of value to ourselves, because of the great price that has been paid for it. Those who live mere animal lives are not fulfilling God's purpose for them. He designs His blood-bought heritage to live lives filled with great possibilities and probabilities. Christ became poor that we might inherit eternal riches. Every man, through the merits of the blood of Christ, may become a new creature in Christ, possessing a new nature. *18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 28*

My brother and sister, your two lives are worth more than a thousand worlds if of you it can in the heavenly courts be said, "They are dead, and their lives are hid with Christ in God." [*Colossians 3:3*.] "You hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." [*Ephesians 2:1*.] It is yours to say, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." [*Galatians 2:20*.] The richest of heaven's blessings are ours through the gospel of our Redeemer. We may rise to our high privileges. Shall we not make a determined effort to live wholly for God? *18LtMs, Lt 160, 1903, par. 29*

## Lt 161, 1903

Daniells, A. G.; Prescott, W. W.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 30, 1903

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Dear brethren Daniells and Prescott,—

A day or two ago I received a very interesting letter from Elder Daniells. I am indeed glad that so favorable an opening has been found in Washington. I believe that the Lord is preparing the way for His work to be established in places where, as yet, no suitable memorial of the truth has been established. *18LtMs, Lt 161, 1903, par. 1*

In the representations that passed before my mind in regard to the places at which you were looking, no difficulties seemed to be pointed out in regard to Washington. But the presentation made in regard to the property sixty miles from New York was that there would be secret working to hinder the purchase of the place. That is why I cautioned you to be very quiet, to preserve silence in regard to your movements, but to let there be no delay in securing the place, because it was most favorable for school and sanitarium work. *18LtMs, Lt 161, 1903, par. 2*

I still hope that this place can be secured without an increase of price. But all that we can do is to pray to the Lord for guidance, and then do all in our power to press the matter to completion. The hindrance that has come is no evidence that the purchase of the place should be given up. *18LtMs, Lt 161, 1903, par. 3*

I shall be glad when Willie returns. It makes my work harder for him to be gone so long. *18LtMs, Lt 161, 1903, par. 4*

I am deeply moved by the unprepared condition of our churches. One thing we must do. We must keep our feet in the straight and narrow path that leads to eternal life. We must make no missteps



now. The *first* and *second chapters of Colossians* have been presented to me as an expression of what our churches in every part of the world should be. The great apostle had many visions. The Lord showed him many things that it is not lawful for a man to utter. Why could he not tell the believers what he had seen? Because they would have made a misapplication of the great truths presented. They would not have been able to comprehend these truths. And yet all that was shown to Paul molded the messages that God gave him to bear to the churches.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 161, 1903, par. 5*

The people of God need to study what characters they must form in order to pass through the test and proving of the last days. Many are living in spiritual weakness and backsliding. They know not what they believe. Let us read and study the *twelfth chapter of Daniel*. It is a warning that we shall all need to understand before the time of the end. There are ministers claiming to believe the truth who are not sanctified through the truth. Unless a change comes in their lives, they will say, "My Lord delayeth His coming." [*Matthew 24:48.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 161, 1903, par. 6*

Read the *twenty-first chapter of Luke*. In it Christ gives the warning, "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things, and to stand before the Son of man." [*Verses 34-36.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 161, 1903, par. 7*

The signs of the times are fulfilling in our world, yet the churches generally are represented as slumbering. Shall we not take warning from the experience of the foolish virgins, who when the call came, "Behold the bridegroom cometh! go ye out to meet him," found that they had no oil in their lamps. And while they went to buy oil, the bridegroom went in to the marriage supper, with the wise virgins, and the door was shut. When the foolish virgins reached the banqueting hall, they received an unexpected denial. The master of the feast declared, "I know you not." [*Matthew 25:6-12.*] They were left standing without, in the empty street, in the blackness of the

night.*18LtMs, Lt 161, 1903, par. 8*

This afternoon I received a letter from Willie. He seems to be of good courage. In his letter he asks whether Elder Haskell should remain longer in New York or go South. Elder Butler wants him to connect with him in the Southern field. I am in favor of Elder Haskell's going to the South and have written him a letter telling him this. I have been given a representation that makes it plain to me that as long as Elder Franke is in New York City, he will see things in a perverted light and will create dissension, making it hard for Elder Haskell and his wife. Elder Haskell must have a respite from the strife, and he must be sustained in his labors. His wife also should be encouraged and sustained, for her labors are of great value, and she is a blessing and an encouragement to her husband.*18LtMs, Lt 161, 1903, par. 9*

It will be of little use for Elder Haskell to try again to stem the current in New York unless the transforming, converting grace of Christ shall make Elder Franke a new man in Christ. The way is open for Elder Haskell to go to Nashville, and I think that he should go. Elder Butler pleads for this strongly.*18LtMs, Lt 161, 1903, par. 10*

It was an offense against God for Elder Haskell's wages to be cut down. To do this showed great lack of discernment. I am instructed that in such cases the wages should be made up from the tithe. Care should be taken to see that the men who have worn out their lives in God's cause shall not be neglected. The lack of the past should be supplied. Our colored ministers should not be given so meager a salary that they are not able to support their families. I put these on the list of those who should receive attention. And I put on the list also the widows whose husbands have died in the service of God, leaving their wives and their children in needy circumstances. For this I have a "Thus saith the Lord."*18LtMs, Lt 161, 1903, par. 11*

Well, yesterday and today I have written about forty pages. The Lord is good. He preserves me in health and gives me power to write. I am somewhat short of money. I have nothing in the bank and have not been able to pay my workers for some time. But I am of good courage.*18LtMs, Lt 161, 1903, par. 12*

**Lt 162, 1903**

Lane, Sands

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 12, 1903

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Elder Sands Lane

My dear brother,—

I have a message for you. Your heart is not right with God. The light given me is that we shall be tested and proved, that Satan will come to us as he came to Christ—as an angel of light. The heavenly universe is looking upon us with intense interest. We have been regarded as a people moving under God’s guidance and enjoying a remarkable record of success and prosperity. But a new chapter has been opened. There are among us those who are binding up with the world. They are not standing out in moral independence, trusting to the Lord to carry His work to completion.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 1*

I have been instructed to place before our people the instruction given by the Lord to Israel to keep them separate from the world. My brother, I want you to see the principles upon which we are to work. In the *fourth chapter of Deuteronomy* we read:<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 2*

“Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes, and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land, which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you. Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you. Your eyes have seen what the Lord did because of Baal-peor; for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the Lord thy God hath destroyed from among you. But ye that did cleave unto the Lord your God are alive

every one of you this day. Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore, and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding nation. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon Him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thine heart all the days of thy life; but teach them thy sons and thy sons' sons." [Verses 1-9.]*18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 3*

The people of God are to stand distinct and separate from the people of the world. Only as they do this can the Lord exalt and magnify them as the people of His choice.*18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 4*

Of them the words are spoken, "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light." [1 Peter 2:9.]*18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 5*

The Lord was not in the establishment of the Sanitarium in Battle Creek. This is one of the enemy's devices to introduce into the ranks of God's people the world's maxims and the world's ways and practices.*18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 6*

It is not the Lord's plan that sanitariums so large as the one in Battle Creek shall be erected. When so large a number of patients are gathered together, it is impossible to give them the religious instruction that God designs the patients in our sanitariums to have. And the erection of so large an institution centers in one place a work that should be distributed to several places.*18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 7*

The nearer we approach the end of this earth's history, the stronger and more numerous will be Satan's temptations. He will work "with all deceivableness of unrighteousness," that, if it were possible, he

might deceive the very elect. [2 *Thessalonians 2:10; Matthew 24:24.*] He will bring in every device to hinder our preparation for that which is to come upon the earth. *18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 8*

In order to fulfil God's purpose for us, we must be taught by the Holy Spirit. Those who have not been taught by the Spirit, however great may have been their advantages in other respects, cannot discern spiritual things. They are ignorant; whereas, if they were worked by the Spirit, they would be wise, able to understand the things of God. These things can be understood by those only who are partakers of the divine nature, those who eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God, receiving and obeying His Word. *18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 9*

The truths of God's Word stand out plainly revealed, but many have not a clear conception of them. Why?—Because they love darkness rather than light. They do not even want the Word of God to be presented to them; for they regard their own way and their own judgment as able to guide them safely. They are self-sufficient and self-confident, and they refuse to accept anything that does not harmonize with their opinions. *18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 10*

The Holy Spirit taught the writers of God's Word what truths to record. It was through the Spirit that these men learned in what words to express the will of God. The Bible is an expression of the mind and will of God and is, therefore, a perfect rule of faith and practice. It is this Word that the people of God are to follow as their guide and counselor. *18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 11*

It is not enough for man to follow the dictates of his conscience. He must know that he has a conscience that is void of offense toward God and man. Constantly he is to press on in the narrow way, cultivating his capabilities and wisely employing his powers. With sanctified intellect and living faith he is to grasp the meaning of the divine will. Thus did Abraham when, at the command of a God whom he scarcely knew, he left his country and his father's house to go into a land that he knew not. God disposed his heart to obey. It is when God has control of the being that conscience is a safe guide. *18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 12*

All who are connected with the work of God will have many

important lessons to learn. Some who have thought themselves sufficient for everything will be found to be a very short pattern in some respects. Some workers who are depreciated by human wisdom are by God highly exalted. God will raise up men to do a certain work, and as they advance step by step, they will learn of the great I AM. As His work unfolds, they still move forward, under His leadership, performing that which He has placed in their hands.*18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 13*

Another man, with supposed superior abilities, may come in and, looking upon the work of these men, may think that they should be replaced by wiser men. To his imagination, their work may look all tangled and spoiled, when the Lord is leading step by step. He would advocate that a change be made. He would try to make the workers see that they are making a great mistake in trying to carry on their work. But God sees not as man sees. The workers whom He is leading may at times be in great perplexity. It is His plan that many difficulties shall be met and mastered. He inspires the workers with the determination to make every apparent failure prove a success. They are determined to walk in the light that is shining on their pathway, and although they encounter many obstacles, yet they declare, "I will not fail nor be discouraged." [See *Isaiah 42:4.*]*18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 14*

Often men pray and weep because of the perplexities and obstacles that confront them. But it is God's purpose for them to meet perplexities and obstacles, and if they will hold the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end, determined to carry forward the work of the Lord, He will make their way clear. Success will come to them as they perseveringly struggle against apparently insurmountable difficulties; and with success will come the greatest joy.*18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 15*

God is preparing humble, contrite men to be valuable workers. He is giving them an experience that human wisdom cannot explain. He works upon minds by His own wisdom. Supposed mistakes are permitted to appear, that in unexpected ways, which human wisdom cannot comprehend, great glory may come to God. He is accomplishing His work in His own way. He consults His own purposes, not man's theories. The power with which He works

through any man is proportionate to the man's earnestness and sincerity. In all that He does, He seeks the highest good of those who are laborers together with Him. *18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 16*

Day by day men and women are deciding their eternal destiny. I have been shown that many are in great danger. When a man will do or say anything to gain his end, nothing but the power of God can save him. His character needs to be transformed before he can have a good conscience, void of offense toward God and man. Self must die, and Christ must take possession of the soul temple. When, by rejecting the light that God has given, men abuse and trample upon the conscience, they are in fearful danger. Their future eternal welfare is imperilled. *18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 17*

O what sadness fills my heart when I see a man recklessly stating falsehood for truth, while Satan stands by, exulting over the victory that he has gained over the man's soul. The man knew better, but so long had he yielded to Satan, saying the things that Satan prompted him to say, that he had become confused. How will he conduct himself in the future? Unless he places himself in God's control, he will be a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. *18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 18*

He comes to the feast provided by the Lord, but he does not put on the wedding garment. He comes clothed in his common citizen dress, disdaining to wear the garment provided for him at great cost. And when the Lord asks, "How camest thou in hither, not having a wedding garment?" he can answer nothing. [*Matthew 22:12.*] He is self-condemned. And the Lord says, "Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness." [*Verse 13.*] *18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 19*

During this life he was unwilling to stand forth as one of God's denominated people, and at the last great day the Lord refuses to acknowledge him. *18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 20*

"And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it; and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day; for there

shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." [Revelation 21:23-27.] *18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 21*

"And there shall be no more curse; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him; and they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads." [Revelation 22:3, 4.] *18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 22*

Who are these?—God's denominated people—those who on this earth have witnessed to their loyalty. Who are they?—Those who here have kept the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ; those who have owned the crucified Saviour as their Saviour. *18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 23*

"And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reign forever and ever." [Verse 5.] *18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 24*

"And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of 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, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be. 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 10-14.] *18LtMs, Lt 162, 1903, par. 25*



**Lt 163, 1903**

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 3, 1903

Previously unpublished.

My dear son Willie,—

We received your letter this morning, (Sunday) and were very glad to hear from you. I received also a very encouraging letter from Elder Daniells. We must have faith. We must walk by faith and pray as we walk and as we work. *18LtMs, Lt 163, 1903, par. 1*

Friday was a very busy day for me. I wrote many letters. In the afternoon we received a telephone message asking whether I would speak at the Sanitarium on the Sabbath. I promised that I would. *18LtMs, Lt 163, 1903, par. 2*

The chapel was full, as usual, of interested listeners. Among the others present was one very intelligent-looking man by the name of Gomez, from the West Indies or from some country of South America. He sat well forward in the congregation, and the interest with which he listened was inspiring. Occasionally when I made a point, he would respond by a nod of the head. *18LtMs, Lt 163, 1903, par. 3*

There were a number of patients present, and the report is that they were much interested in and encouraged by the words spoken. *18LtMs, Lt 163, 1903, par. 4*

I spoke from *Isaiah 56:1-7*. The Lord was present, and I received grace for grace. The points that I presented were deeply impressed upon my mind. I seemed to gather new ideas as I went along. While feeding others, I myself was fed. Yes; I feasted. The Lord Jesus came graciously near, and many were moved to tears. *18LtMs, Lt 163, 1903, par. 5*

One elderly gentleman was deeply affected. He occupies a high position in the city. He has Sabbath free and quite frequently spends Sabbath at the Sanitarium. After the meeting was over, he said he was very glad to have been present.*18LtMs, Lt 163, 1903, par. 6*

One mental patient, a man, was present. Dr. Evans told me today that this man was much pleased with what he heard, and that the discourse helped him. Still others, who were desponding, were helped.*18LtMs, Lt 163, 1903, par. 7*

It helps me a great deal to break the bread of life to others. I feel it my duty to speak on the Sabbath whenever I am able.*18LtMs, Lt 163, 1903, par. 8*

I am sending you two letters written to Elder A. T. Jones. They have not as yet been sent to him. If you see anything in them that you think would better be left out, I hope that you will feel free to use your judgment. There are some things which, though quite true, it might not be best to present now. We must be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.*18LtMs, Lt 163, 1903, par. 9*

I am of good courage. The Lord came very near to me at our Friday evening season of worship. O how my soul longs to see Jesus! I love Him, and the precious promises of His Word warm my soul. I feel a love for Him burning in my heart such as I felt many times in 1843 and 1844. Last Sabbath the Lord did indeed speak to me, and my heart was filled with joy. I realized the meaning of the words, "That my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." [*John 15:11.*]*18LtMs, Lt 163, 1903, par. 10*

## Lt 164, 1903

Those in Charge of the Wahrenonga Sanitarium

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 29, 1903

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To those in charge of the Wahrenonga Sanitarium

My dear brethren,—

I cannot sleep past one o'clock. In the night seasons I have been in a council meeting in which those present were outlining plans for the carrying forward of the work of the Wahrenonga Sanitarium. One plan was that Brother Burden was to be general manager of the outside interests. Suggestions were made in regard to putting in an electric light plant. The words were spoken by One of authority: “An electric light plant should not be looked upon as necessary to the success of the institution: for it is not. To put an electric light plant into the institution would place on it a burden of debt that should not exist. That which will bring efficiency to your work is walking in the light of the Lord's favor. *18LtMs, Lt 164, 1903, par. 1*

“Elder Starr and his wife are to take up the work of visiting evangelists. They are to seek to reach souls in the city of Sydney and its suburbs. They will find many souls whom they can help and sustain and bless. These faithful workers should be sustained by the Conference as they seek to save souls outside the institution. *18LtMs, Lt 164, 1903, par. 2*

“Brother and Sister Kress occupy an important position in the institution. They are not to be under the jurisdiction or control of any human power. God has given them the ability to manage their own work. They have in a special manner felt His power to heal. When it seemed that Dr. Kress's life could not possibly be saved, God showed Himself strong to save, and snatched him from the grave. And this same God will now be a counsellor to Brother and Sister Kress and will lead and guide them, teaching them His way and His

will. *18LtMs, Lt 164, 1903, par. 3*

“Dr. Kress and his wife are to unite with the matron in managing the work inside the building in spiritual, health-giving lines. These workers are to counsel together and are to help one another, carrying the work forward in the wisdom that comes from God. *18LtMs, Lt 164, 1903, par. 4*

“The physicians in a sanitarium should stand as medical missionaries, ministering to sin-sick souls as well as to diseased bodies. This work the Lord has laid upon them.” *18LtMs, Lt 164, 1903, par. 5*

The words were spoken to Brother Burden: “You have an important responsibility to bear as director and counsellor to those who manage the farm. You are to see that the outside interests are kept in good order. With the care of the outside interests of the institution, you will have all the work that your physical and mental ability will permit you to carry. The responsibility of the inside work of the institution is to be borne by others.” *18LtMs, Lt 164, 1903, par. 6*

When such a physician as Dr. Caro was in charge of the Sanitarium, some one with wisdom that he did not possess was needed to take charge of the inside and outside interests of the institution. But this is not now essential. The matron and physicians labor under the supervision of the great medical missionary, and the plans needed in order for the work of the institution to be carried forward in accordance with God’s purpose are necessarily very different from the plans that were needed in the Summer Hill Sanitarium. He who has charge of the outside interests will not now be obliged to manage the inside interests; for there are those to take charge of the inside interests who understand the work. And let all the workers remember that they are to labor unitedly, under the direction of the great Teacher. *18LtMs, Lt 164, 1903, par. 7*

One man is not to be given charge of the inside and outside interests of the Sanitarium. The inside work of the institution will be in a far more healthful condition if depending on those who have time to give it the attention it requires than if depending on one who, having charge of the outside business, has all that he can

manage. *18LtMs, Lt 164, 1903, par. 8*

The Lord has given Dr. Kress and his wife the inside management of the institution. They are to work under the Lord Jesus Christ and are not to look to any human power to lead them. The Lord is their director. And Brother Burden, too, is to carry forward his line of work under the direction of God. All are to look to the Lord for physical, mental, and spiritual efficiency, trusting in Him to guide and sustain them. They are to counsel together and draw in even cords. God will help them to carry the responsibilities that He has placed upon them. *18LtMs, Lt 164, 1903, par. 9*

The doctor and his wife are to work together as physicians of the soul and of the body. God will help them by His power if they will look to Him and trust in Him. But they must be under no man's supervision or authority. The Lord will bless them and uphold them as they put their trust in Him alone. *18LtMs, Lt 164, 1903, par. 10*

The Lord will guide and direct Brother Burden. But Brother Burden has some things yet to learn in regard to health reform. Brother and Sister Burden are beloved of the Lord, but they have need of clearer ideas as to what preparations of food will bring health of body and health of soul. They have, in some respects, a wrong conception of the matter. Let them get rid of this misconception as soon as possible; for it hinders physical and spiritual health. The Lord desires them to hold clearer ideas of what is comprehended by health reform. *18LtMs, Lt 164, 1903, par. 11*

We are living amidst the perils of the last days, and we are to cleanse ourselves from all defilement and put on the robe of Christ's righteousness. Self must die daily. The work of God, in its purity and elevation, must be carried forward. We must bring ourselves, body, soul, and spirit, into subjection to Christ. Unless we do this, the health of the body will fail and the health of the soul will be endangered. *18LtMs, Lt 164, 1903, par. 12*

God desires His workers to gain daily a better understanding of how to reason logically from cause to effect, arriving at wise, safe conclusions. He desires them to add to their strength of memory. We cannot afford to make mistakes that are the result of our cherishing erroneous ideas. As little children we are to sit at the feet

of Christ, learning of Him how to work successfully. We are to ask God for a sound judgment, and for light to impart to others. There is need of knowledge that is the fruit of experience. We should not allow a day to pass without gaining an increase of knowledge in temporal and spiritual things. We are to plant no stakes that we are not willing to take up and plant farther on, nearer the heights we hope to ascend. The highest education is to be found in training the mind to advance day by day. The close of each day should find us a day's march nearer the overcomer's reward. Day by day our understanding is to ripen. Day by day we are to work out conclusions that will bring a rich reward in this life and in the life to come. Looking daily to Jesus, instead of to what we ourselves have done, we shall make decided advancement in temporal as well as spiritual knowledge. *18LtMs, Lt 164, 1903, par. 13*

The end of all our work is at hand. What we have done must not be allowed to place the period to our work. The Captain of our salvation says, Advance. The night cometh in which no man can work. Constantly we are to multiply our talents. Our work is to do the will of Christ. Our lives are always to be under His converting power. Our lamps are never to be destitute of oil, but are ever to be replenished with the oil of the Holy Spirit. *18LtMs, Lt 164, 1903, par. 14*

Prayer is a heaven-ordained means of usefulness. Appeals, petitions, entreaties between man and man move men and act a part in controlling the affairs of nations. But prayer moves heaven. That power alone that comes in answer to prayer will make men wise in the wisdom of heaven and will enable them to work in the unity of the Spirit, united by the bonds of peace. Prayer, faith, confidence in God bring a divine power that sets human calculations at their real worth—nothingness. *18LtMs, Lt 164, 1903, par. 15*

**Lt 165, 1903**

White, W. C.

St. Helena, California

August 3, 1903

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My dear son Willie,—

I cannot sleep after two o'clock a.m. I applied myself closely to writing all day yesterday, with the exception of two hours, which I spent at the Sanitarium talking with Dr. Evans and his wife. They asked to see me, and we had a pleasant interview.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 165, 1903, par. 1*

Dr. Evans is anxious for you to attend the Los Angeles camp-meeting. He would be glad if I could go, but my work is here, putting into shape for publication writings that have been neglected. I am sure that in remaining here, and doing this work, I am in the line of duty. The Lord will help me, giving me clearness of mind. I cannot afford to have my mind occupied with a variety of things that have no relation to my work. These things only load me down, and I am sure that of many to whom I write and talk, it might be said, "A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still."<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 165, 1903, par. 2*

Should I go to this meeting I should be thrown back two months in my work. So I have decided that my place is at home, with my workers.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 165, 1903, par. 3*

I am sending you today another manuscript on the color question. I wish to say, however, that I have not finished writing on this subject. I think that the less this subject is agitated, the better it will be. If it is much agitated, difficulties will be aroused that will take much precious time to adjust. We cannot lay down a definite line to be followed in dealing with this subject. In different places and under different circumstances, the subject will need to be handled differently. In the South, where the race prejudice is so strong, we

could do nothing in presenting the truth were we to deal with the color-line question as we can deal with it in the North.*18LtMs, Lt 165, 1903, par. 4*

This subject should be as little agitated as possible. We are to do as the Spirit of the Lord shall dictate. As we are led and controlled by the Spirit of God, we shall find that this matter will adjust itself. The white workers in the South will have to move in a way that will enable them to gain access to the white people. I wish that it were possible to leave the color line alone until the truth can be presented in the South.*18LtMs, Lt 165, 1903, par. 5*

When God's workers allow His Spirit to work upon their minds, much more will be accomplished in the work of soul-saving. The Lord is our Helper. He will guide us in all matters, if we will trust in Him. One thing is certain: We must have faith in God—faith that He will arrange matters in a way that will enable us to work successfully. I know that no one ever trusted God in vain. He will never disappoint those who put their trust in Him.*18LtMs, Lt 165, 1903, par. 6*

I am very sorry to hear that there is a plan to reopen the Battle Creek College. To establish a College in Battle Creek, after such plain warnings have been given against doing this, would be to make a great mistake.*18LtMs, Lt 165, 1903, par. 7*

I can assure you that the large number of patients at the Sanitarium is no evidence that the institution is where it should be, or that it is conducted after God's order. Christ's plan for teaching the truth cannot be carried out in so large an institution as the Battle Creek Sanitarium, where so large a number of patients of all classes are gathered together. There may be some conversions at the Sanitarium at Battle Creek, among those who go there for treatment, but these will meet with greater difficulty than in almost any other place. Because of the great number of patients, this Sanitarium is necessarily conducted as a large hotel. Worldlings of all classes are of course entertained there, and the helpers are constantly brought into connection with an influence that tends to draw them away from Christ. Oh, why cannot those who know the truth follow the instruction that God has given? Why do they not



make plants in places that have never yet heard the truth? Let us pray to God for help to do His work as in His very presence.*18LtMs, Lt 165, 1903, par. 8*

The enemy works untiringly to deceive human beings and lead them away from God. He and his angels will in the future assume the shape of human beings and will work to make the truth of God of no effect.*18LtMs, Lt 165, 1903, par. 9*

In the *fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah* the Lord has described the people who are sanctified to Himself. They are the people who repair the breach that has been made in the law of God by the man of sin. "And they that be of thee shall build the old waste places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." [*Verses 12-14.*]*18LtMs, Lt 165, 1903, par. 10*

Those who know the truth, but who walk contrary to the truth, may never place their feet in the path that Christ followed.*18LtMs, Lt 165, 1903, par. 11*

We are to "stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." [*Galatians 5:1.*] No man or woman is to bind himself or herself to serve for a certain number of years under the control of a medical association. This is not God's plan, but a plan of human devising. Human beings belong to the Lord, body, soul, and spirit, and they are to be guided and controlled by Him. He has bought us. We are under obligation to be laborers together with Him. No one should bind himself to serve for a certain number of years in any institution.*18LtMs, Lt 165, 1903, par. 12*

I know that some have thought it advisable for the workers in our sanitariums to sign certain contracts. But I know also that it is not in

accordance with God's plan for the workers to sign these contracts. They are pledged to God, and if He moves upon them to take the message to a certain place, shall they be bound by a pledge that hinders them from going? Never, never! We are not our own, and we are not to bind ourselves to human beings by signing contracts to do this or that. We are to work under our Master, Christ Jesus, looking to Him for directions. We are to pray and work and believe, following always the course that He marks out.*18LtMs, Lt 165, 1903, par. 13*

There are among professing believers many who know little of what is comprehended in the third angel's message. They have not followed the straight pathway of truth. They have not purified their souls by obeying the Word. They are unconverted. They need to "seek the Lord while He may be found, and to call upon Him while He is near." "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." [*Isaiah 55:6, 7.*]*18LtMs, Lt 165, 1903, par. 14*

Our ministers need this message. There are among them those whose feet are standing in slippery places. They slip one way and then another and continue to slip and slide. May God help them to place their feet in the footprints of Jesus.*18LtMs, Lt 165, 1903, par. 15*

In these last days the representation made in the *twelfth chapter of Revelation* will be fulfilled. Satan will carry on the great conflict that he began in heaven, of which we read, "And there was war in heaven; Michael and His angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought, and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven." [*Verses 7, 8.*]*18LtMs, Lt 165, 1903, par. 16*

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ; for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before

our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down with great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.” [*Verses 9-12.*]18LtMs, Lt 165, 1903, par. 17

Our churches are in the condition described in the message to the Laodicean church. They are neither cold nor hot. They need a fresh, new experience. God calls upon them to prepare for His coming; for it is near at hand.18LtMs, Lt 165, 1903, par. 18

“The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be, in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for a new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless. ... Beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” ¶ *Peter 3:10-14, 17, 18.*]18LtMs, Lt 165, 1903, par. 19

**Lt 166, 1903**

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 4, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *20MR 80-84*.

Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

I received a letter from you about a week ago and was much interested in the good news that it contained. I also received cheering, encouraging letters from others. These letters did me good. I needed something of the kind. There is so much misunderstanding in our world, and I so often hear the dark side presented. “The heart knoweth its own bitterness.” [*Proverbs 14:10*.] It would be well if we were more careful not to pour our sorrows into the hearts of others. *18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 1*

Yesterday I had two hours’ conversation with Dr. T. S. Evans and his wife, who are working at the Sanitarium here. I think that the interview was a profitable one. They spoke of a plan that they have in mind—to have a banquet at the Sanitarium and to invite the prominent residents of St. Helena: lawyers, bankers, and ministers. They hope that thus they can do something to remove the impression that seems to be held by some in St. Helena—that this institution is a place where only imbeciles and decrepit people are cared for. Brother Fulton, manager of the San Francisco Vegetarian Cafe, will come up to take charge of the preparation of the banquet. *18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 2*

I saw no objection to this plan. When the light of health reform first came to us, we used, on holiday occasions, to take cooking stoves to the grounds where the people were assembled and right there bake unleavened bread—gems and rolls. And I think that good was the result of our efforts, though, of course, we had not the health food preparations that we now have. At that time we were just beginning to learn how to live without using flesh meat. *18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 3*

Sometimes we gave entertainments, and we took great care that all that we prepared for the table was palatable and nicely served. In fruit season, we would get blueberries and raspberries fresh from the bushes and strawberries fresh from the vines. We made the table fare an object lesson which showed those present that our diet, even though it was in accordance with the principles of health reform, was far from being a meager one. *18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par.*

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Sometimes a short temperance lecture was given in connection with these entertainments, and thus people became acquainted with our principles of living. As far as we knew, all were pleased and all were enlightened. We always had something to say about the necessity of providing wholesome food and of preparing it simply, and yet making it so palatable and appetizing that those eating it would be satisfied. *18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 5*

The world is full of the temptation to indulge appetite, and words of warning, earnest and right to the point, have made wonderful changes in families and in individuals. *18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 6*

To deny appetite requires decision of character. For want of this decision multitudes are ruined. Weak, pliable, easily led, many men and women fail utterly of becoming what God desires them to be. Those who are destitute of decision of character cannot make a success of the daily work of overcoming. The world is full of besotted, intemperate, weak-minded men and women, and how hard it is for them to become genuine Christians. *18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 7*

What does the great Medical Missionary say?—"If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*] It is Satan's work to tempt men to tempt their fellow men. He strives to induce men to be laborers together with him in his work of destruction. He strives to lead them to give themselves so wholly to the indulgence of appetite and to the exciting amusements and follies which human nature naturally craves, but which the Word of God decidedly forbids, that they can be ranked as his helpers—working with him to destroy the image of God in man. *18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 8*

Through the strong temptations of principalities and powers, many are ensnared. Slaves to the caprice of appetite, they are besotted and degraded. *18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 9*

The young man who is determined to keep his appetite under the control of God, and who refuses the first temptation to drink intoxicating liquor, saying courteously, but firmly, "No, thank you," is the one who is worthy of honor. Let young men take their stand as total abstainers, even though the men standing high in the world have not the moral courage to take their stand boldly against a habit that is ruinous to health and life. *18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 10*

Fathers and mothers should be united in standing firmly for temperance in all things. Such temperance means much. It means respect for every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. It means respect for the laws of nature. It means also respect for the perfection displayed in the natural world. Look at the lofty trees! Look at the lovely flowers growing in profusion over mountain and valley. God has clothed the earth with tokens of Eden's loveliness. He loves to look upon the flowers, and He has provided them for us in endless variety to minister to our happiness and to teach us that He is a lover of the beautiful. *18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 11*

In His sermon on the mount Christ called attention to the flowers, drawing from them a lesson of simplicity and quiet trust. "Consider the lilies of the field," He said; "they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? ... for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." [*Matthew 6:28-33.*]*18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 12*

If we would only see and appreciate the Lord's goodness and love and His unceasing care for us, how changed this world would be. If we would seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, the

principles of righteousness would guide our lives, and self-seeking would find no place in our hearts. The desire to do our own will would be submerged in the desire to do the will of God.*18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 13*

We need to cherish a constant realization of God's love and goodness. We need to remember that He holds us accountable for the use that we make of the gifts that He has bestowed on us. We have been bought with a price; therefore we are to glorify God in our body and in our spirit, which are His. We are not to deny Him by one act of intemperance, because the only begotten Son of God has purchased us at an infinite cost, even the sacrifice of His life. He did not die for us in order that we might become slaves to evil habits, but that we might become the sons and daughters of God, serving Him with every power of the being.*18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 14*

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.” [1 *Corinthians 3:16, 17.*]*18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 15*

“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.” [1 *Corinthians 6:19, 20.*]*18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 16*

Those who have a constant realization that they stand in this relation to God will not place in the stomach food which pleases the appetite, but which injures the digestive organs. They will not spoil the property of God by indulging improper habits of eating, drinking, or dressing. They will take great care of the human machinery, realizing that they must do this in order to work in co-partnership with God. He wills that they shall be healthy, happy, and useful. But in order for them to be this, they must place their wills on the side of His will.*18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 17*

Those who indulge in the use of tobacco or intoxicating liquor fill the tissues of the body with poison and weaken the nerve power. They allow Satan to rob them of the ability to distinguish between right

and wrong. Through a course of their own pursuing, their reason passes under the enemy's control. *18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 18*

Those who frequent the saloons that are open to all who are foolish enough to tamper with the deadly evil they contain are following the path that leads to eternal death. They are selling themselves, body, soul, and spirit, to Satan. Under the influence of the drink they take, they are led to do things from which, if they had not tasted the maddening drug, they would have shrunk in horror. When they are under the influence of the liquid poison, they are in Satan's control. He rules them, and they co-operate with him. *18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 19*

The appetite that is indulged creates an inflammation in the stomach and in the brain. The victim has no control of himself. He may take the lives of his wife and children, or the life of a friend or neighbor, without knowing what he is doing. The one who sells the drunkard the liquid poison should be the one held responsible for the evil deeds that the drunkard commits under the influence of the fiery draught. *18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 20*

I have a message from the Lord for the tempted soul who has been under the control of Satan, but who is striving to break free. Go to the Lord for help. Go to those who you know love and fear God, and say, "Take me under your care; for Satan tempts me fiercely. I have no power from the snare to go. Keep me with you every moment, until I have more strength to resist temptation." *18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 21*

To those who are working for such ones I would say, Open the Bible before the tempted, struggling soul, and over and over again read to him the promises of the living God. Hold fast to him until he has given himself, body, soul, and spirit, to God. In the past he has been ruled over by Satan, but by prayer and faith rescue him from this cruel power. Place his hand in the hand of Christ. Again and again the poor victim will be almost overcome by the craving for strong drink, but do not let him go. Labor for him as a true medical missionary, and God will bless your efforts. *18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 22*

Brother and Sister Kress, I have written this because I am intensely



interested in the subject of temperance. I hope that all who have any responsibilities to bear in the Sanitarium will do all in their power against the great evil of intemperance. Invite all, old and young, to sign the pledge. The Lord will bless in this good work.*18LtMs, Lt 166, 1903, par. 23*

**Lt 167, 1903**

Members of Our Churches in Every Place

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 4, 1903

Previously unpublished.

To the members of our churches in every place

My dear brethren and sisters,—

I am unable to sleep past twelve o'clock. I have been given representations of what is and of what will be, and this leads me to make the earnest inquiry of those who know the truth, “Are you sanctified through the truth, or are you departing further and further from the truth?” *18LtMs, Lt 167, 1903, par. 1*

I saw One of authority presenting the instruction contained in the book of *Colossians* to the believers assembled in the Battle Creek Tabernacle. The lessons of this book may with profit be often repeated. Here true, practical godliness is outlined. Here are laid down the principles that are to be preserved in every church that is organized. *18LtMs, Lt 167, 1903, par. 2*

Paul was received up into the third heaven and was shown many things not lawful for a man to utter. Why could not Paul tell what he had seen? Because those who heard would have misapplied the great truths presented. But though Paul did not tell that which he had seen in vision, all that was shown him molded the messages that he bore to the churches. His teaching contains precious lessons of warning and encouragement that should be studied by all. He wrote with a power that was not of man, but of God. *18LtMs, Lt 167, 1903, par. 3*

To Paul was opened most clearly the work that was to be done by those who had united to build up the church in the most holy faith. They were not to weaken the church by bringing into it human policies, trying to make them a part of the service. They were not to

bind up with the church unsanctified practices or unholy, selfish principles. These God abhors. *18LtMs, Lt 167, 1903, par. 4*

The words of this messenger of God, to whom Christ revealed Himself as the Son of God, are to be received by the church as true and sacred—instruction bearing the stamp of divine authority. They show the high position to be maintained by the Seventh-day Adventist church. *18LtMs, Lt 167, 1903, par. 5*

**Lt 168, 1903**

Stickney, Sister [A. S.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 4, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Sister Stickney,—

I should be very much pleased to see you and your daughter and talk with you. It has been a long time since I have seen you.*18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 1*

We have now been in California nearly three years. I am very grateful to my heavenly Father for His goodness and mercy and love to me. In November I shall be seventy-six years old. Several times recently I have spoken at the Sabbath service at the Sanitarium. In June I spoke three times in the open air in a grove at Calistoga, about nine miles from here. There was a good attendance at each meeting. Some time ago I was asked to speak in the open air at St. Helena, but Willie was called away to Battle Creek, and the proposed meeting has not yet been held.*18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 2*

Willie has been away since the first of July and does not expect to return until about the last of this month. He has been in counsel with other brethren of the General Conference Committee and has with them been looking for a place for the headquarters of the General Conference.*18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 3*

I often wish that I were young again, that I might go from place to place and labor for those who have not heard the message of truth.*18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 4*

Brother James, who cares for my farm, has for about a year been conducting a small Sabbath School at Larkmead, a place six miles away. We hope that from this effort some good will result.*18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 5*

At Yountville, about twelve miles from here, is the State Veterans' Home. In this home are about nine hundred old men, who at some time have fought for their country. The men are supported in the home by the State. The grounds and the buildings are well cared for and are kept clean and neat. *18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 6*

Every other Sabbath a small company from this vicinity goes to the Veterans' Home to conduct services for the soldiers. A number of songs are sung by the choir, after which a short Bible study is held with the men. Reading matter is distributed among those who attend the service and those in the hospital. I have given some of my books to be lent to different ones who desire to read. The workers also take with them papers and tracts containing present truth. *18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 7*

After conducting services in the chapel, the workers go to the hospital and sing to those confined to their beds. They sing also to men in wheel chairs who are in another part of the building. *18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 8*

Several of the soldiers are deeply interested, and the interest is steadily growing. Those in charge of the home have expressed their pleasure at the good influence our workers seem to be exerting. *18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 9*

Some of the men are already becoming convicted of the truth. A few weeks ago, an intelligent-looking man, about sixty-five years of age, told one of our brethren that before our people went there to sing, he had spent most of his time drinking and carousing with some of the other men, but that since they had been coming, he had found a more profitable way of employing his time. He has given up his drinking and is trying to live the Christian life. He is reading *Desire of Ages* and thinks it the best book he has ever seen. A great change has been wrought in this man by the meetings held and the reading matter given him. *18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 10*

Brother Dores Robinson, one of my workers, leads the services and conducts the Bible study. Sister Peck, who is also working for me, leads the singing. She has been teaching the church school at the Sanitarium. *18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 11*

One Sabbath Sister Peck took with her about twenty of the children from her school to sing to the soldiers. A livery man in St. Helena lent them a large stage and two horses for the occasion, and also provided a driver. Sister Peck had thoroughly drilled the children, and they sang beautifully. The soldiers were much pleased and are requesting that the children come again. *18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 12*

An interest in Bible study is being awakened among the soldiers. During the week a little company of them meets together in a grove to pray and study their Bibles. *18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 13*

The effort to bring the truth before these soldiers is a good work. All such institutions should be thoroughly worked. We hope that a company of believers may be raised up at the Veterans' Home in Yountville. I expect to go next Sabbath for the first time to speak to the soldiers. *18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 14*

My farmer recently made a trip about thirty miles from here. He found settlements of industrious, well-to-do farmers who have never heard the truth for this time. Such places should be worked. It is as important to carry the message to those in the home field who have not heard the truth as it is to go as missionaries to foreign countries. We need more workers. We are determined to do what we can to establish memorials in these places. *18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 15*

I have a favor to ask of you. Will you please lend me one thousand dollars? I have invested all I have in the work of God. I have had to pay my workers, and the publication of my books has cost me a great deal. For six months no money has come in to me until the other day when I received one hundred and seventy-five dollars from Australia. *18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 16*

I had lent the brethren at Nashville some money to enable them to start their work. I expected to receive this, but they urge me to let them keep it for another year. They also ask me to lend them one thousand dollars more. But this I am unable to do. *18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 17*

I thought that perhaps you and your daughter might lend me this amount without interest, if you cannot send it as a gift, to help the

work in the Southern field. If you could lend me two thousand dollars, it would be a great blessing. If you can spare the money, please send it direct to me, and I will invest it in the work in the South. My son James Edson White is preparing some books, the sale of which will help the work there. He has asked me to help him by lending him some money. *18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 18*

It is nearly bedtime, and I will say, Good night. Please answer this letter as soon as you can conveniently do so. *18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 19*

Your sister in Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 168, 1903, par. 20*

## Lt 169, 1903

Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 4, 1903

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Elder A. G. Daniells

My dear brother,—

Yesterday I sent Willie a letter containing the warning that has been given again and again: The workers in our sanitariums are not to sign contracts binding themselves to an association or an institution for a certain number of years. They are to learn, not of men, but of God.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 169, 1903, par. 1*

Dr. Kellogg treats those who learn under him as if he owned them, body, soul, and spirit. The Lord wants no such binding up with human beings, even if these human beings were without blame. But Dr. Kellogg is not straight. He is not holding the beginning of his confidence firm unto the end. The gospel ministry and medical missionary work are to be united. But Dr. Kellogg is not understandingly engaged in gospel missionary work. He needs to be converted, and God grant that he may be.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 169, 1903, par. 2*

I have repeatedly been instructed that no one should be advised to pledge himself to spend two, three, four, five, or six years under any man's tuition, not even Dr. Kellogg's. Brethren, we have no time for this. Time is short. We are to hold out urgent inducements to the men who ought now to be engaged in missionary work for the Master. The highways and byways are yet unworked. The Lord calls for young men to labor as canvassers and evangelists, to do house-to-house work in places that have not yet heard the truth. God speaks to our young men, saying, “Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in



your spirit, which are God's." [1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.]*18LtMs, Lt 169, 1903, par. 3*

The Lord must be given an opportunity to show men their duty and to work upon their minds. No one is to bind himself to serve under the direction of any human being; for the Lord Himself will call men, as of old He called the humble fishermen, and will Himself give them the education He desires them to have. He will call men from the plow and from other occupations, to give the last note of warning to perishing souls. There are many ways in which to work for the Master, and the great Teacher will open the understanding of these workers, enabling them to see wondrous things in His Word.*18LtMs, Lt 169, 1903, par. 4*

The signs that show that Christ's coming is near are fast fulfilling. The Lord calls for canvassers and evangelists. Those who will go forth to this work under His direction will be wonderfully blessed.*18LtMs, Lt 169, 1903, par. 5*

Let our churches be guarded. Let our people work intelligently, not under the rule of any man, but under the rule of God. Let them stand where they can follow the will of God. Their service belongs to Him. Their capabilities and talents are to be refined, purified, ennobled. In this lower school—the school of earth—they are to be prepared for translation into the school of heaven, where their education will be continued under the personal supervision of Christ, the great Teacher, who will lead them beside the living waters and open to them the mysteries of the kingdom of God.*18LtMs, Lt 169, 1903, par. 6*

Those who in this life do their best will obtain a fitness for the future immortal life.*18LtMs, Lt 169, 1903, par. 7*

The Lord calls for volunteers who will take their stand firmly on His side and will pledge themselves to unite with Jesus of Nazareth in doing the very work that needs to be done now, just now. *18LtMs, Lt 169, 1903, par. 8*

There are many young men and young women among us who, if inducements are held out, would naturally be inclined to take several years' course of study at Battle Creek. But will it pay? Has

not the Lord some practical work to do in missionary lines? Manly young men will be needed to enter the printing office, when it is established in Washington, to learn the printer's trade. Our publications are to be prepared to go forth to the world. Canvassers are to be educated to take up the work of circulating these publications. Our books and papers are to go to places that are still in the darkness of error. *18LtMs, Lt 169, 1903, par. 9*

The Lord calls upon young men to enter our schools. Schools are to be established in which our youth can receive an education that will prepare them to go forth to do evangelical work and medical missionary work. Let these schools be established out of the cities. *18LtMs, Lt 169, 1903, par. 10*

I call upon all to fasten themselves to Christ. He invites them, "Come unto Me." "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] *18LtMs, Lt 169, 1903, par. 11*

Let us not be in any way deceived. Let us realize the weakness of humanity and see where man fails in his self-sufficiency. We shall then be filled with a desire to be just what God desires us to be—pure, noble, sanctified. We shall hunger and thirst after the righteousness of Christ. To be like God will be the one desire of the soul. *18LtMs, Lt 169, 1903, par. 12*

This is the desire that filled Enoch's heart. And we read that he walked with God. He studied the character of God to a purpose. He did not mark out his own course, or set up his own will, as if he thought himself fully qualified to manage matters. He strove to conform himself to the divine likeness. *18LtMs, Lt 169, 1903, par. 13*

Since writing the foregoing, I have read your letter. The specious working of which you speak is like the working of Satan in the heavenly courts. A week ago I was instructed that I must warn our people throughout this country to have nothing to do with these new plans. Stand as clear as possible from Dr. Kellogg. The time has come for me to say that his plans and inventions do not bear the signature of heaven. Stand clear, my brethren, for your souls' sake, stand clear. *18LtMs, Lt 169, 1903, par. 14*

I have much matter written in my diary regarding these things, and I will have it copied as soon as possible. These things have been outlined before me, and I have spoken in parables of them. Sad indeed will be the experience of everyone who ventures to follow the course that Dr. Kellogg is taking. God does not need Dr. Kellogg to outline His plans. *18LtMs, Lt 169, 1903, par. 15*

“Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters.” [2 *Corinthians 6:17, 18.*] If ever this message needed to be given it is now. Let us stand firm for principle. God has not given us into the hand of Dr. Kellogg, to be managed by him. *18LtMs, Lt 169, 1903, par. 16*

**Lt 169a, 1903**

Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 4, 1903

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Elder A. G. Daniells

My dear Brother,—

Yesterday I sent you the letter containing the warning that has been given again and again: The workers in our sanitariums are not to sign contracts binding themselves to an association or an institution for a certain number of years. They are to be bound not to men but to God.*18LtMs, Lt 169a, 1903, par. 1*

No man is to treat those who learn under him as if he owned them, body, soul, and spirit. The Lord wants no such binding up with human beings, even if these human beings are without blame. There are those who are not holding the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end. The gospel ministry and medical missionary work are to be united.*18LtMs, Lt 169a, 1903, par. 2*

I have recently been instructed that no one should be advised to pledge himself to spend two, three, four, five, or six years under any man's tuition. Brethren, we have no time for this. Time is short. We are to hold out earnest inducements to the men who ought now to be engaged in missionary work for the Master. The highways and byways are yet unworked. The Lord calls for young men to labor as canvassers and evangelists, to do house-to-house work in places that have not yet heard the truth. God speaks to our young men, saying, “Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.” [*1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.*]*18LtMs, Lt 169a, 1903, par. 3*

The Lord must be given an opportunity to show men their duty and

to work upon their minds. No one is to bind himself to serve under the direction of any human beings; for the Lord Himself will call men, as of old He called the humble fishermen, and will Himself give them the education He desires them to have. He will call men from the plow and from other occupations, to give the last note of warning to perishing souls. There are many ways in which to work for the Master, and the great Teacher will open the understanding of these workers, enabling them to see wondrous things in His Word.*18LtMs, Lt 169a, 1903, par. 4*

The signs that show that Christ's coming is near are fast fulfilling. The Lord calls for canvassers and evangelists. Those who will go forth to this work under His direction will be wonderfully blessed.*18LtMs, Lt 169a, 1903, par. 5*

Let our churches be guarded. Let our people work intelligently, not under the rule of any man, but under the rule of God. Let them stand where they can follow the will of God. Their service belongs to Him. Their capabilities and talents are to be refined, purified, ennobled. In this lower school—the school of earth—they are to be prepared for translation into the school of heaven, where their education will be continued under the personal supervision of Christ, the great Teacher, who will lead them beside the living waters and open to them the mysteries of the kingdom of God.*18LtMs, Lt 169a, 1903, par. 6*

Those who in this life do their best will obtain a fitness for the future, immortal life.*18LtMs, Lt 169a, 1903, par. 7*

The Lord calls for volunteers who will take their stand firmly on His side and will pledge themselves to unite with Jesus of Nazareth in doing the very work that needs to be done just now.*18LtMs, Lt 169a, 1903, par. 8*

There are many young men and young women among us who, if inducements are held out, would naturally be inclined to take several years' course of study at Battle Creek. But will it pay? Has not the Lord some practical work to do in missionary lines? Manly young men will be needed to enter the printing office, when it is established in Washington, to learn the printer's trade. Our publications are to be prepared to go forth to the world. Canvassers

are to be educated to take up the work of circulating these publications. Our books and papers are to go to places that are still in the darkness of error. *18LtMs, Lt 169a, 1903, par. 9*

The Lord calls upon young men to enter our schools. Schools are to be established in which our youth can receive an education that will prepare them to go forth to do evangelical work and medical missionary work. Let schools be established out of the cities. *18LtMs, Lt 169a, 1903, par. 10*

I call upon all to fasten themselves to Christ. He invites them, "Come unto Me." "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] *18LtMs, Lt 169a, 1903, par. 11*

Let us not in any way be deceived. Let us realize the weakness of humanity and see where man fails in his self-sufficiency. We shall then be filled with a desire to be just where God desires us to be—pure, noble, sanctified. We shall hunger and thirst after the righteousness of Christ. To be like God will be the one desire of the soul. *18LtMs, Lt 169a, 1903, par. 12*

This is the desire that filled Enoch's heart. And we read that he walked with God. He studied the character of God to a purpose. He did not mark out his own course, or set up his own will, as if he thought himself fully qualified to manage matters. He strove to conform himself to the divine likeness. *18LtMs, Lt 169a, 1903, par. 13*

A school such as had been planned for should be in some place where the students would not be closely associated with the large numbers who are expected to patronize the Sanitarium at Battle Creek. It is not wise to plan to maintain such a school in a place where a worldly element prevails to so great an extent as to counterwork that which the Lord has outlined should be done for our youth in our educational institutions. So many youth should not be brought together in Battle Creek. *18LtMs, Lt 169a, 1903, par. 14*

The Lord presented to us the reasons for removing the College from Battle Creek. This instruction should now be searched out and

studied by those who are planning to organize another educational institution there. Let the light already given shine forth in its purity and beauty, that God's name may be glorified.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 169a, 1903, par. 15*

**Lt 170, 1903**

Irwin, Sister [G. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 4, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Sister Irwin,—

I was indeed glad to get your letter containing an account of your visit to Cooranbong and giving particulars about the work there. Thank you for this letter. I feel a deep interest in the work at Avondale. I am interested in the work that your son is doing at the school. I am glad that as a family you can be near one another. *18LtMs, Lt 170, 1903, par. 1*

I was very much disappointed not to see Brother Irwin and Sister Graham again before they left for Australia. But I have no fault to find with any one; for the circumstances were such that they were obliged to return another way. *18LtMs, Lt 170, 1903, par. 2*

I am glad to be able to tell you that my health is good. I have spoken several times lately in public services, at the Sanitarium and in open-air meetings. I am aroused to the necessity of our people's doing more evangelistic work. Within thirty miles of this place there are settlements where the people have no knowledge of Seventh-day Adventists. This does not speak well for us. The souls of the people in our own country are of as much value in the sight of God as are the souls of the heathen in India or other foreign countries. God will hold us responsible if we neglect His work in our own country. *18LtMs, Lt 170, 1903, par. 3*

I have decided not to attend so many camp-meetings, but to save my strength to bring before the people in writing the truths that God gives me. When I feel the Spirit of the Lord within me, I can write without difficulty. *18LtMs, Lt 170, 1903, par. 4*

The Lord is greatly blessing me. I spoke last Sabbath morning in



the Sanitarium chapel. The room was filled with interested listeners. Several of the patients were present, among others an intelligent-looking man by the name of Gomez from the West Indies or from some South American country. He sat well forward in the congregation, and the interest with which he listened was inspiring. Occasionally when I made a point, he would respond by a nod of the head. *18LtMs, Lt 170, 1903, par. 5*

I spoke from *Isaiah 56:1-7*. The Lord was present, and I received grace for grace. I seemed to gather new ideas as I went along. While feeding others, I myself was fed. Yes, I feasted. The Lord Jesus came graciously near, and many were moved to tears. *18LtMs, Lt 170, 1903, par. 6*

O how I long to see Jesus! I love Him, and the precious promises of His Word warm my soul. I feel a love for Him burning in my heart such as I felt for Him many times in 1843 and 1844. He did indeed speak to me last Sabbath, and my heart was filled with joy. I realized the meaning of the words, "That My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." [*John 15:11.*] *18LtMs, Lt 170, 1903, par. 7*

I thank the Lord that last night He gave me refreshing sleep. Yesterday I had much writing to do, and before sunset I felt very weary. I lay down and fell asleep. The members of the family gathered together for worship, but I knew nothing of it. At bedtime Sara wakened me, and I went to bed. I slept until three o'clock, and then dressed, and asked the Lord to let His healing power rest upon me, bringing me physical and mental strength. *18LtMs, Lt 170, 1903, par. 8*

It pains me to see that so many are forgetful of God's goodness. They have scarcely a thought of praise or thanksgiving for God. Why do we not educate ourselves to be polite to God? Why do we not thank Him for His great goodness and loving-kindness to us? *18LtMs, Lt 170, 1903, par. 9*

"Hearken unto Me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is My law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool; but My righteousness shall be forever, and My salvation from generation to

generation. Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. ... Art thou not it that hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. I, even I, am He that comforteth you; who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of a man, which shall be made as grass; and forgettest the Lord thy Maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hath feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?" [*Isaiah 51:7-13.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 170, 1903, par. 10*

"The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor his bread should fail. But I am the Lord thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared; the Lord of hosts is His name. And I have put My words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of Mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art My people." [*Verses 14-16.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 170, 1903, par. 11*

**Lt 171, 1903**

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 4, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *CD 295-296*.

Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

I have words to write to you, and I pray that they will be a help to you. When I heard that Brother Burden was to be manager of the outside and inside interests of the Sanitarium, I wondered how much this embraced. If it means that physicians, matron, and nurses, are to go to him for direction in everything regarding their work, I must say that a mistake has been made. When sanitarium work was conducted in Summer Hill, the circumstances were such that matters were in a very uncertain state. There was no proper matron. There was no physician and his wife to work unitedly in the institution. Instruction was given me that if possible a manager was to be obtained who could take charge of the work inside and outside the Sanitarium. This was necessary, because there were not connected with the work carried on inside the building those who could give character and dignity to the work.*18LtMs, Lt 171, 1903, par. 1*

Of course I do not understand all the details of the work of the Wahroonga Sanitarium, but light has been given me that Dr. Kress and his wife are well fitted to direct the inside work of the institution, and that with suitable help they can carry this work successfully. They can decide many questions that under other circumstances would be left to the manager for decision. Dr. Kress and his wife possess high capabilities and are not to be under the control of any one. But of course they are to consult with Brother and Sister Burden.*18LtMs, Lt 171, 1903, par. 2*

Dr. Kress and his wife are looking to Jesus. They are seeking in every way to do His will and to walk in His footsteps. They must be careful not to try to carry more burdens than their health will permit.

The Lord has shown me that there is danger of Dr. Kress's overworking, and thus endangering his health. Not long ago he nearly lost his life. The Lord worked as his physician and restored him to health again. But he must be careful not to overtax his physical powers in the future.*18LtMs, Lt 171, 1903, par. 3*

All the workers connected with the Sanitarium must be careful not to overwork. They are to guard their health and strength, that they may be a recommendation to the institution.*18LtMs, Lt 171, 1903, par. 4*

Dr. Kress may feel that he should visit different places, to speak upon health questions and to arouse an interest in the work of the institution. He can in this way do good service.*18LtMs, Lt 171, 1903, par. 5*

Brother Burden, your work and Brother and Sister Starr's work has been presented to me. It does not lie entirely in the institution. You are to get out among the people of Sydney and its suburbs, doing all in your power to win men and women to the truth, watching for souls as they that must give an account. You are to carry the truth to the homes of the people. In this work you will gain most precious experiences.*18LtMs, Lt 171, 1903, par. 6*

A liberal diet should be provided for the patients, but care should be taken in the preparation and combination of food for the sick. The table of a sanitarium cannot be set exactly the same as the table of a restaurant. It makes a great difference whether the food is to be placed before healthy men, who can digest almost anything in the line of food, or before invalids.*18LtMs, Lt 171, 1903, par. 7*

There is danger of providing too limited a diet for people who have come directly from a diet so abundant as to encourage gluttony. The fare should be liberal. But at the same time, it should be simple. I know that food can be prepared simply, and yet be so palatable as to be enjoyed even by those who have been accustomed to a richer fare.*18LtMs, Lt 171, 1903, par. 8*

Let fruit be placed on the table in abundance. I am glad that you are able to provide for the Sanitarium table fruit fresh from your own orchard. This is indeed a great advantage.*18LtMs, Lt 171, 1903,*

*par. 9*

I am praying earnestly that the work of the Wahroonga Sanitarium shall be carried forward on a right basis. I am praying that the workers will draw near to God. As they do this, He will draw near to them. Let God work in His own way, and He will reveal Himself as the great Physician. Bear in mind that heavenly intelligences are waiting to co-operate with human instrumentalities, that there may be in the work of the Sanitarium a oneness that will impress all who come with the realization that a sacred spirit abides in the institution, that physicians, manager, matron, and nurses are drawing in even cords, and that they are united with divine workers. *18LtMs, Lt 171, 1903, par. 10*

**Lt 172, 1903**

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 4, 1903

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Dear son Willie,—

I wish to address a few lines to you. I am instructed to say that all the preliminaries connected with the management of the medical missionary work are not to proceed from Dr. Kellogg. It is the deceptive power of the enemy of all righteousness that leads Dr. Kellogg to endeavor to bring all our medical institutions under the control of one organization. Certainly such an effort is not inspired of the Lord. The medical missionary work is God’s work, and in every church we are to take a decided stand against every phase of this kind of proceeding. *18LtMs, Lt 172, 1903, par. 1*

After I received the letter in regard to the excellent meeting of confession and unity that had been held in Battle Creek, I was writing in my diary, and was about to record the thankfulness I felt over the fact that there was a change, when my hand was arrested, and there came to me the words: “Write it not. No change for the better has taken place. The Doctor is ensnared in a net of specious deception. He is presenting as precious the things that are turning souls from the truth into by- and forbidden paths—things that lead human agents to act in harmony with their own inclination and to work out their unsanctified purposes; things that result in destroying the dignity and the power of God’s people, because these things obscure the light that would otherwise come to them from God through His appointed agencies.” *18LtMs, Lt 172, 1903, par. 2*

The Doctor is endeavoring to bind the medical institutions fast in accordance with his word, as Satan worked in the heavenly courts

to bind up the angels whom he induced to unite with his party to work to create rebellion in heaven. Who has authorized him to lay all these plans to try in one way, and then in another way, and then in still another way, to bring about his purpose? These sanitariums are not his at all, and yet he desires to tie them all up in some way so that they will be under his control. *18LtMs, Lt 172, 1903, par. 3*

Let every cord now be broken. Let our sanitariums refuse to be tied up with the Sanitarium in Michigan. *18LtMs, Lt 172, 1903, par. 4*

This selfish, underhand work I was going to bring out in Oakland, but I thought we would give the Doctor another chance. But I have been instructed to write to him no letters that he would have in his hands to use; and to have no conversation with him; for he would not remember what I did say, because a deceptive power is controlling his whole being. *18LtMs, Lt 172, 1903, par. 5*

Every man needs now to take his position on the old-time foundation, to be led by God, and not allow Dr. Kellogg's dictated propositions to find favor. God has not ordered any such thing. I have seen that history would be repeated and that the specious working of Satan would be revealed by human agents. We must work discreetly and determinedly to right up things. This recent effort to present binding propositions to God's people, as if man were God, is the last one he should be permitted to make without our voice being raised in protest. Not another step toward the acceptance of such propositions is to be taken, lest we be fastened in a snare. *18LtMs, Lt 172, 1903, par. 6*

Firmly take your position now. In justice to our churches, we must now decide this matter and not sell our people into the enemy's hands; for we have a great work to do. I am now instructed to prepare for publication the messages of warning that have been given over and over again for years to keep Dr. Kellogg from following another leader, but the messages have had no influence after he decided to drive through his own inventions and plans. He is to be pitied, but he has worked and will continue to work deceptively. We must now determine that every medical institution shall stand in its own individual right. We must leave the poor man in the hands of God, who understands this matter. *18LtMs, Lt 172,*

1903, par. 7

I shall now be prepared to say to our brethren, Cut loose, cut loose! After taking your position firmly, wisely, cautiously, just as calm as a summer evening, but just as fixed as the everlasting hills, make not one concession. By conceding, you would be selling our whole cause into the hands of the enemy. It is not John Kellogg that you are dealing with; it is a being who once figured in the courts of heaven as an exalted angel. The poor Doctor is not in his right mind. *18LtMs, Lt 172, 1903, par. 8*

My mind is now clear. I was in an agony of distress, thinking that I must take this position at the General Conference and rebuke him before the whole assembly. But now I am fully settled in mind that I must take my stand and not be diverted from it by anything. Let the Lord be honored and glorified. The Lord wants no such workings in His cause as Dr. Kellogg has sanctioned. The Doctor has sold our people into the hand of the enemy, and now the enemy has thought that he could possess the man altogether. The cause of God is not to be traded away. We must now take hold of these matters decidedly. I have many things that I have <not> wanted to say, but now my way is clear to speak and to act. *18LtMs, Lt 172, 1903, par. 9*

I am sorry for you, Willie. I wish not to be in Battle Creek. But stand stiffly for the truth. *18LtMs, Lt 172, 1903, par. 10*

I copy out of my diary the following words, written November 28, 1902: "Oh how sad it is that man will allow himself to be so wrought upon by the enemy that he will dare venture to exalt his finite judgment in opposition to God's plans and purposes! Once the Doctor would present his plans to me, to ascertain if I had any counsel to give, but not a word of counsel has he asked of me, to find out whether his plans are in accordance with the light God has given me. *18LtMs, Lt 172, 1903, par. 11*

"I am sorry to be compelled to take the position that I am forced to take in behalf of God's people. In taking this position, I am placed under the necessity of bearing the heavy burden of showing the evil of the plans that I know are not born of heaven. This is the burden that many times in the past the Lord has laid upon me, in order that



His work might be advanced along right lines. How much care and anxiety, how much mental anguish and wearing physical labor might be saved me in my old age! But still I am under the necessity of going into the field of battle and of discharging in the presence of important assemblies the duty that the Lord has laid upon me—the duty of correcting the wrong course of men claiming to be Christians, but who are doing a work that will have to be undone at a great loss both financially and in the shaking of the confidence of the people. *18LtMs, Lt 172, 1903, par. 12*

“If I act conscientiously, I must meet the crisis; for I believe that the precepts that the Lord has given concerning His work in the past and at the present time point out the right way. And His plans, His thoughts, are as much higher than man’s plans, man’s thoughts, as the heavens are higher than the earth. God’s voice is to be heard; His wisdom is to guide us. We must not be broken up by any human wisdom or devising. God has outlined His plan in His Word and in the testimonies He has sent to His people. *18LtMs, Lt 172, 1903, par. 13*

“Man’s authority bears the signature of man. We are not to permit the rank and file of our people to come under the generalship of the weak, mixed-up sentiments of man. God’s authority is to stand supreme in its moral dignity and power. And I must call upon the people of God to recognize His authority, an authority which bears the evidence of its divine origin and which is commendable and acceptable in the sight of His children on this earth and in the whole heavenly universe. Every soul is called upon to connect himself inseparably with God’s authority. *18LtMs, Lt 172, 1903, par. 14*

“In doing the Lord’s work, we are to stand on the foundation on which the truth has always been based. God’s foundation is sure, and all are to stand on it and work from this platform. His Word reveals His design, and only the work that is carried on in accordance with the principles of the Word will stand fast forever, approved both by the heavenly host and the adopted family living on the earth during the remnant of time remaining before the close of this earth’s history. This higher aim finite man, when he yields to Satan’s devising, can easily lose sight of; for by yielding to temptation he loses his powers of discernment. It is the work of

every Christian to strive to be a laborer together with God.”*18LtMs, Lt 172, 1903, par. 15*

I will not write any more now. Tomorrow I will begin in earnest to write in regard to principles that are sound.*18LtMs, Lt 172, 1903, par. 16*

**Lt 173, 1903**

Brethren

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 5, 1903

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My dear brethren,—

I will try to write you a few lines this morning. But I am too weary to write much. And I think that the letters that I sent yesterday will be sufficient. Let us now trust in the Lord and wait patiently for Him. Let us not allow the enemy to gain any advantage over us. The Lord is our Helper, and we must not become discouraged. The cause of God has suffered much, and we need now to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God. He will be our frontguard and our rearward. Let us work and wait and watch and pray. God will not suffer the enemy to overcome us if we will be careful of our words, saying nothing which Satan can use as a handle.*18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 1*

There is before us a great work, and the doing of this work requires careful preparation. Let us call to mind the sure promises of the Word, and present them to God for fulfilment. He is very careful to keep His Word. After we have done our part, let us wait patiently and hopefully, in calmness and faith.*18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 2*

My brethren, pray and counsel together, and believe. We have much to present to the people. But we shall have to give our reasons for warning them to be guarded and never, never to venture to follow in the track of kingship that Dr. Kellogg is now taking. Let us walk humbly with God. He never leads one man to exalt himself above his fellow men, to dictate to them, and to rule over them.*18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 3*

The truth in regard to the way in which the work of God is to be carried on at the present time must be spoken. Heavenly intelligences are waiting and longing to co-operate with human

instrumentalities. God would reveal to the world what His people may become through the working of the Holy Spirit. Let us do all we can, and then wait patiently for Him. Through union with divine agencies, we may accomplish much in saving souls ready to perish. Faithful efforts on our part will result in winning to Christ those whom God will make bright and shining lights in the world.*18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 4*

Christ, the Son of the infinite God, the Majesty of heaven, the King of glory, humbled Himself, to take our nature, and to do the work of a servant. All this He did in our behalf, to lead us to humble ourselves, so that through us He may work to reach the human beings ready to die.*18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 5*

Nothing else in this world is so dear to God as His church. Nothing else is watched over by Him with such jealous care. Nothing else so grieves His heart of love as the injuries inflicted on His church by those who would hurt and destroy.*18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 6*

Human might and human wisdom did not establish the church of God, and neither can they destroy it. The members of the church will have to meet the seducing arts of the enemy. They will be assailed by the representatives of Satan. Let them not get into controversy with those who are adept at warfare of this kind. If they will answer their assailants in the words of the Scripture, Satan's arguments will sink into nothingness. The Word of God in their hearts is a power of life and salvation. Fighting under the divine Commander, they will obtain the victory. The Life-giver will strengthen them to overcome.*18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 7*

There is comfort and encouragement for us in the representation given in the *third chapter of Zechariah*. We read: "And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee; is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?*18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 8*

"Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him

he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by.*18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 9*

“And the angel of the Lord protested unto Joshua, saying, Thus saith the Lord of Hosts: If thou wilt walk in My ways, and if thou wilt keep My charge, then thou shalt also judge My house, and shalt also keep My courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.” [*Verses 1-7.*]*18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 10*

Joshua, standing before the angel of the Lord with defiled garments, represents those whose religious life has been faulty, who have been overcome by Satan’s temptations, and are unworthy of God’s favor. Today human beings stand before God with defiled garments. All their righteousness is “as filthy rags.” [*Isaiah 64:6.*] Satan uses against them his masterly accusing power, pointing to their imperfections as evidence of their weakness. He points scornfully at the mistakes of those who claim to be doing God service. They have been deceived by him, and he begs for permission to destroy them.*18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 11*

But they trust in Christ, and Christ will not forsake them. He came to this world to take away their sins and to impute to them His righteousness. He declares that through faith in His name they may receive forgiveness and perfect Christlike characters. They have confessed their sins to Him and have asked for pardon, and Christ declares that because they look to and believe on Him, He will give them power to become sons of God.*18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 12*

Their characters are defective, but because they have not trusted in their own merits and excused their sins, because they have asked for forgiveness through the merits of Christ, the Lord receives them and rebukes Satan. Because they have humbled themselves, confessing their sins, He refuses to listen to the enemy’s accusations. He has abundantly pardoned the penitent ones and will carry forward in them His work of redeeming love if they will continue to believe in Him and to trust Him. He will perfect their redemption, defeating the enemy and glorifying His name in their

salvation. *18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 13*

This lesson is given to show how entirely out of place it is for human beings to lift up the soul unto vanity, cherishing pride and self-sufficiency and boasting of their achievements. *18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 14*

Those who, by divine grace, have gained the mastery over their faults are to teach others how to overcome, pointing them to the Source of strength. To every converted soul is given the privilege of helping those around him who do not rejoice in the light in which he is standing. They also may know the joy that has come to him. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." [John 1:12.] They may take their place in the world as God's light-bearers. *18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 15*

How helpful we can be to one another by receiving from Christ the divine blessing and then sharing it with those in need. The true Christian will leave nothing undone that he can do to raise to newness of life those who are dead in trespasses and sins. He will work as Christ worked. *18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 16*

Especially are those whom God has set over His church to watch for souls as they that must give an account. They may accomplish great good if they will walk humbly with God, hiding self in Christ. Those who have a living connection with Christ become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Those who are workers together with Christ, those who give to others the light and truth they have received from the Word, are representatives of the Saviour, the heavenly Worker. A warm, earnest love for souls fills their hearts. *18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 17*

God has chosen a people to keep His commandments and to reveal to the world a unity and love that will convince unbelievers that God did indeed send His Son to this earth as a miracle-working missionary, able to pardon transgression, able to make men and women laborers together with God in the great, grand work of saving the lost. *18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 18*

When the followers of Christ walk in His footsteps, their sympathy for one another will be plainly seen. There will be no envy, no fear lest one shall be more esteemed than the others. All will rejoice when prosperity comes to one. Their hearts will be filled with unselfish love. They will faithfully reprove wrongs, refusing to pass them by unnoticed, knowing that thus they would be sustaining them. *18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 19*

O how foolish the ways of the world appear to God! With their pride, their boasting, their intrigues, their deceptions, worldlings are preparing to receive the wages of sin—death. It is not possible for faith and peace and love, the gifts of God, to abide in the heart of the falsifier, or the criticizer. Falsehood and criticism are part of Satan's stock-in-trade. O how pleased he is when professing Christians enter into partnership with him. We would better walk humbly with God than to walk with princes. The chastening rod will fall upon all who have not improved the opportunity to cultivate a kind disposition. They are never happy. Christ would impress His image upon the human heart. He will give His peace to all who will appreciate the gift and impart it to others. *18LtMs, Lt 173, 1903, par. 20*

**Lt 174, 1903**

Harper, Walter

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 5, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *PM 297*.

Dear Brother Harper,—

I have not yet been able to find what I have written to you, but as soon as I find it, I will send it to you. I write to you as one who I believe is determined to do his best, be the consequences what they may. *18LtMs, Lt 174, 1903, par. 1*

I have not written one word to your wife or her mother. I know that there are difficulties on both sides. But I have decided to take no part in the matter. I am overwhelmed with writing that concerns the whole cause of God. Ever since returning from the General Conference, I have been trying to place before our people the instruction that the Lord has given me for them. *18LtMs, Lt 174, 1903, par. 2*

I wish to explain what I said to you in regard to not writing to your wife about returning to you. I thought that should you write to her on this subject, it would harass and perplex her. I said, Just let the matter rest for a little time, and things will adjust themselves. *18LtMs, Lt 174, 1903, par. 3*

You can see the predicament that your wife is in. If she shows her love for you, her mother’s jealousy is aroused. Your wife is a Christian. She has trials at home. Her mother’s influence over her is not in all respects what it ought to be. Your mother-in-law’s attitude toward you is not right; nevertheless your wife has duties in connection with her mother that will call her away from you more or less, wherever you may be. *18LtMs, Lt 174, 1903, par. 4*

I have not been shown that your mother-in-law should live with you and your wife. Unless her spirit and experience change, it cannot be



your duty to receive her as a member of your family. I know that unless she makes a radical change in her habits of life, she cannot be approved of God. This I shall write to her. O how I wish that we were all what God desires us to be. *18LtMs, Lt 174, 1903, par. 5*

What I meant by what I said about extravagance is this: You see something that you fancy, and you buy it for a friend. You do this in the goodness of your heart, but your expenditures are not always wise. You have spent money for dress goods and for pieces of furniture. This you did when you were staying with Brother and Sister Jones, giving Sister Jones the things you bought. It would have been better for you to pay your board instead of laying out money for presents. You would better have paid a reasonable sum for your board, and then with the money Sister Jones could have bought things that she really needed. *18LtMs, Lt 174, 1903, par. 6*

I write you this, not to condemn you, but to advise you. You have always had confidence in me, and the money you have placed in my hands for the Lord's work I have invested where it was most needed. I have not in a single instance been remiss in this. *18LtMs, Lt 174, 1903, par. 7*

I would not advise you to build at the present time. I think that it would be much better to rent a house or some rooms till you have opportunity to know more about your wife's wishes in the matter. I did not suppose that you would build; for full of changes as your life is, this might not be best. But I certainly think that your wife ought to have some place that she can call her own, even if it is but rented rooms. Such was all the home that for some time, while we were travelling about, we had. *18LtMs, Lt 174, 1903, par. 8*

You have given your whole time to a good work, and you need more rest than you give yourself. You have worked as an evangelist, and your words and deeds have opened many doors for the entrance of the truth. I have not a doubt but that the Lord has given you your work. He has greatly blessed you in your canvassing. This is because you have kept at the work and have given Him the glory. *18LtMs, Lt 174, 1903, par. 9*

I spoke very plainly to you when you were here, but I shall not say to your wife and her mother the things that I said to you. This would

give your mother-in-law an opportunity to treat you as if she were entirely in the right and you entirely in the wrong. *18LtMs, Lt 174, 1903, par. 10*

Be quiet and patient. I have not said a word concerning your affairs to any one but Sara, and I shall be extremely careful not to blame you; for it would not be right to do this. I would rather that for the present you should keep to yourself all that I have said and written to you. Rest assured that I shall say nothing to lessen any one's confidence in you. *18LtMs, Lt 174, 1903, par. 11*

Be of good courage. Make no unadvised movements. Continue the work that you have been doing. Do all that you can to win souls to Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 174, 1903, par. 12*

I pray that the Lord may be with you and that His peace may fill your heart. You can indeed praise the Lord for giving you such wonderful success in your work. *18LtMs, Lt 174, 1903, par. 13*

I hear often from Willie in regard to the removal of the work of the Review office from Battle Creek. The Lord has helped the brethren to settle with A. R. Henry. The publishing company is now entirely free from him. This is a great victory. *18LtMs, Lt 174, 1903, par. 14*

By this time the goods of the General Conference office are being taken in furniture vans to Washington. The Lord gave the brethren great victory as they read in the Tabernacle the instruction that has been given in regard to moving from Battle Creek, and as they have made preparations to move. Elder Daniells writes, "You told us to move forward step by step, but your son says that we have done more than that; we have gone by leaps and bounds." They feel sure that the Lord has helped them at every step. I rejoice to hear this good news. The enemy has tried to hinder the brethren, but everything has given way at last. The *Review and Herald* and the *Instructor* will soon be moved to Washington and in the future will bear the imprint of Washington, D.C. *18LtMs, Lt 174, 1903, par. 15*

The end of all things is at hand. Let us work for God. Let us trust in Him and glorify His name. *18LtMs, Lt 174, 1903, par. 16*

May the Lord bless you, is my prayer. *18LtMs, Lt 174, 1903, par. 17*

## Lt 174a, 1903

Harper, Walter

St. Helena, California

August 5, 1903

Not sent. See *Lt 174, 1903*.

[To Walter Harper.]

I will now speak to Brother Harper. I have a message for you, my brother, and I wish to speak to you as a servant of the Lord. I wish to say to you that your course of action toward your wife must change. Since her marriage she has been becoming uneven in her experience. She has felt keenly your attitude toward her mother, and it has thrown her into perplexity because your words and position are not as they ought to be. You will have to counsel with persons, fathers and mothers of understanding, who will advise you. It is the best thing you can do to secure a permanent home for her, that if the daughter in your absence wishes in any way to be where she can associate with the mother, she can do this. *18LtMs, Lt 174a, 1903, par. 1*

The strange way you treat her is because you have much confidence in your own wisdom which is mingled with an authority that takes on an overbearing, masterly, ordering and dictating that is so persistent, as much as you would order a child. The wife is to be respected and her wishes to be honored; she [is to] feel that she is not to be commanded, to obey all your requirements. You leave her alone a large part of the time, and where you travel it would not be appropriate for her to go among the rough class. You can do much good as a canvasser, and keeping your mind stayed on the Lord, you will be gentle and win souls to Christ, but this is not the life that would be pleasant [for] Sister Harper. If she could find a place agreeable in a sanitarium to give treatment, it would be a blessing to her, if she is not overworked; but if she is overworked, then she looks on the dark side and sometimes much thinking will lead her to perplexity and uncertainty and she appears changeable and uncertain as to what is best for herself. She wants kindness,

respect, and gentleness. *18LtMs, Lt 174a, 1903, par. 2*

[Whether] it is her duty to ignore her mother—it is not the duty of any child to do this. Had you provided her a home ever so humble and said to her, “This shall be our home,” [even] if it was in rented rooms where there was a family in the house, it would be appropriate. The mother has to overcome her feelings. When [she is] so nervous and she takes a sedative, it makes a bad state of things and she says and does many things that are strange. Her feelings lead her astray, but she is a mother, and this must never be treated indifferently. The mother has said many things and acted many things that have alienated Walter Harper from her, and yet there is an error on both sides of the question. *18LtMs, Lt 174a, 1903, par. 3*

**Lt 175, 1903**

Wessels, J. J.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 7, 1903

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Mr. J. J. Wessels

My dear brother,—

Thank you for your letter. I have had so much writing to do, to meet the issues arising in various places, that till now I have not been able to write to you. I have received some very interesting letters from Australia. I shall send you copies of them, and hope that you will enjoy reading them as much as I did.*18LtMs, Lt 175, 1903, par. 1*

I was very glad to hear that your wife has a little daughter. I should very much like to visit Sister Wessels, but I have much writing to do, and I feel that my place is at home with my workers.*18LtMs, Lt 175, 1903, par. 2*

I am enjoying much of the blessing of the Lord. Lately I have been speaking often at the Sanitarium. The attendance is excellent. Every Sabbath some of the patients are present. My faith and love and hope strengthen every time I stand before the people. I know that the Lord helps and blesses me. As I speak, He instructs me, giving me new views of truth. I know and am assured that I am receiving grace for grace, and that as I feed others with the bread of life, I myself am fed.*18LtMs, Lt 175, 1903, par. 3*

I never stand before the people without receiving as I speak new and fresh ideas. Souls seem to me very, very precious, and I try my best to show them the value of the truth. God spared not His own Son, but freely delivered Him up for us all, and He cannot do

otherwise than give all heaven with Christ. He freely bestows on His workers the facilities of heaven. His divine power has given unto us "all things that pertain unto life and godliness." [2 Peter 1:3.]18LtMs, Lt 175, 1903, par. 4

How does Christ look upon the members of His church on this earth? They are His, bought with a price. He has ascended to heaven, to stand before the Father as their advocate, to represent every one who receives Him.18LtMs, Lt 175, 1903, par. 5

"Little children," He said to the disciples just before He left them, "yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek Me; and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another. ... By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another." [John 13:33-35.]18LtMs, Lt 175, 1903, par. 6

Let every church member study these words and then ask himself if he is practicing them. Are we revealing that love for one another which shows the world that God did indeed send His Son to save sinners?18LtMs, Lt 175, 1903, par. 7

Why did Christ say, "A new commandment I give unto you"? [Verse 34.] Because in the suffering and death just before Him, the disciples were to see how much He loved them and how much He expected them to love one another.18LtMs, Lt 175, 1903, par. 8

Shall we not appreciate what Christ has done for us? Shall we not show the world that we love one another? Shall we not reveal in our lives the meaning of truth and faith and righteousness? Then many will be converted because of the wonderful working of God upon human hearts. Selfishness will die, and Christlikeness will take possession of human beings.18LtMs, Lt 175, 1903, par. 9

Christ came to this world to stand at the head of human beings, to pass over the ground where Adam stumbled and fell. After His baptism, He was led into the wilderness to be tempted. Here, for forty days, He fasted and prayed. Here the enemy came to Him with strong temptations, hoping that he could overcome Him. He was confident that he could gain the victory over Christ, who, because of His long fast, was weak and emaciated. But not in a single point did

he gain an advantage over the Redeemer. Christ resisted every temptation, and Satan left the field, a defeated foe. *18LtMs, Lt 175, 1903, par. 10*

Temptations come to us, but we need not be overcome; for Christ has conquered in our behalf. In His strength we can successfully resist every assault of the enemy. *18LtMs, Lt 175, 1903, par. 11*

Christ was crucified, but He rose from the grave, and over the rent sepulcher of Joseph proclaimed, "I am the resurrection and the life." [*John 11:25.*] For forty days after His resurrection, He remained with His disciples. Just before He left them, to return to His Father as their mediator and intercessor, He said to them, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:18-20.*] *18LtMs, Lt 175, 1903, par. 12*

"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 Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, Why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." [*Acts 1:8-11.*] *18LtMs, Lt 175, 1903, par. 13*

Christ has tasted death for every man. All who will may eat of the living bread that came down from heaven. Oh my brother, I pray that you may become so closely united to Christ that you will be changed into His image. I think much of you and of the other members of your family. If it were not for my age and my infirmities, I should be much pleased to pay you a visit. I pray that every member of the Wessels family may become a child of God. Jesus has bought them all with His blood. He is waiting to receive them to

Himself. He is longing to see them living in this world lives that will gain for them admittance into the courts above as members of the royal family. I pray that they may all be led to see the necessity of preparing for the future immortal life. *18LtMs, Lt 175, 1903, par. 14*

We cannot afford to live as if Christ had not given His life to save us from eternal death. We cannot afford to have no personal experience in the things of God. Will you not ask Henry's wife, for me, to give up her life of foolishness and worldliness? Should Christ come now and find her as she is, self-indulgent and indifferent to eternal interests, how could she hope to be saved? Henry and his wife have both been presented before me. Both are accounted as worldlings. Should Christ come, and find them as they are, He could not give them a place among the redeemed. He cannot save those who, having had the light, turn from it to live a worldly, pleasure-loving, sinful life. All such must be numbered with the transgressors. *18LtMs, Lt 175, 1903, par. 15*

Will it pay? I ask. Will it pay? "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" [*Mark 8:36.*] *18LtMs, Lt 175, 1903, par. 16*

May the Lord strengthen and bless and teach you, my brother. It is in your power to exert an influence for good over your brothers and sisters. You may, while in Africa, obtain a precious experience in the knowledge of God and of Christ. Set your brothers and sisters a true example. Remember that their souls cost the life of Christ. Will you not try to help them to gain eternal life? *18LtMs, Lt 175, 1903, par. 17*

We are living in the close of this earth's history, and to us comes the message: *18LtMs, Lt 175, 1903, par. 18*

"The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?



Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for these things, be diligent, that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless. ... Seeing that ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." [2 Peter 3:10-14, 17, 18.]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 175, 1903, par. 19*

**Lt 176, 1903**

Kellogg, H. W.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 9, 1903

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H. W. Kellogg

My dear brother,—

I wish to ask you if you can lend me two thousand dollars for one year. I have been obliged to pay back a loan that I did not think I should have to pay for some time. For several months I have received very little from the sale of my books, with the exception of one hundred and seventy-five dollars from Australia. I have not money with which to meet my current expenses. My workers have not been paid for some time. Sara had a little in the bank, and this she drew out and used to meet bills for me. *18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 1*

I need means now to use in getting out important books. Can you lend me two thousand dollars? If you can, I shall be greatly relieved, and very thankful. I do not know of any one else on whom I can call for money. *18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 2*

My health is good, and I am able to do much writing. I thank the Lord for this. I have decided not to attend so many camp-meetings, but to give my time to my writing. Brother Osborne, a teacher in Healdsburg College, has written asking me to attend the Teachers' Institute, soon to be held there, and speak to the teachers. But I shall have to refuse. I must be at home with my workers. *18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 3*

I greatly desire to write on the life of Solomon and on the history

following his reign. And I desire, too, to write on the life of Paul and his work in connection with the other apostles. At times the thought of this neglected work keeps me awake at night. The writing that I desire to do on my books is greatly hindered because I am obliged to write many letters to those who are endeavoring to establish the work on a right basis and many letters to those in despondency and sorrow. Then, too, I have to spend much time in contradicting fabulous reports. *18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 4*

For instance: After the General Conference held this year in Oakland, the report was circulated that Sister White had taken her stand against Brother Magan and Brother Sutherland. These reports came to Sister Magan at a time when she was in a worn-out condition. She worried about them, and as a result, her mind became unbalanced, and she has been out of her mind for some time. *18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 5*

Oh, how cruel the work of those who have imagined that I had said something against Brother Magan and Brother Sutherland, and then circulated their own sentiments as coming from me. They are guilty in the sight of the Lord of great sin. They have spoken against Christ in the person of His saints. Their tongue-persecution is the enemy's work. It has hindered the efforts of one who has tried to do all that he could to advance the cause of God. *18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 6*

I have never said anything disparaging about Brother Magan or Brother Sutherland. In one talk, given before a few in the Pacific Press chapel, I spoke of the good work that they had done, but said that they were working beyond their strength and were taxing their physical and mental powers too severely. I said that Brother Magan's sickness was the result of overwork. I said that the Lord would send them helpers who could assist them, and that they must divide their work and rest when nature demanded rest. *18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 7*

I have always been shown that the work at Berrien Springs is a good work, acceptable in the sight of God, and that those in charge of it must be helped, not hindered. *18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 8*

Last night I received a letter saying that the report was being carried

all over the East that New York is to be destroyed by a tidal wave, and that Sister White had said so. But I never said any such thing.*18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 9*

Some time ago Elder Luther Warren got out some very startling notices regarding the destruction of New York. I wrote immediately to the ones in charge of the work there saying that it was not wise to publish such notices, that thus an excitement might be aroused, which would result in a fanatical movement, hurting the cause of God. It is enough to present the truth of the Word of God to the people. Startling notices are detrimental to the progress of His work.*18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 10*

Now comes the word that I have declared that New York is to be swept away by a tidal wave. This I have never said. I have said, as I looked at the great buildings going up there, story after story, "What terrible scenes will take place when the Lord shall arise to shake terribly the earth. Then the words of (*Revelation 18:1-3*) will be fulfilled. The whole of the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is a warning of what is coming on the earth.*18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 11*

But I have no light in particular in regard to what is coming on New York, only that I know that one day the great buildings there will be thrown down by the turning and overturning of God's power. From the light given me, I know that destruction is in the world. One word from the Lord, one touch of His mighty power, and those massive structures will fall. Scenes will take place, the fearfulness of which we cannot imagine.*18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 12*

But I have sent cautions to the brethren working in New York, saying that these flaming, terrifying notices should not be published. When my brethren go to extremes, it reacts on me, and I have to bear the reproach of being called a false prophet.*18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 13*

Think you that if I had said that New York was to be destroyed by a tidal wave, I should have urged the purchase of property only sixty miles away from this city, as a sanitarium site, and a place from which New York could be worked?*18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 14*

Who can question that we are living in perilous times? When Christ portrayed the destruction of Jerusalem, He looked down the ages and included in His description the still more awful destruction of the world. And He declares, "As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." [*Matthew 24:37-39.*] *18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 15*

The destroying angels are today executing their commission. Death will come in all places. This is why I am so anxious for our cities to be warned. There is a work to be done by canvassing in our cities that has not yet been done. *18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 16*

In His teaching Christ has given lessons of great value in regard to the last days. O that men and women would learn their danger before it is everlastingly too late. *18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 17*

The day of the Lord is coming as a thief, not on those who are spiritually awake, but on those who are half-asleep, listless and indifferent. The blessing of God rests on the workers who warn those that are unready to meet Him. Holiness is connected with mercy, as the effect is connected with its cause. *18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 18*

True believers are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works. This result is accomplished through the consecration of the whole being, body, soul, and spirit, to God. As man submits to the molding and fashioning of God, his life reveals good works. He works on the plan of addition, and God works for him on the plan of multiplication. *18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 19*

The truth fills the believing soul with overflowing gratitude and at the same time keeps him low in the deepest humiliation. Constantly the language of his heart is, "Not unto us, not unto us, but unto Thy name be the glory." [*Psalms 115:1.*] *18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 20*

If the churches continue in their present condition, they will be renounced by God. Now is our time to work, not under the great

deceiver, but as a people who see their danger and make earnest work for repentance. *18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 21*

“These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God: I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked; I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. *18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 22*

“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.” [*Revelation 3:14-21.*] *18LtMs, Lt 176, 1903, par. 23*

## Lt 177, 1903

White, J. E.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

August 9, 1903

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My dear son Edson,—

It seems difficult to secure means just now. Sister Gotzain is in Portland, Oregon, and I hardly know who to ask for means. Brother Walter Harper suggested that he thought that perhaps I could borrow some money from Sister Stickney, or from her daughter, who married a man of some means. He died, leaving his money to his wife, and she carried on his business. I have written Sister Stickney a letter, asking her to lend me one thousand dollars. It will be some days before I can hear form her. *18LtMs, Lt 177, 1903, par. 1*

For six months I have received nothing from the sale of my books, with the exception of one hundred and seventy-five dollars from Australia. I keep hoping that some money will come soon. I have no money in the bank, and my expenses for the past few months have been heavy. I have had my double surrey painted. The carriage that father bought me, which I afterward sold to Dr. Kellogg, and which he sent back to me after we returned to this country, needs repairing. The man at the carriage shop says that the material in the carriage is excellent, much better than could be obtained now. The job will cost something. I should not have had it done had I known how short of means I would be. I hope that you will put your books on the market as soon as you can. I have much that I wish to publish. I have excellent help, but not a sufficient number of workers to enable me to do all that I desire. *18LtMs, Lt 177, 1903, par. 2*

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I have every reason to be thankful to God for His great goodness and mercy. I am drawing near my seventy-sixth birthday, and I am still able to wait on myself. I am writing much and hope to leave things in good shape should my life end. My mind is clear, and the Lord instructs me, giving me light on Bible subjects. If He did not do this, I could do nothing. *18LtMs, Lt 177, 1903, par. 3*

Upon us there rests the solemn responsibility of presenting the truth to unbelievers in the most forcible manner. How careful we should be not to present the truth in a way that will drive men and women from it. Religious teachers stand where they can do great good or great evil. If every one will now awake to the responsibility resting on him and be determined not to place himself on the judgment seat to criticize and condemn others, but to go to work to preach the gospel as never before to those in darkness, many souls will be turned from iniquity to righteousness. *18LtMs, Lt 177, 1903, par. 4*

Faithful stewards are needed. God will work with every one who will be worked. The Holy Spirit will lead many souls to Christ. In His companionship they will be fitted for the courts above. Those who are laborers together with God will become wise in soul-saving. They will learn of the great Teacher, and while they are presenting Bible subjects to those they are trying to help, the grace of Christ will fill their hearts, and the Word of God will unfold before them. While they are sounding the call, "Let him that is athirst come; and whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely," their own thirst will be quenched. [*Revelation 22:17.*] *18LtMs, Lt 177, 1903, par. 5*

All need now to be faithful with God, gathering up the fragments, that nothing be lost. He calls for diligent, faithful service. There must be no lack of economy; every penny should be carefully treasured. We are to remember the lesson that Christ gave to His disciples after He had fed the multitude with five loaves and two fishes. Every one had been satisfied, and then Christ said to the disciples, "Gather up the fragments; that nothing be lost." [*John 6:12.*] *18LtMs, Lt 177, 1903, par. 6*

We are to receive truth from Christ and impart it to the people. Infidelity and all kinds of wickedness are rapidly increasing, and the



zeal and earnestness of God's servants are to increase proportionately. They are faithfully to bring into His treasury their tithes and offerings. When they fail to do this, they rob God of that which He designs should be used to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth. If we withhold from God our service of love, we leave sinners unwarned. *18LtMs, Lt 177, 1903, par. 7*

The Lord calls upon us to come to the banquet of truth and then go out into the highways and hedges and compel souls to come in by presenting the great and wonderful offering that Christ has made to the world. We are to present the truth in the way that Christ told His disciples to present it—in simplicity and love. *18LtMs, Lt 177, 1903, par. 8*

Yesterday for the first time I rode to Yountville and spoke to the soldiers in the Veteran's Home. We had an excellent meeting. All present listened with attention to what I said. I will send you a copy of what I have written about the work at Yountville. *18LtMs, Lt 177, 1903, par. 9*

I have written to H. W. Kellogg, asking him to lend me two thousand dollars. I will send you a copy of my letter to him. I want money very much, and I hope that Brother Kellogg will be able to let me have some. *18LtMs, Lt 177, 1903, par. 10*

**Lt 178, 1903**

Jones, A. T.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Elder A. T. Jones

My dear Brother,—

I am very much burdened over the fact that, notwithstanding the light you have received through the testimonies, you should accept from the lips of any human being presentations that would lead you to unite with others in sanctioning and planning for the building up of an educational institution in Battle Creek. *18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 1*

A school such as has been planned for should be in some place where the students would not be closely associated with the large numbers who are expected to patronize the Sanitarium at Battle Creek. It is not wise to plan to maintain such a school in a place where a worldly element prevails to so great an extent as to counterwork that which the Lord has outlined should be done for our youth in our educational institutions. So many youth should not be brought together in Battle Creek. *18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 2*

The Lord presented to us the reasons for removing the college from Battle Creek. This instruction should now be searched out and studied by those who are planning to organize another educational institution there. Let the light already given shine forth in its purity and beauty, that God’s name may be glorified. *18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 3*

The very same reasons that were given for the removal of the old

Battle Creek College from Battle Creek should now lead our brethren to decide to train in other places the youth who now expect to prepare themselves for medical missionary work. Those who expect to become medical missionary workers must be thoroughly educated in Bible lines. They should have the very best spiritual advantages, in order that they may be fitted to teach and to train others. *18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 4*

My brother, I am surprised that you are found asleep on this point. I declare unto you, in the name of the Lord, that the arrangements being made for the training of medical missionaries in Battle Creek are not right. A great work is to be done in a short time, and God forbids that we should encourage so many of our youth to bind themselves up for three or four or six years of training before engaging in active work. Men and women should gain an education by working along practical lines in different places in accordance with the light that God has given and under the instruction of experienced leaders. *18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 5*

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During the rehearsal of the law, Moses outlines the specifications given by the Lord to Israel by the observance of which they were to be God's peculiar people: *18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 6*

“Hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you. Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. Your eyes have seen what the Lord did because of Baal-peor: for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the Lord thy God hath destroyed them from among you. But ye that did cleave unto the Lord your God are alive every one of you unto this day. Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so

great, who hath God so nigh unto them as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon Him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons." [*Deuteronomy 4:1-9*.]18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 7

"These are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: that thou mightest fear the Lord thy God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged." [*Deuteronomy 6:1, 2*.]18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 8

"Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey. Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. And it shall be, when the Lord thy God shall have brought thee unto the land which He sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, and houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; then beware lest thou forget the Lord, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve Him, and shalt swear by His name. Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you, (for the Lord thy God is a jealous God among

you;) lest the anger of the Lord thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.*18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 9*

“Ye shall not tempt the Lord your God as ye tempted Him in Massah. Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and His testimonies, and His statutes, which He hath commanded thee. And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as the Lord hath spoken. And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord our God hath commanded you? Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh’s bondmen in Egypt; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand: and the Lord showed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes: and He brought us out from thence, that He might bring us in, to give us the land which He sware unto our fathers. And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as He hath commanded us.” [*Verses 3-25.*]*18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 10*

“Thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. (We would do well to remember this distinction.) The Lord did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: but because the Lord loved you, and because He would keep the oath which He had sworn 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 covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations.” [*Deuteronomy 7:6-9.*]*18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 11*

Shall we not consider these Scriptures? We are on probation. In all dispensations, the one great object of God has been to test and try the men and women whom He has created and lead them to understand His purpose concerning them.*18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 12*

Circumstances that perplex us the Lord does not prevent from occurring. The enemy designs to set in operation those things that will discourage the tempted ones and lead them to be presumptuous. But if the one who is beset by the enemy simply puts his trust in the Lord, he will not be overcome. If under trial he manifests his natural traits, there is a work that he must do, a work of humbling himself and of seeking God's grace most earnestly. Under no circumstances should he become discouraged.*18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 13*

The Lord never sends trials because He delights to harass His children, but because He desires to arouse His chosen ones to a realization of the imperative necessities of their situation. He says, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." But mark the next statement. You are not to work out your salvation by your own power; "for it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." [*Philippians 2:12, 13.*] Every one is to work with fear and trembling, lest he should depart from the expressed will of his heavenly Father. Such fear is the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom.*18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 14*

The Lord takes no delight in seeing His people in perplexity and despondency. He desires to see the principles of truth and righteousness quell all rebellion of the soul against God. He delights in His people. When they depend more on their finite capabilities than on Him, for their own good He permits circumstances to occur that will lead them to seek Him, to feel their dependence on Him, and to draw nigh to Him, that He may draw nigh to them and endow them with His own attributes, which will fit them for entrance into heaven.*18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 15*

While living on this earth, we may be united with divinity and be taught of God. He delights to enlighten the understanding of those who come to Him in their weakness and manifest their dependence

upon Him for strength. The Holy Spirit is the efficiency for every one. By this agency God helps every person who will be worked and molded in accordance with the divine likeness. He whose perceptive faculties are quickened as the result of this fashioning process can say, "Goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life." [*Psalm 23:6.*] *18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 16*

This, then, is the blessing of trial—that all who are tried may feel their dependence upon God and express their gratitude of heart for His blessings by acknowledging Him in thank and praise offerings. *18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 17*

The Lord desires to manifest Himself to His people; but frequently all His blessings and special manifestations are appropriated as something that is no more than what should be expected of Him. Failing to place their trust in Him, many become proud and self-dependent. Thus the threads of vanity are woven into the fabric of all their work, and the enemy gains vantage ground. Through the influence of human instrumentalities he draws the mind from God and glorifies the human agent. Thus deceived, heeding not the cautions God has given, buoyed up with self-confidence, man goes forward to his sure ruin. *18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 18*

The power to get wealth is a gift from God. Every jot and tittle of the praise given to any man because of the success he has attained is dangerous. God manifests His power by co-operating with human agents in positions of sacred trust. Man is wholly dependent on God for wisdom and tact and should give to his Creator all the praise due to His holy name for entrusted gifts. Every talent is to be employed in the work of promoting God's cause of uplifting the standard of truth in new territory. The work established in new places will result in the increase of entrusted talents. The talent of influence, consecrated to the Master's service, will greatly increase in power as it is put out to the exchangers and wisely used. *18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 19*

The great promises, so full and complete, which God made to Israel, were always given on condition of obedience to His laws and statutes. He will not work with those who are disobedient. Through Moses, He cautioned them fully on this point: *18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903,*

*par. 20*

“Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God,” Moses said, “in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments and His statutes, which I command thee this day: lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; and when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, and from the house of bondage; who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that He might humble thee, and that He might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end: and thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish. As the nations which the Lord destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the Lord your God.” [*Deuteronomy 8:11-20.*]18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, *par. 21*

Many are the evidences that the Lord has given that His people are to Him a precious treasure. By humble, earnest persevering faith and obedience, man reveals that his heart is filled with the abounding grace of God.18LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, *par. 22*

The words of truth and righteousness, as revealed in the Scriptures, will be the power of God’s people. The ten commandments express His will and are a transcript of His character. It is His will that there should be especially set apart an order of men to minister for Him, to conduct sacred services, to speak His words, to reveal His will, in simple and plain language setting before all whom they meet the principles that God has graciously revealed to enlighten our understanding in regard to the motives prompting Him to urge us to



be obedient. The fear and the love of God will lead men cheerfully and heartily to obey Him, not only to promote His glory, but to attain that which is for their own highest good—harmony with heaven.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 178, 1903, par. 23*

## Lt 179, 1903

Jones, A. T.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Elder A. T. Jones

My dear brother,—

I have a caution for you. You must be guarded. From the light that the Lord has given me, I know that you are in danger of encouraging plans that ought not to be encouraged. Intimations have come to me that you and Brother Magan are in favor of the plan to establish a school in Battle Creek. I lift the danger signal. My brother, the Lord plainly called the school out of Battle Creek, and it is not wise to build up a college there and call people back again.*18LtMs, Lt 179, 1903, par. 1*

Brother Jones, unless you move under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, you will counterwork the work that the Lord is doing. Be careful not to make wrong moves. For Christ’s sake do not lend your influence to the building up of anything like a college in Battle Creek. This should not be done, under any consideration. Even though there are school buildings there, this is not a sufficient reason why a college should be established there.*18LtMs, Lt 179, 1903, par. 2*

When God presented the objections to building up institutions in Battle Creek, and said that plants should be made in many places, He meant just what He said. The large patronage of the Sanitarium is no sign that it is where it should be. Even though it had one hundred thousand patients, this would be no evidence in its favor. It is God with whom we have to deal, and we are not to move in accordance with human policy or with man’s shortsighted vision.

God means what He has said, and to establish in Battle Creek something that would draw our youth there, and that would give the families already there an excuse for staying, would be to work contrary to the light He has given. *18LtMs, Lt 179, 1903, par. 3*

Had Dr. Kellogg been humbly following the light given him by God, the new Sanitarium would have been established in some other place, even though apparently strong reasons called for its establishment in Battle Creek. Our forces should be scattered. The light that God has given me is that had the new Sanitarium been established in Washington, a light would have shone forth that would have influenced those who have to do with the making of the nation's laws. *18LtMs, Lt 179, 1903, par. 4*

In language too plain to be misunderstood, the Lord has spoken to our people, telling them to get out of Battle Creek. Many of the Seventh-day Adventist families settled in Battle Creek should move away from there, breaking up their old association as fast as possible. Let them go out into places where the truth has not yet been proclaimed, as the Lord has been calling upon them to do for more than twenty years. *18LtMs, Lt 179, 1903, par. 5*

As those who have been in Battle Creek sell out, and move into other places, they should not make it their first study to settle where they will have the greatest financial advantage. Let those who are tempted to do this think of what came to Lot as a result of his choice for a home in the fertile plains of Sodom. By this choice he lost his wife, his married children, his riches, and had to flee for his life. *18LtMs, Lt 179, 1903, par. 6*

The Lord sent Abraham out into a country that he knew not. He established him in a place where he could be an influence for good. We are the Lord's property, and we must do His work faithfully and intelligently. The end of all things is at hand. *18LtMs, Lt 179, 1903, par. 7*

**Lt 180, 1903**

Kellogg, J. H.

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Dr. J. H. Kellogg

My dear brother,—

I have received your letter and the telegram that was sent in regard to the unity that had come into the council meeting at Battle Creek. I know that heaven will rejoice to see these first steps taken. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 1*

I should have answered your letter before; but for some time I have been unable to use my eyes much. I have kept pleading with the great Physician to preserve my eyesight, and I certainly feel His restoring power upon brain and eyes. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 2*

I have not been as well as usual since the Conference. Your case causes me great sadness. I fear that you will not make diligent, earnest work for repentance. Even now I see that what you have done bears the mark of imperfection. I have longed and prayed that you might see your peril. The Lord calls upon you to make decided changes, else His Spirit will depart from you, and you will become more and more unlike Him in disposition and character. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 3*

Those who profess to be medical missionaries are to be consecrated men, working for the best interests of the world, yet not ensnared by the wiles of the world. The Lord desires you to be a vessel unto honor. But in your work in the past there has been too much of an element that is merely human. You have brought so

much of self into your plans that the principles of God's Word are ignored. Instead of pressing forward so earnestly into forbidden paths, will you not unreservedly open your mind and heart to the working of the Spirit of God? If you would do this, your influence for good would be greatly strengthened. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 4*

My brother, no longer grieve the Spirit of God by a deficient consecration. I have been shown how, since the Conference held in Battle Creek in 1901, you have devised and planned without the Lord to plan with you. Many words have fallen from your lips that have left upon the minds of worldlings impressions that have strengthened wrong sentiments. Your statements have misled them in regard to the standing of our people. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 5*

The religion of Christ, brought into the every-day life, would have led you over a path very different from the path over which you have traveled. You say many things that are neither true nor just, and into your words you put vim and assurance to make yourself believe that you are pursuing a righteous course. But the Lord declares of you, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and found wanting." [*Daniel 5:27.*] *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 6*

I have been afraid that I should not have the strength to write to you thus plainly, for to do it takes hold of every fiber of my being. It is indeed as if I were writing to my own son. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 7*

Last night, after going to rest, I wrestled in earnest prayer for you until eleven o'clock. Then I slept until three. I then rose and dressed and continued my prayer that God would draw back the curtain and let you see where you stand. I have felt that it was of little use for me to write more to you; for the many letters that I have written do not seem to have that [effect] which I so much hoped they would accomplish. And yet my burden does not leave me, because you cannot see yourself as God sees you. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 8*

The words "Thou hast left thy first love" describe your condition. [*Revelation 2:4.*] God calls upon you to repent, else He will come to you quickly and will remove the candlestick out of its place. You need the ministry of the great Physician to cure you of the disease <skepticism> which, unless cured, will result in spiritual blindness.

Let the Spirit of God come in and take possession of your heart, purifying the soul temple. God wants you to let your heart break before Him. He wants you to confess and forsake your besetting sins. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 9*

I am praying for you. You are doing many things that are commended by God, but there is a work that must be done for your own heart. The enemy claims you as his. Will it be always thus, or will you come to your senses and break with the enemy? *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 10*

Will you not allow the Spirit of God to do its perfect work upon mind and heart? Will this lessen your zeal and earnestness or detract from your skill and understanding? No, no! Christ is knocking at the door of your heart. Will you not open the door and let Him in? Will you not let it be seen that the Holy Spirit is molding and fashioning you? *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 11*

Do not let this opportunity pass unimproved. You stand directly in the way of the salvation of your own soul and of the salvation of many other souls. Will you not drop into line and follow where Christ leads the way? All that Christ does is well done, and if you will surrender yourself wholly to Him, He will make you a vessel unto honor. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 12*

You need the grace of Christ—the grace that is revealed in meekness and contrition. When you receive this grace, you will surely bear witness that the power of Christ has brought salvation to your soul. A sanctification that is divinely real and genuine will shine forth in your life to the honor and glory of God. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 13*

I must speak the truth regarding your utter inability to carry the responsibilities that you are continually reaching forth your hand to grasp. The enemy would be pleased to keep you engaged in the various lines of less essential work which you have taken up and are carrying forward under the name of medical missionary—a name that means much. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 14*

God desires you to be all that is true and noble. Draw nigh to Him and He will draw nigh to you. The Lord is in earnest with you. For

your soul's sake plead with God in secret prayer, knowing that He is acquainted with your every thought and motive. Bow before Him in public, and plead for yourself and for your fellow men. Let all see that you are in earnest; that you are determined to act your part in harmony with your own prayers. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 15*

I am deeply in earnest as I write to you, because I know, from the representation that God has given me, that your spiritual condition is as I have portrayed it to you. You have taken one step to clear your soul. Do not stop here. Do not neglect to take the other steps that you must take in order to be right with God. I entreat you to obtain the divine nature while you can. Seek the Lord diligently while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Then you will be a happy man. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 16*

“Of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto you wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.” [*1 Corinthians 1:30.*] These words portray a progressive work. But you do not continue to progress. You take a few steps, and then you magnify yourself. It is your privilege to come out of the darkness into the most intimate relationship with Christ Jesus. “Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me, and he shall make peace with Me.” [*Isaiah 27:5.*] *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 17*

My brother, I am drawn out to write to you the words that I spoke last night when in the night visions I was talking with you. Ever cherish the conviction that your work from first to last must be of God. Every moment you must feel your dependence upon Him who can do for you that which is necessary in order that you shall be strengthened to work out His purposes. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 18*

We all need to draw nearer and nearer to God, with full assurance of faith, knowing that if we believe Him, He will give us power to be children of His. We are to seek Him in private prayer and in the public assembly, when we meet with His people to worship Him. We are to hunger and thirst for the bread of life and the water of salvation. When we cast our helpless souls upon Him, we shall receive grace sufficient for our needs. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 19*

It is not at all fitting for us to lift up our hearts in pride and self-

complacency, pointing to our good works. By their fruits ye shall know them. Let our full hearts speak forth the praise of God for His goodness to us and for the talents He has entrusted to us. Let us ascribe to Him the glory for the good we are enabled to accomplish. Then the conversion of souls will bear witness to the genuineness of our work. All dissension will be put away, and the truth will dwell in the heart richly. We shall be channels through whom the Lord can work for the glory of His name. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 20*

The following words outline true gospel missionary work—the work in which all will engage who are truly converted: *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 21*

“Our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: so that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak anything. For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.” [1 *Thessalonians 1:5-10.*] *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 22*

Paul continues: “For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain; but even after that we had suffered before, and been shamefully treated, as ye know at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of our God with much contention. For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile, but as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloak of covetousness; God is witness; nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth



her children: so being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. ... For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For ye are our glory and joy.” [1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 19, 20.] *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 23*

Do these plain statements mean anything to us? Do we really believe the words of the apostle? Do we take the Word, “It is written,” as our guide? No one need follow crooked paths; for God’s Word plainly points out the right path. We have no excuse to do blundering work; for bright light shines forth at every step to lighten our way. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 24*

“The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is Thy servant warned, and in keeping of them there is great reward.” [Psalm 19:7-11.] *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 25*

“Keep back Thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent of the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, My strength, and My Redeemer.” [Verses 13, 14.] *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 26*

He who offers such a prayer as this, and then acts in harmony with his prayer, saying, “Here I am, Lord, waiting in sincere, earnest consecration to answer my own prayer by co-operating with Thee,” places himself where God can work through him. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 27*

March 8

My health is improving, and I hope soon to be able to write as I have in the past. But the words I long to hear from you I do not

hear. In the night season I was in a council meeting. Unhappy differences existed among those present. Words were spoken by our Instructor, a few of which I am at liberty to transcribe. I dare not place on paper all that was said, lest some should interpret the words written in accordance with their own unsanctified desires. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 28*

To the anxious inquiry “What must I do to be saved?” the answer comes, “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.” Thus answered the lawyer when, in reply to his inquiry, Christ said, “What is written in the law? how readest thou?” [*Acts 16:30; Luke 10:25-27.*]*18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 29*

The lawyer came to catechize Christ, and before the whole multitude Christ talked to him as to a lawyer—one familiar with the law—and showed him that if he would practice the principles of His law, he would secure the highest good in this world and in the world to come life everlasting. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 30*

“What is written in the law?” [*Verse 26.*] Do we read the Word of God with a firm determination to obey its precepts? Eternal life is the reward of obedience. “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.*] Christ came to this world and lived for us a life of obedience to God’s law, that we might obey and be saved. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 31*

To show supreme love for God, and unselfish love for one another—this is our whole duty. The doing of this demands that the powers of heart, mind, soul, and strength be devoted to the service of God. It calls into active exercise the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. We are safe only when the heart is filled with love for God, when the whole being is permeated with love for God. Thus we are bound up with Him who so loved us that He gave His only begotten Son to die for us. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 32*

All our capabilities and powers belong to God. By the sacrifice of His Son He has purchased them. This lays us under obligation to serve God in the way that He has laid down in His Word. But before we can do this, we must take Christ’s yoke. We are not to place

ourselves under yokes of human manufacture, and, as we love our neighbors as we love ourselves, we are to break the yokes placed on their necks. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 33*

Man is to place himself under the mastery of principles that are born of God. He is to place himself, a living sacrifice, on the altar of service. If he will take upon him Christ's yoke, the chains of his slavery to sin will be broken. He will no longer be a slave to the dictates of an unsanctified human will. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 34*

"Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me," and by your obedience to the principles of God's law you will find rest to your souls. [*Matthew 11:29.*] Obedience to God's law causes a boundless gratitude to spring up in the heart—a gratitude that never fails while the human agent continues to obey. The world has lost the man who wears Christ's yoke. While he is thus united to Christ, he cannot bind up with earthly unions. He cannot bind himself to man's service; for he is Christ's. As he thinks of what heaven has done for him, his heart is stirred with boundless love and adoring gratitude. He is under the control of the supreme influence exerted by the gospel over the one who realizes the value that God has placed on him. He has been born again, and has been given a new heart. He realizes the responsibility resting upon him. Christ has linked him to Himself. He has seen Christ as God manifest in the flesh, and the wonderful sight has been so deeply impressed in his mind that it cannot be effaced. He moves in a region of which Christ is the center of attraction. Willingly he subjects himself to the authority of Christ, and the Saviour exerts over him a transforming influence. The Spirit takes of the things of Christ and shows them to him, illuminating his life. He is a new creature in Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 35*

Our love for Christ must be earnest, sincere, fervent, a love stronger than death. Every truly converted soul is bound up with Christ in God. His character, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is to be a reproduction of the character of Christ. When he is tempted to yield his influence to any other claimant but Christ, he will say, "I am not my own; I have been bought with a price. I cannot follow my own inclinations; for I belong to Christ. My life is bound up with His. With all the power of my being I am to serve Him." *18LtMs, Lt 180,*

*1903, par. 36*

We have been bought with a price, and we are to live for God. We are not to bind ourselves to serve for a certain length of time in any one place, because we may be called at any moment, as was Matthew, to change our place of labor. And when Christ comes to us, saying, "Follow Me," we are never to hesitate, but gladly and willingly do His bidding. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 37*

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The foregoing is a portion of the instruction given us in the council meeting to which I have referred. There is much more that I must write when the Spirit of God impresses my mind. *18LtMs, Lt 180, 1903, par. 38*

**Lt 181, 1903**

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 2, 1903

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Dr. J. H. Kellogg

My dear brother,—

I am carrying a heavy burden. I have been instructed that a superficial work, which God cannot accept, is being done. I am made exceedingly sad as I see that the work which ought to go deep and thorough is passed over lightly. *18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 1*

After I received word in regard to the excellent meeting of confession and unity that had been held in Battle Creek, I was writing in my diary and was about to record the thankfulness I felt because a change had come, when my hand was arrested, and there came to me the words: “Write it not. No change for the better has taken place. The Doctor is ensnared in a net of specious deception. He is presenting as of great worth things that are turning souls from the truth into bye and forbidden paths; things that lead human agents to act in harmony with their own inclinations, and to work out their unsanctified purposes; things that result in destroying the dignity and power of God’s people, obscuring the light that would otherwise come to them from God through His appointed agencies.” *18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 2*

Your case, my brother John, weighs heavily on my soul. You are presented to me as one who has been making strange paths for his feet, exerting an influence that leads others out of the right way. I beg of you, my brother, to look away from yourself to the Lord

Jesus Christ. God calls upon you to serve Him with an undivided heart. Heaven is worth everything to you. If you lose heaven, you will lose all. *18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 3*

I am instructed to say to you, You know not your danger. You must humble your heart before God. Your first work is to be truly converted. "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." "This do, and thou shalt live." [*Luke 10:27, 28.*]*18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 4*

You have certainly made strange paths for your feet and for the feet of those who have followed your example. You cannot afford to do this longer; for your soul is in danger. I entreat you to study the Word, "Ye are God's husbandry; ye are God's building." [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] It is your privilege to co-operate with God in your character building. *18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 5*

Satan has been trying to enroll you under his banner, and you have been standing in such nearness to him that he claims you as his. And all the good things you do make him the more pleased, because in some things you are deceived and are deceiving others. The tree bears its foliage, but the fruit is not what God desires it to be. *18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 6*

My desire for you is to see you standing where you bear evidence that you are led by the Lord, in unity with God and your brethren. When your life bears this evidence, there will be a proper binding off of the work that has been begun. But you need to make a different showing in spiritual things. I entreat you, for your soul's sake, to heed the invitation to the marriage supper of the Lamb. If you should come to this supper as you now are, the question would be asked you, "Friend, how camest thou in hither, not having on the wedding garment?" [*Matthew 22:12.*] I want you to put on the white robe of Christ's righteousness. At present, you have it not on. *18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 7*

Your devisings and your plans need to be closely criticized, not passed over as something that no one has a right to mention. I ask you in the name of the Lord to give more earnest consideration to your eternal interests. I long to see you standing and working just

where God desires you to stand and work, having on the whole armor of righteousness. God will work with you if you will work with Him. But He will not endorse the plans by which your work is at present framed and according to which you wish to carry it forward in the future. *18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 8*

My heart aches because, on account of the words of encouragement spoken to you at the time of the Conference of 1901, you have taken a position that has dishonored your Redeemer. You have continued to try to bind our medical institutions in a confederacy, according to your way, notwithstanding the many warnings given you that this should not be done. Who authorized you to lay these plans, to try in one way, and then in another way, and then in still another way, to bring about this confederacy? The sanitariums established are not yours; they are the Lord's, and yet you desire to bring them under your control. *18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 9*

Dr. Kellogg, you have woven so much of yourself into some lines of the medical missionary work that it is sick and needs the care of the great Physician. Could you see yourself as the Lord sees you, you would see that self-denial and genuine humility are the first requisites for the success of your work. All this has been presented before you in clear, decided lines, and just as decidedly and clearly you need to understand that you are to follow where Christ leads the way. *18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 10*

God has sent you the warning that you need a better righteousness than your own standard of principle. I speak to you as one who is deeply in earnest. Rest not; let not this time pass by without taking the steps that you need to take in returning to the Lord with all your heart. You need not be deceived. Do not confer with yourself, but for Christ's sake heed the warnings that have been given you. The Lord calls upon those who name His name to give Him all that there is of them. *18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 11*

Deal practically with yourself. Become conscious of your inability to fathom God. In deep humility and with a contrite heart work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. God is in earnest with you. *18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 12*

The real end of the gospel is to develop in human beings supreme, sanctified love for God and unselfish love for one another. This love is not a fitful impulse; it is not merely the exercise of benevolence, of philanthropy; it is the fruit of a heart purified from all defilement. *18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 13*

The gospel was made known by God to raise human beings from sin to righteousness. He who receives the gospel constantly reaches out for the divine, perseveringly taking hold of the strength of the Saviour. His heart is an abiding place for the Holy Spirit. Day by day he shows forth the praises of Him who has called him out of darkness into His marvelous light. *18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 14*

Does not this help you to see the full significance of being a gospel medical missionary? Every one who bears the name of medical missionary is to work as Christ worked. The love of Christ in his heart is to make him an example to others. He is to serve the Lord with all humility of mind, doing his appointed work, to accomplish not his own ends, but God's purposes. *18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 15*

God's sons and daughters will find their highest joy in service. "I am among you as one that serveth," Christ said. [*Luke 22:27.*] Christians are to give those with whom they are brought in contact a correct conception of His love, His kindness, His self-denial, and the greatness of His mission. *18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 16*

We are never called upon to make any real sacrifice for God. There are many things that He asks us to yield to Him, but in doing this, we are but giving up that which He sees is hindering us in the heavenward way. He asks us to lay down our worries in order to receive something very much better. Even when we are called upon to surrender those things which in themselves are good, we may be sure that thus God is working out for us some higher good. "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." [*2 Corinthians 4:17, 18.*] *18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 17*

I wish you could see how many things are grasped by the human



mind that are not of the least advantage. We should bring to the foundation only that which is represented by gold, silver, and precious stones. But many bring worthless material, which, because it is not of the least value, must at last be consumed. Men and women spend time and money and strength in bringing to the foundation this worthless material, holding it fast, as if they feared they might lose it. But in the fires of the last day it will be consumed, and if they themselves are saved, it will be “as by fire.” [1 *Corinthians 3:15.*] How foolish is their wisdom! How useless their struggle to hold fast that which is worthless! How much wiser to have let it go and put their capabilities to a higher, nobler use, grasping fewer responsibilities and taking time to prove themselves, to weigh their motives, to see whether they are indeed in possession of the love of God. *18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 18*

It may be that the one who has spent his life in bringing to the foundation this worthless material will lose his life. In pressing on in his own way, obeying his own will, he did not see that he was losing eternity out of his reckoning. *18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 19*

The Lord wants human beings to take time to rest, time to think of and appreciate heavenly things. Those who do not value the things of heaven sufficiently to give time to them will at last lose all. *18LtMs, Lt 181, 1903, par. 20*

**Lt 182, 1903**

Belden, F. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 13, 1903

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F. E. Belden

My dear nephew,—

I am sending you a copy of a letter I wrote last March, but which was not sent. *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 1*

I am well aware of the conditions existing in both the Review and Herald Publishing Company and the Sanitarium. I have received instruction as to why these large buildings were destroyed by fire. I am sure that unless the management of these institutions is conducted more after God’s order, there will be further revelations of God’s displeasure. I have one more testimony for the Sanitarium that I thought had been sent. But unless the Lord gives me a decided message, I shall have nothing further to say to those connected with these institutions. *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 2*

The Lord has condemned many things in connection with the Sanitarium and the Review and Herald. I have been given most decided testimonies for both these institutions, and I have been distressed because they seem to have accomplished so little. Those to whom they have been sent do not believe the messages. They do not see the need of the reformations for which God calls. If men had their way, they would pervert the meaning of the destruction of these institutions. But it will be best for all to heed the words of God. He will not change in order to come into harmony with the opinions of men. *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 3*

There may seem to be just as much evidence as has ever been seen of the prosperity of the Sanitarium in Battle Creek. But even though thousands of people should patronize the institution, and

though some should be converted, this would be no evidence that the will of the Lord has been done in its re-establishment in that place. Worldly patronage will not make the institution a success. *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 4*

“Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaves, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with the old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”  
[1 Corinthians 5:6-8.] *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 5*

There are many who might do much good if self were not interwoven with their work. We are painfully shocked as we see a world lying in wickedness. If those to whom God has entrusted precious talents had been true to Him, if they had allowed self to be hid with Christ in God, there would now be memorials in every city in America. And the Southern field would have received its proportion of means and laborers. *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 6*

The unwillingness to make restitution for the robbery of the past years, and to redeem the time, or to reveal the evidences of a new heart, places many of our brethren where their work is not acceptable to God. The work of repentance and conversion of heart and mind has not been effected. God's perfect will has not been met in their lives. *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 7*

In my diary, I have a written history of the work of unconsecrated minds in the Review and Herald office. I know of the wicked course pursued in suppressing *Patriarchs and Prophets* and *Great Controversy*, at the time when these books should have been widely circulated, and putting *Bible Readings* into the field. In this transaction the pattern of self was drawn by the men who had control of this work. I am authorized to say that if *Great Controversy* and *Patriarchs and Prophets* had been circulated as widely as *Bible Readings* was circulated, so many people would not have taken their stand on the wrong side of the Sunday question at the time when this question was agitated. *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 8*

The books that should have been circulated at that time were

withheld from the canvassers. Had right steps been taken, the canvassing work would have occupied a place of honor. But the large profit from the sale of this cheap book so inflated the canvassers and the managers of the Review and Herald that they lost their spiritual perception and were unable to reason from cause to effect. For every dollar that was taken in by selfish scheming, there has now been a loss of many dollars.*18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 9*

For the evil course taken in suppressing the sale of these books that should have been put into wide circulation, you and Captain Eldridge must largely answer.*18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 10*

Your voice was first in advocating the proposition to pay higher wages to the workers in the Review and Herald office. This suggestion should never have seen the light of day.*18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 11*

These two evils—the perversion of the canvassing work, and the increase of wages—were an evil leaven that leavened the whole lump. Elder Olsen did not stand stiffly for the truth, refusing to receive the evil leaven.*18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 12*

Notwithstanding the many testimonies sent to the leaders of the General Conference and of the Review and Herald, no reforms were seen among them. Wickedness and unfair dealing were still carried on. I am instructed to tell you that you became so puffed up and leavened with malice that you lost your spirituality. The difficulties you created have not yet been remedied. I was instructed that many of the plans you devised for making money from the authors of books would come upon your own head. You are now reaping what you have sown.*18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 13*

I have read your letter carefully, and I believe that what you state is all true. But I have no heart to write concerning the conditions now existing in the Review and Herald office; for I would be obliged to show how the present state of things came about. You yourself brought in much of the evil leaven that has leavened the lump.*18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 14*

I have had a picture presented to me of the council meetings that

you and others held in connection with the Review and Herald. I heard your voice in loud tones denouncing and even sneering at others. The Spirit of God was not allowed to work in these councils. The Lord was not invited to be present. The managers felt no need for the testimonies that He was sending them.*18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 15*

When the circulation of my books was hindered by the managers of Review and Herald, the Lord instructed me to take from them all the work on my books and to supervise their publication myself. But I feared that should I do this, it would arouse a strong spirit of antagonism toward me on the part of the managers of the Review and Herald. I have since been shown that had I done this, the true state of affairs would have been brought before our people, and there would have been a different showing during the past few years. The power that was vested with you and A. R. Henry and Captain Eldridge would have been removed.*18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 16*

I must now do that which I should have done then. I am called upon to bring before our people the reasons of the destruction of the Review and Herald building. This history will involve you, with others. I have long kept quiet, but I must now present the fact that the testimonies the Lord has sent to you and to others have been regarded as idle tales. I must be true to my duty.*18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 17*

God did not endorse the expenditure of the money in the Colorado Sanitarium when this money was sorely needed by the workers in Australia. This money was not invested where it should have been.*18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 18*

Of what use is it to trace this matter further? The policy of oppression that you helped to inaugurate has at last affected your own case.*18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 19*

The part you have acted has grieved me sorely. "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" [*Matthew 16:26.*] I must tell you that unless you are reconverted, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Your self-esteem is abhorrent to God. Until

you can put away your self-esteem, and realize that you are but a child in genuine experience, you cannot be entrusted with the work of God. If you ever enter the kingdom of heaven, it must be as a little child. *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 20*

When you see yourself as you are, when you are ready to accept the estimate that Christ puts upon your character, you will believe His words, "Without Me, ye can do nothing;" you will realize that your great swelling words of vanity have been out of place. [*John 15:5.*] Unless in past years you have exerted a Christian influence, and have let your light shine forth in good works, you have nothing whereof to boast. *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 21*

Christ is the vine; His disciples are the branches. Believers are members of His body, living stones in His holy temple that is being built for the habitation of God. To every stone its place is appointed. *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 22*

We are called to co-operate with Christ, not to work independently. Such a thing as spiritual selfishness is not mentioned in the Word of God. A selfish, authoritative spirit is not actuated by Christ. Nothing less than a full acceptance of the Son of God as your personal Saviour will give you an honorable place with Him in His kingdom. "He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son hath not life." [*1 John 5:12.*] *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 23*

I would not seek to discourage you in putting forth efforts for good, but I must tell you that you have done more harm than you can realize by finding fault with and criticizing others. Your talents may be of use somewhere if you repent. But I am very sad as I think of your past history. You have capabilities, but your self-esteem leads you to swell to such proportions that, unless you change, you cannot fit into any place in the Lord's work. I have an interest in you that you may humble yourself, wear the yoke of Christ, and learn His meekness and lowliness of heart. *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 24*

God has not given to you the work of uprooting the tares. Your own life has been a sad mistake. It is not your place to stand as a director of others. In your natural temperament, you have traits of character that do not fit you to be a vessel unto honor. When you learn of Jesus, you will represent Him in character. *18LtMs, Lt 182,*

1903, par. 25

At one time I desired you to connect with me in my work. You yourself chose not to do so. And since I have seen the manifestation of your spirit of superiority and your lack of humility, as shown by your various devisings, I have been glad that you were not connected with me. *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 26*

Unless you are begotten by the Word of truth to be conformed to the image of Christ, you will never see heaven. But there is hope for you. "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Christ Jesus our Lord." [*Romans 5:20, 21.*] "The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men." [*Titus 2:11.*] By virtue of His death, the Lamb of God taketh away the sin of the world. *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 27*

I am sorry for Captain Eldridge. He was worked by others. It would have been much better for him if he had not been connected with you. Your influence has done more to make him what he is than has the influence of any one else. If you can find him now, seek to remove every stumbling block you have placed in his way. Tell him that you have hurt his soul by your unchristlike deportment. My heart greatly longs for you. I cannot endure the thought that you will continue to criticize others, while you neglect to criticize yourself. Begin this work at once. Make thorough work for eternity. As you behold Christ, you will have new views of your defective character and will be led to seek God with all your heart. *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 28*

I beg of you for your soul's sake, "Seek the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near." [*Isaiah 55:6.*] Ask Him to take away your sins. *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 29*

"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." [*Acts 3:19, 20.*] His grace will be imparted to every one that repents. I will stop here, and may the Lord bless you, is my prayer. *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 30*

In earnest love for your soul, *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 31*

Your aunt. *18LtMs, Lt 182, 1903, par. 32*



**Lt 183, 1903**

Waggoner, J. H.; Jones, C. H.

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**Lt 184, 1903**

Harper, Walter

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 28, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Walter Harper, Evangelist

Dear Brother Harper,—

I received your recent letter and am pleased to hear of your success.*18LtMs, Lt 184, 1903, par. 1*

I am carrying very heavy burdens, but the Burden-bearer is close at hand. I lay by burdens upon the dear Saviour. Of late, I have been very, very busy writing. Last Tuesday morning, many things were presented to me. I am trying to write them out as fast as possible. I will send you copies of some things I have written when they are ready. Please keep me informed as to where to address you.*18LtMs, Lt 184, 1903, par. 2*

I wrote recently to Sister Stickney and her daughter, asking them to lend me some money, but they replied that they could not do so.*18LtMs, Lt 184, 1903, par. 3*

A few days ago, I drove over to Healdsburg and stayed five days. The journey seemed to do me much good. We had some interesting meetings there.*18LtMs, Lt 184, 1903, par. 4*

We receive excellent reports of the success of our brethren in finding suitable locations and buildings for our work in Washington, D.C. The Lord is good. He has certainly gone before us in our endeavor to establish the work in that important city. He has opened the way for our brethren to secure a fine church building at a very low price. This church is not yet fully paid for, but we hope it will be before this year closes.*18LtMs, Lt 184, 1903, par. 5*

We have also secured a place for the establishment of our printing office. This property includes fifty acres of land and was at one time purchased for sixty thousand dollars. Since that time much of the land has been cleared and improved. The man who bought the property moved away, and the place was sold for sixteen thousand dollars, to pay the mortgage on it. Our brethren have now secured the place for six thousand dollars. A stream of water fed by a living spring runs through the land. This would furnish sufficient water for a sanitarium. This stream alone is said to be worth the price our brethren have had to pay for the whole property. *18LtMs, Lt 184, 1903, par. 6*

I thank the Lord for His evident leading in these important moves. Our people have been treated with the greatest courtesy by every one with whom they have had any dealings in Washington. The warnings for this time will now be given in the capital city of the nation. I was pleased to see that the latest issue of the *Review* bore the imprint of Washington, D.C. *18LtMs, Lt 184, 1903, par. 7*

It seems strange to me that in the past our work has not been better represented at Washington. I am now anxious to see a sanitarium established in that place. Fourteen years ago I thought our people would erect a sanitarium in Washington, but this has not yet been done. A medical institution at that place would greatly help to open the way for the truth to be presented. *18LtMs, Lt 184, 1903, par. 8*

I am thankful that you are having such good success in selling our publications. I hope and pray that the Lord will be near to help you in your labors. I need not tell you to sell all the books you can; I believe you will do your best. You know not how many souls will be blessed, enlightened, and saved unto eternal life by reading the books you sell. Even the book *Breakfast, Dinner, and Supper* may be a help to some. Be of good courage in the Lord. *18LtMs, Lt 184, 1903, par. 9*

**Lt 185, 1903**

Haskell, Brother and Sister [S. N.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 17, 1903

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Dear Brother and Sister Haskell,—

I received a letter from Sister Haskell last Friday. Our mail comes at noon; and while the family are eating dinner, either Sara or I usually read to them the letters and some items from the papers. Today noon we received Elder Haskell's letter, which we read to the family. *18LtMs, Lt 185, 1903, par. 1*

I thank you both for writing. I have had much writing to do of late. And, as I consider the matter, I realize that it is a very, very long “of late.” I feel deeply interested in your work in New York City and have often desired that it were possible for me to step before your assemblies and bear my testimony. *18LtMs, Lt 185, 1903, par. 2*

The Lord is good and greatly to be praised. Let us learn to praise Him with our voices and to realize that at all times we are in excellent companionship—even with God and with His Son Jesus. We are a spectacle to the unfallen worlds, to angels, and to our fellow men. A realization of this will lead us to go forth as the Lord may direct, with a firm, well-garrisoned heart. *18LtMs, Lt 185, 1903, par. 3*

Let us watch unto prayer. This will help us to realize that we are to be under the control of Christ, our divine Leader. He endows us with steadiness of purpose, with subdued, Christlike impulses, and with sound judgment, enabling us to think soberly, and yet kindly. Time is altogether too short for us to make ourselves unhappy. We will, my dear brother and sister, cherish the spirit of happiness,

because we know that we have a Saviour who loves us and who will bless us if we will welcome His presence into our hearts. *18LtMs, Lt 185, 1903, par. 4*

We cannot afford to use the talent of speech in a way that will not benefit any one. The Word of God regulates the source of our feelings and actions toward one another; the state of the heart regulates the principles of the inner life. Pure, unadulterated principles will prompt right words and acts. Our talents must increase, else they will diminish. *18LtMs, Lt 185, 1903, par. 5*

We are to be Christ's little children, learning of Him. We are fully to believe and practice the truth we profess—that the end of all things is now at hand. Every moment we must be prepared to witness the unfolding of wonderful events. Daily we should reconsecrate our lives to the Lord's service and open the door of the heart to welcome the heavenly Guest and to receive of His love. *18LtMs, Lt 185, 1903, par. 6*

In the night season I have been praying much for a greater realization of my Saviour's love. Although I never lose His love from my heart, nevertheless I greatly desire that it shall increase more and more, until it can be said, "Ye are complete in Him." [*Colossians 2:10.*] *18LtMs, Lt 185, 1903, par. 7*

Let us always speak cheerful words, never allowing one wrathful word to fall from our lips; for such a word may hurt some poor soul struggling for the vital atmosphere of heaven. Let us be of good courage in the Lord. Every follower of Christ should express thanksgiving to Him who hath bought us with the price of His own blood. *18LtMs, Lt 185, 1903, par. 8*

My dear Brother and Sister Haskell, I wish you to consider that we shall sometimes have discouragements that seem to crush the soul; but the Lord Jesus will keep us close unto Himself. I trust that you and I, in our old age, will bring into our lives all the hopefulness and courage and faith that we possibly can. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." [*Hebrews 11:1.*] It is our privilege to have the inward communion of the Holy Spirit of God. We may have divine protection, divine favor, and even a heavenly joyfulness. *18LtMs, Lt 185, 1903, par. 9*

There is much that I wish to write, but on account of the shortness of time I shall be unable to write more at present. I will try to write to you again soon. I have thought that I must tell you that it is your privilege to have a lively hope of the inheritance—incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away—reserved in heaven for all the faithful who at last shall receive in reality their eternal life insurance policy. “Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: ... for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” [2 Peter 1:10, 11.] Then let us have courage in the Lord, and trust fully in our Saviour unto the end.*18LtMs, Lt 185, 1903, par. 10*

In much love.*18LtMs, Lt 185, 1903, par. 11*

**Lt 186, 1903**

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Elder W. C. White

My dear Son,—

This morning we received the Australian mail. The Echo office sent me a draft for about five hundred dollars, royalty from book sales. This money comes at a time when we greatly need it; for we have been somewhat troubled and did not know just what to do in order to secure some means. This that has come can be divided among the workers; and we will make it go as far as possible. I thought I would let all have a portion. I hope that more will come in ere long. I do not intend, however, to worry over money matters. *18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 1*

Early tomorrow morning I expect to start for Healdsburg. The brethren there have sent for me. I hope to have an interview with Brother A. T. Jones while I am in Healdsburg. I do not think that he is the man who should be chosen to teach students. Those who educate our youth need a mold of character different from that which he possesses. Our teachers should be men whose qualifications peculiarly fit them for such work. I am very sorry that Brother Jones has accepted the position of president of the school to be opened in Battle Creek. He needs to place himself more fully under the refining influence of the Spirit of Christ. He needs to weigh matters more carefully and to study from cause to effect. Every believer is now in need of being sanctified wholly—body, soul, and spirit. *18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 2*

The ministerial evangelist who engages in the canvassing work is performing a service fully as important as that of preaching the gospel before a congregation Sabbath after Sabbath. God looks upon the faithful evangelistic canvasser with as much approval as He looks upon any faithful minister. Both workers have light, and both are to shine in their respective spheres of influence. God calls upon every man to co-operate with the great Medical Missionary Worker and to go forth into the highways and byways. Each man, in his particular line of service, has a work to do for God. Such laborers, if converted, are true missionaries. *18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 3*

Missionaries are needed in workshops. As they toil, they may realize that they are representing Christ and His mission on this earth. In every phase of physical labor God requires His agencies in missionary lines of effort to speak a word at the right time, to caution, to warn, to learn how to adapt themselves to the situation in which they find themselves, and in every respect to be representatives of Christ's great medical missionary work. *18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 4*

When Christ was living on this earth, how surprised would have been His associates, if, after becoming acquainted with Him, they had heard Him utter one word of impatience, one word of accusation or of faultfinding! He expects those who love Him and believe in Him to represent Him in character. *18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 5*

Although a man may be able to educate others to act as they should, yet if he does not glorify God himself with his lips, he had better first reveal in word and deed that he has received power to become a child of God, an heir of the kingdom, before attempting to teach others. After receiving his life insurance papers as a member of the elect of God, his great desire henceforth will be to reveal Christ's presence to his fellow men in missionary fields. *18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 6*

Only those whose hearts are filled with the love of God, and who reveal that Christ has given them His grace to adorn their officework as missionaries for Him, should make application to engage in



medical missionary work. Those who take up this line of missionary effort should look upon their work as a high and holy calling. This work is committed to them as a sacred trust; and wherever they may be, the Lord expects them to reveal the excellency of their mission. *18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 7*

Never are medical missionaries to falsify or to make untrue statements in order to bring about certain ends and to accomplish certain purposes; for to every one who stoops to engage in such a work, God, who reads the heart, will say: "I know his works. His good deeds do not excuse his sinful works." "I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars; and hast borne, and hast patience, and for My name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen [a sad, moral fall], and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." [*Revelation 2:2-5.*] *18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 8*

Will those who have fallen repent? Some will, and some will not. I have felt very sad when I have heard men who have stood as educators and as guardians of sacred trusts, but who, while others were confessing wrongs, have said, "I mean to change my course, but I will not confess; for to confess would bring me into disgrace." And this excuse is made by some whose wrong actions have resulted in terrible injury to the cause of God. They declare that they will never confess. A day is coming when they will make a confession of their evil deeds; but it will be too late then to help matters. Every such an one will lose his own soul, and cause many others to lose their souls, because of his efforts to avoid being known as one who has confessed his sins. On account of his selfishness and pride, he will not yield and humble himself and repent. True repentance embraces much. Without humility, confession is worthless. *18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 9*

In the *third of Revelation* is brought to view a most earnest work that must be done: "Unto the angel of the church in Sardis write;

These things saith He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, (and known the truth), and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.” [Verses 1-3.] *18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 10*

Let not those whose characters are defective, those who have known the truth, refuse to humble their proud hearts. Even though they may be standing in positions of responsibility, let them repent. The Lord will surely remove His protection from those who dishonor Him. There will come a time when they will pass the boundary line, and then the Lord will reveal that He knows all about the evil works so dishonoring to His name. He is ashamed of him who, instead of repenting, climbs upon the judgment seat and threatens to coerce his brethren; He is ashamed of him who, refusing to make crooked things straight, hurts his brethren. The candlestick is removed out of his place. The Lord Jesus, who has been so merciful toward him and has done so much for him, is dishonored; for in the estimation of such a man no distinction is made between the righteousness of the righteous and the wickedness of the wicked. *18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 11*

Those who act as sinners will be punished as such, unless they repent. *18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 12*

“Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.” Then follow the impressive words, “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [Verses 4-6.] *18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 13*

Let all give careful attention to this instruction. Let those who have a name that they live, but who are dead, heed these words of mercy

and encouragement and warning. “Be watchful,” ye stewards who have thought it your privilege to ascend to the highest places, “and do thy first works.” “Strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.” [*Revelation 2:5; 3:2.*]18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 14

The Messenger of heaven gives this warning. It comes not from human lips, but from the lips of One who cannot be “inspired” by any human influence. The whole of the *third chapter of Revelation* is penned by the inspiration of the Spirit of God. Let us “hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [*Verse 6.*]18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 15

“To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept My word, and hast not denied My name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [*Verses 7-13.*]18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 16

Following this message to the church in Philadelphia is the warning to the Laodicean church. And who can question its application?18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 17

“Unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot:

I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth.” [Verses 14-16.] This is a most appropriate representation of the state of those who have once known and loved the truth. “Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.” [Verses 17, 18.] *18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 18*

In this Scripture is portrayed the entire history of a church fully satisfied with its spiritual condition, but under a terrible deception. “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.” [Verse 19.] These are not words concerning which some human being can say, “Somebody has informed the human agent.” The Lord, the true Witness, speaks, and He will vindicate His word to the letter. Shall we not unitedly engage in the work of searching diligently for the prevarications and subterfuges and other evil works that God hates? Let us make most careful search; for it is a terrible thing for the very ones whom the Lord has loved and co-operated with, to be spued out of His mouth. *18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 19*

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.” Again is given the admonition: “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [Verses 20-22.] In the very last days of this earth’s history a revelation is given to the church. God will not leave any one without an opportunity to hear, if he will, “what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” *18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 20*

Many souls have closed their hearts to light and warnings. I am now instructed to call attention to the message that Christ has borne to the churches. A crisis has come, and the call that comes to us is inspired by no human messenger. God’s words are presented, in

order that no man shall dare to claim, “I inspired this message that has been given.” God gives a warning that all will soon, very soon, wish they had heard with a determined purpose to understand and to heed. What excuse can any one frame for not hearing what the Holy Spirit saith unto the churches?*18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 21*

Again I call attention to the words: “Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down from heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [*Verses 9-13.*]*18LtMs, Lt 186, 1903, par. 22*

## Lt 187, 1903

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Dear son Willie,—

I am trying to keep up good courage in the Lord. I am beginning to feel sorry that I have not visited Healdsburg before this time. I would go today, if I were prepared for the journey. I must look to the Lord every moment. His hand will I hold by faith and will not let go. *18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 1*

I am unable to sleep after two o'clock. Some things trouble me exceedingly, but I must not lay my burdens upon any other soul. When I think of the spiritual blindness of many who profess to believe the truth, my heart is made very sad. Many cannot see afar off and have forgotten that they were purged from their old sins. How can it be possible for them to forget and to go back to their old practices wherein they stood condemned before God? How can they afford to go upon the enemy's ground, where they are subject to his temptations? *18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 2*

In every city, and in all parts of the world, we hear of “reforms, reforms.” But what are the world's reforms? Men seek to bear rule over their fellow men, and the results show that these so-called reforms are instigated by a power from beneath. An intense desire to rule has been taking possession of men's minds. And the rulers themselves are controlled by the prince of the power of the air. *18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 3*

I am troubled in regard to the publishing work. I ask if the same men Brethren Evans and Rhodes, who have occupied responsible

positions in the office of publication at Battle Creek, are to be leaders in the publishing work in Washington. In the past, Brother Sisley, with his strong spirit, too often stood on the negative side. He has done many strange things, and his course has been an education to others in the office who were carrying responsibilities. Had he been thoroughly under the guidance of the Lord, he might have exerted an influence that would have molded and fashioned others in accordance with the pure principles of Bible truth. But for many years he refused to yield himself to the will and way of God. The precious grace of Jesus Christ was not revealed through him. *18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 4*

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“If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye My joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. ... Wherefore, My beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in My presence only, but now much more in My absence, 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. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain.”  
*[Philippians 2:1-8, 12-16.]18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 5*

This is the best instruction that can be given at this time. Will our leading brethren earnestly take heed, and work to fulfil this instruction? It is so clear that there is no excuse for any one to walk

contrary to the will of God. Who is ready and willing thankfully to obey these words, which at this time are of such great importance to us?*18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 6*

Our people need to read and study the whole of this chapter—the *second chapter of Philippians*—and read also the *third chapter*. Let not the lessons of these chapters be disregarded.*18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 7*

“What things were gain to me,” Paul writes, “those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith; that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.” [*Verses 7-15.*]*18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 8*

These words came not from a human mind. They are truths that were declared in vision to the apostle Paul, to whom God gave many revelations. They are recorded for the benefit of all who desire to be sincere, earnest, whole-hearted Christians, obedient to all God’s requirements. They are the fundamental principles of the law that declares the whole duty of man.*18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 9*

Human beings are Christ’s property—the purchase of His blood. By creation and redemption they belong to Him; therefore He claims their undivided service. But many, unsanctified, unwilling to submit



to God, cherish evil hereditary and cultivated traits of character. So much of self and so little of Christ is cherished in the heart, that they do the will and works of the archdeceiver. They are not laborers together with God. They need to be converted. Those who would be teachers need first learn to do the will of God.*18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 10*

To every one who will serve Him, Christ has given his individual task. Each is to discharge with faithfulness the trust committed to him, and all are to help one another. Never are we to forget that as human beings we belong to a common brotherhood.*18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 11*

We are to strive daily through the grace of God to discharge every responsibility that rests upon us. We are to study the Word, that we may learn how best to honor and glorify God, who “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.*]*18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 12*

God would have the rulers of the nations know that He is the supreme Ruler. Those who preside over the affairs of nations should realize that there is a King of kings. The man who does not know God as his Father and Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of the infinite God cannot rule wisely. He who has been placed where he has authority over others should seek the Lord for wisdom, that he may govern wisely the subjects of God’s kingdom. An earthly ruler cannot exercise authority wisely or set an example that is safe to follow, unless he obtains wisdom from the God who is too wise to err and too good to do injustice to His human subjects.*18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 13*

In the law of the kingdom of the God who rules the sinless inhabitants of heaven are to be found the principles that should lie at the foundation of the laws of earthly governments. The laws of these governments should be in harmony with the law of Jehovah, the standard by which all created beings are to be judged. No man should be forced to act in harmony with human laws that are in direct opposition to the law that God has given.*18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 14*

The law of God, with its binding claims and its solemn injunctions, should be clearly and distinctly set forth, just as it is given in the decalogue. We should make efforts to call together large congregations to hear the words of the gospel minister. And those who preach the Word of the Lord should speak the truth. They should bring their hearers, as it were, to the foot of Sinai, to listen to the words spoken by God amidst scenes of awful grandeur. These words are as changeless and eternal as the throne of Jehovah.*18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 15*

Those who have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit will not fail to urge the claims of the law of God and to impress upon the rulers and the subjects of earthly nations the importance of obeying the commandments of God. Let all understand that they are working in harmony either with the Lord or with the great rebel, the enemy of God and man.*18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 16*

By the repetition of the solemn words spoken by the Monarch of the universe, and the presentation of His claims upon the human family, many will be impressed. While some will refuse to listen and will turn away, many will be aroused as the words of God are spoken through His appointed agencies. Sinners will tremble. Many will awake to a sense of their duty and will find from experience that “the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.” [*Psalms 19:7.*]*18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 17*

The rulers of the nations need to plant their feet upon the platform of eternal truth. They should not be allowed, because of ignorance, to build their houses on the sand. These men are not to be worshiped as gods. They are accountable to God for their course of action. To Him they must answer if they become a savor of death unto death to those who are under their jurisdiction.*18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 18*

As men are impressed with the importance of the law of God and the solemnity of the scenes connected with its proclamation, as in imagination they stand in the presence of God and His Son, they will say as did Moses, when he beheld the majesty of God and thought of the high and holy principles of the law and of his own impurity, “I exceedingly fear and quake.” [*Hebrews 12:21.*]*18LtMs,*

*Lt 187, 1903, par. 19*

Some may turn away, saying, "I am exceedingly afraid. Let not God speak to me any more." [See *Exodus 20:19*.] And when they are removed from the immediate glory of the mountain, they will begin to criticize the sternness of the requirements of the law. They will say, "Prophecy unto us smooth things. It fills us with terror to look at our lives in the light of that law." [See *Isaiah 30:10*.] *18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 20*

The sermon on the mount is an exposition of the law of God. We need to become more familiar with this Scripture. We need to study the following words: "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 5:17-20*.] *18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 21*

Here is the gospel message that is to be preached to the world. The grand result at which we are to aim is freedom from sin. Not one dishonest action, in kings or nobles, ministers or teachers, will be overlooked by the Lord. At Sinai God gave His people a solemn, sacred charge. It is of the utmost importance that we faithfully obey the law of God. *18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 22*

There are many who profess to be loyal and true to God. But how many of these are keeping every precept of the law of Jehovah? *18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 23*

I have a message for the presidents of our schools. Have you exalted the law of Christ's kingdom by giving to it willing obedience? If you are not of yourselves under the control of the Ruler of the universe, how can you obey His law, as required in His Word? We know that it is the determined purpose of some to be obedient to every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. Such men and

women will be given power of intellect to see the difference between righteousness and unrighteousness. They have the faith that works by love and purifies the soul, and they reveal God to the world. *18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 24*

To those in charge of our schools I would say, Are you making God and His law your delight? Are the principles that you follow sound and pure and unadulterated? Are you keeping yourselves, in the life-practice, under the control of God? Do you see the necessity of obeying Him in every particular? If you are tempted to appropriate the money coming into the school in ways that bring no special benefit to the school, your standard of principle needs to be carefully criticized, that the time may not come when you will have to be criticized and found wanting. Who is your bookkeeper? Who is your treasurer? Who is your business manager? Are they careful and competent? Look to this. It is possible for thousands of dollars to be misappropriated, apparently without any one's understanding how, and the school be losing continually. Those in charge may feel this keenly, supposing they have done their best. But why do debts accumulate? Let those in charge of a school find out each month the true financial standing of the school. *18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 25*

“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall”—not when you walk deliberately into the snare of the enemy, but when you fall unawares—“into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.” [*James 1:2-7.*]*18LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 26*

“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of

the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." [*Verses 19-27.*]18*LtMs, Lt 187, 1903, par. 27*

**Lt 188, 1903**

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Elder W. C. White

My dear Son,—

Last Tuesday I decided to go to Healdsburg. It was essential that I should do something to divert my mind from my writings for a short time. Early Wednesday morning we started on our journey across the hills. The day was a cool one, and we were not afflicted with heat. *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 1*

I spoke twice to the church school teachers and the students living in the Home, and once—on Sabbath—to the entire church. In my discourse to the church, I know that I gave them the word of the Lord. I brought before their minds the great necessity of obeying strictly God’s law. I dwelt upon the importance of this law and upon the fact that God expects Seventh-day Adventists, as a people, to make prominent the foundation of their hope—a hope based on implicit obedience to His law. I said much more and enjoyed special freedom. *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 2*

Sunday morning I met with the students in the Home during the morning-worship hour and prayed with them. There were only a few present. I spoke for a time and then read to them a portion of the pamphlet sent to me by Elder Daniells, in which is printed a full statement of the reasons for removing our general offices and papers to Washington. I had an interesting talk with the students in regard to these matters. *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 3*

After I had finished speaking to the students, we rode out into the

country a few miles to a redwood forest. Brother and Sister McClure, their son Rodney, and Brother and Sister Mills accompanied us. We had a pleasant time and returned in the evening. *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 4*

Sunday night I was in great distress of mind over the educational work. In many respects all our schools should be standing on a higher platform. I arose and dressed and wrote out some things. At twelve o'clock I retired again to rest, but for some time did not fall asleep. I awoke at four. During the night season many matters were resting on my mind. Monday morning we returned to St. Helena, reaching home in good condition. *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 5*

Monday night I retired early and awoke at one o'clock. I had, it seemed, been in council meetings. I felt like writing; but I said to myself, "I have asked the Lord to heal my eyes, and I must not get up. I must co-operate with God, and try to sleep, so as to rest my eyes. As a laborer together with God, I must try to answer my own prayers." I fell asleep and did not awaken until nearly five o'clock. But during the hours of the night my mind was deeply exercised. *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 6*

Today I am endeavoring to write out a part of the instruction I received last night in regard to God's law, the rule of man's conduct. Like golden threads, the exposition of the law runs through the fabric of the gospel. The blood of Christ is the sinner's only hope. Then how important it is that the law be magnified and glorified before all people! *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 7*

During the night season I was greatly perplexed. I wished to portray the responsibilities of the rulers of the nations and of those who are united with them. The Lord instructed me plainly how to do this. These men are the very ones who need most fully to realize their amenability to God's law and to obey all His requirements. *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 8*

I am instructed to point every one standing in a position of responsibility to the divine law as the basis of all right conduct. I am to begin by calling attention to the law given in Eden and to the reward of obedience and the penalty of disobedience. The transgression of our first parents, and the results, are to be plainly

brought out. As you know, the history of the fall has already been written out and published. *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 9*

In consequence of Adam's transgression, sin was introduced into the fair world that God had created, and men and women became more and still more bold in disobeying His law. The Lord looked down upon the impenitent world and decided that He must give transgressors an exhibition of His power. He caused Noah to know His purpose and instructed him to warn the people while he was building an ark in which the obedient could find shelter until God's indignation was overpast. For one hundred and twenty years Noah proclaimed the message of warning to the antediluvian world; but only a few repented. Some of the carpenters he employed in building the ark believed the message but died before the flood; others of Noah's converts backslid. The righteous on the earth were but few, and only eight lived to enter the ark. These were Noah and his family. *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 10*

The rebellious race were swept away by the flood. Death was their portion. By the fulfillment of the prophetic warning that all who would not keep the commandments of heaven should drink the waters of the flood, the truth of God's Word was exemplified. *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 11*

After the flood the people once more increased on the earth, and wickedness also increased. Idolatry became well-nigh universal, and the Lord finally left the hardened transgressors to follow their evil ways, while He chose Abraham, of the line of Shem, and made him the keeper of His law for future generations. To him the message came, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee." [*Genesis 12:1.*] And by faith Abraham obeyed. "He went out, not knowing whither he went." [*Hebrews 11:8.*] *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 12*

Abraham's seed multiplied, and at length Jacob and his sons and their families went down into Egypt. Here they and their descendants sojourned for many years, till at last the Lord called them out, to lead them into the land of Canaan. It was His purpose to make of this nation of slaves a people who would reveal His



character to the idolatrous nations of the world. Had they been obedient to His word, they would soon have entered the promised land. But they were disobedient and rebellious, and for forty years they journeyed in the wilderness. Only two of the adults who left Egypt entered Canaan. *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 13*

It was during the wilderness wandering of the Israelites that God gave them His law. He led them to Sinai and there, amidst scenes of awful grandeur, proclaimed the ten commandments. *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 14*

We may with profit study the record of the preparation made by the congregation of Israel for the hearing of the law. "In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount. And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine." [*Exodus 19:1-5.*] *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 15*

Who, then, is to be regarded as the Ruler of the nations?—The Lord God Omnipotent. All kings, all rulers, all nations, are His, under His rule and government. *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 16*

"And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him." [*Verse 7.*] *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 17*

What was the response of the congregation, numbering more than a million people? *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 18*

"And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord." [*Verse 8.*] *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 19*

Thus the children of Israel were denominated as a special people. By a most solemn covenant they were pledged to be true to God.*18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 20*

Then the people were bidden to prepare themselves to hear the law. On the morning of the third day the voice of God was heard. Speaking out of the thick darkness that enshrouded Him, as He stood upon the mount, surrounded by a retinue of angels, the Lord made known His law.*18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 21*

God accompanied the proclamation of His law with manifestations of His power and glory, that His people might be impressed with a profound veneration for the Author of the law, the Creator of heaven and earth. He would also show to all men the sacredness, the importance, and the permanence of His law.*18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 22*

The people of Israel were overwhelmed with terror. They shrank away from the mountain in fear and awe. The multitude cried out to Moses, "Speak thou with us, ... but let not God speak with us, lest we die." [*Exodus 20:19.*]*18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 23*

The minds of the people, blinded and debased by slavery, were not prepared to appreciate fully the far-reaching principles of God's ten precepts. That the obligations of the decalogue might be more fully understood and enforced, additional precepts were given, illustrating and applying the precepts of the ten commandments. Unlike the ten commandments, these were delivered privately to Moses, who was to communicate them to the people.*18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 24*

Upon descending from the mountain, Moses "came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the Lord hath said will we do. And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the Lord. And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. And he took the book of the

covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words.” [Exodus 24:3-8.]18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 25

Thus by a most solemn service the children of Israel were once more set apart as a peculiar people. The sprinkling of the blood represented the shedding of the blood of Jesus, by which human beings are cleansed from sin.18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 26

Once more the Lord has special words to speak to His people. In the *thirty-first chapter of Exodus* we read:18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 27

“The Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed. And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communicating with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.” [Verses 12-18.]18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 28

Many other things were presented to me. Scene after scene reaching down to the present time passed before me. The word spoken by God to Israel was verified. The people disobeyed, and only two of the adults who left Egypt entered Canaan. The rest died in the wilderness. Will not the Lord today vindicate His Word if the

leaders of His people depart from His commandments?*18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 29*

I was referred to the *fourth chapter of Deuteronomy*. The whole of this chapter is to be studied. In it we read:*18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 30*

“The Lord hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto Him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day. Furthermore the Lord was angry with me for your sakes, and sware that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance: but I must die in this land, I must not go over Jordan: but ye shall go over, and possess that good land. Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which He made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of anything, which the Lord thy God hath forbidden thee. For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God. ...*18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 31*

“When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto His voice, ... He will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which He sware unto them. For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from the one side of the heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it? Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard it, and live? Or hath God assayed to go and take Him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightest know that the Lord He is God; there is none else beside Him. Out of heaven He made thee to hear His voice, that He might instruct thee; and upon earth He showed thee His great fire; and thou heardest His words out of the midst of the fire.*18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 32*

“And because He loved thy fathers, therefore He chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in His sight with His mighty power out of Egypt; to drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord He is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath; there is none else. Thou shalt keep therefore His statutes, and His commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, forever.” [*Verses 20-24, 30-40.*] *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 33*

The *eighth* and *eleventh chapters of Deuteronomy* also mean much to us. The lessons that they contain are of the greatest importance and are given to us as verily as to the Israelites. In the eleventh chapter God says: *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 34*

“Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; a blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day; and a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.” [*Verses 26-28.*] *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 35*

I was instructed to dwell particularly upon the record of Moses' sin and its sad result. Of Moses God's Word declares, “Now the man Moses was very meek, above all men which were upon the face of the earth.” [*Numbers 12:3.*] Long had he borne with the rebellion and obstinacy of Israel. But at last his patience gave way. They were on the borders of the promised land. But before they entered Canaan, they must show that they believed God's promise. The supply of water ceased. Here was an opportunity for them to walk by faith instead of by sight. But they forgot the hand that for so many years had supplied their wants, and instead of turning to God for help, they murmured against Him. *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 36*

Their cries were directed against Moses and Aaron: “Why have ye brought up the congregation of the Lord into the wilderness that we and our cattle should die there? And wherefore have ye made us to

come up out of Egypt, to bring us unto this evil place? It is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink." [*Numbers 20:4, 5.*]18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 37

The two brothers went before the multitude. But instead of speaking to the rock, as God had directed, Moses smote the rock angrily, crying, "Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of the rock?" [*Verse 10.*]18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 38

Bitter and deeply humiliating was the judgment immediately pronounced. "The Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, saying, Because ye believed Me not, to sanctify Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them." [*Verse 12.*] With rebellious Israel they must die before crossing the Jordan.18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 39

From the experience of Moses the Lord would have His people learn that when they do that which gives prominence to self, His work is neglected, and He is dishonored. The Lord will work counter to those who work counter to Him. His name, and His alone, is to be magnified on the earth.18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 40

A very strange work has been done in our publishing houses. The presses have groaned forth their burden of false sentiments, and the Lord has been greatly displeased. For more than twenty years strange things have been coming in among us. Those who have become unfaithful, who have not exalted the principles of righteousness, need now to seek the Lord with deep humiliation of soul, and be converted, that God may heal their transgressions.18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 41

I was instructed to present the history of Moses' failure to enter Canaan to those in positions of responsibility in our schools, and especially to those acting as presidents of these institutions.18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 42

The one standing in such a position is to put his undivided interests into the work of making the school just what the Lord designed it to be. If he is ambitious to climb higher and still higher, if he gets above the real virtues of his work, and above its simplicity, and

disregards the holy principles of heaven, let him learn from the experience of Moses that the Lord will surely manifest His displeasure because of his failure to reach the standard set before him. *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 43*

Especially should the president of a school look carefully after the finances of the institution. He should understand bookkeeping. He is faithfully to report the use of all monies passing through his hands for the use of the school. The funds of the school are not to be overdrawn, but every effort is to be made to increase the usefulness of the school. *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 44*

I can go no further with this now; for I have written much today. In this letter I have given you a sketch only of what was presented to me. When this instruction was revealed to me, I stood on my feet and praised and glorified the God of Israel. I saw that the Lord's way must be strictly followed, though this way may not be in harmony with the ways of man. *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 45*

We all need to gain a much deeper experience in the things of God than we have gained. Self is to die, and Christ is to take possession of the soul temple. Physicians, ministers, and all others in responsible positions must learn the humility of Christ before He can be revealed in them. Too often self is so important an agency in the life of a man that the Lord is not able to mold and fashion him. Self rules on the right hand and on the left, and the man presses his way forward as he pleases. Christ says to self, Stand out of My path. Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. Then I can accept him as My disciple. In order to serve Me acceptably, he must do the work I have given him in harmony with My instructions. *18LtMs, Lt 188, 1903, par. 46*

## Lt 189, 1903

Griggs, F.

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Dear Brother Griggs,—

I have received your letter of August 18. Yesterday I sent you a telegram, in which I told you to publish in the *Review and Herald* the article you have written regarding the reopening of the Battle Creek College. I felt that I could not but consent to the publication of this article. The light given me by the Lord—that our youth should not collect in Battle Creek to receive their education—has in no particular been changed. The fact that the Sanitarium has been rebuilt in Battle Creek does not change the light. All that in the past made Battle Creek a place unsuitable for our youth exists today, so far as influence is concerned. *18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 1*

Word has come to me that letters have been sent out to our churches in the different states offering our youth special inducements to connect with the Battle Creek Sanitarium. The leading men in our conferences are requested to send their most promising young men and young women to the Battle Creek Sanitarium to be educated and trained as nurses. This is an effort to counterwork the counsel of the Lord. Those who present these inducements are walking contrary to the will of the Lord. *18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 2*

Had the Sanitarium been reestablished in accordance with the Lord’s design, it would not now be in Battle Creek. The Lord permitted the Sanitarium to be destroyed by fire, to take away the objection raised to moving out of Battle Creek. It was His design, not that one large building should be erected, but that plants should



be made in several places. These smaller sanitariums were to be established where they could have the benefit and advantage of land for agricultural purposes. It is God's plan that agriculture shall be carried on in connection with our sanitariums and schools. Our youth need the education to be gained from this line of work. It is well, and more than well—it is essential—that efforts be made to carry out the Lord's plan in this respect.*18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 3*

When the call came to move out of Battle Creek, the plea was made, "We are here, and all settled. It would be an impossibility to move without enormous expense."*18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 4*

The Lord permitted fire to consume the Sanitarium building and thus removed the greatest objection to fulfilling His purpose. Then a large building, different in design, but capable of accommodating as many patients, was erected on the same site as the old building. Since the opening of this institution, a very large number of people have come to it. Some of these are patients, but some are merely tourists. But the large numbers at the Sanitarium is no evidence that it is the will of God that such a condition of things should be. Our sanitariums were not designed to be boarding places for rich people of the world.*18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 5*

The care of the large number of guests at the Sanitarium requires a large number of youth, and those in charge of our churches are asked to send in to our sanitariums the names of the most promising young men and young women in the church, that these youth may be communicated with by the managers of the Sanitarium and invited to come to the Sanitarium to take the nurses' course.*18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 6*

I would say, Be careful what moves are made. It is not God's design that our youth should be called to Battle Creek. Calling them to this place, and associating them with worldly people of all grades, high and low, is like Lot's taking his family into Sodom.*18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 7*

The Lord said, It is for the interest of our youth to be educated in some place other than Battle Creek. He declared it to be His will for the Battle Creek College to be removed to some place in the country.*18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 8*

At this time there was a heavy burden of debt on our schools. I prayed that some way might be opened whereby these debts could be lifted. Christ heard my prayers, and the prayers of many others, and a way was opened. I was instructed to give the manuscript of the book *Christ's Object Lessons* to our schools. Our publishing houses were to share in the gift by giving the work of printing and binding the book, and our people were to sell it and give their time. *18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 9*

The Lord has blessed the effort put forth to relieve our schools from debt, and I am told that three hundred thousand dollars have been raised toward lifting the debt. While engaged in selling *Christ's Object Lessons*, students and church members have obtained an excellent experience. As they have taken up this work disinterestedly, great blessing has come to them. Many have gained a knowledge of how to handle our large books. The Lord Himself has co-operated in this work. *18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 10*

It was about the time the light was given regarding *Christ's Object Lessons* that the Lord instructed me that the college in Battle Creek should be removed from that place and established in some other place. There were too many interests in Battle Creek. Smaller schools were to be established in different places away from the cities. *18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 11*

The establishment of the school at Berrien Springs had the commendation of God. Those in charge of the school at that place have much to encourage them. *18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 12*

Shall we now let the enemy manage for us? Because the Sanitarium is where it should not be, shall the word of the Lord be of no account? Shall we allow the most intelligent of our youth in the churches throughout our conferences to be called to Battle Creek, to become servants to worldlings, to be spoiled and robbed of their simplicity by being brought in contact with men and women of all grades of society—men and women who have not the fear of God in their hearts? Such men and women will come in large numbers to the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and a large number of helpers will be needed. Shall those in charge of our conferences allow our youth who, in the schools away from Battle Creek, could be fitted up for

the Lord's work, to be drawn to Battle Creek, when for many years the Lord has been calling upon His people to move away from Battle Creek?*18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 13*

Human minds may not see the necessity for the call to families to leave Battle Creek and settle in places where they can do medical missionary evangelistic work. But the Lord has spoken. Shall we question His word?*18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 14*

Our youth are to be prepared to take charge of church schools, in which the children in our churches will be taught the first principles of education. This is a very nice work, demanding the highest ability and the most careful study. Our young men and young women should be preparing to advance this line of work. Then shall we allow our most promising youth to be called into a work that is not fulfilling the specifications of God?*18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 15*

### **The Family Firm**

The truth, in all its important bearings, needs to have a much deeper hold on parents than it has heretofore had. Parents are to work for their own children, helping them while they are still in the home to gain a fitness to work as missionaries for Christ when they leave the home. They are to be taught to be faithful in labor. They are to learn to relieve the weary mother, sharing her burdens. The older children may greatly assist her by helping to care for the little ones. And the younger ones may learn to perform many of the simple duties of the home.*18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 16*

Young men and young women should regard a training in the home duties as a most important part of their education. The family firm is a sacred social industry, in which each member is to act a part, each helping the other. The work of the household is to move smoothly, like the different parts of well-regulated machinery. The mother should be relieved of many burdens that the sons and daughters can take upon themselves.*18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 17*

How important that fathers and mothers should give their children, from their very babyhood, the right instruction! They are to teach them to obey the command, "Honour thy father and thy mother, that

thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.” [Exodus 20:11.] And the children, as they grow in years, are to appreciate the care that their parents have given them and should find their greatest pleasure in helping father and mother. *18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 18*

Fathers and mothers should do all in their power to carry forward the work of the home in right lines. The law of God, with its holy principles and solemn injunctions, is ever to bear rule. The principles of the Bible are to be taught and practiced. The parents are to teach their children lessons from the Bible, making them so simple that they can readily be understood. *18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 19*

The more closely the members of a family are united in their work in the home, the more uplifting and helpful will be the influence that father and mother and sons and daughters will exert outside the home. *18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 20*

It is a serious matter to send children away from home, thus depriving them of the care of their parents. It is of the greatest importance that church schools shall be established, wherever there are parents, to which the children can be sent and still be under the watchcare of their mothers, and still have opportunity to learn the lessons of helpfulness that it is God’s design they shall learn in the home. *18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 21*

In our larger schools provision should be made for the education of younger children. This line of work is to be managed wisely, in connection with the work of the more advanced students. The older students should be encouraged to take part in teaching the lower classes. *18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 22*

These things are not trifles, unworthy of our consideration. I wish to state especially that very much more can be done to save and educate the children of those who at present cannot get away from the cities. Church schools are to be established in these cities, and in connection with these schools provision is to be made for the teaching of higher studies, where these are called for. These schools can be managed in such a way, part joining to part, that they will be a complete whole. The Lord has His methods and His

plans. His wisdom is far-reaching. *18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 23*

### **Our Forces to be Scattered**

I am instructed to say to those professing to be medical missionary workers, Remember that the Lord has a very large vineyard, which He designs shall be cultivated. He saw that the Battle Creek Sanitarium was too large. The work was not being accomplished by physicians that God desired should be accomplished. There was not seen that unselfish purity of principle that marks true medical missionary work. Many things were done, many plans were made, by which the law of God was not honored. Plans were carried out and passed as medical missionary work that God refused to acknowledge—plans that greatly dishonored God. *18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 24*

The truth of God is to regulate the life. But this it cannot do if left in the outer court. An occasional Christianity, an occasional generosity, an occasional doing of good deeds is not the Christianity that will accomplish the work for which God calls. Truth planted in the heart brings man into harmony with God. *18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 25*

Letters of inquiry are coming to us, asking, “Has Sister White changed? Does she now favor the reestablishment of a College in Battle Creek?” In the past I have given the word of the Lord in regard to the removal of the school from Battle Creek, and I have not changed. If any one is determined to place himself in a position where he counterworks the work of God, we are to leave that one with the Lord. I am to have no controversy with him. But such a man must not be allowed to call the most promising young people away from positions that they can fill in the Lord’s work to a place from which the Lord has declared that His people are to move. *18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 26*

In connection with every one of our sanitariums there is to be provision for the training of the youth as medical missionaries, so that our young men and women need not go to Battle Creek to receive an education in these lines. It is the intelligent and promising youth who are called for to come to Battle Creek, and

these are the very ones that are needed in other places, in our schools, in our sanitariums. These young men and young women will be needed to do the work that must be done in different parts of the Lord's vineyard. There are many lines of work to be carried forward, and many laborers are needed. We need one hundred laborers where now there is but one. Our forces are not to be centered in one place. They are to be scattered throughout the field. Plants are to be made in all parts of the Lord's vineyard. We protest, in the name of the Lord God of Israel, against the calling of our youth into a place to which the Lord has declared they should not go. *18LtMs, Lt 189, 1903, par. 27*

**Lt 190, 1903**

Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 27, 1903

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Dear Brother Daniells,—

During the past few days I have been writing some things that were urged upon my mind. I have not had all the matter copied; but when it is copied, I will read it, and then I hope that other things will come to my mind to add to these manuscripts. *18LtMs, Lt 190, 1903, par. 1*

I cannot keep matters from coming before the people. I have not changed my mind at all. I have had some very plain talks with Elder A. T. Jones. I told him that I could not and would not consent to his coming to the Pacific Coast to present to the brethren and sisters here the situation at Battle Creek and to call upon them for gifts and pledges to meet the needs of the work there. As we consider the work that must be done in Washington City, and the varied lines of work that should be taken up in the Southern field and in the cities of our land, it is becoming more and more manifest that it is unwise to allow our conferences to be so stripped of means that they cannot assist in establishing memorials in fields where God has instructed us to do a special work. *18LtMs, Lt 190, 1903, par. 2*

In the places where labor is to be put forth, advantages should be provided for the training of men and women, as well as the youth, to work in the Master's vineyard. All that can possibly be done with native help in the Southern field should be done. A large amount of most hopeful evangelistic work can be carried on to good advantage, and thus much of the vineyard be worked, in order that fruit shall be borne. It is fruit that we want. Christ wants fruit to

satisfy His hunger. The leaves may appear ever so inviting, they are not satisfying. His divine soul hungers for fruit. *18LtMs, Lt 190, 1903, par. 3*

We have a work to do in securing the best talent and in placing these workers in positions where they can educate other workers. Then when our sanitariums call for physicians, we shall have young men who, through their experience gained by practical work, have become fitted to bear responsibilities. We have failed, decidedly failed, in allowing so much to be done in one place. Everything is not to be brought under the control of one institution. Such an effort, carried out, results in placing an open door of temptation before the man at the head of the principal institution. *18LtMs, Lt 190, 1903, par. 4*

Much more educational work needs to be done than has been done. The Berrien Springs School can do more and should have the best talent obtainable to carry on the work of training young men for the gospel ministry. Encourage those who are well balanced in mind to attend this school and to make an earnest effort to understand the truth, in order that they may impart it to others. *18LtMs, Lt 190, 1903, par. 5*

All who desire to enter the medical missionary work, and who are worthy, should be given an opportunity to learn. We could with profit drop much of the dispensary work that is done. Giving the common treatments to the sick will accomplish much more and will give opportunity to those who administer these hygienic treatments to labor with earnestness for the spiritual recovery of their patients. Let the hearts of all who are working along these lines be softened and subdued. Let the workers learn to consult the great Physician in prayer much more than they have done. Pray, watch, wait, believe. *18LtMs, Lt 190, 1903, par. 6*

In training workers to care for the sick, let the minds of the students be impressed with the thought that their highest aim should always be to look after the spiritual welfare of their patients. To this end they should learn to repeat the promises of God's Word and to offer fervent prayers, daily, while preparing for service. Let them realize that they are always to keep the sweetening, sanctifying influence



of the great Medical Missionary before their patients. If those who are suffering can be impressed with the fact that Christ is their sympathizing, compassionate Saviour, they will have rest of mind, which is so essential to recovery of health. *18LtMs, Lt 190, 1903, par. 7*

In new places where schools are being set in operation, arrange to have a treatment room or rooms connected with the school. Let this place be outside the main school building, so that the sick will be where it is quiet. Let those who are qualified to teach give lessons on treating the sick. Soon much permanent fruit will be gathered in physical improvement and in spiritual advancement, which, combined, will be of great advantage. *18LtMs, Lt 190, 1903, par. 8*

Over the medical missionary department, as well as over every other department of the school, there should be a head instructor to teach those under him. The beginning may be small. There may be only a very few patients; but as the head instructor gives treatments to these, quite a number of students can look on to see how he does this work, and they can help him in many ways. Thus they will learn to do this kind of work themselves. *18LtMs, Lt 190, 1903, par. 9*

We must certainly arouse from our passive position along these lines. Much may be learned by visiting the hospitals. In these hospitals not a few of our young people should be learning to be successful medical missionaries in caring for the sick intelligently. Observation, and the practice of that which has been learned, will result in consecrated youth's becoming active, efficient medical missionary workers. Many who could not otherwise secure a training in these lines of work can thus prepare themselves for usefulness. But the surgical work must be done by faithful, skilful physicians. *18LtMs, Lt 190, 1903, par. 10*

May God help us to develop plans so that our youth can become genuine medical missionaries. We cannot afford to allow our very best and most promising young men and young women to drift into Battle Creek, when we have before us the work of establishing a smaller medical institution near Washington at once. No time is to be lost. Call for the best talent, and make arrangements for

conducting a nurses' training school. All that can be done should be done to make a deep impression in favor of the truth for this time. Place at the head of this institution one who can be trusted. Obtain facilities for giving treatment, and secure God-fearing youth as your helpers<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 190, 1903, par. 11*

We have lost time; but the gospel medical missionary work will yet open the way for the conversion of souls. We need to encourage our young men and young women not merely to carry the *Life-Boat*, but publications on present truth, as they go out to distribute literature. We must take up the matters that will bring us to the attention of the public. We must help our young people to understand the important truths which make us a peculiar people, denominated by God. Those who work faithfully will gather most precious, enduring fruit.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 190, 1903, par. 12*

We should reveal to the world that we are not beggars; that we are glad to do medical missionary work without price for those who cannot pay. Here in California we shall need all the means that we can raise to open up various lines of work in this State. We must be ready to help the sick whenever and wherever they need help. Medical missionary work is to be bound up with the gospel ministry. Thus it was in Christ's day. It is His helping hand, in healing, that will make the deepest impression on the minds of the people to whom we desire to proclaim the third angel's message.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 190, 1903, par. 13*

**Lt 191, 1903**

Crothers, William

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 27, 1903

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Dear Brother Crothers,—

I received your letter two days ago, and I will write a few words to you in reply. *18LtMs, Lt 191, 1903, par. 1*

I feel very sorry over your affliction, and that your hopes are so often disappointed. I remember you in my prayers, and I believe that the Lord has His eye upon you. I thought you were at the Sanitarium here at St. Helena taking treatment. *18LtMs, Lt 191, 1903, par. 2*

I cannot properly advise you in regard to what you should do; for I have had no instruction from the Lord in regard to this matter. I hope that you will not become discouraged. I dare not advise you in any way, except that you are to commit the keeping of your soul and body unto your covenant-keeping God. Make Him your great Physician. Do not trust in human agencies, or make flesh your arm; but trust in the Lord, and pray to Him. Exercise faith for yourself, and allow no doubts to come into your mind. *18LtMs, Lt 191, 1903, par. 3*

The Lord Jesus healed the sick while He was upon the earth. Now, my brother, go right to the Lord, and ask Him to heal you, to save you, and to bless you, that you may do service for Him. Grasp His promises by the hand of faith, and draw, draw, day and night, upon His strength. *18LtMs, Lt 191, 1903, par. 4*

Ask the Lord to heal your digestive organs. Your stomach is enfeebled by mistreatment. Sometimes you have eaten largely;

sometimes your diet has been unwholesome. *18LtMs, Lt 191, 1903, par. 5*

I dare not advise you. The dear heavenly Father knows all that you suffer. Go to Him in full assurance of faith. Make every effort possible to lay hold of His promises. Believe, my soul says, believe. *18LtMs, Lt 191, 1903, par. 6*

You have my sympathy. I have presented your case before the Lord as one of His afflicted children who needs the divine, healing touch. O, cast your helpless soul upon the Lord! I will continue to pray for you. Your case seems inexplicable to me. I know that you have been a successful laborer, and that we need the help of those who have the talents you possess. *18LtMs, Lt 191, 1903, par. 7*

It seems to me that your proposition to go home to your mother is about the best thing you can do. I cannot now see any better way. And if you go home, keep your case before the Lord, plead His rich promises, and await "His pleasure, whatever it may be." Lay off all work for a time, and do not take upon yourself any care. I have done this in past years. But do not fail to keep your case before the Mighty Healer. *18LtMs, Lt 191, 1903, par. 8*

If the Lord gives me a message for you, I will withhold nothing. But He knows all about your feebleness, and He desires you to plead His promises. "Ask, and ye shall receive." [*John 16:24.*] Then ask, believe, and receive. Commit all to God, pray earnestly, believe, and receive. Expect His blessing. Believe, believe, and do not let go. Press your petitions to the throne of grace, and ask in faith, without wavering. Tell Him that you must have His blessing. *18LtMs, Lt 191, 1903, par. 9*

We will make your case a special subject of prayer. I have much writing to do. Constantly I am writing, writing. I have written twenty-eight pages today, and I must continue to write. *18LtMs, Lt 191, 1903, par. 10*

Be at peace with God. *18LtMs, Lt 191, 1903, par. 11*

**Lt 192, 1903**

Jones, A. T.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Elder A. T. Jones

Dear Brother,—

Since my last conversation with you, many things have been opened before me. Tuesday morning, scene after scene was presented to me portraying the condition of things from the destruction of Sodom to the close of this earth's history. So much was revealed to me that I can now write only jots and tittles of these things; but after I shall do this, the Holy Spirit will help me to present them more fully. I have several manuscripts already copied. But Maggie and Sara have accompanied Jessie to Oakland, and they will remain away one week. This deprivation of Maggie's help just now I shall feel indeed. *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 1*

Letters have come to me from several inquiring in regard to a college's being started again in Battle Creek. Dr. Kellogg has written to the leading men and the elders of churches in our various conferences, asking them to send him the names and addresses of the most promising young men and young women in their churches, with whom he expects to communicate, inviting them to come to Battle Creek to take the nurses' course or the medical course, and telling them of the advantages for special training that they will have there. *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 2*

The Lord has given me light in regard to this matter. He has instructed me to say that the most promising of our young people, who are desirous of engaging in medical missionary work, are

needed to assist us in opening the work without delay in Washington City and in the other cities of the land. We are to labor earnestly in these places. The money that is now being called for to use in building up the work at Battle Creek should be used in places where nothing has been done to establish memorials for God.*18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 3*

So many of our young people are not to be placed under Dr. Kellogg's influence. This has been decidedly presented to me. Institutions in other places are to give them a training that is all-sufficient to meet the Lord's requirements. God will give them capability and understanding.*18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 4*

Dr. Kellogg has a large number of worldly, tourist patients to look after, and he now desires to obtain the services of as many as possible of our brightest young men and young women. But these youth are needed to do a special work in places where as yet nothing has been done. I respond thus to the inquiries in regard to the letters that are being sent to all our churches, soliciting the names of our young people.*18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 5*

God has pointed out to us certain fields that must be worked. We need God-fearing youth for service in these fields. It is not wise to allow our young people to obtain their experience by connecting with an institution where there are from seven to nine hundred worldly patients. Many of these men and women who are patronizing the Battle Creek Sanitarium bring the evil angels with them into this institution. Dr. Kellogg cannot manage this multitude of worldlings; and the plan of introducing our very best young people into this institution, to care for and mingle with this class of patients, is one of Satan's most subtle snares.*18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 6*

Those who go to Battle Creek to act as helpers in the Sanitarium suppose that Dr. Kellogg is sound in the faith. So long has he walked apart from God, that he knows not that he has been walking and working after the counsel of one who worked in a deceptive manner in heaven until he was cast out. He who once was one of the covering cherubs refused to yield his will to God's will; and when he was compelled to leave the heavenly courts, his apostasy

had become so widespread that he took one-third of the heavenly family with him. *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 7*

In the Word we are warned against following a similar course. Concerning those who choose to follow their own will, Jude declares: "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. ... And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him. 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. *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 8*

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen." [*Jude 11, 14-25.*] *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 9*

Brother Jones, the Lord would have us reason from cause to effect. I wish to state that from the light given in the scenes presented before me, I know that men have been and will be seduced by the enemy's appearing to them as an angel of light. He will be accepted, because his flattery is pleasing to the ear. We need now to be on our guard, lest we be deluded by the speech of men who have been and are still under the deceptive influence of our unseen

foes, the powers of darkness. These men are warned and entreated by the Lord to walk in the light, yet they persistently follow their own course of action. Their hearts become assimilated to the methods of the archdeceiver, their lips speak deceitful words, and they have no power to flee from the enemy's snares. *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 10*

The pomposity that has been revealed in threatenings to appeal to "the law, the law," is offensive to God. How does He regard such exhibitions? Has any one who speaks thus been learning of the meek and lowly Jesus?—No; the mind and heart and soul remain unchanged. *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 11*

We cannot be doing the will of God, if, knowing these things, we allow innocent youth to suppose that these physicians are working under the leading of the Spirit of God, and that the Lord will vindicate their course as leaders. God does not work with them, neither will He work with any others who are not firm in the message for this time, which is to be brought before the people in distinct lines. *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 12*

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth." [*1 John 1:1-6.*] *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 13*

**Are not these words plain and distinct?**

"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,



and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.” [*Verses 7-10.*] *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 14*

Since God is light, we must walk in the light. God would have all His people stand on the high platform of eternal truth and, through faith, in union and communion with the Father and the Son. Then upon each mind will be distinctly impressed the sinfulness of a lack of unity. The Lord will unite with a united people to lead them by His Holy Spirit into all truth. There is unity with God the Father; there is unity with His Son Jesus; and the result is communion one with another, “that your joy may be full” through full fellowship with God and Christ. [*Verses 3, 4.*] God is light; His nature is light; in and through Him there is no darkness at all. Since He is light, we must walk in the light, and not in darkness. *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 15*

I write you these things, because those who are dealing with human minds are in great need of the Spirit of the heavenly Teacher. Darkness comes upon every man who does not open the windows of his soul heavenward to receive the rays of the Sun of righteousness. Light from heaven, clear and distinct, we need and must have, in order to live the truth and prepare for a home above. Only those who know and practice the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, and who constantly walk in the light of His countenance, are safe educators now. If sanctified through the truth, those who carry the last message of warning and mercy to a guilty world will act in accordance with the principles of truth. Knowing and obeying the truth, they cannot be otherwise than in fellowship one with another. Through confession and reformation they will remove everything that divides hearts. And He who forgives our sins cleanses us from all the rubbish that has been accumulating around us through human devising—rubbish that encouraged alienation and strife and that perpetuated difficulties because of our refusal to submit to Christ’s yoke. *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 16*

The soul needs cleansing. The love of the truth sanctifies the soul. Sanctification is not the work of a moment; it is the result of a yielding of the heart to Christ, an acceptance of the conditions of

salvation—a process that God will carry forward day by day, steadily, progressively, never ending, but ever blending heart with heart, soul with soul; a refining process going on day by day, in God’s own way, in doing His will, until all true believers are complete in Him. This is the work that is to be done by every believer. *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 17*

However strongly we may take the position that the medical missionary work should be bound up firmly with the gospel ministry, it seems that no change is wrought in Dr. Kellogg. We might as well refrain for a time from repeating this statement; for it seems that he will co-operate with the ministry only so long as every minister sustains him in his propositions and devisings. We are now to cease contending with one another. Decided efforts are now to be made by our ministers to carry on medical missionary work in connection with the gospel ministry, as Christ has instructed us to do. We are to go straight forward with the Lord’s work, no longer allowing ourselves to be handicapped or hindered by manmade plans, but placing the Lord’s work in right lines, along which it can advance with freedom. *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 18*

Unless Dr. Kellogg shall come to the feet of Jesus as a little child, and receive instruction from Him, there will be continual friction so long as we endeavor to co-operate with him. The Lord desires us to make decided movements to bind up the work in a straight, intelligent manner. We are no longer to permit ourselves to be distressingly hindered. God calls upon His gospel medical missionaries to break every yoke. They are to comply with the conditions that Christ has outlined. He invited those who are bearing heavy burdens to come to Him. “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.” [*Matthew 11:28, 29.*] We need not be hindered by binding contracts, or bonds, or lawyer-framed documents. Everything of this order is dishonoring to the One who owns us. “Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” [*1 Corinthians 6:20.*]*18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 19*

I am instructed to say, We are not to be drawn aside from our real

work. Evangelistic work and medical missionary work are to be cemented. Let every one consider that he has one Master, Christ Jesus, and that every man-made yoke is to be broken. My brother, my sister, God has appointed you to His service, and He sends you out to labor irrespective of written documents. Your Bible is your letter of recommendation; your own sanctified life is your influence. Bind yourself to no institution. For years I have been instructed that your teachers are not your owners. Enter into no written agreements by which you would bind yourselves and your services for years to any living man or set of men. *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 20*

When Christ said to the fishermen, Leave your nets, and follow Me, they left their nets, and followed Jesus. When He said to Matthew, "Follow Me," he arose from the seat of customs and followed Him. [*Matthew 4:18-20; 9:9.*] So long as men desire to be in a position where they can control other minds, they have yet to learn a new lesson. Let every one realize that he is bought with a price and cannot bind himself to any living human being for one or two years, or a greater or shorter period of time. *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 21*

If Christ appoints a man to a certain work, this is the work that he should do. But no one is to bind himself to do a work that another man shall appoint him to do; because the Lord may see that he is not fitted so well for this work as for some other work. He Himself will teach every man his work. Those who believe the truth will not be at a loss to understand what they should do. *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 22*

The use that is made of the talents given to each individual is a test by which character is measured. God deals personally with individuals. Every worker is His property, and the talents entrusted are to be used in the Lord's service, and are in no way to be diverted from the purpose God would have accomplished, to please any man. *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 23*

When we consider how much money has been misapplied in accordance with the counsel of unconsecrated men who profess to be in God's service, our hearts are filled with sadness, and at times are greatly pained, because these unwise investments have given

evidence that the wisdom of these men was not sanctified. The divine Master has entrusted His stewards with means, and He will require proper returns. He will scrutinize closely the improvement that has been made of every talent. The Master will call by name, one by one, all His stewards to whom He has entrusted talents. If a steward has followed his human judgment by using selfishly the Lord's talents, absorbing everything received, and not producing returns whereby facilities may be provided for advancing the Lord's work in the byways and the highways, he must give an account for his unfaithful stewardship. *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 24*

God designed that all parts of His vineyard should be worked and that no part should be left barren. Yet today there are fields lying within our reach that have received scarcely any labor and that are practically destitute of memorials. At the same time, special documents bearing the signature of men in leading positions of responsibility specify that none of the means earned in one institution shall go outside the State in which this institution is located, but that this means shall be used for improvements within the State! Thus facilities so greatly needed in the barren fields are kept in places where they are not needed. This is a yoke that man has placed upon his own neck, directly in opposition to God's arrangements. Here is where man has endeavored to place himself where God should be; and as the result, property is bound up in a certain location. Men have devised this restriction themselves, and they will have to answer to God for it at the time when every case shall stand as open as the day before the eyes of an all-seeing God. Then those whose senses are now blinded will discern the results of the ingenuity of human agencies in their effort to carry out their own will and way. God sees beneath the surface. *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 25*

We are trading on talents, God's talents, for time and for eternity. Christ has placed in the hands of men the wages of His own sufferings and the price of His own blood, to secure the true and the faithful in willing servitude and obedience. Who realizes the responsibility of the trust committed to him? Does each person feel that he is handling his Lord's goods, and that he must put into circulation the talent of means, in order to prepare the way to work the fields still standing before God in all their barrenness? Often has

the Lord called the attention of His people to these unworked fields; but men have not regarded the talents entrusted to them as a loan to be used freely, unselfishly, cheerfully, to cause these barren places to become filled with fruitful trees of righteousness through the knowledge of God and His Word. How much better it would be, if they would consecrate to His service the gifts He has entrusted to their hands!*18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 26*

All the talents held by men are sacred trusts, to be used to advance God's work in our world. Do we realize that we are stewards indeed, not only of property and of means, but of the grace of Christ? As faithful stewards, we should improve every talent we receive, be it of small value or of greater worth, and consecrate it to the Master's service.*18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 27*

The Lord calls upon His servants to exercise every power to save souls that are ready to perish. They have no right to bind up means, God's means, but should put it into circulation, to be used for the salvation of souls. Those who have the talent of means should be alert to see the necessities of the cause and work with devoted interest to promote the glory of God.*18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 28*

None are to think that we can buy heaven by returning to the Lord His own. The day of trust is given us in which to bring returns to the Lord's treasury. The day of reckoning is the Lord's. We are not to appropriate to our individual selves merit for diligent, wise trading, but are to give to the Lord all the glory. The Lord delivers to us our pound, and when we speak of the gain accumulated by trading, we are to give all the credit to the One whose pound we have handled. No gain could we have received without the deposit.*18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 29*

No partiality is to be manifested by investing means overabundantly in one proud undertaking, to reveal to all what "I can do"; for the means accumulated by the men in service to God is to be invested where it will continue to accumulate.*18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 30*

The whole vineyard belongs to God. The capital belongs to the Giver; and the Lord should receive all the glory of investing without partiality, without hypocrisy. Let every dollar be invested carefully. Let various means be devised to make the Lord's vineyard yield

returns. A superabundance in one place is not to be used by the stewards in that place because it is in their hands to handle. They are not to close their eyes to the many urgent necessities of other places that are brought to their notice. Yet some are selfishly, covetously providing the portion of the vineyard they work, with every facility, endeavoring to make a grand display, when, by dividing their talents and sharing them with other portions of the vineyard, the sterile ground would be worked and made usable and would produce fruit to the glory of God.*18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 31*

Selfishness is a bitter root springing up in hearts, spoiling characters, and developing into covetousness, which is idolatry. Selfishness can be avoided by those who are faithful in the use they make of the Lord's entrusted capital. Every penny that they hold in their hands they owe to the benevolent trust reposed in them. They are so to use their means that they will reveal to many the great love of Christ Jesus. Through them is to be revealed His saving grace, His mercy, His compassion, and His great love. Thus many souls will be led to magnify and glorify God.*18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 32*

The Lord is greatly displeased with the selfish partiality, which is covetousness, in carrying on a work that will make the greatest possible showing in one place to the hindrance of the Lord's work in another place. All these things will come in review before Him, and many, upon close investigation, will be found bankrupt for eternity. The first attempt at selfish devising leads to many works of deception, which in the day of reckoning will be revealed. Then, too, will come to light the hiding of the one talent, the accusation made against God that He is a hard Master gathering where He has not strewn and reaping where He has not sown. False testimony indeed! Those who have acted with deception and unfairness, creating difficulties so that the most needy fields could not be benefited by the increase of their talents, will in the day of Judgment stand in their true light—unconverted, unconsecrated men who have acted out their natural temperaments.*18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 33*

And to those who have realized that their sacred trust must be

handled with cleansed hands and purified hearts, and have dealt honestly and truly, God speaks the words of encouragement: “Well done, thou 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 25:21.*] As the Master utters these words of approval, His countenance beams with joy. *18LtMs, Lt 192, 1903, par. 34*

**Lt 193, 1903**

Franke, E. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 1, 1903

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Dear Brother Franke,—

I received your letter and read it with interest. I did not answer it immediately, because it came at a time when I was receiving many burdensome communications in regard to the general work. I could not rest in sleep; for these letters had to be answered without delay, in the interests of the Lord's cause. Important questions had to be dealt with in connection with locating the publishing house in the East and in regard to the proposed reopening of the school at Battle Creek, as well as the establishment of institutions in several other places. Consequently, I have been carrying heavy burdens during the past few weeks and have written much. Day before yesterday I arose early and wrote thirty-five pages before the day closed. Yesterday I wrote twenty-five pages. I have to study these questions and caution our brethren against doing some things that ought not to be done; and until I write out the instruction I receive, I carry a heavy burden of responsibility. *18LtMs, Lt 193, 1903, par. 1*

I was glad to learn that you have been laboring in Portland, my old home city. I hope that as you present the truth for this time before the people there, and use your charts to make the points clear, the Lord will give you special victory. I cannot but feel that some will receive the gospel message. I am very desirous of hearing more particulars in regard to your efforts there. *18LtMs, Lt 193, 1903, par. 2*

I greatly desire that you shall have success in the meetings you are holding. You can do evangelistic work successfully only by following



the example of the great Teacher. He came to this earth and in His ministry showed us how to labor for the salvation of souls. *18LtMs, Lt 193, 1903, par. 3*

I pray that the Holy Spirit of God shall attend you in every effort made. In all our labors, we must, my brother, heed the words of Christ recorded in the *seventeenth of John*. In our life work we are to answer this prayer that Christ offered. Oneness with Him we are always to maintain; for thus we reveal to the world that God has sent His Son to this earth to save the fallen race. When we are united with Christ, we are sure that He is working with us and we with Him. *18LtMs, Lt 193, 1903, par. 4*

It is so easy to allow the human mind to suppose things, when there is no foundation for these suppositions. Satan will endeavor, if possible, to make a mountain out of a molehill—as he has done again and again—by magnifying in your mind and in the minds of others the dissension and the variance that you often create. Supposing that there are little matters of difference between you and your brethren: would it not be wisdom to heal these matters at once, and not give Satan entrance? The Lord has given us a prescription for healing all such differences quickly, without galling our own souls with the bitterness of malice. *18LtMs, Lt 193, 1903, par. 5*

God has a great work for you to do and for me to do and for every one of His tried and aged servants to do. He requires of us that we shall sweep every difficulty out of the way, in order that He may make us one with Christ in God. My dear brother, I want you to be so closely united with Christ in God that your light shall shine forth in good works. You may be called to bear your testimony at the capital of the nation; but first you must be cleansed of everything that makes you so abrupt in accusing your brethren. *18LtMs, Lt 193, 1903, par. 6*

True humility, my brother, however deep, will not be a hindrance to God's servants, even to those who undertake the most arduous labors. Responsible service to God is often required. The cleansing power of the Spirit of Christ follows repentance and prepares the way for pardon and sanctification through the blood that was shed

on Calvary's cross. *18LtMs, Lt 193, 1903, par. 7*

Let us always remember, Brother Franke, that no matter how great and good a work the human agent may do, he does not gain the ownership of those who through his instrumentality have been converted to the truth. None are to place themselves under the control of the minister who has been instrumental in their conversion. In our ministry we are to bring souls direct to Christ. They are Christ's property and must ever be amenable to Him alone. Every person possesses an individuality that no other person can claim. *18LtMs, Lt 193, 1903, par. 8*

God, through Christ, has invited us to consent to wear His yoke. Jesus says: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] *18LtMs, Lt 193, 1903, par. 9*

Through your individual experience, you are to find the life that is hid with Christ in God. This is indeed a life of truth, of peace, of rest. God wants you to live such a life. Let peace and love pervade your soul. Cast out the enemy whenever he seeks to enter your mind to disturb your peace. The Lord will strengthen you, if you will sit with Him in heavenly places. He does not desire you to labor so unceasingly that you will become nervous; for the enemy then takes advantage of you. *18LtMs, Lt 193, 1903, par. 10*

Your power is in keeping calm. Do not become stirred up. Certainly the Lord does not desire you to be disturbed in spirit, because then you would not be able to recognize His sacred presence. He desires you to make no drive in His behalf. He says to you: "Be calm. Bear a clear, straightforward testimony in behalf of the truth. Never spoil the effect of your message by finding fault afterward because you suppose that you are not appreciated and honored as you should be. Hide in Me, and let all the glory redound to My name. Never, never, for any cause whatever, speak complainingly in any meeting. Check the hasty words that you are tempted to utter, and speak calm, well-chosen words. Learn of Me. Keep quiet. My peace will I give unto you. Take My yoke upon you." *18LtMs, Lt*

*193, 1903, par. 11*

The power of God has often rested upon you in a marked manner. At such times, the enemy often prepares and sets in operation something that stirs up your natural feelings and leads you to imagine evil things and to make a drive against your ministering brethren. Even if these imaginary things exist, you have no excuse whatever for speaking unfavorably of your brethren; for Christ, your example, bore the indifference, the lack of appreciation, the criticisms, and the insults of those whom He came to save.*18LtMs, Lt 193, 1903, par. 12*

Spoil not your influence by overworking in an effort to accomplish some great thing. When you become worried as the result of overwork, every adverse word appears in large, bold characters before you, and you begin at once to make a raid against those whom you think are trying to work against you. Your hasty words are unexpected, because often there is no cause for any such outburst. These things greatly detract from your influence.*18LtMs, Lt 193, 1903, par. 13*

Now, my brother, not a soul has written me a word in regard to you for a long, long time. I am writing you these words of caution only that you may preserve your influence, and that you may realize more fully than ever before that God desires to keep you in His love and to give you peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.*18LtMs, Lt 193, 1903, par. 14*

Possibly while in Portland you may be able to visit my twin sister's son. Ask Sister Eliza Morton to tell you where he lives. It is somewhere near Deering's Oaks. I have spent many pleasant hours in the woods at that place.*18LtMs, Lt 193, 1903, par. 15*

With this letter I will send you copies of some of my late writings, that you may know more in regard to the work I am trying to do. I decided not to attend the Los Angeles camp-meeting, now in session, because I desire to prepare books and writings for the press.*18LtMs, Lt 193, 1903, par. 16*

I am interested in your wife and in your children. I hope to meet you all again sometime. May the Lord bless you, is my prayer.*18LtMs,*

*Lt 193, 1903, par. 17*

**Lt 194, 1903**

Cady, M. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 2, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *14MR 168-171*.

Dear Brother Cady,—

I wrote something in regard to you the night after you left Healdsburg. Matters were opened before me, and I was instructed that you were correct in your statement to me that it would not be best to have two families serving in the same office of responsibility in the Students' Home. If Brother Sharpe and his wife should come in to serve in the place formerly occupied by yourself and wife, while you remained as an advisor, confusion would be liable to result. *18LtMs, Lt 194, 1903, par. 1*

It might have been appropriate for you to accept the position of advisor, as recommended, if you had kept humble and very near the Lord. But, as I have stated, such a plan is liable to result in confusion and unpleasantness. *18LtMs, Lt 194, 1903, par. 2*

There are some things connected with financial matters that must be made perfectly straight before the Board so that they can act intelligently. When I learned this, I could not see how the plan I proposed could be carried out successfully. You have not stood as you should have done in every respect. At twelve o'clock of the night after you left, I was up writing out some things to you. My heart aches; I feel sad that because of these things, matters cannot be adjusted as I suggested in our conversation at Healdsburg. *18LtMs, Lt 194, 1903, par. 3*

I have not had the matter opened before me again as it was opened that night. I had almost decided not to write you anything more before there was a thorough investigation. Everything should be clearly and plainly defined. I supposed I had sent to you, at Los Angeles, the letter that I wrote to you in Healdsburg; but yesterday I

found that the letter had not been copied. Immediately on my return from the School, I had to do much writing in order to warn our people to guard against making mistakes and to encourage them to strengthen themselves in right principles. *18LtMs, Lt 194, 1903, par. 4*

When I found this letter that I wrote in Healdsburg, I thought that it might be best to wait until my son W. C. White could see you at Los Angeles. I thought perhaps he might be there, although he did not write to me that he would. I did not want to throw you into perplexity by telling you of the things that had been opened to me in the night season—namely, that it would be best to leave matters just as you proposed, because of the difficulties that would naturally arise if Brother Sharpe should serve in the position assigned him, while you were also occupying the position of advisor in the same place. *18LtMs, Lt 194, 1903, par. 5*

These other matters, in regard to your course of action in managing financial matters, I knew nothing of when we talked together. These things will have to be settled in some way satisfactory to all concerned. After the representations passed before me in the night season, I was troubled and decided to send you a letter at once. Then I thought that nothing should be done hastily. I feared that unless these things were clearly understood, confusion would result from sending you a communication. I desired to carry no unnecessary burden. But now, since receiving your letter written from Los Angeles, I feel as if I must speak. *18LtMs, Lt 194, 1903, par. 6*

Inquiring of members of the Board, while in Healdsburg, in regard to the future of the school, I was told that there are some matters concerning your disposition of College funds that are not explained. Inquiries have come to me concerning similar matters elsewhere, and I have written out considerable instruction on this point. What I have written may possibly help you. I will send you this soon. It is not yet copied. Treat it not as personal, but as general matter. These principles that have been opened before me concern all who have any connection with our schools. *18LtMs, Lt 194, 1903, par. 7*

Has everything in regard to yourself been made clear and straight?

Some things may be made plain by the matter I have written in response to others whose minds were perplexed. Just at present I cannot tax my mind further on this question, as I am carrying other burdens that demand immediate attention. I will try to write to you again tomorrow. I hope to be able to speak by my pen, so that matters will be understood.*18LtMs, Lt 194, 1903, par. 8*

I am very, very sorry that all things are not satisfactory to our brethren. Make everything clear and straight. You cannot afford to make any mistakes. At the present time I cannot counsel you to take the position of influence suggested during our interview in Healdsburg; for this would not be doing justice to Brother Sharpe and his wife. You thought so, I know; but I was fearful of making changes. I am not fearful now. I think a change should be made, and that unless it be made, unhappy results will follow. This much I can say. I must have clear light before I can say more.*18LtMs, Lt 194, 1903, par. 9*

W. C. White has telegraphed that he cannot be here before September 10.*18LtMs, Lt 194, 1903, par. 10*

May the Lord help and strengthen and bless you and your wife, is my prayer.*18LtMs, Lt 194, 1903, par. 11*

**Lt 195, 1903**

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 6, 1903

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My dear son Willie,—

Maggie has just informed me that you will receive a letter from me, if I send it in the morning's mail. It is now four o'clock in the afternoon. I must write to you to let you know that my entire trust is in God. By figures and symbols I have been deeply impressed that we need not take upon ourselves any burdens that we do not know how to manage in detail. Satan is a cunning, deceptive general, and we must not give heed to everything that shall be devised by him. We need not feel compelled to work out the solution of every problem that we cannot understand in order to meet Satan's wiles. Nor am I to keep my mind reigned up to thwart Satan's devices. Why?—Because God is supreme. He is our stronghold in time of trouble and perplexity. If we put our entire trust in Him, we shall find that He is an all-sufficient Guide.*18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 1*

We are not to consider what we can do, but what the Lord Jesus can do for us, if we exercise faith and fear not, neither become discouraged. We must have confidence in that which God can do for us.*18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 2*

Last Friday I was stirred strongly to write out some things; and I had this manuscript copied, thinking that I must send out a message of warning at once; but afterward the Lord signified to me, Lay it aside for future use. If men do not evidence that they have changed, you will be prepared to give instruction in regard to their cases. Look unto Jesus. There are those who are as full of assurance and self-confidence as the human agent can well be that their course is right. But such ones should study carefully the record of the last evening the Saviour spent with His disciples.*18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 3*



After the last passover supper, Jesus said: “Behold, the hand of him that betrayeth Me is with Me on the table. And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom He is betrayed! And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.” *18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 4*

“And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. And He said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth. Ye are they which have continued with Me in My temptations. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as My Father hath appointed unto Me; that ye may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.” *18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 5*

“And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. And he said unto Him, Lord, I am ready to go with Thee, both into prison, and to death. And He said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest Me. And He said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing. Then said He unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in Me, and He was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning Me have an end.” [*Luke 22:21-37.*] *18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 6*

Peter, in his self-confidence, was presumptuous and fell. Let us learn a lesson from this. Let us not keep our eyes too much on the things that those who know the truth will attempt to do. We need faith—strong, persevering faith; we need entire trust in our Leader. Our strength lies not in what we—poor, finite beings—suppose we are able to do, but in what we know Christ will do for us. This we

may learn from the teachings of Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 7*

“One came and said unto Him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And He said unto him, Why callest thou Me good? there is none good but One, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto Him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honor thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. The young man saith unto Him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow Me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. *18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 8*

“Then said Jesus unto His disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. *18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 9*

“Then answered Peter and said unto Him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed Thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive an hundred-fold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.” [*Matthew 19:16-30.*] *18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 10*

Men and women are to labor for Christ in accordance with the commission given them. Just before He left His disciples, “Jesus

came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:18-20.*] In Mark we read: "And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." [*Mark 16:20.*]*18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 11*

The angels of the Lord excel in strength. One angel appeared before the Roman guard appointed to watch Christ's tomb and caused them to fear and quake and to become as powerless as dead men. Yet the whole scene was forever stamped on their minds. A mighty angel, with exceeding great glory, descended from the heavens to the earthly sepulcher and, laying hold on the sealed stone, removed it as he would a pebble. Then the mighty angel, with a voice that caused the earth to quake, was heard to say, "Jesus, Thou Son of God, Thy Father calls Thee." Then He who had earned the power to conquer death and the grave came forth and proclaimed over the rent sepulcher of Joseph, "I am the resurrection and the life." [*John 11:25.*]*18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 12*

The soldiers hastened to the priests and with quaking hearts told them what had happened. The faces of the priests were as those of the dead. Caiaphas tried to speak. His lips moved, but they uttered no sound. The soldiers were about to leave the council room when a voice stayed them. Caiaphas had at last found speech. Wait, wait, he said. Tell no one the things you have seen.*18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 13*

A lying report was given to the soldiers. "Say ye," said the priests, "His disciples came by night, and stole Him away while we slept." [*Matthew 28:13.*] The soldiers sold their integrity for money. They came in before the priests burdened with a most startling message of truth; they went out with a burden of money, and on their tongues a lying report which had been framed for them by the priests.*18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 14*

The lying report was spread far and near. But there were witnesses to Christ's resurrection whom the priests could not silence. Certain of the dead who came forth with Christ appeared to many and declared that He had risen. And Christ Himself remained with His disciples for forty days after He rose from the dead and before His ascension gave them their commission, bidding them go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. *18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 15*

In this age, a time of satanic wonders, everything conceivable will be said and done to deceive if possible the very elect. Let believers say nothing to extol Satan's power. The Lord will distinguish His commandment-keeping people with signal marks of His favor, if they will be molded and fashioned by His Spirit and built up in the most holy faith, hearkening strictly to the voice of His Word. *18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 16*

Let us humble our souls before God. Let us work with an eye single to His glory. Let His praise be continually on our lips; for the benefits that He bestows are daily renewed and should be acknowledged with thanksgiving. *18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 17*

God is longsuffering and of tender mercy. Should He deal with us according to our perversity, according to our foolish, erratic course, our changeableness, where would we be? But "He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust." [*Psalm 103:14.*] *18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 18*

Remember that no human being is of himself sufficient to stand against the wily foe. Hide in God; and be sure that the Holy Spirit is with you. You can conquer the enemy only as the Lord goes before you. *18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 19*

If we stand in the great day of the Lord, with Christ as our refuge, our high tower, we must put away all envy, all strife for the supremacy. We must utterly destroy the roots of these unholy things; that they may not again spring up into life. We must place ourselves wholly on the side of the Lord. Tribulation and wrath will surely come upon those who profess to be Christians, yet who accept the principles of Satan, departing from the commandments of God, in the daily life living a lie. *18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 20*

Can we not see the uncertainty and shortness of time? There are many, many who are unready for the Lord's appearing. If they continue to act like the wicked, to cherish the principles of the wicked, they will be punished with the wicked. If they betray the truth of God, causing the messages given by Him to become an uncertain thing, can He shield them from disasters by sea and by land? No, no!*18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 21*

Awake, my brethren, awake. Seek righteousness, and stand under the broad shield of Omnipotence. This is your only safety. God calls upon you to seek Him with humility of heart. Read Daniel's prayer, and see if your experience will stand the test of fire. God will richly bless those who humble themselves before Him. His mercy and grace will be extended to all who wear the yoke of Christ, responding to the invitation, "Learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:29, 30.*]*18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 22*

My dear son, I can write no more tonight; for it is growing late. I thank the Lord that I am as well as I am. I shall not, unless specially directed, go to any place to attend meetings; for this takes time that I need for the preparation of matter that should come before the people.*18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 23*

We must not allow ourselves to be chilled to death by those who know not what it means to walk with God. We must have increased faith. Then we shall understand what it means to be true medical missionaries. So many use this name, but do not do the works signified by it. May God help His people to arouse from their lethargy and come to the living fountain.*18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 24*

We must not allow ourselves to enter into contention. We are to speak words that make for peace and grace and truth. We are to search our hearts diligently, humbling ourselves before God. We are to respect our brethren, but we are not to place them where God should be; for they are but men.*18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 25*

I miss you much in my work and shall be very glad to see you again. Come home as soon as you can.*18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par.*

In much love. *18LtMs, Lt 195, 1903, par. 27*

**Lt 196, 1903**

Wessels, J. J.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 3, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *TDG 255; TSA 98*.

Dear Brother John J. Wessels,—

I received your letter this morning. I am much pleased that you have written so freely. I am also much encouraged by what you write in regard to your brothers. *18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 1*

I am well aware of the reasons why your brother Philip fell into the condition in which he has been. While he was in Battle Creek, some things occurred that were of such a nature as to make an evil impression upon his soul. He was taken unawares by the enemy. The Lord instructed me that the seeds of evil which were sown in his heart at Battle Creek would bring forth a harvest, unless he zealously kept his soul in the love of Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 2*

I have hoped, and still hope, that Philip will yet be imbued with the Spirit of Christ and become one with Him. Through varied experiences his life has been spared. I feel a most earnest desire that he should return to the Lord, and that he may now do a work that God desired him to be doing all these years. But he cannot do the work of the Lord by halves. God would have him take his stand firmly for Christ, believing in Him, receiving Him. “As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.” [*John 1:12.*] *18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 3*

The language of our hearts should be: “O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto Thee, but unto us” who have departed from Thy counsel “confusion of faces.” [*Daniel 9:7.*] What answer can we render to Thee? and how shall we be justified before Thee? We will return unto Thee; for Thy hand is stretched forth to help the

penitent, who seek Thee with the whole heart. For Thy mercy's sake, Thou hearest their cries.*18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 4*

Poor, helpless, and needy, we come to Thee, not because of our righteousness, but for Thy righteousness' sake, O Lord. We beseech Thee not to send us away empty. Our souls, our bodies, are Thy property. Thou has bought us with a price. Not because we are worthy, but for the sake of Thine own Son, strengthen us, that we may put on the garment of Thy righteousness.*18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 5*

Thou art gracious and merciful. "If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mightest be feared." "For with Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light shall we see light." [*Psalm 130:3, 4; 36:9.*]*18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 6*

All Thy works shall praise Thee. Let all Thy creatures worship before Thy face. May Thy people be united to do Thy will, and to seek Thee with the whole heart. Give honor unto Thy people; praise to them that fear Thee, and honor to them that seek Thee. Fill the mouths of them that hunger for Thy righteousness. Give joy unto Thy land and gladness unto Thy city. "The Lord shall reign forever, even Thy God, O Zion, unto all generations." [*Psalm 146:10.*] Let the horn of Thy servant David be exalted, and may the light of the son of Jesse shine upon Thy people.*18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 7*

To those who have made strange paths for their feet, the Lord offers words of encouragement. He will accept their prayers, if they will repent and be converted. Through the infinite sacrifice of Christ, and through faith in His name, they may receive the promises of God. The sons of Adam may become sons of God.*18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 8*

O how full of thankfulness we should be that by the act of Christ in assuming humanity, fallen men are granted a second trial! Christ places them on vantage ground. Through connection with Him they may be laborers together with God. Through the grace given daily by Christ, they may be elevated and ennobled to become the sons and daughters of God. Such love is without a parallel.*18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 9*



Jesus asks for perfect obedience. There must be thorough, practical work. Daily we are to increase in the knowledge of the divine will. Christ will impart His Spirit to all who will unitedly labor in humility. *18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 10*

“Ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” [*1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.*] What a price was paid to redeem the fallen race! Should not every soul enter into the service of God, seeking to improve on the talents that have been entrusted to him, that they may be returned to God with usury? *18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 11*

“Come unto Me,” says Jesus, “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” in learning and practicing these lessons “ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] *18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 12*

If we would live a Christian life, we must constantly co-operate with God, losing self in dependence upon Jesus Christ. Every day we should work as for eternity. *18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 13*

Man was made a little lower than the angels. Yet when he shall be purified and translated to the heavenly courts, he will be even more privileged than the angels. *18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 14*

All that your brothers and sisters need, all that any of us need is to live a humble, Christian life, revealing in character the strength received from Jesus Christ through union with Him. We are to live up to all the light we receive. United with Christ, we shall be laborers together with God. The light of Christ’s righteousness will be imparted to us, if we will impart that light to those who know not God, exerting over unbelievers an influence for good. Christ has said, “Ye are the light of the world. ... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” [*Matthew 5:14, 16.*] *18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 15*

If John, Peter, Philip, Henry, Francis, Annie, Dan, and Andrew will only let their light shine as the Lord has let His light shine upon

them, they may do a great work for the Lord Jesus. Will you not now take up the work? Is not the future, eternal life a sufficient inducement to lead you to do this? Will not you, with your mother, unitedly seek to know what the Lord would have you to do? You may do a work that is as lasting as eternity. Through you may be seen the miracle-working power of God. "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." [*Philippians 2:12, 13.*]18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 16

You may preserve your individuality and yet have your life so blended with the life of Christ that you will be one with Him, reconciled to God through the obedience and death of His Son.18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 17

In this life, every soul must make decisions that will determine his destiny in the future life. The grace of Jesus Christ bringeth salvation. When you make an entire surrender, and become Christ's little children, you will be able to say, "Thy gentleness hath made me great." [*Psalms 18:35.*]18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 18

To every soul who receives Him, Christ manifests His gentleness, tenderness, and love. He longs to have you love and obey Him, that you may be eternally happy in His everlasting kingdom. He would have you disappoint the devil, who is seeking for the mastery of your life that he may take control of your character building. You cannot afford to allow the enemy to have dominion over you.18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 19

Christ longs to bring you back to Him, that He may give to you eternal life and the abundance of the glory of an unfallen world. He desires to kindle in your hearts the divine hope that, by becoming partakers of the divine nature, even at this late hour, you may escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 20

Every soul is precious in the sight of God. But little time is left us in which to prepare for the eternal world. Waste not one moment. Separate yourselves from the world. "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be

My sons and daughters, saith” (who?) “the Lord Almighty.” [2 *Corinthians 6:17, 18.*] Bring your rebellion against God to an end, and return to allegiance to your Ruler. *18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 21*

May the Lord bless the sons and daughters of Mother Wessels, and those related to them by marriage. *18LtMs, Lt 196, 1903, par. 22*

**Lt 197, 1903**

Cady, M. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 7, 1903

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Elder M. E. Cady

My dear Brother,—

I am sorry that I could not see you. For some days I have been afflicted, and I hardly know how far I dare tax my strength by venturing to add to the perplexing burdens I am now carrying. My mind has been very severely taxed of late. *18LtMs, Lt 197, 1903, par. 1*

I believe that the position that the Board requested you to occupy, as the president of the Board, counselor in the school, and educational field worker, is the position that you should fill. You looked at this matter in the correct light when you talked with me before leaving Healdsburg. But it would not be best for you and Brother Sharpe to live together in the Students' Home. *18LtMs, Lt 197, 1903, par. 2*

Afterward, while I was speaking in reference to Brother and Sister Sharpe's coming into the Students' Home and occupying there the position that you formerly occupied, I inquired in regard to the capabilities of Brother Sharpe and learned that it was thought by the brethren that he would be capable of filling this place and meeting the responsibilities devolving upon the head of a school. Then some remarks were made by those who were talking to me, in regard to several matters connected with the past year's work. They said that you, Brother Cady, had overdrawn your account and also that the Conference had been paying the traveling expenses of the

canvassers who were selling *Christ's Object Lessons*, which expenses were so great that almost as much was consumed as was produced. Statements were made, too, in regard to the use of funds raised to pay the debts of the school. *18LtMs, Lt 197, 1903, par. 3*

In reply to these statements, I said that I did not know in regard to these particular things, but that I had received light on some points connected with the financial management of our schools. I did know that there should be no carelessness in the expenditure of means, but that everything connected with the finances of our schools should be perfectly straight. *18LtMs, Lt 197, 1903, par. 4*

Some reflection was cast upon you, Brother Cady, by brethren interested in the Healdsburg School. As I understand the matter, I cannot see that they were justified in making such broad statements as were made. *18LtMs, Lt 197, 1903, par. 5*

To the members of the Board I would say: I have no word of censure to speak against Brother Cady. Until these matters in question are closely and critically examined, let no reflection be suffered to rest upon him. Let him speak for himself. *18LtMs, Lt 197, 1903, par. 6*

I have had matters presented to me in reference to the use of school funds at Healdsburg College prior to the time that Brother Cady took the position of president of this school. But the misuse of funds in former years, before his administration, should not be regarded as casting a reflection upon him. If the Conference sanctioned those matters, and sanctioned paying from the tithe the expenses of those who were working in the interests of the *Object Lessons* campaign, Brother Cady should not be blamed for mismanagement in these matters, whether the College received little or much from the efforts put forth. *18LtMs, Lt 197, 1903, par. 7*

I write this statement, to be read to whomsoever it may concern. And I would say to my dear brethren, Do not call any council meetings of condemnation until you know what you are about. I am sure that in all our management of institutional work, we need more of the Holy Spirit of God than we now have. *18LtMs, Lt 197, 1903, par. 8*

<This is good advice.>*18LtMs, Lt 197, 1903, par. 9*

I will try to write a few more lines soon.*18LtMs, Lt 197, 1903, par. 10*

**Lt 198, 1903**

Healdsburg College Board

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 7, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *14MR 173*.

To the members of the Healdsburg College Board

Dear Brethren,—

You are not prepared to make any new decisions now in regard to Brother Cady’s work. The decisions you have already made need not be rescinded before you shall have time to consider these matters in all their bearings. *18LtMs, Lt 198, 1903, par. 1*

I am not satisfied with the report made to me in the redwoods. I have several pages written in regard to that interview, but cannot now find the same; but I write these few words now and hope to find that which I wrote immediately after my return from Healdsburg. Let no hasty movements be made. I am sure that if you should talk things over, you would not view these matters in the same light that you did when we were in the redwoods. *18LtMs, Lt 198, 1903, par. 2*

## Lt 199, 1903

Brn. in Positions of Responsibility

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 8, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *8T 9-13 (RH 10/01/1903)*.

To my brethren in positions of responsibility in the cause of God,—

What is our work? The same as that given to John the Baptist, of whom we read, “In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is He that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.” [*Matthew 3:1-3*.] *18LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 1*

All who are truly engaged in the work of the Lord for these last days will have a decided message to bear. Read the first few verses of the *fortieth chapter of Isaiah*: *18LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 2*

“The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field; the grass withereth, the flower fadeth; because the Spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it; surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand forever.” [*Verses 3-7*.] *18LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 3*

This chapter is filled with instruction appropriate for us at this time. The word of the Lord to us is, “Repent ye; prepare the way for a revival of My work.” *18LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 4*



The removal to Washington of work hitherto carried on in Battle Creek is a step in the right direction. We are to continue to press into the regions beyond, where the people are in spiritual darkness. "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain." [*Verse 4.*] Every obstacle to the redemption of the people of God is to be removed by the opening of the Word of God, and the presentation of a plain "Thus saith the Lord." The true light is to shine forth; for darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people. The truth of the living God is to appear in contrast with error. Proclaim the glad tidings: We have a Saviour who has given His life that all who believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *18LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 5*

Obstacles to the advancement of the work of the Lord will appear; but fear not. To the omnipotence of the King of kings, our covenant-keeping God unites the gentleness and care of a tender shepherd. Nothing can stand in His way. His power is absolute and is the pledge of the sure fulfilment of His promises to His people. He can remove all obstructions to the advancement of His work. He has means for the removal of every difficulty, that those who serve Him and respect the means He employs shall be delivered. His goodness and love are infinite, and His covenant is unalterable. *18LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 6*

The plans of the enemies of His work may seem to be firm and well established, but He can overthrow the strongest of these plans, and in His own time and way He will do this, when He sees that our faith has been sufficiently tested and tried, and that we are drawing near to Him and making Him our counselor. *18LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 7*

In the darkest days, when appearances seem so forbidding, fear not. Have faith in God. He is working out His will, doing all things well in behalf of His people. The strength of those who love and serve Him will be renewed day by day. His understanding will be placed at their service, that they may not err in the carrying out of His purposes. *18LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 8*

There is to be no despondency in God's service. Our faith is to stand the pressure brought to bear upon it. God is able and willing

to bestow upon His servants all the strength they need. He will more than fulfil the highest expectations of those who put their trust in Him. He will give them the wisdom that their varied necessities demand. *18LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 9*

Said the tried apostle Paul: "He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee; for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then am I strong." [2 *Corinthians 12:9, 10.*] *18LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 10*

O my brethren, hold the beginning of your confidence firm unto the end. The light of God's truth is not to be dimmed. It is to shine amidst the darkness of error that enshrouds our world. The Word of God is to be opened to those in the high places of the earth, as well as to the more lowly. *18LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 11*

The church of Christ is God's agency for the proclamation of truth, empowered by Him to do a special work; and if she is loyal to God, obedient to all His commandments, there will dwell within her the excellency of divine power. If she will honor the Lord God of Israel, there is no power that can stand against her. If she will be true to her allegiance, the forces of the enemy will be no more able to overpower her than is the chaff to resist the whirlwind. *18LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 12*

There is before the church the dawn of a bright, glorious day, if she will put on the robe of Christ's righteousness, withdrawing from all alliance with the world. *18LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 13*

The members of the church need now to confess their backslidings and press together. My brethren and sisters, allow nothing to come in that will separate you from one another and from God. Talk not of differences of opinion, but unite in the love of the truth as it is in Jesus. Come before God and plead the shed blood of the Saviour as a reason that you should receive help in the warfare against evil. I assure you that you will not plead in vain. As you draw near to God, with heartfelt contrition, and in full assurance of faith, the enemy who seeks to destroy you will be overcome. *18LtMs, Lt 199,*

1903, par. 14

Turn to the Lord, ye prisoners of hope. Seek strength from God, the living God. Show an unwavering, humble faith in His power and willingness to save. From Christ is flowing the living stream of salvation. He is the Fountain of life and the Source of all power. When in faith we take hold of His strength, He will change, wonderfully change, the most hopeless, discouraging outlook. He will do this for the glory of His own name. *18LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 15*

God calls upon His faithful ones, who believe in Him, to talk courage to those who are unbelieving and hopeless. May the Lord help us to help one another and to prove Him by living faith. *18LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 16*

“Sing aloud unto God our strength; make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.” [*Psalm 81:1, 2.*] *18LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 17*

“It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High: to show forth Thy lovingkindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night, upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound. For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy work: I will triumph in the works of Thy hands.” [*Psalm 92:1-4.*] *18LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 18*

“O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise unto the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is His also. The sea is His, and He made it; and His hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.” [*Psalm 95:1-6.*] *18LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 19*

“O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth. Sing unto the Lord, bless His name; show forth His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders

among all people. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods." [*Psalm 96:1-4.*]18*LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 20*

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations." [*Psalm 100:1-5.*]18*LtMs, Lt 199, 1903, par. 21*

**Lt 200, 1903**

Butler, G. I.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 10, 1903

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Dear Brother Butler,—

I have received and read your letter of August 28. I fully sympathize with you in your perplexities. I, too, have much to perplex me; but I am determined not to become discouraged and faithless. *18LtMs, Lt 200, 1903, par. 1*

While looking over some old letters this morning, I found the one that I enclose to you. It was written in Sands, Virginia, in 1890. I thought that I would have it copied and sent to you; for perhaps you might get some help from reading it. And you may be able to read it in some of the meetings that you attend. I know that it contains instruction that our people need. *18LtMs, Lt 200, 1903, par. 2*

My brother, I do not think that you ought to do as much as you are doing. It will not do for you to make heavy drafts upon your strength. Take time to rest. I know that you feel an intense interest in the progress of the cause of God, but you must not use up your vitality so completely that in the future you will have no deposit from which to draw. *18LtMs, Lt 200, 1903, par. 3*

We have before us stern, earnest work, and we must be prepared for it. With clearness and power we are to proclaim the messages given to John for the churches when in vision the Lord appeared to him on the isle of Patmos. *18LtMs, Lt 200, 1903, par. 4*

If things were as they should be in the households that make up our churches, we might do double service for the Lord. The light given

me is that a most decided message must be borne in regard to health reform. Those who use flesh meat strengthen the lower propensities and prepare the way for disease to fasten upon them. There are those among Seventh-day Adventists who will not heed the light given them in regard to this matter. They make flesh meat a part of their diet. Disease comes upon them. Sick and suffering as a result of their own wrong course, they ask for the prayers of the servants of God. But how can the Lord work in their behalf when they are not willing to do His will, when they refuse to heed His instruction in regard to health reform? *18LtMs, Lt 200, 1903, par. 5*

For thirty years the light on health reform has been coming to the people of God, but many have made it a matter of jest. They have continued to use tea, coffee, spices, and flesh meat. Their bodies are full of disease. How can we, I ask, present such ones to the Lord for healing? *18LtMs, Lt 200, 1903, par. 6*

The condition of things among us has called for the testimonies of the Spirit of God, and these have been given, and yet many who claim to believe the truth persistently disregard light and evidence. It is very hard to reach such ones. They will not heed the light, and as a result they are in darkness. They choose darkness rather than light. How long will the Lord bear with them? Let them remember that light rejected becomes to the rejecter darkness that grows more and more dense. *18LtMs, Lt 200, 1903, par. 7*

Brother Butler, keep your heart stayed upon the Lord. He lives and reigns. He is our general. Look not to man. Believe not every report that comes to you. Be as a man who has ears, but hears not, and eyes, but sees not. David says, "I, as a deaf man, heard not; and I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth. Thus was I as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs." [*Psalm 38:13, 14.*] Let the watchmen of God keep their own counsel. They will be troubled as they bear their message, but the Lord will help them. *18LtMs, Lt 200, 1903, par. 8*

Satan will do that which will close the Southern field against the truth, if the Lord does not interpose. And the trades unions will be one of the agencies that will bring upon this earth a time of trouble such as has not been since the world began. *18LtMs, Lt 200, 1903,*

*par. 9*

In regard to what you write about Brother and Sister Hughes, I assure you that nothing like extravagance was seen in their work in Australia. Do not allow prejudice against them to enter your mind. Do not allow them to be condemned before you have carefully investigated matters. In their connection with the school in Australia, Brother and Sister Hughes sacrificed and labored and gave of their means to help the school. They were never extravagant. It must be a mistaken report that has been borne in regard to their work at Huntsville. I feel very deeply interested in Brother and Sister Hughes. I know how earnestly they worked for the interests of the school in Australia. I am deeply grieved as I think of the trouble that is brought into our work by unsanctified words.*18LtMs, Lt 200, 1903, par. 10*

I have been shown that with proper management the Huntsville school and the Graysville school could be self-supporting. But I was instructed, also, that the difficulties to be overcome in the Huntsville school would be far greater than in some other schools. A school for colored students cannot be compared with or treated in the same way as a school for white students. Not all that ought to have been done for the Huntsville school has been done, and those who take the management of the school in the future will have a trying time. But God will be with them if they make Him their dependence. This school has land, and the cultivation of fruit should be carried on; but the school cannot do this without help.*18LtMs, Lt 200, 1903, par. 11*

Since writing the above, I have been down to breakfast. I will now add a few words to this letter. I want you to get all the help you possibly can in your work. I know that you cannot help feeling troubled as you see the shortcoming of those who know the truth, yet are not sanctified through the truth. Let us do our best and then trust the Lord to do what we cannot possibly do. Our work is to be placed on a higher plane. We are to have a faith that will not fail or be discouraged.*18LtMs, Lt 200, 1903, par. 12*

I have not much confidence in doing a large amount of work for those who already know the truth. Nothing will stir the South like

taking hold of the work in new places. The cities are to be entered. But to try to bring those who know the truth, yet do not do their best, up to where they ought to be is, I must say, almost labor lost and greatly hinders aggressive work. Let the workers press into the cities still in ignorance. Let men and women be trained to conduct schools and sanitariums for white people. Let colored workers be educated to labor for their own people. And let the workers all remember that no raid is to be made on slavery and cruel task-masters. *18LtMs, Lt 200, 1903, par. 13*

God does not expect His workers to attend to trifling matters. They are to preach the gospel. They will find that short discourses are the most effective. In every place in which the work is begun, the standard is to be raised higher and still higher. The truth of Christ's soon coming is to be proclaimed. And all the workers, whether they speak from the pulpit or give Bible-readings, are to be taught to speak in a clear, expressive manner. *18LtMs, Lt 200, 1903, par. 14*

I must stop now. I have not slept since one o'clock this morning, and I keep falling asleep with my pen in my hand. *18LtMs, Lt 200, 1903, par. 15*

Be of good courage in the Lord. *18LtMs, Lt 200, 1903, par. 16*



## Lt 201, 1903

White, J. E.; White, Emma

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 10, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *7MR 117-122*.

Dear children Edson and Emma,—

It has been a long time since I have written to you. I should be very much pleased to visit you in your own home. Willie writes me that he is much pleased with your situation. I have not heard from you for a long time. I should be so glad to get a letter from you, even if it is only a few lines. And remember that if at any time you wish to pay us a visit, to counsel about your work and about the books that we are trying to get out, I shall be more than glad to see you.*18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 1*

It seems a long time since Willie left us. He went away the last of June, and it is now the tenth of September. He will not be home for a week yet.*18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 2*

Of late I have had many letters to write. Different ones write to me in regard to whether our young people should be sent to Battle Creek to take a nurses' course. This is a delicate subject, but something must be said in answer to the questions asked.*18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 3*

For the past week the days have been exceedingly hot. The paper says that this is caused by a hot wind from the North. Since beginning this letter I have had to open my windows to get some fresh air. I perspire freely, and then have an attack of sneezing. I hope that you do not find the hot weather very trying.*18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 4*

I think that I shall write you a family letter, telling you about my household and my place. My health is fairly good. I have been and am still able to go up and down stairs as easily as any member of

my family, excepting when my hip gives me pain, as it does occasionally.*18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 5*

Our electric battery, which has been out of repair, is now in working order; and what relief it brings in sickness! Just as the prunes were ready to pick, Brother James was seized with an attack of what he calls lumbago. He had severe pains in his back and could neither stand straight nor bend down far enough to unlace his shoes. Sara gave him electricity, Sister James helping where she could. But Sister James was afraid of the battery and would not touch the sponges. At first Brother James could hardly endure the application of the electricity, but Sara persevered, and wonderful relief came to him. He now thinks that electricity is a marvelous remedy. After the first application, he was able to walk straighter than he had been able to for days, and he continued to improve. Sara has given him electricity three times a day, and he has been able to keep at his work.*18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 6*

For the past few months the farm and orchard have supplied a large part of our food, though some of the fruit trees, having borne a superabundance last year, bore hardly anything this year. At first we had strawberries and cherries. There were not so many of these as there were last year, but they were extra nice. Then came loganberries, and of these we had an abundance. We all enjoyed them exceedingly. We had a good crop of Early Rose potatoes, and they were as fine as any I have ever eaten.*18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 7*

For three weeks we have been using tomatoes of our own raising. I thought them a long time ripening, but about three weeks ago I went to Healdsburg. We took some ripe tomatoes with us, and I was very glad that we did; for there was not a ripe tomato to be found over there.*18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 8*

Brother Leininger has been given charge of a large apple orchard. The owner told him that he might give away all the windfalls. Brother Leininger told me of this and said that if I wished I could have all that I wanted of the apples that fell. We have been there several times to pick up apples, and thus we have been able to put up a large quantity of apple sauce. The apples are wormy, but

Sister Nelson prepares them carefully, cutting out all the decayed parts. We have apple sauce on the table every day. *18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 9*

I find Sister Nelson to be a faithful, economical housekeeper. She has been very busy canning fruit and drying corn. The others have not been able to help her much; for they have all been busy on the writings. But Mrs. Nelson does not complain. She sees what needs to be done and does it. This is a great blessing. *18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 10*

She has already canned one hundred and thirty-eight quarts of tomatoes, sixty quarts of loganberries, and seventy-five quarts of applesauce, besides cherries, peaches, and apricots. We hope to have two hundred quarts of tomatoes put up. We have nearly a bushel of sweet corn dried and have had sweet corn on the table nearly every day for two or three weeks. *18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 11*

It seems wonderful that in this dry time—not a drop of rain has fallen for nearly six months—there can be such an abundance of tomatoes and sweet corn. To me this seems like a miracle; for the crops have not been watered, and there has been very little fog. I certainly cannot solve the problem of how, without a drop of rain, there can be so rich a harvest. *18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 12*

The grapes are ripening fast. Oh, I wish that you and Brother Palmer and his family could be with us for a while. I know that you would enjoy grapes fresh from the vineyard. *18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 13*

We do not know just what we shall do with our grapes. I wish that we could find a good market for them. But I shall not sell them to the wineries. We shall can a few and perhaps make the rest into sweet wine. Last year we sold the whole crop to the Bakery, but they did not make proper provision to handle them, and many spoiled just as they were ready to pick. *18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 14*

Our prunes this year are much larger than they were last year, but there are not nearly so many of them. We are drying them

ourselves. Brother James' children have been gathering prunes for two or three days, and Brother James and Brother Packham dip the prunes and spread them on crates in the sun. We think that we shall be able to get a good price for them, because this year the prune crop everywhere is light. *18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 15*

I think that I have told you how I lost on my prune crop last year. A young man, our nearest neighbor, bought the whole crop. He also bought largely from others who have prune orchards. He contracted for more than he could handle, and then the rain came early, and spoiled tons and tons of prunes. The young man lost everything and could not pay his creditors for the prunes that they had sold him. My loss was between five hundred and seven hundred dollars. I may possibly get fifty dollars after the young man's mother has sold this year's crop of prunes. *18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 16*

Brother James wishes that you could have some of the prunes that he is now drying, and if we hear of any one going to the South, we shall try to send you some. The fresh prunes are very nice. Marian almost lives on them. *18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 17*

A word or two more. I have on hand a large quantity of last year's prunes. I should be glad to give these to our people in the South. But I have not money to pay the cost of transportation. Have you any suggestion to make as to how these prunes could be sent South? Please mention this in your next letter. *18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 18*

I am very short of money, and I do not know what I should have done had we not been able to spread our table with the fruits of our place. It is years since I have received so little from my books. For nearly six months not a penny came to me. Then I received four hundred dollars from Australia. There were four hundred dollars due me from the London office, but the Pacific Press owed the London office, and I owed the press, so I gave the Press an order on the London office. *18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 19*

At one time I had drawn all that I had in the bank here. But Sara had some money in the bank, and she allowed me to draw on her account to meet running expenses. I shall have to borrow some money somewhere unless I receive some soon. But though no

money comes to me, I praise the Lord for His blessings. We meet round the meal table with good appetites and cheerful, happy hearts, thankful that the Lord has so graciously blessed us by giving us an abundant harvest from the seed sown. The Lord is good, and we will honor Him by praising His holy name.*18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 20*

I will be thankful for the blessings that we have; and if the time comes when I can pay off my debts, I shall praise the Lord.*18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 21*

We try to practice economy in every line in our home. We see so much to be done to advance the cause of truth. I pray that the Lord will open the way for me to receive some money from my books. I hear good reports in regard to the sale of *The Coming King*. I am glad for you. Marian is now working on the temperance book. I am very anxious to see this book in circulation.*18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 22*

The world has certainly been taken captive by satanic agencies, and a time of trouble such as has not been since there was a nation is soon to come. This is why I desire so much to have means. I want to prepare books for publication, and I want to establish memorials for God—schools and sanitariums and meetinghouses.*18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 23*

We need now the power of the Holy Spirit. We need now to put on every piece of the gospel armor. We need clear, sharp spiritual discernment, that we may not be taken captive by the enemy.*18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 24*

Dear children, Canaan is in sight. We must have a place there, in that beautiful home where the Lord will be our Father and we His children. O to be where the wickedness of the wicked shall have come to an end.*18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 25*

I hope and pray that the Lord will help you in your work in the South. If at any time you want to come to us, come; and we will unite our forces.*18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 26*

Your mother.*18LtMs, Lt 201, 1903, par. 27*

## Lt 202, 1903

White, J. E.; White, Emma

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 11, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *7MR 116*; *LLM 73*.

Dear children,—

I have had many matters to write out, and I have been hard at work. My heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord. We are in no case to be doubtful, but hopeful. *18LtMs, Lt 202, 1903, par. 1*

This morning I found your letter under my door. I was glad to hear from you. Yesterday I wrote you a letter on common, everyday topics. This letter will be sent today. I have written a long letter on the subject spoken of in your letter and have given it out to be copied. This will be sent to you soon. Maggie has just told me that the manuscript which you spoke about in your letter has been sent only to W. C. White. No one else has seen it. *18LtMs, Lt 202, 1903, par. 2*

It is Satan’s plan to call minds to the study of the color line. If his suggestions are heeded, there will be such diversity of opinion that great confusion will result. No one is capable of defining the proper position of the colored people. Men may advance theories, but I assure you that it will not do for us to follow human theories. The color-line question must be allowed to rest. *18LtMs, Lt 202, 1903, par. 3*

I think I have already written that the colored people should not urge that they be placed on an equality with white people. *18LtMs, Lt 202, 1903, par. 4*

The cities of the South are to be worked, and for this work the best talent is to be secured, and that without delay. Let white workers labor for the white people, proclaiming the message of present truth in its simplicity. They will find openings through which they may

reach the higher class. Every opportunity for reaching this class is to be improved. *18LtMs, Lt 202, 1903, par. 5*

Let our colored workers do what they can to keep abreast, working earnestly for their own people. *18LtMs, Lt 202, 1903, par. 6*

I know that if we attempt to meet the ideas and preferences of the colored people, we shall find our way blocked completely. The work of proclaiming the truth for this time is not to be hindered by an effort to adjust the position of the negro race. Should we attempt to do this, we should find that barriers like mountains would be raised to hinder the work that God desires to have done. If we move quietly and judiciously, laboring in the way that God has marked out, both white and colored people will be benefited by our labors, unless the colored people place themselves where the Lord cannot work with them. *18LtMs, Lt 202, 1903, par. 7*

Medical missionary workers are needed in the Southern field, who can engage in Sanitarium work. Sanitariums are needed, in which successful medical and surgical work can be done. These institutions, conducted in accordance with the will of God, would remove prejudice and call our work into favorable notice. The highest aim of the workers in these institutions is to be the spiritual health of the patients. Successful evangelistic work can be done in connection with medical missionary work. It is as these lines of work are united that we may expect to gather the most precious fruit for the Lord. *18LtMs, Lt 202, 1903, par. 8*

From the instruction that the Lord has given me from time to time, I know that there should be workers who make medical evangelistic tours among the towns and villages. Those who do this work will gather a rich harvest of souls, both from the higher and the lower classes. The way for this work is best prepared by the efforts of the faithful canvasser. *18LtMs, Lt 202, 1903, par. 9*

Many will be called into the field to labor from house to house, giving Bible readings and praying with those who are interested. *18LtMs, Lt 202, 1903, par. 10*

It is of the utmost importance that harmony exist in our institutions. Better for the work to go crippled than for workers who are not fully

devoted to be employed. It is unconsecrated, unconverted men who have been spoiling the work of God. The Lord has no use whatever for men who are not wholly consecrated to His service.*18LtMs, Lt 202, 1903, par. 11*

The hearts and interests of God's workers should be one. The workers should be bound up with Christ and should esteem one another highly for their works' sake.*18LtMs, Lt 202, 1903, par. 12*

This is not now the case in the publishing house at Nashville. There should be in this institution perfect unity, perfect confidence, and hearty co-operation. The workers should look upon the work in the different departments as one. They should stand shoulder to shoulder, helping and strengthening one another. When they carry on their work in this spirit, there will be no evil surmisings, no envy, no strife.*18LtMs, Lt 202, 1903, par. 13*

Let the workers remember that they will meet with enough prejudice and evil surmising outside. They do not need to cultivate these evils right at the heart of the work.*18LtMs, Lt 202, 1903, par. 14*

Simplicity, meekness, lowliness, are of great value in the work of God. Try to unite the workers in the office in confidence and love. If you cannot do this, go straight ahead. Be right yourself, and leave the rest with God. Labor in faith and prayer. Select Christian youth, and train them to be not workers with hearts like iron, but workers who are willing to harmonize.*18LtMs, Lt 202, 1903, par. 15*

The gospel of Christ is to be lived, practiced in the daily life. The servants of God are to be cleansed from all coldness, all selfishness. I pray that the Lord will change the hearts of those who, unless they receive more grace, will enter into temptation. I pray that He will soften and subdue every heart. We need to live in close fellowship with God, that we may love one another as Christ has loved us. Thus the world is to know that we are His disciples. Let there be no self-exaltation. Let every one humble his heart before God. Then the blessing will come.*18LtMs, Lt 202, 1903, par. 16*

I can write no more now. It is my daily prayer that God will bless you and lead you and guide you.*18LtMs, Lt 202, 1903, par. 17*



**Lt 203, 1903**

Nashville Publishing House

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 14, 1903

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To those in positions of responsibility in the Nashville Publishing House

My dear brethren,—

I am charged with a message to you from the Lord. Seek Him earnestly while He may be found. He is acquainted with the spirit that you reveal in your purposes and plans. Do not carry yourselves proudly. You need to clear the King’s highway. There are to be no gods amongst us. One is our God. He is to be feared and honored by every one. All plans of worldly policy are to be abolished. A spiritual order of things is to be brought in.*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 1*

The Lord desires the men connected with our publishing houses to be men who are worked by the Holy Spirit. If the spirit continues to control those in positions of responsibility in the publishing house at Nashville that has controlled them in the past, the same commercial spirit will be brought into this institution that was brought into the publishing house in Battle Creek. Those who have been leavened by this spirit—I shall not call them by name—are in need of the converting power of the Holy Spirit on mind and heart.*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 2*

I copy some extracts from my diary. On March 1, 1903, I wrote:*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 3*

“There are some things that I cannot forbear stating to my brethren standing in positions of responsibility in the Nashville Publishing House. Your danger is in supposing that position gives you power. You are constantly to learn of Christ. While you are influenced by

the same spirit that has borne sway in the past, it will be impossible for unity and love and sympathy and deep humility to exist amongst you. *18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 4*

“The cold barrenness of soul that is seen is detrimental to the missionary work which the Lord desires to see done. The leaven of selfishness and self-exaltation will grow and prevail unless, every day and every hour, humility of mind and heart is cherished. *18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 5*

“Let the men who stand as leaders in the work of God, and whose work affects others, feel the obligation resting on them to stand ever under the orders of Him who declares that their work is to bear the stamp of heaven. My brethren, unless the commercial work received into the office bears the index and symbol of the divine, it will be a sure snare to the apprentices, who look to the men in responsibility for instruction in business and spiritual lines.” *18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 6*

On July 29, 1903, I wrote: *18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 7*

“I am carrying a heavy burden for the work in the Southern field. He who bears responsibilities that bring him into contact with others needs a heart that is not a stranger to the influence and teaching of the Holy Spirit. I hope and pray that the men who shall act a part in the publishing house at Nashville will not steel their hearts against the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Angels are watching every movement made. *18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 8*

“The experience of the past will be repeated by the course of the leading men in this institution unless their self-sufficient spirit is exchanged for the spirit of truth, candor, and Christian courtesy. A thorough conversion alone can make them men that God can use. There is much self-confidence, combined with worldly policy methods. The Lord calls for a change of heart, mind, and character. These men must lay off their self-assurance. The love of Jesus does not rule in their hearts as a living, transforming power. I say to them, Be sure that you are not fit to occupy a position of trust in God’s cause unless you are daily learning of the great Teacher. Remember that you are under God’s orders. *18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 9*

“The work of God in the South has not been appreciated or wisely carried forward. It is years behind because there has been, on the part of those engaged in it, a lack of true courtesy, of genuine Christian fellowship. Their long-continued need has been the light and love of God.*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 10*

“When men are chosen to fill positions of trust in the work of God, they are placed on trial. If they do not bear the test, if they show that they are not converted, they must not be allowed to remain where they will hinder the progress of God’s work by bringing in wrong methods. Such men place a heavy burden upon those connected with them. What do they need?—A reconversion. They need to know what it means to seek for and receive wisdom from on high. They need to realize that in thought, words, and deed they must undergo an entire transformation before they can offer God acceptable service.*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 11*

“The prayer recorded in the *ninth chapter of Daniel* was offered by one who had long been in the service of God, and who had received the commendation of God. Yet Daniel appeared before God as a sinner, pleading the great need of the people he loved. His prayer is eloquent in its simplicity; for he was intensely in earnest. Read this prayer, and then ask the Lord to indite your prayers. Ask Him to help you to pray with Christlike fervor. With humility and contrition confess your mistakes and errors, and repent before God. Oh, your prayers mean very little; for they are cold and lifeless. You have not a personal acquaintance with Jesus of Nazareth. How can you, then, bring light and power and grace and righteousness into your work for Him?*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 12*

“When men feel their deficiency, there is hope that they will take hold of Him who is their power and efficiency. But while they are self-complacent, content to move in accordance with their deficient human judgment, there is no hope of a change for the better.*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 13*

“The Lord calls upon those who claim to be His children to make no deceptive pretensions, but to seek Him in earnestness and sincerity. Let them remember that their words, their acts, their work, their worship of God have an influence upon those connected with

them. *18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 14*

“My brethren, if you have a realization of the responsibility resting on you, you will seek earnestly for true conversion. We need men now who have been proved and tried and tested. The position in which you stand demands men who fear and tremble because of their inefficiency. Remember that you will either grow in grace, or in a spirit of cold pharisaism. Will you now change your attitude? Will you now make thorough work for eternity?” *18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 15*

Harmony and unity are to prevail amongst those in charge of the publishing work at Nashville. These men are to conduct themselves in all humility. Some who in the past have acted a part in this institution have had their secret councils, which pleased themselves, but at which the presiding office, the great I AM, was not present. They supposed that they were doing the will of God, but by their spirit and actions they greatly retarded the work of God. Two or three, destitute of the Holy Spirit and of the warmth of Christ's love, linked themselves together and thought that in their own wisdom they would carry matters forward. Evil was the result. *18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 16*

Abraham was chosen by God to be a representative of Himself. He was bidden to leave his kindred and his father's house and go into a land that he knew not. He was chosen to introduce a new order of things into the country to which he was called. He was to live in close communion with God. He was to receive his orders from God, and his life and character were to be fashioned according to God's designing. He was to receive instruction from God and give it to the members of his family. He was to be the priest of his household. Upon him was enjoined the cultivation of home religion. He was to cause the will of God to be respected and obeyed. He was to do nothing in a scheming, underhand way, nothing that would in any sense dishonor God. *18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 17*

Abraham obeyed the word of the Lord. His large household, consisting of more than a thousand souls, was controlled by Christian principles. The searcher of hearts, He who blessed the habitations of the just, said of him, “I know him, that he will

command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment.” [*Genesis 18:19.*]18*LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 18*

It is the omnipotent God who is speaking, and in His words there can be neither hypocrisy nor deceit. “I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him. There will be on his part no betrayal of the truth, no yielding to the guidance of any one but God. I know that he will obey the laws of heaven.”18*LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 19*

Why was Abraham thus honored by the Lord? He was a man whom God could trust. He was a man of faith, who always followed principles of the strictest integrity. In all his business transactions he was courteous and honorable. His life was controlled by Christian politeness, and he placed the service of the Lord before all else. He would not swerve a hair’s breadth from pure, Christian principles. He did not forget that his first duty was to God.18*LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 20*

The history of Abraham should be studied by those who are building up the work in Nashville. The same spirit that was to control in the home of the patriarch is to control in the institutions established for the advancement of the work of the Lord.18*LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 21*

Some who have been handling sacred things have lost a sense of their sacredness and treat them as common matters. Unless they change, the Lord will remove them from His work. He will not have His work carried on in the way in which it has been carried on in the past. The Lord’s name will be magnified if His servants will serve Him. Let them not regard the time as lost that is spent in spiritual devotion. Let them devote every capability of mind and body to keeping the way of the Lord.18*LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 22*

Those who stand in the work of the Lord as counselors and teachers, but who have not the education and the training that the Lord declares essential for this work, might better stop right where they are and do as the disciples did—make prayer and confession and humiliation their first work until they understand that they are but finite, erring men, who must daily learn their lessons from Him

who taught Abraham how to be a Christian gentleman.*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 23*

The Lord revealed Himself to Abraham in the visions of the night and word by word gave him his instruction. O that today men would humble their proud hearts and let the sight of the Omniscient One so impress them that they would strip from them their self-importance and self-assumed dignity, feeling that they are only the Lord's little children, and that they must learn from Him how to behave as gentlemen and gentlewomen. Through careful training under Bible precepts, they may become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King.*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 24*

The principles that guided Abraham must be followed by the members of the Nashville church, if they would be lights in the world. The members of this church must be living witnesses for God. They must be filled with zeal; for there is a heaven to win and a hell to shun.*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 25*

"I know him that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord." [*Verse 19.*] Parents are never to show harshness and roughness in their treatment of their children. They are to show the gentleness of Christ. They are to keep the way of the Lord, guiding their children in this way, daily revealing the Saviour's love and tenderness, daily obeying the principles of truth.*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 26*

The Christian parent should never lose the sense that he is one of God's little children, and that he is to cultivate a courteous, compassionate disposition, because he is an educator. He is to represent Jesus to his children. In his dealing with them, there is to be seen no impetuosity, and neither is there to be seen the cold, icy dignity that freezes love in the heart. He is to be so kind, so tender, that the hearts of the children will be softened and subdued, prepared to receive the love and grace of Christ.*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 27*

No harsh words are to be spoken by a Christian to any one, old or young. Such words are prompted by the enemy.*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 28*

My brethren, do not be so coldly proper toward those with whom you meet in service and worship that you freeze the souls that are in need of the warmth of the love of Christ. Do not let your children or the young people in your charge in the office learn from you to be cold and hard and unapproachable. This is a sin in the sight of a gracious, loving Saviour. Let your hearts break before God. Let Christ come in and bless you. Let the light of His love shine into your poor selfish hearts, making you sweet tempered and amiable. *18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 29*

We are taught in the Word of God to be kind, tender, pitiful, courteous. Cultivate Christlike love. Let all that you do bear the impress of this love. Those who do not speak the words and do the works of Christ are trying to climb into heaven by some other way than through the door. *18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 30*

In the prayer that Christ offered for His disciples just before His crucifixion, He said, "For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." [*John 17:19.*] My brethren, you who occupy positions of responsibility in the Lord's service, remember that Bible truth is not of the least value to you unless by it you are sanctified. Do not endeavor to preserve your cold, unchristlike dignity. This is not religion; it is not Christianity. What you need is the light that shines in the face of Christ, to cause your faces to shine with the brightness of His love. Put away your cast-iron dignity. God has not told you to cherish any such thing. Let your hearts be filled with the love of Christ. Then Christlike sympathy will shine forth from your faces. *18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 31*

"Neither pray I for these alone," Christ continued, "but for them also which 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." [*Verses 20-23.*] *18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 32*

Do you not desire to do that which will make it possible for God to answer this prayer? It is by your Christian conduct, your

righteousness, your unity, that you make it possible for Him to answer it. Do you think that you honor Christ by standing apart, determined that you will not blend with your fellow workers? Can conduct of this kind answer the prayer of Christ?*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 33*

Bring pleasantness and sweetness into your words and deeds. Then you will understand the meaning of the words, "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." [*Verses 22, 23.*]*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 34*

Then comes the reason that shows why it is so important that Christ's followers should be united: "That the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me." [*Verse 23.*]*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 35*

"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 24-26.*]*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 36*

Do you understand this? You have the Word of God. Might you not better read and practice its teachings? You have lost your first love. Unless you repent, God will come to you quickly, and will remove the candlestick out of its place. I am bidden to tell you that when you love God and keep His commandments, you will possess Christlike characters. You will then be as different from what you are now as light and sunshine are different from shadow and tempest.*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 37*

There are some serving in holy things who have no faith in God or His power. They multiply their efforts to gain salvation by their own devices. How pitiful are their vain endeavors to justify themselves and to hold their footing against the downward current of evil. They are powerless; for they do not make God their trust.*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 38*



My brethren, cultivate gratitude. Praise the Lord for His goodness. When a man begins to depart from God, there is no gratitude in his soul. He receives the temporal and spiritual blessings that come to him as if they were his by right. O that the Lord's goodness were appreciated! Then would gratitude well up in the soul at the remembrance of His goodness. The heart would be warmed by a sense of His love and filled with joy and thanksgiving.*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 39*

God is the eternal, uncreated fountain of all good. All who look to Him and trust in Him find Him to be this. To those who serve Him, cleaving to Him as their heavenly Father, He gives the assurance that He will fulfil His promises. His joy will be in their hearts, and their joy will be full.*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 40*

May the Lord give you all a determination to do His will, and may He greatly bless and strengthen you, is my prayer.*18LtMs, Lt 203, 1903, par. 41*

**Lt 204, 1903**

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 14, 1903

Previously unpublished.

My dear son Edson,—

With this I am sending you copy of a letter that I have written to those in positions of responsibility in the Nashville Publishing House. I am sending a copy of this to Brother Butler, asking him to read it to those addressed. It would, perhaps, be better for him to read it than for you. *18LtMs, Lt 204, 1903, par. 1*

I am too weary to write more today. For the last two or three days I have been troubled with rheumatism. *18LtMs, Lt 204, 1903, par. 2*

Brother H. W. Kellogg has promised to lend me one thousand dollars. As soon as I receive this money, I will send it to you. *18LtMs, Lt 204, 1903, par. 3*

With much love and in haste. *18LtMs, Lt 204, 1903, par. 4*

**Lt 205, 1903**

Brn-Srs. in Australia

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 14, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *UL 271*.

My dear brethren and sisters in Australia,—

I read with the deepest interest the letters that come to me from you. My prayers often ascend to God in your behalf. I pray that you may be “steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.” [*1 Corinthians 15:58*.] We are living amidst the closing scenes of this world’s history, and to us comes the warning, “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.” [*1 Corinthians 16:13*.]*18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 1*

I greatly desire that the Sanitarium shall be a means of much good. Those connected with that institution should be men and women of faith, men and women who feel that they are under obligation to heed and obey the words of the prayer that Christ offered for His disciples just before His crucifixion. They are not to give place to the devices that the enemy seeks to bring in to destroy the peace of the soul. We can be just what Christ prayed that we should be—one in Him.*18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 2*

Read and re-read the prayer of Christ, until you know it by heart. This prayer was offered for you. Do not disregard it. Accept the gracious privilege of oneness that Jesus holds out to you. His prayer declares that we may have perfect wholeness. In Him we are complete; apart from Him we are deficient.*18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 3*

We are to answer Christ’s prayer by being one with Him in God. This is so plainly specified that there is no need for us to misunderstand.*18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 4*

“Sanctify them through Thy truth;” Christ prayed, “Thy word is truth.

As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word.” [John 17:17-20.] This takes in all who hear the Word and receive it into good and honest hearts. *18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 5*

What is Christ’s request?—“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.” [Verse 21.] *18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 6*

By our unity we are to bear strong, indisputable evidence that Christ came to this world to save sinners. Satan works with all his ingenuity to prevent human beings from bearing this evidence. He wants them to develop an unsanctified individuality so that they shall not love one another. Too often professing Christians yield to him, and then the merest trifle causes a difference to spring up amongst them. Men and women professing godliness build walls of separation between them and their fellow workers, because not all think in exactly the same way or follow exactly the same methods. Those who stand apart, refusing to harmonize, dishonor God before the world. Christ prayed for unity. It is His will that His followers shall labor together in Christian fellowship. Shall it be thus, or shall we grieve Him by disunion and lack of harmony? *18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 7*

Let us respond to Christ’s invitation, “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” [Matthew 11:28-30.] To respond to this invitation, we must let go all self-importance, all feeling of superiority, and bow in submission to the will of God. *18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 8*

“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; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me.” [John 17:22, 23.] *18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 9*

What a wonderful change would be seen in our world if all would obey Christ's words. He has united His interests with those of humanity, that men and women may receive from Him power to do His will. Those who through His grace become partakers of the divine nature receive the rich blessings that in the councils of heaven it was declared should be bestowed on those who believe in Christ as a personal Saviour. *18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 10*

“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 24-26.*] *18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 11*

“If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered, and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.” [*John 15:6.*] *18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 12*

Why do not these words make men afraid to sin against God? There are many today who, though professing Christians, are not one with Christ. They are drifting hither and thither. May God pity them. Unless help from above reaches them, they will be lost, eternally lost. *18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 13*

The members of our churches need to be converted, that they may understand what the love of Jesus means—the love that He revealed in His life of meekness and lowliness. Profession without practice is of no value in God's sight. Position cannot gain for us salvation. Nebuchadnezzar was the ruler of the greatest of earth's kingdoms, but his greatness did not give him acceptance with God. In a moment his power was taken from him. *18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 14*

“If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit.” [*Verses 7, 8.*] Fruit-bearing, then, is the condition of discipleship. What is the fruit that is to be borne?—purity of character, unselfish deeds, Christlike words. Those who do

not bear this fruit, those whose lives do not reveal the tenderness of Christ, are not accepted as representatives of God.*18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 15*

In order for us to bear the fruit that glorifies God, our hearts must be filled with the love of Christ. We must learn of Him His meekness and lowliness. Then we shall not strive for self-exaltation. Those who retain their own unchristlike peculiarities are not sanctified through oneness with the Saviour. Self is so prominent that Christ is not seen. When men see more clearly the completeness of Christ's sacrifice and condescension, they will better understand what is comprehended by oneness with Him.*18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 16*

“As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you; continue ye in My love.” [Verse 9.] These words show that man has a part to act. He is to continue in Christ's love, wearing His yoke, learning His meekness and lowliness. We are bidden to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, fearing lest we make a failure, and grieve the Spirit of God. But we are not left to work alone. The apostle adds, “It is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” [*Philippians 2:13.*] Divine and human effort are to be combined. If the human agent realizes that he is a laborer together with God, if he relies on the Lord to do that which he cannot do, the work will go forward successfully.*18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 17*

“If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love, even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love. These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.” [*John 15:10-12.*] As Christ has loved us—this is the measurement of the love that we are to have for one another.*18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 18*

A Christian is one whose heart is controlled by the Holy Spirit. The love of God pervades his soul. He desires to live, not to get glory for himself, not to serve himself, but to serve and glorify the One who gave His life for him. He may have business to attend to, but it is not unlawful business. And his business life is not separate from his religious life. His business is a part of his service to God. He

worships God as verily when attending to this business as when offering prayer. Daniel and his fellows had important duties to perform in connection with the government of Babylon, but they were none the less in the service of God.*18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 19*

Not all have the same office. God's workers are given different duties to perform. Some are entrusted with the spiritual interests of His cause. Others are given lowlier duties. But all are in the service of the Lord, and His blessing rests upon every one who puts forth faithful effort.*18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 20*

My dear fellow workers, whatever your hands find to do, do it with your might. Make your work pleasant with songs of praise. If you would have a clean record in the books of heaven, never fret or scold. Let your daily prayer be, "Lord, help me to do my best. Teach me how to do better work. Give me energy and cheerfulness. Help me to bring into my service the loving ministry of the Saviour."*18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 21*

Look upon every duty, however humble, as sacred because it is part of God's service. Do not allow anything to make you forgetful of God. Bring Christ into all that you do. Then your lives will be filled with brightness and thanksgiving. We need a deeper faith. To each one of us God has assigned a certain task. Let us do our best, moving forward cheerfully in the service of the Lord, with our hearts filled with His joy.*18LtMs, Lt 205, 1903, par. 22*

**Lt 206, 1903**

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 16, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

I did not write to any one in Australia by the last boat. I was very busy writing letters to some in this country. I sent a long letter to Brother John Wessels. He is now in Africa. His wife and children are living in San Francisco. Sister Wessels has a little daughter. I have strong hopes that John Wessels is really making reformations. He writes me good letters, and I always respond, writing words that I hope will be help to the whole Wessels family. I want to do all that I can to encourage them to press on in the heavenward way. *18LtMs, Lt 206, 1903, par. 1*

About three weeks ago I drove over to Healdsburg and stayed there for several days. I spoke on the Sabbath to a large congregation in the church. The Lord gave me great freedom. I spoke twice to the church school teachers who had assembled for the Institute. Next mail I will send you a copy of the talk that I gave on one occasion. *18LtMs, Lt 206, 1903, par. 2*

While in Healdsburg I was deeply impressed that there must be a decided upward movement in the carrying forward of the Lord's work. There is to be much greater spiritual advancement than there has been. The Lord will work mightily for His people when they believe His Word and submit to His will. When they come to Him with confession and repentance, He will take away their sins and will fill their hearts with the peace of Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 206, 1903, par. 3*

I can write you only a very short letter this time. The letters must go this noon. Last night Willie returned from the East, after a stay of more than two months. We have spent some time this morning



talking together, and I have not much time left for writing. *18LtMs, Lt 206, 1903, par. 4*

Do you hear anything in regard to what Dr. Caro is doing? I feel very sorry for him. But we know that you must use great care in connecting workers with the Sanitarium, else the institution will be hindered in doing the work that the Lord desires to see done. How sad it is that Dr. Caro is not willing to be right with God and to learn from Christ to be meek and lowly. *18LtMs, Lt 206, 1903, par. 5*

I feel deeply the need of divine wisdom. I lie awake hour after hour, praying, "Show me Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths. Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me; for Thou art the God of my salvation, and on Thee do I wait all the day." [*Psalm 25:4, 5.*] *18LtMs, Lt 206, 1903, par. 6*

To the workers in the Sanitarium I would say, Stand firm for the right. Remember that you are God's children. When perplexities arise, take them to God in prayer, and He will help. He will never misunderstand you. *18LtMs, Lt 206, 1903, par. 7*

The Lord has a work for all to do. He will aid every one who looks to Him. Remember that every effort you make needs the fragrance of Christ's righteousness, in order for it to be an acceptable offering to the Lord. Remember, too, that of yourselves you can do no good thing. Divine and human endeavor must be united. Then good will be accomplished. We need so much to be united with one another and with Christ. The commandments of God are a golden chain of love, binding heart to heart, mind to mind. In all your services follow the rule, "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you." [See *Matthew 7:12.*] *18LtMs, Lt 206, 1903, par. 8*

With much love. *18LtMs, Lt 206, 1903, par. 9*

## Lt 207, 1903

Brethren and Sisters

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 13, 1903

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My dear brethren and sisters,—

I understand that efforts are being made to establish a college in Battle Creek, after the Lord has plainly stated that there should not be a college there, giving the reasons why. He said that the school was to be taken out of Battle Creek, to remove one excuse for so many crowding into Battle Creek and settling there. He said, also, that Seventh-day Adventist schools were not to be like the schools of the world, but like the schools of the prophets.*18LtMs, Lt 207, 1903, par. 1*

The establishment of a college in Battle Creek is contrary to the Lord's directions. The Lord does not look with favor upon this plan or upon those who devised it. It is a plan of human devising.*18LtMs, Lt 207, 1903, par. 2*

The Lord does not require His people to give of their means for the establishment of a college in Battle Creek; for He has declared that a college should not be established there. He has declared that His people are not to settle in places where for so long the light of truth has been shining.*18LtMs, Lt 207, 1903, par. 3*

We are trying to establish a memorial in Washington to represent the truth, and means will be needed for this work. We shall be obliged to depend on our people to furnish means with which to purchase the land on which to erect this memorial. We shall have to call on them also to furnish means to provide facilities for the carrying forward of the work there.*18LtMs, Lt 207, 1903, par. 4*

I would say to our people, The Lord has warned me in the night season that efforts will be made to obtain means for the carrying forward of certain interests, when the Lord has declared that means should be used in other ways. If you have money to lend or to give to the Lord's cause, will you not remember the work in Washington?*18LtMs, Lt 207, 1903, par. 5*

By written messages and by fire the Lord has declared that He wants His people to move out of Battle Creek. May God help us to hear His voice. Does it mean nothing to us that our two great institutions in Battle Creek were swept away by fire? You say, But the new Sanitarium has many patients. Yes; but if there were many thousand patients there, this would be no argument in favor of our people's building homes in Battle Creek and settling there.*18LtMs, Lt 207, 1903, par. 6*

Temptations are increasing. Men are rejecting the light that God has sent in the testimonies of His Spirit, and they are choosing their own devising and their own plans. Will men continue to separate themselves from God? Must He reveal His displeasure in a still more marked manner than He has already done?*18LtMs, Lt 207, 1903, par. 7*

**Lt 208, 1903**

Brethren and Sisters

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 20, 1903

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Dear brethren and sisters,—

It is not work that kills; it is worry. The only way to avoid worry is to take every trouble to Christ. Let us not look on the dark side. Let us cultivate cheerfulness of spirit. I have much to make me sad at heart, but I try not to speak discouragingly, because some one who hears my words may be sad at heart, and I must not do anything to increase their sadness. *18LtMs, Lt 208, 1903, par. 1*

Some are addressed in these words, “Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God. Hast thou not known, hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding.” [*Isaiah 40:27, 28.*]*18LtMs, Lt 208, 1903, par. 2*

We are to keep our minds stayed upon the Lord. We must eat of the food that He has provided for the soul—His holy Word, which is filled with spiritual life. *18LtMs, Lt 208, 1903, par. 3*

The promises of this Word will be fulfilled to us if we will practice its teachings. The Lord has a heaven full of blessings prepared for us. Often we grieve the Holy Spirit by unbelief, by encouraging distrust. In Him is no darkness at all. Let us face the light. Let us talk faith and hope. God’s thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are His ways our ways. *18LtMs, Lt 208, 1903, par. 4*

We have no time to speak discouraging words. The law of kindness is to be on our lips. We cannot afford to please Satan by speaking words of faultfinding and envy. When love for God burns on the

altar of the soul, the words spoken will glorify God.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 208, 1903, par. 5*

**Lt 209, 1903**

Kellogg, H. W.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 20, 1903

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Henry W. Kellogg

Dear Brother,—

We have just received the draft for one thousand dollars which you have sent us. I thank you very much for this money. *18LtMs, Lt 209, 1903, par. 1*

I would be much pleased if you could lend me another thousand dollars. I greatly desire to prepare for publication some important matter that ought to be brought before the people, and I also desire to purchase the plates of my books in foreign languages, now held by Review and Herald. *18LtMs, Lt 209, 1903, par. 2*

Some from whom I had borrowed money, and who I had hoped would renew the loan for another year, have been obliged to call for their money. *18LtMs, Lt 209, 1903, par. 3*

For some months I have not received a penny from the General Conference. But now they are settled, I shall soon receive something from them. I expect to receive some money from some of my books soon. *18LtMs, Lt 209, 1903, par. 4*

We are very glad that you could let us have the money which you sent, but I must obtain as much more from some source. *18LtMs, Lt 209, 1903, par. 5*

My next book is to be on temperance and the medical missionary work. It is my purpose to give the manuscript of this book to our sanitariums, to help them to raise the debts resting on them, as I gave *Christ's Object Lessons* to raise the debts on our schools. I

think that this is the best I can do, and that this will be a most appropriate book for this purpose. I am preparing other books as fast as possible, which I wish to bring before the people.*18LtMs, Lt 209, 1903, par. 6*

I should like to write you many things in regard to the things taught in the book *The Living Temple*. The Lord is not glorified by such a mixture of Bible and nature, of the divine and the human. False statements are presented, dressed in the beautiful garments of truth.*18LtMs, Lt 209, 1903, par. 7*

Brother Kellogg, we are living in perilous times. We need sharp, clear eyesight; for the enemy is working with all stealthiness to lead the minds of men from the truth for this time.*18LtMs, Lt 209, 1903, par. 8*

We are commanded to give the trumpet a certain sound, but this book sounds a very uncertain note. Some, however, will grasp it eagerly, but will find only a shadow in place of the reality. Many such productions will be forthcoming in these last days. Errors will be presented in a pleasing and flattering manner. The enemy desires to divert the minds of our brethren and sisters from the work of preparing a people to stand in these last days.*18LtMs, Lt 209, 1903, par. 9*

With much respect, I remain*18LtMs, Lt 209, 1903, par. 10*

Your sister in Christ.*18LtMs, Lt 209, 1903, par. 11*

## Lt 210, 1903

Teachers in Emmanuel Missionary College

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 21, 1903

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To the teachers in Emmanuel Missionary College,—

The closing scenes of this earth’s history are near at hand. The unfulfilled predictions of the book of *Revelation* are soon to be fulfilled. This prophecy is now to be studied with diligence by the people of God and should be clearly understood. It does not conceal the truth; it clearly forewarns, telling us what will be in the future. *18LtMs, Lt 210, 1903, par. 1*

Our work now is to husband the time, the influence, and the means that God has given us and to co-operate with the Lord at every step. We are to be true, courageous, and faithful. Unless we stand firmly and intelligently for the truth, there will be serious misconceptions, and the work that the Lord would have done will be left undone. *18LtMs, Lt 210, 1903, par. 2*

Let us not be in any way deceived. Let us realize the weakness of humanity and see where man fails in his self-sufficiency. We shall then be filled with a desire to be just what God desires us to be—pure, noble, sanctified. We shall hunger and thirst after the righteousness of Christ. To be like God will be the one desire of the soul. *18LtMs, Lt 210, 1903, par. 3*

This is the desire that filled Enoch’s heart. And we read that he walked with God. He studied the character of God to a purpose. He did not mark out his own course, or set up his own will, as if he thought himself fully qualified to manage matters. He strove to conform himself to the divine likeness. *18LtMs, Lt 210, 1903, par. 4*



The Lord calls upon our young people to enter our schools and quickly fit themselves for service. In various places, outside of the cities, schools are to be established, where your youth can receive an education that will prepare them to go forth to do evangelical work and medical missionary work. *18LtMs, Lt 210, 1903, par. 5*

The Lord must be given an opportunity to show men their duty and to work upon their minds. No one is to bind himself to serve for a term of years under the direction of one group of men or in one specified branch of the Master's work; for the Lord Himself will call men, as of old He called the humble fishermen, and will Himself give them instruction regarding their field of labor and the methods they should follow. He will call men from the plow and from other occupations to give the last note of warning to perishing souls. There are many ways in which to work for the Master, and the great Teacher will open the understanding of these workers, enabling them to see wondrous things in His Word. *18LtMs, Lt 210, 1903, par. 6*

I have repeatedly been instructed that no one should be advised to pledge himself to spend two, three, four, five, or six years under any one man's supervision. Let students stand where they can follow the will of God. Their service belongs to Him. Their capabilities and talents are to be refined, purified, ennobled. In this lower school—the school of earth—they are to be prepared for translation into the school of heaven, where their education will be continued under the personal supervision of Christ, the great Teacher, who will lead them beside the living waters and open to them the mysteries of the kingdom of God. *18LtMs, Lt 210, 1903, par. 7*

### **The Training of Medical Missionaries**

Medical missionary work is yet in its infancy. The meaning of genuine medical missionary work is known by but few. Why?—Because the Saviour's plan of work has not been followed. God's money has been misapplied. In many places practical evangelistic medical missionary work is not being done; but many of the workers who should go forth as did the disciples are being collected together and held in a few places, as they have been in the past, notwithstanding the Lord's warning that this should not be. *18LtMs,*

*Lt 210, 1903, par. 8*

Many of the men and women who should be out in the field, working as medical missionary evangelists, helping those engaged in the gospel ministry, are collected in Battle Creek, acting over the same program that has been acted over in the past, confining the forces, binding them up in one place. God has spoken against this by sending His judgments upon the institutions in Battle Creek; but notwithstanding this, every movement on the part of those striving to heed the warnings by laboring to change the order of things has been made very hard because of the misconception of some regarding the way in which the medical missionary work should be carried forward. *18LtMs, Lt 210, 1903, par. 9*

God has not given us the work of erecting immense sanitariums, to be used as health resorts for all who may come. Neither is it His purpose that medical missionary workers shall spend a long term of years in college before they enter the field. To build up a school in Battle Creek, as some of our people there desire, would tend to counterwork the influence that God has declared should be exerted on His people in these last days of this earth's history. *18LtMs, Lt 210, 1903, par. 10*

The interests that the Lord has declared should not remain in Battle Creek are not now to be brought back and re-established there. Much of the force that would be needed to carry forward there, amidst many disadvantages, the work of these interests, should be used in doing gospel medical missionary work in the large cities still unworked. *18LtMs, Lt 210, 1903, par. 11*

“Break up the large centers,” has been the word of the Lord. “Carry the light to many places.” Those who are desirous of receiving a training for effective medical missionary work should understand that large sanitariums will be conducted so much like institutions of the world, that students laboring in such sanitariums cannot obtain a symmetrical training for Christian medical missionary work. *18LtMs, Lt 210, 1903, par. 12*

The proclamation of the truth in all parts of the world calls for small sanitariums in many places, not in the heart of cities, but in places where city influences will be as little felt as possible. *18LtMs, Lt 210,*

1903, par. 13

I am obliged to say that the making of so large a plant in Battle Creek, and the calling together of those who should be engaged in medical missionary work in many places is doing just what God has specified should not be done. *18LtMs, Lt 210, 1903, par. 14*

The fact that many patients are coming to the new Sanitarium at Battle Creek is not to be read as a sign that the planning for so large a work there was for the best. To this large institution will come many men and women who are not really sick. Workers will be required to wait on them; our nurses will become the servants of worldly men and women who are not inclined to piety or religion. But this is not the work that God has given to His medical missionaries. Our charge has been given us by the greatest Medical Missionary that this world has ever seen. Standing but a step from His Father's throne, Christ said to His disciples: *18LtMs, Lt 210, 1903, par. 15*

“All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” “Go ye into all the world,” He said, “and preach the gospel to every creature,” “teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” [*Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15.*] *18LtMs, Lt 210, 1903, par. 16*

Let our ministers who have gained an experience in preaching the Word learn how to give simple treatments, and then labor intelligently as medical missionary evangelists. *18LtMs, Lt 210, 1903, par. 17*

Workers—gospel medical missionaries—are needed now. We cannot afford to spend years in preparation. Soon doors now open to the truth will be forever closed. Carry the message now. Do not wait, allowing the enemy to take possession of fields now open before you. Let little companies go forth to do the work to which Christ appointed His disciples. Let them labor as evangelists, scattering our publications and talking of the truth to those they meet. Let them pray for the sick, ministering to their necessities, not with drugs, but with nature's remedies and teaching them how to

regain health and avoid disease.*18LtMs, Lt 210, 1903, par. 18*

Let the workers remember always that they are dependent on God. Let them not trust in human wisdom, but in the wisdom of the One who declares, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. ... Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:18, 20.*] Let them go forth two and two, depending on God, not on man, for wisdom and success. Let them search the Scriptures and then present the truths of God's Word to others. Let them be guided by the principles that Christ has laid down.*18LtMs, Lt 210, 1903, par. 19*

Lt 211, 1903

Teachers in Emmanuel Missionary College

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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**Teach the Word**

To the teachers in Emmanuel Missionary College,—

I have some things to say to our teachers in reference to the new book *The Living Temple*. Be careful how you sustain the sentiments of this book regarding the personality of God. As the Lord presents matters to me, these sentiments do not bear the endorsement of God. They are a snare that the enemy has prepared for these last days. I thought that this would surely be discerned and that it would not be necessary for me to say anything about it. But since the claim has been made that the teachings of this book can be sustained by statements from my writings, I am compelled to speak in denial of this claim. There may be in this book expressions and sentiments that are in harmony with my writings. And there may be in my writings many statements which when taken from their connection, and interpreted according to the mind of the writer of *Living Temple*, would seem to be in harmony with the teachings of this book. This may give apparent support to the assertion that the sentiments in *Living Temple* are in harmony with my writings. But God forbid that this opinion should prevail.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 1*

We need not the mysticism that is in this book. Those who entertain these sophistries will soon find themselves in a position where the enemy can talk with them and lead them away from God. It is represented to me that the writer of this book is on a false track. He

has lost sight of the distinguishing truths for this time. He knows not whither his steps are tending. The track of truth lies close beside the track of error, and both tracks may seem to be one to minds which are not worked by the Holy Spirit, and which, therefore, are not quick to discern the difference between truth and error. *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 2*

In regard to the faith to be cherished and preserved in these last days, very little light is given in *Living Temple*, and this light is so uncertain that it would not help God's people at this stage of their work. *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 3*

In the visions of the night this matter was clearly presented to me before a large number. One of authority was speaking, and He said, "If the suppositions and statements found in this book were essential, if these statements were pure provender, thoroughly winnowed from the chaff, there would be some decided mention of them in the revelation given by Christ to John to give to the churches. To John the Lord Jesus opened the subjects that He saw would be needed by His people in the last days. The instruction that He gave is found in the book of Revelation. Those who would be co-workers with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will show a deep interest in the truths found in the book of Revelation. With pen and voice they will strive to make plain the wonderful things that Christ came from heaven to reveal." *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 4*

The *first chapter of the book of Revelation* was then read with great solemnity. *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 5*

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John, who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that He saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things that are written therein; for the time is at hand." [*Verses 1-3.*] *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 6*

Our Instructor presented the solemn messages that have been given in their order in Revelation and that are to occupy the first place in the minds of God's people. Nothing else is to be allowed to

engross our attention. *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 7*

All through the book *The Living Temple*, passages of Scripture are used, but in many instances these passages are used in such a way that the right interpretation is not given to them. The message for this time is not, "The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we." [*Jeremiah 7:4.*] Whom does the Lord receive as vessels unto honor?—Those who co-operate with Christ; those who believe the truth, who live the truth, who proclaim the truth in all its bearings. *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 8*

There are those whose minds will be taken up with smooth words and fair speeches—put into language that they cannot understand or interpret. Precious time is rapidly passing, and many will be robbed of the time that should be given to the proclamation of the messages that God has sent to a fallen world. Satan is pleased to see the diversion of minds that should be engaged in the study of the truths that have to do with eternal realities. *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 9*

The testimony of Christ, a testimony of the most solemn character, is to be borne to the world. All through the book of Revelation there are the most precious, elevating promises, and there are also warnings of most fearfully solemn import. Will not those who profess to have a knowledge of the truth read the testimony given to John by Christ. Here is no guesswork, no scientific deception. Here are the truths that concern our present and future welfare. What is the chaff to the wheat? *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 10*

Our Instructor passed on to the *third chapter of Revelation* and read the following: *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 11*

"Unto the angel of the church in Sardis write, These things saith He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know thy works that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received, and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." [*Verses 1-3.*] *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 12*

These words were spoken with such strength and force that those present seemed to be afraid and hid their faces in their hands, as if they were arraigned before the Judge of all the earth. Some seemed about to faint. *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 13*

Then the subject changed. The Speaker read: *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 14*

“Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white; for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed with white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 15*

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These things saith He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth, and no man shutteth, and shutteth, and no man openeth: I know thy works; behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept My word, and hast not denied My name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out; and I will write upon him the name of My God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God; and I will write upon him My new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [Verses 4-13.] *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 16*

In these words there is no soothsaying. *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 17*

The Speaker held up *Living Temple*, saying, “In this book there are statements that the writer himself does not comprehend. Many



things are stated in a vague, undefined way. Statements are made in such a way that nothing is sure. And this is not the only production of the kind that will be urged upon the people. Fanciful views will be presented by many minds. What we need to know at this time is, What is the truth that will enable us to win the salvation of our souls?" *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 18*

The sophistries regarding God and nature that are flooding the world with skepticism are the inspiration of the fallen foe, who is himself a Bible student, who knows the truth that it is essential for the people to receive, and whose study it is to divert minds from these great truths relating to what is soon coming upon the world. Let our teachers beware lest they echo the soothsaying of the enemy of God and man. *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 19*

Pointing to some present, our Instructor said, "You are making a mistake. The Word, the Word revealed by God—this is to be the foundation of your faith. Study the commandments of God and the testimony that Jesus has borne to the truth. He is the faithful and true Witness." *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 20*

Then was repeated the message to the Laodicean church. The whole of the third chapter of Revelation, from first to last, was read: *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 21*

"Unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God. I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of My mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked; I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. *18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 22*

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with

him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." [*Verses 14-22.*]*18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 23*

The Lord is soon coming. The watchmen on the walls of Zion are called upon to awake to their God-given responsibility. Many of them are in the stupor of insensibility. God calls for watchmen who in the power of the Spirit will give to the world a warning message; who will proclaim the time of night. He calls for watchmen who will arouse men and women from their lethargy, lest they sleep the sleep of death.*18LtMs, Lt 211, 1903, par. 24*

**Lt 212, 1903**

Teachers in Emmanuel Missionary College

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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To the teachers in Emmanuel Missionary College,—

To receive and practice the teachings of Him who is the way, the truth, and the life is to gain eternal life. Christ gives this life to those who believe on Him, who reveal the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. His followers are to train themselves to practice the strictest integrity in all things; they are to be truthful in thought, word, and deed. They are to work with an eye single to the glory of God. Thus only can they be true representatives of Christ.*18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 1*

He who accepts Christ accepts His yoke. He is linked up with Christ, and in all his work he is to co-operate with Christ. He is to speak no word, perform no act, that would misrepresent the high and holy principles by which the kingdom of Christ is governed.*18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 2*

“Learn of Me,” said the great Medical Missionary; “for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” [*Matthew 11:29, 30.*] Daily in the school of Christ we are to learn lessons of self-denial and cross-bearing.*18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 3*

We are not to link up in counsel with worldly men. Our lives are not to be corrupted by the customs and practices of men who have sold themselves to the world. Never are we to consult with worldly lawyers as to how we may gain advantage over some one else. Never are we to play an underhand game to obtain means from the

Lord's treasury for any use whatever. All that is worth gaining may be gained in strictly honorable lines. *18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 4*

“All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them,” said Christ. [*Matthew 7:12.*] Making this our rule in the daily life, we shall be able to face men in the judgment, knowing that we have not misrepresented the high and holy principles of the law by which we shall be judged. *18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 5*

Receiving the truth, and performing the duties enjoined in the gospel—thus we give evidence to the world that we have been genuinely converted, and that we have been adopted into the family of God. By revealing a character like the character of Christ, we show that God has called and chosen us. *18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 6*

Christ can work only through those who will unite with Him. By obeying the truth and exercising faith, every child of God may receive the help of His mighty power. But many who are called do not respond to the truth. They choose to follow their own way and be guided by their own spirit. They are unclean vessels appointed unto wrath. Christ cannot obtain entrance to the hearts of those who work with the enemy of God. *18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 7*

There is a great difference between the spirit of the world and the Spirit of Christ. He who seeks at all risk to carry out his own plans and purposes is in co-partnership with Satan, entirely out of harmony with the plans and purposes of God. Only through the knowledge of God and of Christ can men come into harmony with the divine will. *18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 8*

### **Growth in Grace**

The divine plan for the development of Christian character is set forth by the apostle Peter as follows: *18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 9*

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord. According as His divine power hath given us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the

knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue; whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside all this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge.” [2 Peter 1:2-5.]*18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 10*

Our teachers should strive to give the purest education in morality and religion. Our students should constantly be reaching out for Christian attainments. God has called us to “glory and virtue,” and these will be manifest in the lives of all who are truly connected with Jesus Christ. [Verse 3.] Their words will be truthful. They will practice the principles of temperance in all things. By a belief and practice of the truth, they will keep their appetites and passions under control. Those who indulge their sinful desires are unworthy of the name of Christians.*18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 11*

Mark the divine plan for adding grace to grace: “And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience [godliness; and to godliness] brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.”*18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 12*

“For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” [Verses 6-8.]*18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 13*

The life of the Christian is a constant effort to grow in grace and efficiency. He seeks to increase his talents, that he may do better service for the Master. He keeps close to the side of Christ, knowing that only by watchfulness and prayer and help from above can he be kept from sin.*18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 14*

In order to work out the plans of God, men must co-operate with divine power. As they draw near to God, and obtain the instruction given by Christ, they will daily learn how to avoid the snares of the enemy.*18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 15*

The Christian graces are to be brought into the daily life. Giving all diligence, work on the plan of addition. Act your part in the fear of God. Reverence Him. Keep your souls in His love. Make no provision for uniting, even for a moment, with Satan to forward his

schemes. Do not allow him to divert your mind from God's work to him. He knows your weakness; He knows just what inducements to present to lead you to follow his guidance. Refuse to serve him. Keep the Lord ever before you. *18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 16*

Those who, while professing to be on Christ's side, yield themselves to the doing of unchristlike work greatly dishonor God. He will surely let His wrath fall on those who thus rob Him of the glory due to Him. He is displeased when men allow Satan to lead them to scheme and plot against the Lord's servants, making exceedingly difficult the work of those who are striving to exalt truth and righteousness. *18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 17*

He who is chosen as a leader in the work of God is to reveal a holy temper and a Christlike love. He is to make God his dependence. Unless he does this he will be in danger of setting in operation movements that will hinder the work of God and of giving the impression that God is serving with the sinners in Zion. This has been done over and over again. Many souls will be lost because the guardians of the flock have co-operated with the prince of the power of the air to hedge up the way for the advancement of the work according to the directions left by Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 18*

"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, (if you follow this plan of addition,) ye shall never fall: for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." [*Verses 9, 10.*] Here is our eternal life insurance policy. *18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 19*

"Wherefore," Peter continues, "I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle to stir you up by putting you in remembrance. ... For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the excellent glory, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am

well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven, we heard, when we were with Him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: knowing this first that no prophecy of the Scriptures is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 20*

“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring unto themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their pernicious ways, by reason of whom the truth shall be evil spoken of, and through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you.” [2 *Peter* 1:12, 13, 16-21; 2:1-3.]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 21*

### **A Warning of Danger**

Perilous times are before us. Every one who has a knowledge of the truth should awake and place himself, body, soul, and spirit, under the discipline of God. Wake up, brethren, wake up. The enemy is on our track. We must be wide awake on our guard against him. We must put on the whole armor of God. We must follow the directions given in the spirit of prophecy. We must love and obey the truth for this time. This will save us from accepting strong delusions. God has spoken to us through His Word. He has spoken to us through the testimonies to the church and through the books that have helped to make plain our present duty and the position that we should now occupy. The warnings that have been given, line upon line, precept upon precept, should be heeded. If we disregard them, what excuse shall we offer?<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 22*

The new theories in regard to God and Christ, as brought out in *The Living Temple*, are not in harmony with the teaching of Christ. The Lord Jesus came to this world to represent the Father. He did not represent God as an essence pervading nature, but as a personal

Being. Christians should bear in mind that God has a personality as verily as has Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 23*

Christ came to our world to restore in man the moral image of God. He came to bring fallen human beings power to obey God's commandments, that in them might be restored the divine character, that their lives might be adorned with the holiness of God. Of those who are thus transformed in character it is said, "Now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly, wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city." [*Hebrews 11:16.*] *18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 24*

Christians are to represent Christ. They are to reveal His Spirit and character. Those who are imbued with His Spirit will have an intense love for every one for whom He died and will work earnestly to bring into the heavenly garner a harvest of souls. Filled with His Spirit, they will be animated with the same desire to save sinners that animated Christ in His lifework as a missionary sent of God. *18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 25*

The enemy of Christ is intensely active. He seeks to take possession of human minds, that he may bring in division, discord, and a party spirit. He seeks to create division among the people of God, that they may be weakened, and that their influence for good on the world may be lessened. He presents scientific propositions that are contrary to Christ's teaching and contrary to the faith and the doctrines that have been outlined before us ever since the first proclamation of this message—doctrines that are sustained by the Scriptures. Our message is to be definitely proclaimed. We are to exalt the truths that were given to John on the Isle of Patmos, showing that the end is near. *18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 26*

The pope claims authority over the practice of many who do not recognize Christ as our only Authority. He places himself in the position of God, and the weak and uninformed are kept from the knowledge that would reveal to them their privilege as children of God. We are to have no kings, no rulers, no popes among us. It is time for us diligently to heed the messages that have brought us out from the world. *18LtMs, Lt 212, 1903, par. 27*



## Lt 213, 1903

Friends at Berrien Springs

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 9, 1903

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My dear friends at Berrien Springs,—

If you were nearer to us, we should call upon you and speak to you face to face. But this cannot be. We pray for you all, and we sympathize with you all. In your many trials and difficulties, remember that you have a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother—One who understands your situation better than it is possible for you to understand it. The precious Saviour is touched with the feelings of our infirmities, and He will not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able. *18LtMs, Lt 213, 1903, par. 1*

Let us seek the answer to our prayers where alone it can be found—from Him who has said, “Ask, and ye shall receive.” [*John 16:24.*] After the Saviour had ascended to heaven, the gift of the Spirit was sent in answer to the prayers of the disciples. It came like a rushing, mighty wind and filled the whole house where they were assembled. It came with copiousness and power, as if for ages it had been restrained, pent up, waiting an opportunity to pour forth its gracious influence and power. *18LtMs, Lt 213, 1903, par. 2*

When the Spirit descended on the disciples, there were dwelling in Jerusalem “devout men, out of every nation under heaven;” and the disciples were given power to speak to these men in their own tongues. [*Acts 2:5, 6.*] Thus was borne the testimony that God’s field is the world. The gospel is not confined to a certain limited territory, to some particular country or province. Of the Spirit, Christ said, “He shall convince the world of sin.” [*John 16:8.*]*18LtMs, Lt 213, 1903, par. 3*

What instrumentalities were to be employed for the doing of this work? Those to whom the power of the Spirit had been promised,

and upon whom, on the day of Pentecost, it rested. By their influence, under the sanctification of the Spirit, the gospel was to go forth to the ends of the earth. Human lips, touched with holy fire, were to proclaim a saving truth, calling out from the world a people who were to be as kings and priests unto God. The truth that sanctifies the receiver was to be proclaimed, with God's power behind the human instrument, convincing the world of sin, converting sinners, and bringing to them the righteousness of Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 213, 1903, par. 4*

What was the result of the outpouring of the Spirit?—Thousands were converted in day. The sword of the Spirit, newly edged with power and bathed in the lightnings of heaven, cut its way through unbelief, overcoming satanic agencies and magnifying the Lord as possessing supreme power. *18LtMs, Lt 213, 1903, par. 5*

Everywhere the gospel was proclaimed. Those who proclaimed it had no grievous complaints to make. The hearts of the disciples were surcharged with a benevolence so full, so deep, so far-reaching, that it impelled them to go to the ends of the earth, testifying, God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. As they proclaimed the gospel as the power of God unto salvation, hearts yielded to the power of the Holy Spirit. New territory was daily added to the church. In every place converts confessed Christ. Those who had been the bitterest opponents of the truth became her champions. *18LtMs, Lt 213, 1903, par. 6*

The teachers of the truth lifted up the Man of Calvary, repeating His lessons. The Spirit of the great Medical Missionary animated the whole company of believers and spoke through them. The peace of Christ shone forth from their faces. They realized that they were the property of the Redeemer, and they consecrated their lives to Him for service. Their very features bore evidence to the voluntary surrender that they had made. *18LtMs, Lt 213, 1903, par. 7*

Many of those who received the message of salvation were set apart by the Lord for positions of sacred trust. God prepared them for the work that He had for them. And will not those who today are truly converted be given a work to do for the Master? God will endow men and women today with power, as He endowed those

who heard the message on the day of Pentecost. The impartation of the Spirit is for all who will take God at His word. At this very hour His grace and His Spirit are for those who need them.*18LtMs, Lt 213, 1903, par. 8*

Notice that it was after the disciples had come into perfect unity, when they were no longer striving for the highest place, that the outpouring of the Spirit came. They were of one accord. All differences had been put away. One subject of emulation swallowed up all others—who should most closely follow Christ’s example of self-denial and self-sacrifice? Who should do the most for the enlargement of His kingdom? And after the Spirit had been poured out, the testimony was the same. Mark the Word of God: “The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul.” [*Acts 4:32.*] The Spirit of Him who died that we might live animated the entire congregation of believers. Every spiritual pulse beat in harmony.*18LtMs, Lt 213, 1903, par. 9*

The disciples prepared themselves for their work. They met together, and put away all differences. They believed Christ’s promise that the blessing would be given, and they prayed in faith. They did not ask for a blessing for themselves merely. They were weighted with the burden for the salvation of souls. The gospel was to be carried to the uttermost parts of the earth, and they claimed the endowment of the power that Christ had promised. Then it was that the Holy Spirit was poured out, and thousands were converted in a day.*18LtMs, Lt 213, 1903, par. 10*

So may it be now. Instead of man’s speculations, let the Word of God be preached. Let Christians put away their dissensions and give themselves to God for the saving of the lost. Let them ask in faith for the blessing, and it will come. The outpouring of the Spirit in apostolic days was the former rain, and glorious was the result. But the latter rain will be more abundant.*18LtMs, Lt 213, 1903, par. 11*

The work of the Spirit had been clearly defined by Christ. “He shall not speak of Himself,” He said. “He shall glorify Me.” [*John 16:13, 14.*] As Christ came to glorify the Father by the revelation of His infinite love, so the Spirit came to glorify Christ.*18LtMs, Lt 213, 1903, par. 12*

“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” [John 3:16.] The measure of God’s love is the measure of His power. He sent His Son to represent Himself. Christ’s life was an expression of the character of God. *18LtMs, Lt 213, 1903, par. 13*

Who can estimate the guilt of those who refuse to receive Christ, who are not willing to look and live, who give the strength of body, mind, and soul to earthly things, turning away from Him who is the Light and Life of men. Those who do this crucify the Son of God afresh and put Him to open shame. *18LtMs, Lt 213, 1903, par. 14*

**Lt 214, 1903**

Magan, P. T.; Sutherland, E. A.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 9, 1903

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Dear Brethren Magan and Sutherland,—

I am sure that the Lord will work to bring you upon higher ground, where you will not be so severely harassed or perplexed. *18LtMs, Lt 214, 1903, par. 1*

I wish to write you a few words in regard to the employment of Dr. E. J. Waggoner as a teacher in the Berrien Springs school. I have had much confidence in Brother Waggoner, but I know that just now he is in special danger. He is in danger, as many others are, of accepting incorrect views of God, as set forth in the new book *Living Temple*. Take him into the school at Berrien Springs. My counsel regarding his work is that you help him to place his feet on solid ground, even the Rock of Ages. I believe that he will recover his former clearness and power. *18LtMs, Lt 214, 1903, par. 2*

However favorably our physicians and others may view the theories regarding God that are presented in *Living Temple*, I must tell you that these theories are faulty, incorrect, false. All through the book passages of Scripture are used, but many of these Scriptures are used in such a way that they are misinterpreted. These Scriptures, read in their connection and understood in their simplicity, do not sustain the theories that the writer is endeavoring to maintain. *18LtMs, Lt 214, 1903, par. 3*

Those who present such theories are lost in the woods. They know not the danger of the theories that they are handling. I know how dangerous these theories are. Before I was seventeen years old, I

had to bear my testimony against them before large companies, and all through my experience for the last fifty years, I have had to meet and oppose these delusive theories.*18LtMs, Lt 214, 1903, par. 4*

Soon after Dr. Kellogg first connected with the Sanitarium, I was shown that he was in danger of entertaining false views of God. I labored with him, telling him that his case had been presented to me, and that I had been shown just what the holding of such ideas would lead to.*18LtMs, Lt 214, 1903, par. 5*

Dr. Kellogg has not always been led by the Lord. Good seed has been sown in his heart, but he has not always responded to the Lord's call. While we were in Australia, I saw that the doctor would link up with ministers not in the truth. I heard conversations between him and these ministers, in which he told of the large things that he was planning to do in the cities.*18LtMs, Lt 214, 1903, par. 6*

I was instructed that there was danger of Dr. Kellogg's becoming unsettled in regard to the truth, that he was not standing firm upon the true foundation. He has labored so hard to make the medical missionary work the whole body that he has lost sight of the spirit of the message. I was instructed that he was allowing his mind to depart from the faith and was giving heed to seducing spirits, and that, unless he righted himself, all associated with him would be in danger of being led away by the theories that greatly dishonored God. I was instructed that unless a change came, Dr. Kellogg would discard the testimonies of God's Spirit, in order to establish theories of his own, and would bring upon himself the condemnation of the Lord.*18LtMs, Lt 214, 1903, par. 7*

I have ever done all that I could to save Dr. Kellogg's soul, but of late I have not written to him as frequently as in former years. I am greatly disappointed that so many of our medical missionary workers seem to be spiritually blind. I cannot regard them as safe teachers. They are sowing tares among the wheat. Those who venture to speak of God as He is spoken of in the *Living Temple* are on very dangerous ground.*18LtMs, Lt 214, 1903, par. 8*

I say, and have ever said, that I will not engage in controversy with any one in regard to the nature and personality of God. Let those

who try to describe God know that on such a subject silence is eloquence. Let the Scriptures be read in simple faith, and let each one form his conceptions of God from His inspired Word.*18LtMs, Lt 214, 1903, par. 9*

No human mind can comprehend God. No man hath seen Him at any time. We are as ignorant of God as little children. But as little children we may love and obey Him. Had this been understood, such sentiments as are in this book would never have been expressed.*18LtMs, Lt 214, 1903, par. 10*

There are men bearing large responsibilities who do not know God. They do not understand the reasons of our faith. They have lost their way. Should I keep these things to myself any longer, I should be afraid that I would be brought under condemnation for suffering our people to be deceived. The enemy has sown his seed in the mind of our leading physician, and he is sowing the same seed in other minds. I should not be clear before God did I keep silent any longer regarding these things. The leaders in the medical missionary work ought to understand in regard to them.*18LtMs, Lt 214, 1903, par. 11*

At this time, just before the close of this earth's history, we need in the cause of God spiritual-minded men, men who are earnest in principle and who have a clear understanding of what is truth. Immortality is obtained only by eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God. "Verily, verily I say unto you," Christ declared, "he that believeth on Me hath everlasting life. ... I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. ... Whoso eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood dwelleth in Me, and I in him. ... It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." [*John 6:47, 51, 54-56, 63.*]*18LtMs, Lt 214, 1903, par. 12*

We all need to cling to the Lord Jesus Christ. In regard to the Father, we shall soon understand in regard to His personality. I am

bidden to speak these words to our medical workers and to our church members. Be not deceived; God is not mocked. Let those who have need of being converted seek diligently for the truth, else the words spoken by Christ will be applicable to them: "Ye shall seek Me, and shall not find Me; and where I am, thither ye cannot come." [*John 7:34.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 214, 1903, par. 13*



## Lt 215, 1903

White, J. E.; White, Emma

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 9, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear children Edson and Emma,—

This morning I was unable to sleep past two o'clock. I rose and had written seventeen pages before breakfast. Of late I have written much. *18LtMs, Lt 215, 1903, par. 1*

Willie has just brought me your letter written from Nashville, October 1. I was glad to read this letter and to know that the situation is relieved and that you are no longer under such heavy financial pressure. I have had to borrow some more money, about seven hundred and fifty dollars. I fear that unless some money comes in from my books, I shall have to borrow money from the bank, and on this I shall have to pay a high rate of interest. *18LtMs, Lt 215, 1903, par. 2*

Of late we have all been very busy. Some of the time during this week, all the members of my family have been engaged in helping with the wine-making or in picking grapes. We have been anxious to finish this work before the rains came, and thus far, we have been favored with beautiful weather. *18LtMs, Lt 215, 1903, par. 3*

We feared that the rain would come before our grape crop was picked and that much of the fruit would perish on the vines. Last Sabbath afternoon the clouds looked as if rain would soon fall, and toward evening it began to sprinkle. As soon as the Sabbath was over, all our family went down to the vineyard and picked grapes until ten o'clock. The moon was full, and so it was not very dark. They picked over a ton of sweetwater grapes. However, the rain did not come. *18LtMs, Lt 215, 1903, par. 4*

We have sold some of our grapes to the Sanitarium and to a fruit

store in St. Helena. I will not sell grapes to the wineries, and in order to save our crop, we bought the machinery necessary to make unfermented wine and have crushed and bottled nearly all our grapes.*18LtMs, Lt 215, 1903, par. 5*

This year the grape crop was very good. The grapes were of an excellent quality. I wish that you could have been here to enjoy them with us. I should very much enjoy a visit with you.*18LtMs, Lt 215, 1903, par. 6*

We have had a good crop of tomatoes, and Mrs. Nelson has canned over two hundred quarts. To me it seems like a miracle that there should be so large a crop; for not a drop of rain has fallen since before the seeds were planted.*18LtMs, Lt 215, 1903, par. 7*

Nearly every day for about two months we have had sweet corn on our table. It is the nicest sweet corn we have ever had. Sister Nelson has dried about half a bushel.*18LtMs, Lt 215, 1903, par. 8*

We accept these good things as a miracle of God's mercy. We praise our heavenly Father for His goodness and love. He "moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."*18LtMs, Lt 215, 1903, par. 9*

The other day Clarence Crisler, Dores Robinson, and Sara went to a place just beyond St. Helena and gathered a box of figs. We get these figs in exchange for grapes.*18LtMs, Lt 215, 1903, par. 10*

Brother Magan has been with us for a day or two. He left this morning, and Willie and I went to the station with him, that we might talk over some of the perplexing questions that have arisen. The ride rested me.*18LtMs, Lt 215, 1903, par. 11*

**Lt 216, 1903**

Leaders in our Medical Work

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 4, 1903

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To the leaders in our medical work

Dear Brethren,—

I have a message for you. I am instructed to say that all the arrangements connected with the management of the medical missionary work are not to originate in Battle Creek. It is the deceptive power of the enemy of all righteousness that leads to the repeated attempts to bring all our medical institutions under the control of one organization. Certainly such efforts are not inspired by the Lord. The medical missionary work is God’s work, and in every conference and church we are to take a decided stand against allowing it to be controlled by men.*18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 1*

After I received word in regard to the excellent meeting of confession and unity that has been held in Battle Creek, I was writing in my diary, and was about to record the thankfulness I felt because a change had come, when my hand was arrested, and there came to me the words: “Write it not. No change for the better has taken place. The doctor is ensnared in a net of specious deception. He is presenting as of great worth things that are turning souls from the truth into bye and forbidden paths; things that lead human agents to act in harmony with their own inclinations, and to work out their unsanctified purposes; things that result in destroying the dignity and power of God’s people, obscuring the light that would otherwise come to them from God through His appointed agencies.”*18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 2*

The leaders in our medical work at Battle Creek have endeavored to bind our medical institutions fast, in accordance with their plans, notwithstanding the many warnings given them that this should not be done. Who has authorized them to lay all these plans and to try in many ways to bring about their purposes? Our sanitariums do not belong to them; and yet they desire to tie up these institutions in some way so that all our medical work will be under their control. *18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 3*

In the past I have written much upon this subject; and now I must repeat the admonitions given, because it seems difficult for my brethren to understand their perilous position. *18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 4*

“The Lord forbids that every sanitarium and bathhouse established should be brought under one control—bound up with the medical institution at Battle Creek. The managers of the Battle Creek Sanitarium have their hands full now. They should devote their strength to the work of making this Sanitarium what it should be. *18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 5*

“The light given me of God is that Dr. Kellogg is assuming too much responsibility in these matters. He is not to think that he can be conscience for every one of our medical workers; for men are to look to the Lord God of heaven alone for wisdom and guidance. *18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 6*

“In establishing and developing medical institutions, our brethren must not be asked to work in accordance with the plans of a ruling, kingly power. A change must be brought about. Dr. Kellogg must see and understand this and bind about his desires to fasten every medical institution to the central organization at Battle Creek. The Lord forbids. *18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 7*

“For years I have been instructed that there is danger, constant danger, that our brethren will look to their fellow men for permission to do this or that, instead of looking to God. Thus they become weaklings and permit themselves to be bound about with man-made restrictions disapproved by God. The Lord can impress minds and consciences to do His work under bonds to God and in a spirit of fraternity that will be in accordance with His law. ...*18LtMs, Lt*

216, 1903, par. 8

“God knows the future. He is the One to whom we are to look for guidance. Let us trust Him to direct us in the development of the various branches of His work. Let none attempt to labor in accordance with unsanctified impulses. ...*18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 9*

“The division of the General Conference into District Union Conferences was God’s arrangement. In the work of the Lord for these last days there should be no Jerusalem centers, no kingly power. And the work in the different countries is not to be tied up by contracts to the work centering in Battle Creek; for this is not God’s plan. Brethren are to counsel together; for we are just as much under the control of God in one part of the vineyard as in another. Brethren are to be one in heart and soul, even as Christ and the Father are one. Teach this, practice this, that we may be one with Christ in God, all working to build up one another.*18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 10*

“The kingly power formerly revealed in the General Conference at Battle Creek is not to be perpetuated. The publishing institution is not to be a kingdom of itself. It is essential that the principles that govern in General Conference affairs should be maintained in the management of the publishing work and the sanitarium work. No one is to think that the branch of the work with which he is connected is of vastly more importance than other branches.*18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 11*

“There must be educational work in every sanitarium that shall be established. It is not the duty of Dr. Kellogg to carry so many responsibilities. God has control of the work, and no human agency is to feel that everything done in the sanitariums established must first be submitted to Dr. Kellogg. This course God forbids. The same God who instructed Dr. Kellogg will instruct the men and women who are called to do service for the Master in various parts of His vineyard.*18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 12*

“Human laws and arrangements are being framed that are not acceptable to God. They will not prove a savor of life unto life. I am under the necessity of lifting the danger signal. The managers of

every one of our institutions need to become more and still more intelligent regarding their individual work, not by depending upon another institution, but, while preserving the identity of their work, by looking to God as their Instructor and by revealing their faith in Him through whole-hearted service. Then they will develop talents and capabilities.”*18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 13*

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Every man needs now to take his position on the old-time foundation of obedience to God. Let no one allow the propositions of any group of men to lead him, through a spirit of compromise, to accept wrong plans and principles. I have been instructed that history will be repeated and that the specious working of Satan will be revealed by human agents. We must work discreetly and determinedly to adjust matters. The recent effort to induce God’s people to accept binding propositions is the last that should be passed by without a decided protest. Let us not take another step toward the acceptance of such propositions, lest we be ensnared.*18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 14*

Brethren, let us firmly take our position now. In justice to our churches, we must now decide this matter; for we have a great work to do. We must now determine that every medical institution shall stand in its own individual right. Let every cord now be broken. Let our medical institutions refuse to be tied up with the Medical Association in Michigan.*18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 15*

I shall now be prepared to say to our brethren, Cut loose, cut loose. After taking your position firmly, wisely, cautiously, make not one concession on any point concerning which God has plainly spoken. Be as calm as a summer evening, but as fixed as the everlasting hills. By conceding, you would be selling our whole cause into the hands of the enemy. The cause of God is not to be traded away. We must now take hold of these matters decidedly. I have many things to say that I have not wanted to say in the past, but now my mind is clear to speak and act.*18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 16*

I am sorry to be compelled to take the position that I am forced to take in behalf of God’s people. In taking this position, I am placed under the necessity of bearing the heavy burden of showing the evil

of the plans that I know are not born of heaven. This is the burden that many times in the past the Lord has laid upon me, in order that His work might be advanced along right lines. How much care and anxiety, how much mental anguish and wearing physical labor might be saved me in my old age! But still I am under the necessity of going into the battle and of discharging in the presence of important assemblies the duty that the Lord has laid upon me—the duty of correcting the wrong course of men who profess to be Christians, but who are doing a work that will have to be undone at a great loss, both financially and in the shaking of the confidence of the people. *18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 17*

If I act conscientiously, I must meet the crisis; for I believe that the precepts which the Lord has given concerning His work in the past and at the present time point out the right way. And His plans, His thoughts, are as much higher than man's plans, man's thoughts, as the heavens are higher than the earth. God's voice is to be heard; His wisdom is to guide us. We must not be broken up by any human wisdom or devising. God has outlined His plan in His Word and in the testimonies He has sent to His people. *18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 18*

O how sad it is that men allow themselves to be so wrought upon by the enemy that they dare venture to exalt their finite judgment in opposition to God's plans and purposes. Man's authority bears the signature of man. We are not to permit the rank and file of our people to come under the generalship of the weak, confused sentiments of man. God's authority is to stand supreme. And I must call upon His people to recognize His authority, which bears the evidence of its divine origin. Every believer is called upon to unite inseparably with God's authority. *18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 19*

The foundation on which the truth has always been based is sure, and upon this foundation all are to stand who are doing the Lord's work. God's Word reveals His design; and that work only which is carried on in accordance with the principles of the Word will stand fast forever, approved both by the heavenly host and the adopted family living on the earth during the remnant of time remaining before the close of this earth's history. Finite man, yielding to Satan's devising, can easily lose sight of the Lord's purpose

concerning him; for by yielding to temptation, man loses his powers of discernment. Every Christian is to strive to be a laborer together with God. *18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 20*

Christ calls for service altogether different from that which is given Him. Men in positions of responsibility should, through the power of the Holy Spirit, reveal the Redeemer much more clearly to the world than they have revealed Him. The infinite God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son as a sacrifice for us, in order that, receiving Him by faith and practicing His virtues, we should not perish, but have everlasting life. My brethren, how do you suppose He regards the great lack of spiritual enthusiasm manifested over the record of the great sacrificial offering made for our individual salvation? *18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 21*

All human ambition, all boasting, is to be laid in the dust. Self, sinful self, is to be abased, not exalted. By holiness to God in the daily life here below, we are to manifest the Christ life. The corrupt nature is to become pure and undefiled, subdued, not exalted. We are to be humble, faithful men and women. Never are we to sit upon the judgment seat. God demands that His representatives shall be pure vessels, revealing the beauty of sanctified character. The channel is always to remain unobstructed, that the Holy Spirit may have free course; otherwise, spiritual leaders will gloss over the work that must be done in the natural heart in order to perfect Christian character; and they will present their own imperfections in such a way that they make of none effect God's truth, which is as steadfast as the eternal throne. And while God calls upon all His watchmen to lift the danger signal, at the same time He presents before them the life of the Saviour as an example of what they must be and do in order to be saved. *18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 22*

Concerning His disciples, Christ prayed, "Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth." [*John 17:17.*] A pleasant, self-satisfied feeling is not an evidence of sanctification. A faithful record is kept of all the acts of the children of men. Nothing can be concealed from the eye of the high and holy One, who inhabiteth eternity. Some make Christ ashamed by their course of devising, planning, and scheming. God does not approve of their conduct; for the Lord Jesus is not honored by their spirit or their works. They forget the



words of the apostles, "Ye are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men." [*1 Corinthians 4:9.*]*18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 23*

In consequence of the unfaithful lives of men who adorn not the doctrine of Christ our Saviour, Bible truth is blasphemed. My soul is grieved night after night, and day after day, as I view the present situation.*18LtMs, Lt 216, 1903, par. 24*

**Lt 217, 1903**

Tenney, Brother and Sister [G. C.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 13, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *5Bio 304*.

Dear Brother and Sister Tenney,—

It would be a great pleasure to me to see you and talk with you. I wish that it were possible for you both to pay us a visit. We should be very glad to see you. But I suppose that this cannot be. How is your health? I have been afraid that you would not be able to endure the climate of Battle Creek or the taxation that would be brought upon you by your work there. *18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 1*

At the present time, my health is very good. I do much writing. The Lord preserves my brain power; and for this I am indeed grateful. I am carrying a heavy burden—the burden that I have carried for many years—but my hand is still firm and steady, and I am able to write many pages a day. I greatly desire to do all that I can to advance the Lord’s work. Time is fast passing; the end is near. *18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 2*

In a recent copy of the daily paper, I see that New Jersey has been visited by terrible floods. When I was in the East recently, New Jersey was suggested to me as a favorable place for the establishment of some branch of our work. I told the brethren who spoke to me of this not to think of building up any interest in that vicinity, because it would be visited by flood and fire. I see that these things are coming sooner than I had expected. I feel very sorry for those who have been made homeless by the recent floods. *18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 3*

What may we not look for in the future? The Lord will soon come out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the world for their iniquity. Then the earth will disclose her blood and will no more cover her slain. We have a great work to do. Perilous times are

before us. I sincerely desire, in these last days, to do my work with faithfulness in every respect. We must stand with the whole armor on, having done all, to stand. *18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 4*

It causes me great sorrow to see that many do not realize the dangerous character of the sentiments contained in *Living Temple* regarding God. I know how dangerous these sentiments are. Before I was seventeen years old, I had to bear my testimony against them before large companies. In New Hampshire, two prominent men, who professed to believe in the Lord's soon coming, were active in disseminating ideas regarding God similar to those presented in *Living Temple*. I went to this place and asked some there what these things meant. They said, "If the Lord has directed you to this place, it is that you may give us light regarding this matter." *18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 5*

That evening a meeting was held, in which these two men acted a part. That night light was given me that they were making the truth of no effect by their fanciful ideas, some of which had led to free lovism. I was shown that these men, while claiming to have most precious light, were seducing souls by presenting spiritualistic ideas of God. *18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 6*

At the next meeting that was held, I opened before them the work they were doing. The Lord gave me strength to lay plainly before them the danger of their course. Among other views, they held the doctrine that those who were once sanctified could not sin, and this they were presenting as gospel food. Their false theories, with their burden of deceptive influence, were leavening their own minds and the minds of others. They were gaining a spiritualistic power over those who could not see the evil of these beautifully clothed theories. Great evil had already resulted. The doctrine that all were holy led to the belief that the affections of the sanctified were never in danger of leading astray. But ungodly teaching is followed by sinful acts. The result of this doctrine was the fulfilment of the evil desires of hearts which, though professedly sanctified, were far from purity of thought and practice. This doctrine was the seducing bait of the father of lies and resulted in the impenitence of self-satisfied impurity. *18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 7*

Before we left the place, the efforts put forth brought from one of the number the conviction that the testimony of rebuke was what was needed. The company that had been formed was broken up.*18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 8*

This is only one of the instances in which I was called upon to rebuke those who were presented the doctrine of an impersonal God, diffused through nature, and the doctrine of holy flesh.*18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 9*

At one place Satan, in the form of a man, came to one of our brethren and told him a tissue of lies. The wife of this brother was not a believer, and she said and did much that was very trying to him. But he had never retaliated. He was regarded as a thorough Christian. When we held our prayer meetings, he was often under the influence of the Spirit. When the Lord gave me instruction in vision, he would say, I see the light of the Holy Spirit shining upon Ellen—as I was always called at that time—like the purest silver. As he said this, his face would light up with the brightness of the presence of the Lord. Nothing could disturb his peace.*18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 10*

One night he walked three miles to attend a prayer meeting, where he was greatly blessed. He was returning home and was within a quarter of a mile of his home when a tall man, muffled in a long cloak which was drawn up round his face, met him and, speaking to him by name, said that he had just left his wife, with whom he had had a pleasant interview.*18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 11*

The brother was astonished, for there was no house near his own, and before him was a long stretch of road on which there was no house. Thinking that he would look more closely at the man, he turned, but there was no one to be seen.*18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 12*

On reaching home, he said to his wife, “You have had a visitor tonight.” “No,” she said, “I have had no visitor.” “A quarter of a mile from here,” he said, “I met a man who said that he had just left you, and had had a pleasant interview with you.” His wife was terrified. “No one besides myself has been in the house this evening or during the day,” she said.*18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 13*

He had no reason to doubt his wife's word, and he said, "It must have been the devil whom I met. This is his device to disturb my peace by filling my mind with jealousy." *18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 14*

Telling me afterward about this, the brother said that from that time his wife could not be persuaded to remain alone in the house. From that time she gave up her wicked feelings and began to pray. *18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 15*

After the passing of the time, we had fanaticism of every kind to meet. Testimonies of reproof were given me to bear to some holding theories similar to those against which at this time I am called to bear warning. I am not surprised that I should have to meet these theories again. I have been shown that the experience of the past would be repeated, that most seducing influences would be exerted, that minds would be hypnotized. Satan will bring in his deceiving schemes. Impurity of long standing will be mingled with the presentation of the truth. Corruptions of every type, similar to those existing among the antediluvians, will be brought in to take minds captive. Placing nature as God; the unrestrained license of human will; the counsel of the ungodly—these Satan uses as his agencies to bring about certain ends. He will employ the power of mind on mind to carry out his designs. The most sorrowful thought of all is that under his influence men will put on a form of godliness, without having any real godliness. *18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 16*

The preaching of the gospel will be greatly hindered by those who will not respect God's ministers unless these ministers will bend to the requirements of certain leaders. The concessions that will be called for will be of a character that God would in no case vindicate. But if they are not made, there will be rebellion, as there was in heaven. *18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 17*

The fountain of mercy is opened to all who have not passed the boundary of God's love and mercy. There is a world to be labored for. God will work through all who will submit to His control. He will work through young men and women who will give themselves to Him. The blood of Christ is to be presented as the fountain opened in Judah and Jerusalem for the cleansing away of sin and

uncleanness. *18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 18*

Study Paul's words to the Colossians: *18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 19*

"I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. For though I am absent from you in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 20*

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him, rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power." [*Colossians 2:1-10.*] *18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 21*

Before Christ left His disciples, He gave them plain, distinct lessons in regard to the future. He urged them to remember that He would not leave them in blindness and ignorance. He would make them acquainted with His purposes and plans. He gave them evidence, in a special manner, of His love for them; for He desired that in all their work and their councils, they should bring this love to mind. He knew the trials and temptations that they were to meet, and in the *fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth chapters of John*, He gives them instruction that would strengthen them for the difficulties before them. Brother Tenney, study these chapters. They will help you in your work. *18LtMs, Lt 217, 1903, par. 22*

**Lt 218, 1903**

Wessels, Andrew

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 19, 1903

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Dear Brother Andrew Wessels,—

While writing my former letter, I was interrupted and did not write all that I wished to. *18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 1*

Some years ago, I asked you for money, not as a gift, but as a loan. I do not know just what your circumstances are now, or whether you can spare any money, but I wish to ask you again if you will deposit with me, as with a bank, some of the means which the Lord has entrusted to you. I am willing to pay interest on whatever money you think you can spare. *18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 2*

I have been instructed in regard to the dangers with which you are surrounded. You have not appreciated the talent of means. You have expended money for self-gratification. *18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 3*

Recently in the night seasons a scene passed before me in which I saw you, Henry and his wife, and other members of the Wessels family. With great tenderness, the words were spoken to you, “Young man, to you, Christ’s purchased possession, the Lord has entrusted means, not as a snare and a temptation, but to be used in His service. If wisely invested, your money will be a great help in carrying forward the work of God in needy fields. The Lord has been proving you to see whether you will act as a faithful steward or whether you will use His entrusted talents for self-gratification.” Then the question was asked, “How much of your money have you set aside as the Lord’s portion, to be used in His service?” *18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 4*

Do not put your money into a bag with holes. Do not yield to the

temptation to spend it for self-gratification. Invest it in the cause of God. You will gain no real satisfaction by using for self-pleasing the means that have been entrusted to you.*18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 5*

You need not give recklessly, but by investing wisely, you may do much to help forward the work of God. The cause of God is in need of every dollar that you can spare. There are many places where money is greatly needed to help—places which the Lord desires to see provided with facilities for the proclamation of the truth for this time.*18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 6*

The Lord has plainly specified that in Nashville, memorials for Him should be erected. A sanitarium is needed in that place, and a school should be established there.*18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 7*

Just now our work is being established in Washington, the capital of the United States. Our printing office has been moved to that place, and a sanitarium must soon be erected there. This is to be, not a mammoth institution, but a plain, substantial building. Means is required for these enterprises. And in many places where the truth is gaining a foothold, and churches are being raised up, money is needed.*18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 8*

The Lord's money is not entrusted to you that you may have a good time with wild, reckless companions. The time is coming when God will call for the talents entrusted to you and for the increase that you may now gain by trading wisely upon them. Will you not seek for the commendation given in the parable to the servant who, when called to give account of his stewardship, was able to say to his Master, "Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds"? [*Luke 19:18.*] Will you not, my brother see what you can do for your Master in returning to Him His own?*18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 9*

Let me suggest a plan that, if followed, will be a blessing to you and to all who will act a part in it. Write out a pledge to be signed by those who will promise to abstain from some harmful or selfish indulgence, and give to the Lord the money thus saved.*18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 10*

First sign this pledge yourself, then take it to your companions.



Frankly tell them your determination to love and serve the Lord. Say to them, "My friends, we are stewards of the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave His life for us, that we may have a home in His kingdom." Read to them the words, "Ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." [*1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.*] Tell them of the gospel medical missionary work to be established in Washington, and ask them to unite with you in denying self to help this worthy enterprise. Tell them that you are determined not to squander another penny of the Lord's money. *18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 11*

I do not ask you to do this for my sake, but for Christ's sake. I am instructed by One who gave His life for you that this work of self-denial and self-sacrifice will be a great blessing both to you and to those who will join with you. This plan has been presented to me by the Lord. Christ invites you to invite others to place their name to the total abstinence pledge. I am bidden to tell you that you may be a missionary agent for God in collecting for Him money that would otherwise be wasted in selfish indulgences, which weaken physical, mental, and moral power. *18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 12*

Though God is in heaven, and you upon earth, yet He notices your every act. Have you not, my dear young friend, wasted much of the Lord's goods and encouraged others to waste their money? Suppose you try to reckon up the amount of money you have spent in such a way as to benefit no one, spent carelessly and for self-gratification. *18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 13*

It is time for you to use your influence aright. Will you not disappoint the enemy and glorify God. Will you not refrain from selfish indulgences, setting aside for the Lord the sum that you are tempted to use in self-gratification? Try this for one year. By denying yourself of harmful luxuries, you will improve your physical condition and glorify God. And the influence of your example and your words will lead others to deny self. If it is seen that you are decidedly in earnest, some will give up their expensive, health-destroying indulgences and co-operate with you. God will incline their hearts to return to Him that which in the past they have used in extravagance and foolish indulgences. *18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 14*

Bear in mind that by investing your money in the work of God, you are simply returning to your Saviour that which is His own. And you are laying up treasure in heaven beside the throne of God. Christ has given His life for you that you might have the privilege of becoming a member of the royal family, a child of the heavenly King. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." [John 1:12.] Christ became poor in this world's goods, that you might inherit eternal riches. Put your money out to usury for the Master. Will you not return to the Lord that which is His own? Give yourself without reserve to the Lord Jesus, and as you seek to do His will, your life will be governed by new motives. *18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 15*

Let us be rich in faith. Talk to your brothers about the work I have mentioned, and see if they will not help you. Lead out yourself, and God will co-operate with you. You may ask help from any one you please, whether a church member or not. You may present your pledge to wealthy men, telling that a statement of how this money is used will be printed. How much more satisfaction is gained by spending money in the Lord's work than in self-indulgence! Will not some who have squandered time and money, simply for the purpose of having a good time, now see what they can do to help forward the work of God in Washington and in Nashville, where as yet no buildings have been erected as memorials for God? *18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 16*

I am in earnest about this matter. I shall be so thankful if you will act as the Lord's appointed agent. If you will stand on the Lord's side, faithful and true in precept and example, you may do a noble work. *18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 17*

If you desire, you may make me your agent in this country. I will be thankful to receive a monthly report of how you are getting on and such sums as you may collect for the work in Washington. I will keep an account of all money thus received. *18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 18*

I have not mentioned this matter to any one else. I would like to see you lead out in organizing a Benevolent Society such as I have

outlined. I am going to trust this enterprise with you, Andrew, and ask you to do this noble work for the Master, and to do it heartily as unto the Lord.*18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 19*

I have done all I could to help the cause of God with my means. I am paying interest on twenty thousand dollars, all of which I have invested in the work of God. And I shall continue to do all in my power to help to forward His work.*18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 20*

I wish you could break up the associations you have formed in South Africa, give yourself unreservedly to the work of God, and come with your brother John to this country. We should be glad to have you take hold of some part of the work in Washington, D.C.*18LtMs, Lt 218, 1903, par. 21*

**Lt 219, 1903**

Butler, G. I.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 13, 1903

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Dear Brother Butler,—

I have received two or three letters from you recently, but have not been able to answer them; for I have been very busy preparing matter to be sent to the brethren in council at Washington. I will now try to write you a few lines. Your letters were all most interesting. I wish that I could see you and talk with you, but this cannot be. I say to you, Be of good courage in the Lord. He knows the perplexities that we must meet in our labors, and He will give us strength according to our need. *18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 1*

I ask you again not to overwork. We must keep a little strength in reserve to meet the emergencies that will arise. Do not, because you have a deposit in the bank, keep drawing on it until you have overdrawn. You and I both need to heed this caution. *18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 2*

I rejoice to know that you realize that our strength is wholly in the Lord. Let us daily offer the most earnest prayer to Him. Yesterday morning I was up at two; and this morning, a little after two, I dressed and then knelt in prayer to ask God for special help. I long to see the salvation of God. *18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 3*

I am glad to hear that there is a prospect of Brother Amadon's coming from Battle Creek to help in the publishing house at Nashville. This will be a good move. *18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 4*

I am very sorry that Hiland does not come to your help. I realize

your loneliness, because I have seen it, and I sympathize with you. If Hiland were with you, you could lay part of your work on him, and then you would not have to carry so heavy a burden. You need him, and he should allow nothing to prevent him from going to you and standing by your side. Do not worry that this has not yet been brought about. The word of the Lord to Hiland was that he was to go to you and help you in your work. This has been signified as his duty, and I am sure that ere long God will bring it about; for He lives and reigns. The wheel of God's providence may turn slowly, but it will turn. I may not live to see this, but I know that it will turn. *18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 5*

I am glad that your coming meeting is not to be at Graysville. Nashville is the place for it. Nothing has been revealed that would make the holding of such a meeting at Nashville, wisely conducted, out of harmony with the will of God. We have telegraphed Edson the following message: "Institutes in large cities, accompanied by public effort greatly needed. Go ahead in Nashville." So feel at rest in regard to this matter. Do not worry, but believe and hope in God. Trust His living Word. *18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 6*

I wish to speak of another point. In regard to Brother Rogers' connecting with the Huntsville school, I thought at first that this might be best, but light has come to me that he can accomplish a much greater work in Vicksburg. In a short time, as the work opens up in the large cities, he will be needed as a man who can be depended on. At present he is needed in Vicksburg. Let God use the men of capability just where their influence will tell for the most good. Brother Nicola has been placed in charge of the Huntsville school. Give him another trial, and keep looking for a man to take hold there who is sound and solid in every respect and who will stand firm for principle. *18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 7*

At this time we need, not men who will catch up new, fanciful ideas, but men who will catch the notes that sound from the heavenly courts and who, without consulting any man, will obey God's orders. We have been warned that the enemy will bring in his deceptive working. In so subtle a way will he work that he will appear to be an angel of light. I am bidden to lift up my voice and say to all our people, Beware, beware. Those who, having had warnings and

entreaties and counsels, still follow their own will are not laborers together with God. *18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 8*

There are proud, Pharisaical men who think that it would be a great humiliation to confess that they had sinned. Thus Satan thought. Pride, self-sufficiency, a life of untruth—these things are barring their way to heaven. Could they see themselves as they are looked upon in the heavenly courts, their garments of self-righteousness would fall from them, leaving them ashamed, naked, condemned. For years they have had hardly a glimmer of light from the throne of God, and they have forgotten what it means to have a clear sense of justice and righteousness. They have given place to underhand working to take advantage of others, and they know not what it means to be filled with spiritual life. When the time of test comes, they will find that their refuge of lies will not shield them from the searching eyes of Him who sees every discrepancy, every falsehood. *18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 9*

It has been long since such an one has taken a candid view of himself in the divine mirror. So long has he thought that the end justifies the means that he has scarcely a conviction of sufficient force to work a reformation. If he should in parable have presented to him the difference between the genuine and the false, the eternal contrast between truth and falsehood, if he would see the need of integrity in the everyday life, his heart would be filled with humiliation and sorrow, as he thought of the influence of his departures from righteousness and of the many who had learned from him how to act under similar circumstances. Would he not strive to break the yoke of habit? Would he not cease to do evil, no longer remaining feeble in moral power, lacking the grace of Christ, feeling no right to claim pardon and to put on the robe of Christ's righteousness? *18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 10*

He has sometimes "swept and garnished" his house and put on the garments of joy and gladness. But he did not surrender himself fully for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and after a time old habits re-asserted their power. He failed and went back to his evil practices, and his condition became worse than it was before he made the attempt to reform. *18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 11*

Christ says, "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return unto my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in, and dwell there." [*Matthew 12:43-45.*] *18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 12*

There are those over whom the control of Satan seems for a time to be broken; through the grace of God they are set free from the evil spirit that has held dominion over the soul. But they do not surrender themselves to God daily, that Christ might dwell in the heart; and when the evil spirit returns, with "seven other spirits more wicked than himself," he is wholly dominated by the power of evil. [*Verse 45.*] *18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 13*

When the soul surrenders itself to Christ, a new power takes possession of the new heart. A change is wrought which man can never accomplish for himself. It is a supernatural working, bringing a supernatural element into human nature. The soul that is yielded to Christ becomes His own fortress, which He holds in a revolted world, and He intends that no authority shall be known in it but His own. A soul thus kept in possession by the heavenly agencies is impregnable to the assaults of Satan. But unless we do yield ourselves to the control of Christ, we shall be dominated by the wicked one. *18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 14*

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue; whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." [2 *Peter 1:2-*

8.]18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 15

As we work upon the plan of addition, adding these graces to our character, God works for us upon the plan of multiplication. 18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 16

Then comes the warning to those who fail to work out their own salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that it is God which worketh in them. "He that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins." [Verse 9.] He has not purified his soul daily by praying and watching unto prayer, and he makes a new record of sin. He drifts with the current of worldliness. 18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 17

"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things ye shall never fall. For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." [Verses 10, 11.] This is the eternal life insurance policy granted to those who in this life obey the dictates of the Holy Spirit. Is it not well worth striving for? 18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 18

"Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance." [Verses 12, 13.] 18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 19

I thank God for these words of encouragement. Why should we not all stop grumbling and putting stones in front of the wheels of the car of progress? 18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 20

"We have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the excellent glory, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with Him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy, whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day



star arise in your hearts.” [Verses 16-19.] *18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 21*

I send you these words that you may be encouraged to press forward when great difficulties arise. Preserve your health. We must be prepared to meet every conceivable form of the working of Satan. *18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 22*

I am called upon to lift the danger signal, and I call upon you, Elder Butler, to bear a plain testimony before the people. But do not speak lengthily; for this wearies you, and those who hear can not remember what is said so well as if the talks were shorter. Let your discourses be short and right to the point. May the Lord help you and me to speak the word of truth plainly and clearly. *18LtMs, Lt 219, 1903, par. 23*

**Lt 220, 1903**

Paulson, David

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Dr. David Paulson

My dear brother,—

It would be very gratifying to me to see you and have an opportunity of conversing with you. Before I went to the Oakland General Conference, I realized that you were in peril. I was troubled over your great confidence in Dr. Kellogg; for I knew that if you continued to put such confidence in him, or in any other man that lives, you would be in danger of deception. But, upon reflection, I said to myself, “Dr. Paulson is an earnest Christian. He will not permit himself to be deceived.”*18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 1*

Since that time, however, I have not been at ease regarding your safety. With sorrow I have witnessed Dr. Kellogg’s influence over you.*18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 2*

In a vision last night I saw you writing. One looked over your shoulder and said: “You, my friend, are in danger. As God’s messenger, I come to you to say, The less you have to do with the matter concerning which you are writing, the clearer will be your judgment. The Scriptures teach you all you can learn regarding God, except that which you may learn through an experimental knowledge of Jesus Christ, your Teacher.”*18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par.*

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“The Lord saith, while your leaders promise you liberty, they themselves are the servants of sin, and have been for a long time.

Place no man's yoke on your neck. You are this day working counter to God. From the teachings of God or of Jesus His Son you have not received the sentiments that you now entertain. The garden of your heart is being sown with tares; your faith is being weakened. You have turned from the path of truth; but the steps that you have already taken can now be retraced, if you will realize that you have been turning aside into a false path." *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 4*

You were much surprised at these words and inquired concerning the one who was speaking to you. The angel replied: *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 5*

"You are conversing with a messenger from heaven. I am instructed to warn you that you are stepping off the platform of eternal truth. The ideas that some are presenting in regard to God are seductive and untrue. Those who teach these sentiments will be held accountable for greatly dishonoring God. You should understand clearly that satanic agencies are clothing false theories in an attractive garb, even as Satan in the garden of Eden concealed his identity from our first parents by speaking through the serpent. You are instilling into human minds that which to you seems to be a very beautiful truth, but which in reality is error. The hypnotic influence of Satan is upon you and upon all others who turn from the plain Word of God to pleasing fables. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 6*

"Dr. Kellogg, sustained as he is by his associates, walks proudly and boastfully and feels confirmed in his own will and way, which for years the Lord has been warning him to avoid. His associate physicians may strengthen the faith of men and women in his supposed wonderful enlightenment; but the light emanating from him is not the light shining from the holy of holies; it is a false light that allures to spiritual death." *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 7*

The heavenly messenger continued: "I have come to warn you. You seem to be dazed. Before you can do a work acceptable to the Lord, you must first break this spell that is upon you. God would have you link up with your brethren. He would not have you defend Dr. Kellogg in the falsehoods that he is now presenting, and thus help to fasten him securely in Satan's snare; for God will send His

judgments upon all who walk in the light of satanic theories, the evil results of which are far-reaching. You now see only the beginning; but the influences exerted will continue to widen and deepen until the Lord shall by His judgments arrest the men who are deceived and deluded, and who, by false representations and deceptive statements, are rapidly bringing in misunderstandings, strife, and dissension. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 8*

“Study your Bible, heed the testimonies that God has sent to you, and be wise. Help your brethren to free themselves from the snare into which they have fallen. Instead of sustaining Dr. Kellogg in the deceptive errors he is advocating, and thus helping Satan to destroy the man, try to save his soul. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 9*

“Break the spell that is upon you. Come into the light. If you continue to walk in the path in which you are now walking, you will spoil your Christian experience, sever your connection with God, and lose eternal life. Can you afford to do this?” *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 10*

Brother Paulson, I awoke at one o'clock, and have arisen to write out these words of instruction from the heavenly messenger. I plead with you, for Christ's sake, to break the spell. Many of our people are now terribly deluded. And many of our medical workers are helping Satan in his work. God calls upon His people to be in unity with Him. He loves those who strive to do His will, and He acknowledges them as His co-laborers. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 11*

My dear brother, you are making a great mistake. Redeem yourself as soon as possible. You are not now glorifying God. Specious theories have been introduced in a very subtle manner. Shall the cause of God be imperilled? Will you unite with Dr. Kellogg to make it appear that the testimonies, which God has given through His Holy Spirit, sustain these theories, which are being advanced only as a “feeler”? Unless a change of heart takes place, the errors already published will be followed by other misleading theories. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 12*

I am so sorry, my brother, that you have not heeded the caution that I gave you in Oakland. I was instructed to talk with you and tell you

some things that you should know. But while you admitted certain things, you did not see where you yourself were in danger. I have had great confidence in you; but I hear that you are trying to make it appear that the sentiments expressed in *Living Temple* in regard to God can be sustained by my writings; therefore I am obliged to make a statement in denial of this, that our people shall not be deceived. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 13*

The Lord has been very merciful to you, my brother, but you are in great danger. Your eyes are blinded; you are accepting as truth the specious sophistry of the enemy. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 14*

Let me tell you of a scene that I witnessed while in Oakland. Angels clothed with beautiful garments, like angels of light, were escorting Dr. Kellogg from place to place and inspiring him to speak words of pompous boasting that were offensive to God. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 15*

All who sustain a brother in his boastful positions are held accountable by God for confirming him in a perilous delusion. You should have discernment to see the delusion which, before the General Conference of 1901, began to take possession of the Doctor's mind, and which ever since has been gradually gaining ground. At that time I hoped that he was coming out clear and straight on the side of obedience to the commandments of the Lord. He was given great encouragement. I labored earnestly to remove from the minds of our people the wrong impressions that they had received. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 16*

Before I went to the Conference, the Lord declared to me: "In going to Battle Creek, and bearing your testimony in clear, decided lines, all who hear the instruction given by you, the Lord's messenger, will be left without excuse. I will put My words in your lips." I went, and the Lord gave me a message to bear before the thousands assembled. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 17*

Afterward, I received letters from the Doctor, in which he stated that there was nothing now between him and our ministers and churches and that he himself was a changed man. But notwithstanding all the light that the Lord gave him through the spirit of prophecy, he still continued in a wrong course. The evil of urging

upon our people agreements that bound all our medical institutions to one central organization had often been presented to him, and yet he still urged the adoption of these agreements. When his propositions were not accepted, he would work in one way, and then in another way, and then in still another way to accomplish his purpose. Feelings were aroused because his brethren in the ministry could not sanction all his plans. He cherished and expressed the thought that the ministers were wronging him, when in fact he was wronging himself and his brethren by failing to act as a Christian and a gentleman should act. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 18*

At the time of the last General Conference, the Lord instructed me to have no interviews with Dr. Kellogg. I was warned that he would say things that were not true, in order to uphold his positions, and that he would misreport to his associates the words I might speak. I felt it my duty to declare to him, in the presence of the leading brethren, including his medical associates, many things that the Lord had presented to me. I felt a deep interest in him, and I believed that he would take a right position and save himself by breaking his heart before God. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 19*

Three times I went down to the meeting place to open before the brethren some things regarding him and the deceptions under which he was laboring, as they had been presented to me in figures; but oh, how my heart ached for him! I did not desire to disparage him in any way before the people, if it could be avoided, while there was still opportunity for him to repent. And so I forbore. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 20*

I have feared to say to Dr. Kellogg the plain things given me for him, lest he should be led to take a course that would forever decide his case. Had I when in Oakland borne the message that I thought I should have to bear, it might have resulted in Dr. Kellogg's taking his position fully with the powers of darkness. This he has been about to do again and again, but has not fully done it. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 21*

The Lord still have thoughts of mercy toward John Kellogg, but the fallen angels are close by his side, communicating with him. *18LtMs,*

*Lt 220, 1903, par. 22*

For many years I have tried to hold fast to Dr. Kellogg. But for some time he has been revealing what spirit has been controlling him. The Lord will take this matter in His own hands. I must bear the testimonies of warning that He gives me to bear and then leave with Him the results. I must now present the matter in all its bearings; for the people of God must not be despoiled.*18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 23*

Soon after the Oakland Conference, in the night season the Lord portrayed before me a scene in which Satan, clothed in a most attractive disguise, was earnestly pressing close to the side of Dr. Kellogg. I saw and heard much. Night after night I was bowed down in agony of soul, as I saw this personage talking with our brother. I was instructed that notwithstanding the warnings, counsels, and reproofs given, he has followed his own way, when as a people we have been receiving instruction to advance in an opposite direction. In the place of co-operating with the angels of heaven, he has co-operated with evil angels.*18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 24*

The theories that Dr. Kellogg is now advocating are similar to the theories that Satan presented to the holy pair in Eden. I told Elder A. T. Jones that which the Lord has presented to me in regard to the source from which the Doctor was receiving his education in these seductive theories. I told him that our brother was under the influence of satanic agencies and that for so long a time had he been working away from the principles of truth and righteousness that he had been entangled and had in himself no power to escape from the snare of the enemy.*18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 25*

I wrote out many plain messages, but decided to withhold some of them for a time. Not all these have been delivered yet. After bearing testimonies of warning to Dr. Kellogg, I would weep as if my heart would break. Night after night, upon awaking, I would pray for him. I hoped and prayed that he would come out into the clear light. Thus the burden of his soul rested upon me after I returned from the Oakland General Conference.*18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 26*

If a change does not take place during the council meeting now being held in Washington, it may be that I shall have to go to Battle

Creek and bear a decided testimony for God and for the truth in behalf of God's people. Things have been allowed to drift so far and so fast that I dare not hesitate now. If the Lord bids me go, be assured that I shall be in Battle Creek this winter; and the things that I could have said at the Conference in Oakland, but that I hoped I would never need to say, God will strengthen me to say. I will speak, whatever may be the consequences. I cannot stand by silent and see God dishonored and His people divided and spoiled by Satan's workings. Were I to do so, I should be unfaithful to my trust. I will continue to stand for truth, for exalted principles. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 27*

If right principles had been followed, the relation existing between the physicians and their brethren would be exactly what the Lord designed it to be; but for years an effort has been put forth to make the medical missionary work the body. God designs that the medical missionary work shall be bound up with the gospel ministry. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 28*

God has chosen a people out of the world and has instructed them to remain forever separate from the world. While living in the world they are not to be of the world. Dr. Kellogg has bound up himself with worldlings by inviting them into his councils; and he has been dishonoring the sacredness of the truth by bringing worldly lawyers into connection with the work of God's people. The Lord has signified that it is His purpose to keep His people free from the contaminating influences of the world; but the leaders of the medical work at Battle Creek have been working in a way altogether different from the way marked out by the Lord. The *first* and the *second chapters of First Peter* are full of instruction in regard to the manner in which we should labor. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 29*

I would not now speak so plainly, were it not for the intense desire I feel that our medical workers shall be molded and fashioned after the similitude of Christ, in order that all their work and their relation to God's cause may be in harmony with His purpose. God calls upon every physician and every other medical missionary worker to take his stand on the platform of truth, where he shall not be influenced by any man's false theories and wrong devising. The pure, living principles of the gospel are to be respected. God has a



people in His church who are laboring just as disinterestedly to save sinners as the medical missionary workers have been laboring. He calls upon His medical missionary workers to labor unitedly with His church and not to allow any physician to control their efforts by his authority. The Lord now calls upon His people to unify. Let all our medical missionaries unite with our ministers in soul-saving work. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 30*

Nothing should be allowed to stand in the way of perfect, complete unity between the medical missionary workers and the gospel ministry. God has not empowered Dr. Kellogg with spiritual grace to be a lord over all our physicians and other medical missionaries. It is time that the teachings of the great Medical Missionary should be brought into the life-practice of our medical missionary workers. It is time that God's voice should be heard; for His words, spoken in truth, are spirit and life. He never makes a mistake. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 31*

If Dr. Kellogg would unite with his ministering brethren and give them his confidence, believing that they will work as Christ works through them, then he himself could see that others should be granted the privilege of standing in their God-given lot and place, and that he should respect all whom God has called as gospel missionaries to work in His cause. Working as Christ worked, our brethren would not be divided at all. But so long as our brother determines to carry things in his own way, irrespective of the Lord's workers, as if he were the only man whom heaven could acknowledge as a leader, God is displeased. If he were to occupy his proper place, he would be respected; but never is he to be regarded as he has regarded himself—as chief of all the medical missionary workers; as one who has the privilege of consulting only those who exalt him and of ignoring, as not worthy of acting a part in the great medical missionary work, all the gospel ministers who disapprove of some of his ideas. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 32*

God has appointed His workers to stand true to Him at their respective posts of duty. They are not to work in accordance with the plans of worldly-wise men, nor are they to take such men into their councils. Those who are true to their trust will not make lawyers the main support of the securities of our institution. *18LtMs,*

*Lt 220, 1903, par. 33*

I intended to say these things while I was at the Oakland General Conference. I felt an intense desire that Dr. Kellogg should be led to take a sound position in favor of the truth and of the last warning message of mercy that is to be given to the world.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 34*

The gospel is to be proclaimed as Christ has specified. Just before His ascension, Jesus spake unto His disciples, saying, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, while you are doing this, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:18-20.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 35*

Let Christ's words be repeated. He is to be regarded as the greatest medical missionary worker that ever trod this earth. Bring into the medical missionary work none of the sentiments and devisings of men.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 36*

Let not any man try to carry his ambitious projects without presenting them before his brethren and asking for counsel in regard to how the work shall be carried forward.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 37*

In Oakland, there was spread before me a long, lawyer-framed document, filled with technicalities, which document was a copy of the conditions under which the Sanitarium issued bonds. The provisions of this bond-issue were such that money gathered in from all parts of the country is tied up in the medical institution at Battle Creek for a long period of time. Our people should never have been expected to tie up so great an amount of money as was needed to rebuild the large Sanitarium there. It was not right to endeavor to gather in means to make sure of a great work in one place, irrespective of other parts of the field. The Lord presented before me many places where small sanitariums were to be established. One is greatly needed near Nashville, at some point convenient to the large educational institutions in the suburbs of this Southern city. In many other places where medical missionary work

has not yet been established, there is urgent need of small medical institutions. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 38*

After the last General Conference, there was presented before me the necessity of our establishing a sanitarium at Washington City. The interests of the mammoth institution at Battle Creek will require Dr. Kellogg's attention and labor there, and our brethren at Washington have been instructed to establish in their city a sanitarium, which shall not stand as a rival of any similar institution, but which shall be another agency for holding aloft the standard of health reform. Our people are not to be dependent upon the counsels of their fellow workers in Battle Creek regarding the management of the institution in Washington. And the Lord desires, too, that our sanitariums already in running order shall not depend so much upon the medical association at Battle Creek. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 39*

God has counseled us that if the sanitarium work shall be carried forward in the right way, it will be the means of doing great good. In no case are our medical institutions to be so conducted that they will be a means of leading our workers in worldly paths. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 40*

We have also been instructed that some would grasp selfishly for means with which to do a work that was not endorsed by the Lord; and that when, in times of special need, God's servants would call for means with which to carry forward aggressive work in new fields, they would be met with the response, "Our money is tied up for several years in the bonds we purchased from the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and we cannot help in this crisis." *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 41*

With respect to many matters, Dr. Kellogg's management is not after God's order. He will set in operation every device possible to gather in means for his line of work, without reference to the great necessities in every other part of the Lord's vineyard. I have been instructed that I should have to bear my testimony on this point and not permit our people to be drawn into the matters that they cannot correctly understand. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 42*

God was dishonored by the plans devised for issuing bonds as a

means of obtaining money with which to complete the Battle Creek Sanitarium building; for the talent of means in the hands of our people is thus tied up where it cannot be used for the proclamation of the third angel's message in fields still unentered. There is a world to be warned; and God's people must be cautioned against becoming so impoverished financially by tying up their means in great institutions, that they will have little or nothing left with which to provide facilities in needy fields and with which to carry forward the Lord's work in all parts of the earth. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 43*

The work of the Creator as seen in nature reveals His power. But nature is not above God, nor is God in nature as some represent Him to be. God made the world, but the world is not God; it is but the work of His hands. Nature reveals the work of a positive, personal God, showing that God is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 44*

Let us take the Word of God as the man of our counsel. As we diligently study the Scriptures, we shall be able to serve the Lord more intelligently and more earnestly than ever before, and we shall be truer representatives of Him; for we shall be imbued with His Spirit. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 45*

The warning message given to the church in Sardis comes to us today: *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 46*

"I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." *[Revelation 3:1-3.] 18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 47*

My brother, read the *third chapter of Second Peter*. Truth, Bible truth, is alone worth living for. God and His glory are not to be diminished by any pleasing sophistry of human wisdom. The state of the world, with its abominations and crimes, in fulfilment of the prophecies concerning the wickedness that would prevail during the last days, is enough to lead true Christians to live lives of humility

and prayer. *18LtMs, Lt 220, 1903, par. 48*

## Lt 221, 1903

Leaders in our Work

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 12, 1903

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To the leaders in our work

Dear Brethren,—

Last night I could not sleep past eleven o'clock. I was instructed in figures and symbols; and then in plain, simple language, the interpretation was given. I could not close the door of my mind. I fell asleep for about thirty minutes and seemed to be standing before a company of men and women. I was moved by the Spirit of God to speak to them in regard to their dangers. I was told, “My Spirit shall make impressions upon minds. My power shall be with you. You are often to repeat your experience in connection with the work of God.”*18LtMs, Lt 221, 1903, par. 1*

God manifested His love for the world by sending His only begotten Son to save sinners. Christ took our nature, that through His grace we might be partakers of the divine nature. His divinity was bound up with humanity that humanity might stand on vantage ground with God.*18LtMs, Lt 221, 1903, par. 2*

“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be a propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us.”*18LtMs, Lt 221, 1903, par. 3*

“Hereby we know that we dwell in Him, because He hath given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God

is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.*18LtMs, Lt 221, 1903, par. 4*

“Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in the world.*18LtMs, Lt 221, 1903, par. 5*

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love Him, because He first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment we have from Him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.” [*1 John 4:10-21.*]*18LtMs, Lt 221, 1903, par. 6*

False prophets, through whom the spirit of antichrist works, will seek to seduce believers from the truth by spiritualistic suppositions and fables clothed in the garments of truth. They will present ideas that will captivate the minds of those who are not established in the present truth. We need to watch unto prayer, walking and working in constant dependence upon God. He in whose heart Christ is formed, he to whom Christ is the hope of glory, enlightening, sanctifying, strengthening, will be preserved from the false representations that will be made of God.*18LtMs, Lt 221, 1903, par.*

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The false sentiments that prevail today are of the world; they belong to the world; they are worldly in spirit and character. The apostle declared, “We are of God; he that knoweth God heareth us.” [*Verse 6.*] The teaching of the apostles is not to be set aside. Men are not to feel at liberty to speak disrespectfully of these teachings because they do not agree with all that they set forth. Those who teach the truth for this time must understand the Scriptures, that they may give the right interpretation of the Scriptures, exalting the principles of the truth and in life and character revealing the spirit of the truth. God works with such ones as they speak of the life and miracles of His Son.*18LtMs, Lt 221, 1903, par. 8*

He whose heart is filled with the love that proceeds from God does not allow self-exaltation or dishonesty to find place in his life. He who is “born again,” of the Spirit, reveals Christ in the daily life. He

is upright in all his dealings. He does no sly, cunning, underhand work. The good fruit that appears in his life testifies to the condition of his heart. *18LtMs, Lt 221, 1903, par. 9*

Christ's true followers are made complete in Him, because He gives them of His Spirit. The blessed hope of seeing Christ as He is and being like Him, working in mind and heart like a quickening power, cleanses away impurity and depravity. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him"—the hope of seeing Christ as He is—"purifieth himself, even as He is pure." [*1 John 3:2, 3.*]*18LtMs, Lt 221, 1903, par. 10*

How wide the contrast between the ones thus described and those who, though professing the faith, have not the love of God in their hearts. The latter class have not been made Christian gentlemen by the purifying influence of the truth. They are transgressors of the law of God, and their work is opposed to the work of Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 221, 1903, par. 11*

If the leaders in God's cause would keep the whole law, how different would be the atmosphere surrounding them. Their words would not wound and bruise the soul and embitter the life. Fellowship with God cannot be separated from a fragrant, Christlike life. *18LtMs, Lt 221, 1903, par. 12*

Those only who walk humbly with God are approved by Him. Let us build ourselves up, through Christ, in the most holy faith. The truth of God alone is invincible. Those who profess to believe the Scriptures need now to know where they are standing. I call upon those who have been leaders in the work of God to find out whether they are submitting to the great Leader. It is dangerous for a man to attempt to lead unless he is following the Great Medical Missionary. If your spirit, your words, your methods of labor are not Christlike, if your business transactions are not irreproachable, do not go on without repentance and reformation, looking upon yourself as a safe leader. What you need is Christ Himself. He will take away your sinful tendencies and will put in their place His own attributes of character. He died to save every human being. He will receive all



who come to Him confessing and forsaking their sins and will give to them transformation of character. He offers to all the eternal life insurance policy. The everlasting covenant is sealed with the blood of His crucifixion. Through His sacrifice on Calvary He makes peace for us. In Him are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. He is the divine storehouse of all light. He alone can prepare us to enter the gates of the holy city. *18LtMs, Lt 221, 1903, par. 13*

**Lt 222, 1903**

Leaders in Our Work

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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To the leaders in our work

Dear Brethren,—

I ask you to move carefully and prayerfully. Let your words at all times be seasoned with grace. Let Christ be revealed in spirit, in words, in deportment. *18LtMs, Lt 222, 1903, par. 1*

In establishing sanitarium work in Washington, do not link up with Dr. Kellogg. Let the plans laid for the carrying forward of this line of work be such as will bear the endorsement of heaven. In no case is this line of work to be made secondary. It is to be prominent in bringing the truth to the minds of the people. With great wisdom, establish a sanitarium in Washington. Establish the work upon a solid foundation. Let the building be neat and tasty, but not expensive. We cannot afford to erect an expensive building. The Lord desires this building to be a representation of what He designs all His sanitariums to be. *18LtMs, Lt 222, 1903, par. 2*

The Lord will work with His people if they will work humbly with Him. But do not depend upon Dr. Kellogg. He is not making straight paths for his feet, and the lame will be turned out of the way. The Lord calls upon His gospel medical missionary workers to rally under the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel. In the aggressive warfare there can be no release. The church militant is not the church triumphant. *18LtMs, Lt 222, 1903, par. 3*

Work in straight lines. Do nothing to encourage a root of bitterness springing up. And if this root of bitterness does appear, we are not to let it trouble us and defile the spirit of true Christianity. *18LtMs, Lt 222, 1903, par. 4*

The truth that works by love and purifies the soul is to be cherished. We are to shun as we would the leprosy all spiritualistic ideas of God. There are mysteries that God has not revealed to human minds. Human beings would not know how to handle the Lord's treasures of wisdom without tarnishing His glory. We are to understand, as diligent students, that which God has revealed. Paul speaks of the mystery "which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God;" and of the purpose of its revelation, saying: "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be made known by the church the manifold wisdom of God according to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord; in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him. Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end." [*Ephesians 3:9-21.*] *18LtMs, Lt 222, 1903, par. 5*

The most spiritual-minded Christians are those who have the most advanced knowledge of the Word. This life is the time in which we are to prepare for eternity. We shall reap what we sow. False teachers will increase in numbers. Satan will lead men and women captive through deceptive reasoning, to destroy their confidence in God. Never were those who have heard the truth more in danger than at the present time. We must pray and watch unto prayer, making the Word of God the man of our counsel. As we draw near to God, He will draw near to us. *18LtMs, Lt 222, 1903, par. 6*

**Lt 223, 1903**

Daniells, A. G.; Prescott, W. W.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 14, 1903

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Elders Daniells and Prescott

My dear Brethren,—

I have written out some important instruction in regard to the necessity of revealing the love of God in our association with one another. All our words and works should be an expression of the love with which Christ desires to fill our hearts.*18LtMs, Lt 223, 1903, par. 1*

I cannot be excused from bearing the testimonies that I am bidden to bear. But in using these words of warning, counsel, and reproof, let us strive so to conduct ourselves that the ministry of the gospel of Christ shall not be blamed.*18LtMs, Lt 223, 1903, par. 2*

I have been trying to give my brethren the light that God has been pleased to give me, in regard to our duty to establish a sanitarium at Washington, D.C. Our people must have a sanitarium there—not a grand, expensive building, but a building that will rightly represent the truth for this time. It is that the cause of truth may be advanced through our ministry to the sick that our sanitariums are established; not to provide accommodations for tourists. Through our medical institutions the truth that Christ gave to John when on the Isle of Patmos is to be proclaimed.*18LtMs, Lt 223, 1903, par. 3*

Let the sanitarium at Washington be built as the Lord has instructed us to build all our sanitariums. Let it be plain, yet substantial, convenient, and attractive. Let everything be clean and orderly. As

we shall endeavor to do this work, let us seek wisdom from God at every step, that the laborers may be under the direction of the One who gave skill and understanding in the building of the ark and the sanctuary. We are not to erect a building that will lead to expressions of astonishment and admiration, unless it be for its consistency with the truth for this time, truth that we as Seventh-day Adventists profess to believe. *18LtMs, Lt 223, 1903, par. 4*

Opportunity for obtaining treatment should be provided for the poor and suffering of humanity, as well as for the higher classes. *18LtMs, Lt 223, 1903, par. 5*

Let the sanitarium work in Washington give a correct representation of gospel medical missionary work under the supervision of the great Head Missionary. This is God's will concerning the work in Washington. He desires that an example of medical work on right lines be worked out in a place far enough from Battle Creek to avoid strife. He desires that we should set an example of earnest work in a place where all shall be at peace and in unity. *18LtMs, Lt 223, 1903, par. 6*

Let those having this line of work in charge bear this instruction in mind. Every step taken on this new ground is to be a step of faith and prayer, a step taken because of our confidence in every phase of present truth. *18LtMs, Lt 223, 1903, par. 7*

The same spirit that now dwells in the hearts of some at Battle Creek will inspire men and women to surmise that whatever steps may be taken by you to establish the medical missionary work in this new center are for the purpose of rivaling or supplanting the work at Battle Creek. But we should remember that the men at Battle Creek already have more than they can do well. The brethren there should not try to place their impress upon the work at Washington. They should leave this work to our brethren in the East. Let another impress be stamped upon the work in Washington. Dr. Kellogg's management is not to extend to this place, to spoil the work that should be done in accordance with the Lord's instruction. *18LtMs, Lt 223, 1903, par. 8*

I write this, because there is danger of this very thing's being planned and undertaken. God forbids it. The men at Battle Creek

need not try to begin a work in this portion of the Lord's vineyard. There are many other cities in the land, in which they can begin a new work, if they feel that they must take upon themselves still more responsibilities. Let not the Lord's plans for the sanitarium work in Washington be marred; for I am instructed to say that He will not sanction any interference with His plans.*18LtMs, Lt 223, 1903, par. 9*

If the hearts of our brethren assembled at the council meeting are filled with the Holy Spirit, and their feet are shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, all occasion for strife will disappear. The Lord desires that you shall have opportunity to establish a sanitarium in peace. In no case should any man attempt to call the attention of those living in this part of the Lord's vineyard to himself. Washington City has been chosen by the Lord as a place where the publishing interests and the medical missionary interests shall be left undisturbed. And we are forbidden to hesitate any longer to advance in the right way.*18LtMs, Lt 223, 1903, par. 10*

O that those laboring to exalt themselves would be converted! They are in the spiritual condition portrayed in the message to the Laodicean church—neither cold nor hot. They boast of their riches and feel that they are increased with goods and have need of nothing. They know not that they are “wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.” [*Revelation 3:17.*]*18LtMs, Lt 223, 1903, par. 11*

God is beholding the works of every man. To those who are clothed with the filthy garments of self-righteousness, He is saying:*18LtMs, Lt 223, 1903, par. 12*

“I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I

also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [*Verses 18-22.*] *18LtMs, Lt 223, 1903, par. 13*

Character is personal. We each have a work to do for time and for eternity. God abhors indifference in regard to the formation of character. As we know, all sin, whether of high or low degree, is transgression of the law. The less pure religion a man has, the more bold and self-confident he becomes. May God help us to seek for genuine religion! O how responsible is the work of our leaders! How terrible will it be for those who are charmed with the delusive sentiments that are so freely expressed in these last days! The Lord is soon to come, and every believer should now ask himself, “Am I ready? Am I wearing the robe made white by the blood of the Lamb?” *18LtMs, Lt 223, 1903, par. 14*

Brethren, the Lord is good. Let us rejoice in His power. He can save His people and work through a few as well as through many. *18LtMs, Lt 223, 1903, par. 15*

**Lt 224, 1903**

Prescott, W. W.; Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 11, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *5Bio 304*.

Elders Prescott and Daniells

Dear Brethren,

I wish to suggest to you the advisability of reprinting in the *Review* the two chapters in *Patriarchs and Prophets* entitled, “The Twelve Spies” and “The Rebellion of Korah.” I think that it would be well to publish these chapters, just as they are, as soon as they can be published, in the order named. Such instruction as this is appropriate at this time. *18LtMs, Lt 224, 1903, par. 1*

My constant prayer is that the Lord shall help us, so that the whole flock will not be fed with errors that will cause them to go astray. *18LtMs, Lt 224, 1903, par. 2*

Matter has been sent to you in regard to the teachings in the book *Living Temple*. Many have received the theories advocated in this work as something very spiritual. Like Adam and Eve, who took the apple from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and ate it, our own sheep and lambs are swallowing the deceptive morsels of error offered them in the pages of this book. *18LtMs, Lt 224, 1903, par. 3*

I am instructed to warn our brethren and sisters not to discuss the nature of our God. Many of the curious who attempted to open the ark of the testament, to see what was inside, were punished for their presumption. We are not to say that the Lord God of heaven is in a leaf, or in a tree; for He is not there. He sitteth upon His throne in the heavens. *18LtMs, Lt 224, 1903, par. 4*



**Lt 225, 1903**

Prescott, W. W.; Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 14, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *SpM 330-331*.

Elders Prescott and Daniells

My dear Brethren,—

I wish to say a few words to you in regard to the proposed special effort to sell a large number of copies of my new book *Education*. I do not know much about the arrangements that are proposed. One thing I do know: I desire to get out of debt, if it be possible for me to do so, without diverting means that would otherwise be used in some branch of the cause. If the circulation of this book could be wisely managed in such a way that the income from it would relieve me of the burden of debt, I should regard the effort made by our people to accomplish this as a great favor. *18LtMs, Lt 225, 1903, par. 1*

With reference to *Christ's Object Lessons*, I wish to tell you that I have not appropriated to myself one penny of the income derived from the sale of this book. The office in Oakland has furnished me with a few copies without cost; and these I have given away to the poor and to others who were glad to receive and read them. But I have not used many *Object Lessons* even in this way. *18LtMs, Lt 225, 1903, par. 2*

I desire to place my book affairs in the hands of W. C. White, J. E. White, and one other person to represent the General Conference, who shall work together and share the responsibility of making appropriations from the means that the sale of my books shall bring in. I hope, also, to be able to do something soon to help the sanitariums. *18LtMs, Lt 225, 1903, par. 3*

Taking into consideration my age and labors, I am enjoying

excellent health. For this I praise the Lord; because I wish to complete several more books. *18LtMs, Lt 225, 1903, par. 4*

The proposed plan to sell the book *Education*, so as to lift my debts, did not originate with me. But I thank the Lord for the consideration manifested in this proposal. When these plans were devised, I was very busily engaged in writing out important instruction; and I am still busy. *18LtMs, Lt 225, 1903, par. 5*

When I have time, I must write to you about the publishing work at College View. I approve of an effort to have our German and Scandinavian publishing work located there. I hope you will devise plans for the encouragement of this work. *18LtMs, Lt 225, 1903, par. 6*

The whole burden of this work must not be left with our foreign brethren. Nor should our brethren throughout the field leave too heavy a load on the Conferences near College View. The members of these Conferences should lead out and do their best, and all should come to their assistance. *18LtMs, Lt 225, 1903, par. 7*

Again: I hope that Brethren Magan and Sutherland can be relieved of the strain under which they have been laboring. I trust that you will study what I have written concerning their work. I very much desire that Emmanuel Missionary College shall become what it should be. I hope that the teachers and students there will be provided with comfortable quarters in which to pass the winter. I wish I had more means; for I should be so glad to help our brethren at Berrien Springs in this their time of need. But I have barely enough with which to live and to pay my workers. The Lord knows all about this matter, and He will help us. I am not distrustful, but am full of faith and hope and courage. I present these matters before you and leave them with you. I pray that you may be guided by the Lord. *18LtMs, Lt 225, 1903, par. 8*

**Lt 226, 1903**

Wessels, Andrew

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 9, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *Te 103-104; TSA 59-60.*

Mr. Andrew Wessels, My dear friend and brother,—*18LtMs, Lt 226, 1903, par. 1*

The letter that you wrote me gives me a great deal of hope and courage in the Lord. You ask what you ought to do. My answer is, Break away from your worldly associates. You can confess Christ just where you are. The Lord Jesus will be honored by your words as you tell your friends that you want to be a child of God. The Lord has given you abilities by which you can glorify Him. Confess your determination to be a Christian. Stand firm for the right.*18LtMs, Lt 226, 1903, par. 2*

Do you use tobacco or intoxicating liquor? Cast them from you; for they becloud your faculties. To give up the use of these things will mean a hard battle, but God will help you to fight this battle. Ask Him for grace to overcome, and then believe that He will give it to you, because He loves you. Do not allow worldly companions to draw you away from your allegiance to Christ. Rather let your mind be drawn from these companions to Christ. Tell them that you are seeking for heavenly treasure. You are not your own; you have been bought with a price, even the life of the Son of God, and you are to glorify God in your body and in your spirit, for they are His.*18LtMs, Lt 226, 1903, par. 3*

The Lord has not cut you down in your youth. He has spared your life and is drawing you to Himself. Thank the Lord with heart and soul and voice for sparing your life. Give yourself unreservedly to Him. Let not your surrender be half-hearted. This would make you neither cold nor hot; and a lukewarm Christian is offensive to God. Put your whole strength unto the work of turning away from the temptations that have made you forgetful of God and

unappreciative of His goodness and His grace.*18LtMs, Lt 226, 1903, par. 4*

Jesus has given His life for you. Decide that while in the past you have robbed Him of the service rightly His, and have used in the enemy's work the powers that Christ has purchased, you will now give to God all that you have and are. Bring to Him your life, which is of far greater value than you have realized.*18LtMs, Lt 226, 1903, par. 5*

You have slighted the Saviour for society that has not improved your mind or elevated or refined your character. Your association with worldlings has not given you peace, but has left you restless and unsatisfied. Christ wants you to come to Him. He says to you, "Follow Me, and you shall not walk and work without seeing any improvement in life and character." The Saviour wants you to be converted; He wants you to be a vessel unto honor, that He may work through you. He desires you to come to Him now, without further delay. He will forgive your sins if you will ask Him; for He says, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." [*John 6:37.*]*18LtMs, Lt 226, 1903, par. 6*

Christ is the touchstone of all hearts. He is the revealer of the Father and of the Father's love. "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.*] "No man knoweth the Father save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him." [*Matthew 11:27.*]*18LtMs, Lt 226, 1903, par. 7*

Christ is also the revealer of the hearts of men. He is the exposor of sin. By Him the characters of all are to be tested. To Him all judgment has been committed, "because He is the Son of man." [*John 5:27.*]*18LtMs, Lt 226, 1903, par. 8*

Then what is the work that you are to do? You are to receive the precious Saviour as your very best friend, and honor Him by doing His will. "As many as received Him"—choosing Him above all other friends—"to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on His name." [*John 1:12.*] Receive Him as your light and life. He so loved you that He died that you might live forever. Believe in Him. Regard him as your best and truest friend.

Come to Him, saying, "Lord, I give myself to Thee just as I am. I have wasted many years of the life that Thou didst redeem by the sacrifice of Thine own life. Wilt Thou forgive me?" *18LtMs, Lt 226, 1903, par. 9*

Christ has made it possible for you to be received as a member of the royal family, a child of the heavenly King. The Saviour will receive you as you come to Him and will give you power to overcome. He declares, "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." [*John 17:3.*] Will you not appreciate this great gift of life, eternal life in the kingdom of God? Read in the Scriptures of the advantages offered to those who live for Christ, and you will see that those who live for self will at last lose all. Do not allow the world to engross your thoughts. Take your position on the side of Christ. Be willing to share the trials and disappointments and self-denials that came to Him in the life that He lived for us on this earth. *18LtMs, Lt 226, 1903, par. 10*

Christ asks you, my dear brother, to choose to serve Him, to come out from the world, and be separate. As you fully consecrate yourself to Him, your heart will be filled with a joy that is deep and satisfying. "Ask, and ye shall receive." [*John 16:24.*] Believe the invitation, and ask of the precious Saviour the things you know that you need and have not yet received. Surrender yourself unreservedly to Him who gave His life for you. As you do this, you will receive power to become a son of God. You will then be the Lord's helping hand, reaching out to help others to step up on to the platform of eternal truth. *18LtMs, Lt 226, 1903, par. 11*

## Lt 227, 1903

Daniells, A. G.; Prescott, W. W.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 9, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *15MR 214-216*.

Dear Brethren Daniells and Prescott,—

Yesterday evening I wrote a letter to Elder Franke. I have been reading over the letters of caution, reproof, and warning that I have sent him from time to time. *18LtMs, Lt 227, 1903, par. 1*

It has been clearly laid out before me that Elder Franke is not fitted to take charge of churches. He is not a thorough health reformer. His habits of living are not right. At times he sits up nearly all night preparing the maps and charts that he uses in his meetings. These are of great advantage to him in impressing the truth on the minds of his hearers, but the strain under which he places himself in night work and study is an injury to him. *18LtMs, Lt 227, 1903, par. 2*

Elder Haskell and Elder Franke could have been a wonderful power for good in New York City. But they failed to unite and draw together. *18LtMs, Lt 227, 1903, par. 3*

Elder Franke is impulsive, and he often treats church members as if they were school children. Then when his authority is questioned, he loses control of himself, and a tornado of angry words falls from his lips. Afterward he is sorry for this explosion of feeling. But such experiences shake the confidence of his brethren in him as a man who is led and controlled by the Holy Spirit. His influence is to arouse dissension and alienation. His treatment of Elder Haskell was most unchristlike. *18LtMs, Lt 227, 1903, par. 4*

A man who does as he has done cannot be regarded as a safe teacher, a wise shepherd. *18LtMs, Lt 227, 1903, par. 5*

Light was given me that Elder Franke was especially fitted to labor

for unbelievers in our large cities. He could labor with success in speaking to them and bringing the truths of the Scripture before them. The truth does not languish on his lips. I was shown that he could stir the ungodly, as but few could do, but that in doing this, the church members are so wrought up that he can do them but little good. *18LtMs, Lt 227, 1903, par. 6*

After laboring heroically to win souls to the truth, he will for a short time work earnestly for those who are interested. He will be patient with them and will help them, if they will do as he wishes them to do. But it is at this stage of the work that he needs the help that Elder Haskell and his wife are specially fitted to give. They could labor wisely to instruct those who are interested, carrying [them] forward until they were established in the faith. But Elder Franke has not been willing to unite with Elder Haskell in this way. He wanted to have the entire charge of those who through his efforts have become interested in the truth. But he cannot carry them forward wisely, consistently, instructing them step by step. I was shown that Elder Haskell and his wife were specially fitted for this part of the work and that great good would be accomplished if they and Elder Franke could unite in labor. Elder Haskell has had a wide experience in establishing souls in the truth, and in union with his wife he is most successful in this work. *18LtMs, Lt 227, 1903, par. 7*

A wonderful work has been done in the city of New York and its suburbs. For this God's name is to be given all the glory. A Paul may plant and an Apollos water, but it is God who gives the increase. It is the Holy Spirit, working with men who will be influenced, that impresses minds with the need of repentance and conversion. *18LtMs, Lt 227, 1903, par. 8*

Elder Franke, through his stirring discourses, has been enabled to reach the worldly class and to strike terror to the hearts of those dead in trespasses and sins. But when those convicted by his preaching have been brought thus far, they need other help. They need to be taught to study the Word of God. They need to be led, step by step, to take their stand firmly on the true foundation. Different workers are needed in the ministry, just as different workers are needed in the erection of a building. The law of development must guide; the work must be carried forward from

point to point. *18LtMs, Lt 227, 1903, par. 9*

The old, experienced teachers, who have been in the work from the beginning, are especially fitted to carry the work forward from point to point. But they cannot do this alone. They must have helpers. The Lord would have His workers unite their efforts, as the workmen do in the building of a house. Elder Franke has his line of work, but there are other parts that he must leave to others. *18LtMs, Lt 227, 1903, par. 10*

The Lord is to be the great Teacher. His Holy Spirit, if allowed to control, will bring in harmony among the different workers, and the building will be symmetrical in all its parts. And all the glory is to be given to the Lord Jesus, who has had supervision of the whole work. It is foolish for those who are but God's instrumentalities to take glory to themselves. It is only by the wisdom that God imparts that they are enabled to do successful work. *18LtMs, Lt 227, 1903, par. 11*



**Lt 228, 1903**

Jones, W. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 18, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *MM 41-44; LLM 58-59*.

Dr. W. H. Jones

My dear brother,—

My heart is drawn out toward you. The Lord has not left you. He is a God of tender compassion and wonderful lovingkindness, and He does not desire you to walk in darkness. You need not cast yourself away; for the Lord says, “His life need not be a failure. I will make him Mine. I will show him that I prize his soul. I will strive with him and lift him up. He must not perish. I have a special work for him to do. If he will unite with Me, believe in Me, and work for Me, his weakest points of character, notwithstanding his past failures, will become his strongest points.”*18LtMs, Lt 228, 1903, par. 1*

Do not keep your mind fixed on the defective example of professing Christians. You will of course see in their lives things that are not right. But if you keep looking at their faults, you will become like them. Instead of looking at the lives of your fellow men, look to Jesus. There you will see no imperfection, but perfection, righteousness, goodness, mercy, and truth. Take the Saviour as your example in all things. It is in looking to men instead of beholding Christ that you have made your great mistake.*18LtMs, Lt 228, 1903, par. 2*

You are not excusable for living an unchristlike life. Christ came to this world, subject to His Father’s will, for one great purpose—to show men and women what God desires them to be and what, through His grace, they may be. He came to develop for man a character after the similitude of heaven.*18LtMs, Lt 228, 1903, par. 3*

But I did not begin to write this letter to condemn you, but to

encourage you to look away from sinful examples to the perfect example; to point you to the path of peace and holiness. The Lord's merciful love is still for you. But He would have you follow a better way than you have followed in the past. This you are to do, not by keeping your eyes fixed on the defective lives of professing Christians, but by beholding Christ, the Sent of God, who in this world, and in human nature, lived a pure, noble, perfect life, setting an example that all may safely follow. *18LtMs, Lt 228, 1903, par. 4*

The Lord is reaching out His hand to save you. I long to see you responding to His invitation, "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me, and he shall make peace with Me." [*Isaiah 27:5.*] You and your brother are the purchase of the blood of the Son of God, and I cannot endure the thought that you should not appreciate the love that he has expressed for you—a love infinitely greater than the love that your father and mother have for you. How eagerly the Saviour will take the trembling hand in His own, holding it with a warm, firm grasp, until the feet are placed on vantage ground. *18LtMs, Lt 228, 1903, par. 5*

Will you not set your brother an example that will help him? Neither of you needs to be unbelieving. Trust in Him who understands your weakness. Keep close to the side of Christ; for the enemy stands ready to take captive every one who is off his guard. *18LtMs, Lt 228, 1903, par. 6*

Do not allow the enemy to control you as you have in the past. You are acquainted with the truth. You have had precious opportunities to form a symmetrical character. There have been many things to tempt you to swerve from your allegiance to the truth, but the Saviour has been willing to lead you at every step. *18LtMs, Lt 228, 1903, par. 7*

It is young men whom the Lord claims as His helping hand. Samuel was a mere child when the Lord used him to do a good and gracious work. What an honor it would have been to him had his sons served the Lord as he served Him. They had the temptation of bad example, and they fell under the temptation. But they need not have done this. Because some serve on the enemy's side, all need not forsake the Lord. *18LtMs, Lt 228, 1903, par. 8*

Gather to your soul the light of the Word of God. Remember that day by day you are building character for time and for eternity. The teaching of the Bible in regard to character-building is very explicit. "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." [*Colossians 3:17.*] Place yourself under His control and then ask for His protecting power. He gave His life for you. Do not cause Him sorrow. Be guarded in all that you say and do. Christ wants you to be to other young men His representative, His delegated gospel medical missionary. *18LtMs, Lt 228, 1903, par. 9*

Remember that in your life religion is not to be merely one influence among others. It is to be an influence dominating all others. Be strictly temperate. Resist every temptation. Make no concessions to the wily foe. Listen not to the suggestions that he puts into the mouths of men and women. You have a victory to win. You have nobility of character to gain, but this you cannot gain while you are depressed and discouraged by failure. Break the bands with which Satan has bound you. There is no need for you to be his slave. "Ye are My friends," Christ said, "if ye do whatsoever I command you." [*John 15:14.*] *18LtMs, Lt 228, 1903, par. 10*

Jesus loves you, and He has given me a message for you. His great heart of infinite tenderness yearns over you. He sends you the message that you may recover yourself from the snare of the enemy. You may regain your self-respect. You may stand where you regard yourself, not as a failure, but as a conqueror, in and through the uplifting influence of the Spirit of God. Take hold of the hand of Christ, and do not let it go. *18LtMs, Lt 228, 1903, par. 11*

You may be a great blessing to others if you will give yourself unreservedly to the Lord's service. Power from on high will be given you if you will take your position on the Lord's side. Through Christ you can escape the corruption that is in the world through lust and be a noble example of what Christ can do for those who co-operate with Him. *18LtMs, Lt 228, 1903, par. 12*

Do not choose the society of those who are the servants of sin, and thus place yourself in temptation. Nobility of character is not gained by placing oneself in objectionable society. Do not put on one side the grand requirements of the Word of God. Your only hope is in

placing yourself in right relation to God. You have supposed that you could so harden your heart that you would be regardless of truth and righteousness. But this you have not been able to do. You have longed to clasp the hand of One who could be a stay, a strength, a support. *18LtMs, Lt 228, 1903, par. 13*

God's purpose for us is that we shall ever move upward. Even in the smaller duties of common life, we are to make continual growth in grace, supplied with high and holy motives, powerful because they proceed from One who gave His life to furnish us with the incentive to be wholly successful in the formation of Christian character. *18LtMs, Lt 228, 1903, par. 14*

Christ has made an atonement for you. You are not to go through life with a half-formed character. You are to be strong in the strength of God, grounded in the hope of the gospel. You are acquainted with God's requirements, and I beg of you not to remain a weakling. You possess qualifications that if rightly used would make you a blessing in the world. Arise in your God-given dignity, living the truth in its purity. Christ is ready to pardon you, to take away your sins, and make you free. He is ready to purify your heart and give you the sanctification of His Spirit. As you commit yourself to His service, He will be at your right hand to help you. Day by day you will be strengthened and ennobled. Looking to the Saviour for help, you will be a conqueror, yes, more than a conqueror over the temptations that beset you. You will become more and more like Christ. The angels of heaven will rejoice to see you standing on the Lord's side, in righteousness and true holiness. *18LtMs, Lt 228, 1903, par. 15*

I am very hopeful that you will become all that the Lord desires you to be—a gospel medical missionary. You are to be not only an increasingly skilful physician, but one of the Lord's appointed missionaries, in all your work placing His service first. Let nothing mar your peace. Give your heart's best and holiest affections to Him who gave His life that you might be among the redeemed family in the heavenly courts. Striving for the crown of life will not make you dissatisfied or less useful. The great Teacher desires to acknowledge you as His helping hand. He calls for your co-operation. Will you not now give Him all that you have and are? Will

you not consecrate your talents to His service?*18LtMs, Lt 228, 1903, par. 16*

This life is your sowing time. Will you not pledge yourself to God that your seed-sowing shall be that which will produce, not tares, but a harvest of wheat? God will work with you; He will increase your usefulness. He has entrusted to you talents that in His strength you may use to produce a precious harvest.*18LtMs, Lt 228, 1903, par. 17*

**Lt 229, 1903**

White, J. E.; White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 27, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *21MR 439-441*.

Dear Sons, Edson and Willie,—

In the night season matters have been presented to me regarding the books *Patriarchs and Prophets* and *Great Controversy*. It has been my prayer that we might receive light and counsel from the Lord and be led and guided by Him as to how far we should go in making changes for a new and improved edition of these books. *18LtMs, Lt 229, 1903, par. 1*

We seemed to be in a council meeting, where the matter of resetting these two books was being considered. The question arose as to how this would be regarded by those who have purchased the book in its present form and by the publishing houses that have many books on hand. After considering the question, prayer was offered. *18LtMs, Lt 229, 1903, par. 2*

Our Counselor was with us and spoke in reference to the right way of conducting our book work. He said that at this stage of the work great care must be taken to avoid friction. A new edition produced by resetting the whole book and bringing it out in a more attractive style would mean loss to Review and Herald and Pacific Press, because when the new edition is introduced, the books that are already prepared will be difficult of disposal. We must be careful not to place a stumbling block before those who have a stock of these books on hand. *18LtMs, Lt 229, 1903, par. 3*

Our institutions must be carefully guarded against unnecessary losses and also against temptation and trials coming to the workers connected with them. Each worker is to help his brethren; each institution to help the other institutions. *18LtMs, Lt 229, 1903, par. 4*

The Word of God can always be relied upon. “My covenant will I not break,” He says, “nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips.” [*Psalm 89:34.*] “A soft answer turneth away wrath.” [*Proverbs 15:1.*] *18LtMs, Lt 229, 1903, par. 5*

When several parties have on hand [a] large stock of certain books, nothing should be done in bringing out new editions by one office, without consulting with those who already have quantities of the old edition on hand. In every action care must be exercised not to take a course that will bring loss upon our institutions. We must deal in all things with equity and with sanctified judgment. *18LtMs, Lt 229, 1903, par. 6*

Another reason why I cannot enter into a plan that means large expense to me is that I am short of means. I have to borrow money to invest in necessary new books. Therefore while the old plates are able to be used with a few changes, which can be made at little cost, and which would improve the book somewhat, I am convinced that we should not go further than this. Sometime in the future the way may be opened for other changes that have been suggested. *18LtMs, Lt 229, 1903, par. 7*

But now I am distressed for means with which to live and to pay my workers. I am seeking to follow the light given me not to become deeper involved in debt, but to do all I can to free myself from debt. And while we have not the capital to invest, I do not see how we can reset these books. It must not be done. *18LtMs, Lt 229, 1903, par. 8*

Even though these books do not sell as readily as they would if thoroughly revised, yet the resetting of them will place upon me a heavier burden than I am able to bear. I do not want another experience such as I had with *Desire of Ages*. I might have consented to a considerable outlay of means, had not the Lord instructed me that there would be dissatisfaction created, because a new edition would render the old editions unsaleable. I want my every movement to be true to God and to maintain the principles of His law. I must love Him supremely and my neighbor as myself. *18LtMs, Lt 229, 1903, par. 9*

Let there be an interest awakened in the sale of these books. Their

sale is essential; for they contain timely instruction from the Lord. They should be appreciated as books that bring to the people light that is especially needed just now. Therefore these books should be widely distributed. Those who make a careful study of the instruction contained in them, and will receive it as from the Lord, will be kept from receiving many of the errors that are being introduced. Those who accept the truths contained in these books will not be led into false paths. *18LtMs, Lt 229, 1903, par. 10*

Many will depart from the faith and give heed to seducing spirits. *Patriarchs and Prophets* and *Great Controversy* are books that are especially adapted to those who have newly come to the faith, that they may be established in the truth. The dangers are pointed out that should be avoided by the churches. Those who become thoroughly acquainted with the lessons in these books will see the dangers before them and will be able to discern the plain, straight path marked out for them. They will be kept from strange paths. They will make straight paths for their feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way. *18LtMs, Lt 229, 1903, par. 11*

In *Desire of Ages*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *Great Controversy*, and in *Daniel and the Revelation*, there is precious instruction. These books must be regarded as of special importance, and every effort should be made to get them before the people. *18LtMs, Lt 229, 1903, par. 12*

We are warned to avoid the mistakes that the Israelites made in obstinately refusing to receive the warnings that came to them from God. So persistently did they pursue a course of backsliding that all but two of the adults who left Egypt died in the wilderness. Their children who entered the land of Canaan were warned to refrain from following the course that their fathers had taken. They were told that it was because of the obstinacy of their fathers, their unbelief, and their idolatry that the wrath of God had been poured out for their destruction. *18LtMs, Lt 229, 1903, par. 13*

“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 alway err in their heart; 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.” [*Hebrews 3:7-12.*]18LtMs, Lt 229, 1903, par. 14

The children of Israel might have known the ways of God; for the truth had been kept before them. Again and again it had been repeated, but they did not follow its teachings. They divorced themselves from God and followed after the wisdom of men who were not under the direction of God. 18LtMs, Lt 229, 1903, par. 15

“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.” [*Verses 11-19.*]18LtMs, Lt 229, 1903, par. 16

These words are plain and simple. The *fourth chapter of Hebrews* also sets forth our danger of failing as did the Israelites, of entering into our rest, because of unbelief. 18LtMs, Lt 229, 1903, par. 17

Before the Review and Herald building was destroyed, I thought of taking these books in my hands and of having them reset. But conditions have changed. The Review and Herald has moved to Washington. I want to see things so adjusted that the book work will be taken hold of intelligently, conducted with fairness and equity to all concerned. “Equity” means a great deal. I want to see the Review and Herald standing on the true foundation, where all who have an interest in it are doing all in their power to establish unity with other branches of the work. If they do not care to have the

plates, than we will have it printed elsewhere, but we must have no issues in any matter if we can avoid it. *18LtMs, Lt 229, 1903, par. 18*

Time is nearing its close. I want every transaction to show the marks of unselfishness. *18LtMs, Lt 229, 1903, par. 19*

**Lt 230, 1903**

Waggoner, E. J.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 2, 1903

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Dr. Ellet J. Waggoner

Dear Brother,—

I beseech you by the mercy of God to be on your guard. To you and to other ministers and teachers, the Lord says, “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith.” [2 *Corinthians* 13:5.] The world is full of speculation and false theories regarding the nature and character of God. The enemy of our souls is earnestly at work to introduce among the Lord’s people pleasing speculation and incorrect views regarding the personality of God.*18LtMs, Lt 230, 1903, par. 1*

The fables that are being accepted and taught by some of our medical writers are not to be accepted as the truth of God. It will soon be discerned that they originate with the great apostate, who works as an angel of light, influencing minds by a deception so subtle that he would deceive, if possible, the very elect.*18LtMs, Lt 230, 1903, par. 2*

I am authorized to say to you that some of the sentiments regarding the personality of God, as found in the book *Living Temple*, are opposed to the truths revealed in the Word of God. Yet many physicians and teachers are inclined to accept these fanciful ideas of God. To these I say, Awake to a sense of your danger. *18LtMs, Lt 230, 1903, par. 3*

It has been presented to me that Satan is working in ways that man does not expect. At times he puts on the robes of an angel of light, and many receive him as such a being. If we will link ourselves closely with Christ, Satan will have no power to overcome us. As we

draw near to God, He draws near to us and lifts up for us a standard against the enemy. *18LtMs, Lt 230, 1903, par. 4*

I have been shown that some, even of those who are teachers of the Word of God, are in great danger of being overcome. I saw some linking their arms in the arm of Satan, while he talked most earnestly with them, telling them of the many things that needed to be changed in the church. Afterward his words were repeated by those to whom he had talked. They were delighted with what seemed to them to be clearer perception and better methods of working. *18LtMs, Lt 230, 1903, par. 5*

I say to all, Be on your guard; for as an angel of light Satan is walking in every assembly of Christian workers, and in every church, trying to win the members to his side. I am bidden to give to the people of God the warning, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked." [*Galatians 6:7.*] *18LtMs, Lt 230, 1903, par. 6*

Had God desired to be represented as dwelling personally in the things of nature—in the flower, the tree, the spear of grass—would not Christ have spoken of this to His disciples? To take the works of God and represent them to be God is a fearful misrepresentation. This misrepresentation of God I was called upon to oppose at the beginning of my work, when the Lord sent me forth to proclaim the message that He should give me to speak. *18LtMs, Lt 230, 1903, par. 7*

My labors on this line began when I was seventeen years old, and since then I have been over the ground again and again. Case after case has been presented to me, and the power of God has rested on me as I have stood before large assemblies and called out the names of those who were entertaining false views, telling them where such views would lead them if they did not change. *18LtMs, Lt 230, 1903, par. 8*

I have seen the results of these fanciful views of God in apostasy, spiritualism, freelovism. The free-love tendencies of these teachings were so concealed that it was difficult to present them in their real character. Until the Lord presented it to me, I knew not what to call it, but I was instructed to call it unholy spiritual love. *18LtMs, Lt 230, 1903, par. 9*

I am warned that we are not to talk of God as He is spoken of in *Living Temple*. The sentiments there expressed are a dishonor to His greatness and His majesty. God forbid that our ministers should entertain these ideas. For myself, I take my stand firmly against them. And I entreat you to accept the message that I bear to you. I ask you to arouse to your danger. Who by searching can find out God? The theory that He is an essence, pervading everything, is one of Satan's most subtle devices. I warn you to beware of being led to accept theories leading to any such view. I tell you, my brother, that the most spiritual-minded Christians are liable to be deceived by these beautiful, seducing, flattering theories. But in the place of honoring God, these theories, in the minds of those who receive them, bring Him down to a low level, where He is nothingness. *18LtMs, Lt 230, 1903, par. 10*

We have a compassionate God, but He will not be trifled with. He will not be dishonored, and make no sign. May the danger into which some of our teachers have fallen lead them to guard their feet carefully, that they shall not wander again upon Satan's ground. Let them walk humbly with God. *18LtMs, Lt 230, 1903, par. 11*

It is those who have had the most light that Satan seeks the most assiduously to ensnare. He knows that if he can deceive them, they can, under his control, clothe sin with the garments of righteousness and lead many astray. God grant that our teachers may see and understand this, their great danger, and that they may recover themselves from the snare of Satan and put forth redoubled efforts to save others who are exposed. *18LtMs, Lt 230, 1903, par. 12*

My brother, do not try to reason in regard to the errors that the enemy presents. If you will receive the testimony of the Lord, reading His Word with a teachable heart and refusing to put Scripture on the side of error to maintain falsehood, you will believe that I speak the truth as a messenger of God. But if you allow the author of error to get between you and the Word, your mind will bear his impress. *18LtMs, Lt 230, 1903, par. 13*

If you will believe the message that I bear you, you will see your

danger. You can then put on the gospel shoes and walk in the pathway of truth, following the true Shepherd who knows His sheep by name and calls them to follow Him. *18LtMs, Lt 230, 1903, par. 14*

There is a strain of spiritualism coming in among our people, and it will undermine the faith of those who give place to it, leading them to give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. I have seen the archdeceiver tempting several of our ministers, teachers, and medical workers, presenting to them in a most subtle and charming manner fanciful theories to wean their affection from those whom they should love and cherish. He shows them charming pictures of women whom they have found congenial, suggesting that in the future life they will be united to the one who is so congenial and whom they will ever love throughout the ages of eternity. *18LtMs, Lt 230, 1903, par. 15*

My message to our teachers is, If you hold such views, you need to be taught the first principles of the truth. You need to stand where you know that you are not departing from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. When you break the spell that is upon you and become teachable, you will escape from Satan's snare. Through humility and reconversion you will again be adopted into the family of God. *18LtMs, Lt 230, 1903, par. 16*

To all who are thus tempted, I would say, I want to see you standing free before God. I want to see you sound in the faith, holding the beginning of your confidence firm unto the end. Leave every false issue alone. We cannot do our seed sowing too carefully; for we are sowing for eternity. *18LtMs, Lt 230, 1903, par. 17*

**Lt 231, 1903**

Waggoner, E. J.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 5, 1903

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Dr. E. J. Waggoner

Dear Brother,—

I have much to say to you. You have been represented to me as being in great peril. Satan is on your track, and at times he has whispered to you pleasing fables and has shown you charming pictures of one whom he represents as a more suitable companion for you than the wife of your youth, the mother of your children. *18LtMs, Lt 231, 1903, par. 1*

Satan is working stealthily, untiringly, to effect your downfall through his specious temptations. He is determined to become your teacher, and you need now to place yourself where you can get strength to resist him. He hopes to lead you into the mazes of spiritualism. He hopes to wean your affections from your wife and to fix them upon another woman. He desires that you shall allow your mind to dwell upon this woman, until through unholy affection she becomes your god. *18LtMs, Lt 231, 1903, par. 2*

The enemy of souls has gained much when he can lead the imagination of one of Jehovah’s chosen watchmen to dwell upon the possibilities of association in the world to come with some woman whom he loves and of there raising up a family. We need no such pleasing pictures. All such views originate in the mind of the tempter. *18LtMs, Lt 231, 1903, par. 3*

We have the plain assurance of Christ that, in the world to come, the redeemed “neither marry, nor are given in marriage; neither can they die any more; for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.” [*Luke 20:35*,

36.]18LtMs, Lt 231, 1903, par. 4

It is presented to me that spiritual fables are taking many captive. Their minds are sensual, and, unless a change comes, this will prove their ruin. To all who are indulging these unholy fancies, I would say, Stop, for Christ's sake, stop right where you are. You are on forbidden ground. Repent, I entreat of you, and be converted.18LtMs, Lt 231, 1903, par. 5

To married men I am instructed to say, It is to your wives, the mothers of your children, that your respect and affection are due. Your attentions are to be given to them, and your thoughts are to dwell upon plans for their happiness.18LtMs, Lt 231, 1903, par. 6

Please read the *first chapter of First Corinthians*. Paul directs his words “unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; that in everything ye are enriched by Him in all utterance, and in all knowledge; even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you; so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing”—the words of truth —“and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” [Verses 2-10.]18LtMs, Lt 231, 1903, par. 7

My brother Ellet, remember that the woman who receives the least manifestation of affection from a man who is the husband of another woman shows herself to be in need of repentance and conversion. And the man who allows his wife to occupy the second place in his affections is dishonoring himself and his God. This thing is one of the signs of the last days. But surely you do not desire to fulfil this sign. This is the part that the wicked are to act. Christ will



take charge of the affections of those who love and honor God, causing them to center upon proper objects. *18LtMs, Lt 231, 1903, par. 8*

My brother, your wife has her faults, but so have you. She is your wife still. She is the mother of your children, and you are to respect, cherish, and love her. Guard yourself carefully, that impurity may not abide in mind or heart. *18LtMs, Lt 231, 1903, par. 9*

A strain of spiritualism is coming in among our people, and it will undermine the faith of those who give place to it, leading them to give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Let all who have been listening to seducing fables stop right where they are. The Lord has guarded and kept them, and He will be a father to them if they will act as obedient children. *18LtMs, Lt 231, 1903, par. 10*

We are just God's little children. All pomposity, all masterly effort to gain the supremacy, is unbecoming to us. "The foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God stronger than men. ... God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are; that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." [*Verses 25, 27-31.*] *18LtMs, Lt 231, 1903, par. 11*

These plain words are spoken that there may be no misunderstanding. *18LtMs, Lt 231, 1903, par. 12*

Paul continues, "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat; for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither now are ye able. For ye are carnal; for whereas there is among you envying and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? Who then is Paul, and

who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are laborers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. *18LtMs, Lt 231, 1903, par. 13*

“According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth there upon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. *18LtMs, Lt 231, 1903, par. 14*

“If any man's work abide which he hath built thereon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.” [*1 Corinthians 3:1-17.*]*18LtMs, Lt 231, 1903, par. 15*

Brother Waggoner, your case was presented to me some time ago; but I have delayed writing, thinking that I might see you and talk with you. You are being imprisoned with a dangerous sentimentalism, and this has nearly spoiled you and the one also who has permitted you to make her your favorite. You need not ask God to bless you in pursuing this course. In this matter, your mind has been worked by the enemy, who stands ready to control those who give place to spiritualistic affection. *18LtMs, Lt 231, 1903, par. 16*

You have a wife, and you are bound to her by the law of God. “Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: but I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a

woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. ... It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: but I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery; and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery." [*Matthew 5:27, 28, 31, 32.*] *18LtMs, Lt 231, 1903, par. 17*

May the Lord help you, is my prayer. Now is the time to fight the good fight of faith; now is the time to wrestle against the promptings of the natural heart. Now is your time to be as true as steel to your marriage vows, refusing, in thought, word, or deed, to spoil your record as a man who fears God and obeys His commandments. You have been imbibing spiritualistic ideas. But if you will now turn wholly to God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ will be imparted to you, and truth will triumph in your life. *18LtMs, Lt 231, 1903, par. 18*

**Lt 232, 1903**

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 6, 1903

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Dr. J. H. Kellogg

Dear Brother,—

I have a message for you. I have been given words to speak to you that I cannot withhold. A portion of the matter that is printed in the book *Living Temple* is incorrect and misleading and ought not to be placed before the people. The Lord did not guide you in making the statements contained in this book regarding the personality of God. The Lord has given us His Word, and this is to be the man of our counsel. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 1*

If ever there was a time when the writings of every author needed to be criticized, it is now. God’s Word is to be our study book. In this Word we do not find such representations of God as are presented in the *Living Temple*. Had Christ thought it essential for such theories to be given to human beings, He would have included them in His teachings. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 2*

To me it seems passing strange that some who have been long in the work of God cannot discern the character of the teaching in *Living Temple* in regard to God. All through the book are passages of Scripture. These Scriptures are brought in in such a way that error is made to appear as truth. Erroneous theories are presented in so pleasing a way that unless care is taken, many will be misled. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 3*

To take the works of God, and represent them as being God, is a

fearful misrepresentation of Him. This representation I was called upon to meet at the beginning of my work when in my youth the Lord commissioned me to go forth and proclaim what He should command me to proclaim. And as the Lord shall direct me, I must now do what I can to counterwork all such teaching and the theories which lead to such views. Those who hold these theories do not know God; neither do they know Jesus Christ, whom He sent into the world to save sinners. They do not know whither their feet are tending. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 4*

One and another come to me, asking me to explain the positions taken in *Living Temple*. I say, "They are unexplainable." But the sentiments expressed plainly reveal that you have not a true knowledge of God. What we most need is an experimental knowledge of God, as He is revealed in His Word. Such knowledge would enable us to see our imperfection of character and our ignorance of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and we would be afraid even to touch the subjects that are handled blindly in *Living Temple*. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 5*

Human talent and human conjecture have tried by searching to find out God. Many have trodden this pathway. The highest intellect may tax itself until it is wearied out, in conjectures regarding God; but the effort will be fruitless, and the fact will remain that man by searching cannot find out God. This problem has not been given us to solve. All that man needs to know and can know of God has been revealed in the life and character of His Son, the great Teacher. As we learn more and more of what man is, of what we ourselves are, in God's sight, we shall fear and tremble before Him. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 6*

To those who would represent every man as born a king; to those who would make no distinction between the converted and the unconverted; to those who are losing their appreciation of their need of Christ as their Saviour, I would say, Think of yourselves as you have been during the period of your existence! Would it be pleasant or agreeable for you to contemplate feature after feature of your lifework in the sight of Him who knows every thought of man, and before whose eyes all man's doings are as an open book? *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 7*

## A Lesson From the Past

After the flood men began to build a tower of such stupendous height as should render it the wonder of the world. One object before them in the erection of this tower was to secure their own safety in case of another deluge. By carrying the structure to a much greater height than that reached by the waters of the flood, they thought to place themselves beyond all possibility of danger. And as they would be able to ascend to the region of the clouds, they hoped to ascertain the cause of the flood. The whole undertaking was designed to exalt still further the pride of its projectors and to turn the minds of future generations away from God and lead them into idolatry. *18Lts, Lt 232, 1903, par. 8*

Suddenly the work that had been advancing so prosperously was checked. Angels were sent to bring to naught the purpose of the builders. The tower had reached a lofty height, and it was impossible for the workmen at the top to communicate directly with those at the base; therefore men were stationed at different points, each to receive and report to the one next below him the orders for needed material or other directions concerning the work. As messages were thus passing from one to another, the language was confounded so that material was called for which was not needed, and the directions delivered were often the reverse of those that had been given. Confusion and dismay followed. All work came to a standstill. There could be no further harmony or co-operation. The builders were wholly unable to account for the strange misunderstandings among them, and in their rage and disappointment they reproached one another. Their confederacy ended in strife and bloodshed. Lightnings from heaven as an evidence of God's displeasure broke off the upper portion of the tower and cast it to the ground. Men were made to feel that there is a God who ruleth in the heavens and that He was able to confuse and to multiply confusion in order to teach men that they were only men. *18Lts, Lt 232, 1903, par. 9*

Let every man, however talented and ingenious he may be, remember that he has a Ruler in the heavens, a God who will not be trifled with by the sophistries of Satan's devising, which lead men's minds away from the perils and duties of the hour. The Lord,

He is God. He who puts his reasoning to the stretch in an effort to exalt himself and to trace out God will find that he might far better have stood as a humble penitent before God, confessing himself to be only a finite, sinful man. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 10*

Guesswork has proved itself to be guesswork. Imagination may go to its farthest stretch and talk of God's being in leaf and tree and flower, but those who talk thus need to know that by searching they can not find out God. There have been professed great men, professed interpreters of God. Rival sects have clamored for the supremacy; but in their wisdom they have become fools, and the result of their arguments is but to belittle God. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 11*

My brother, such reasoning regarding the nature of God we have nothing to do with. God has not put upon man the duty of explaining Him. Seek for the faith that works by love and purifies the soul, else you will never know what the kingdom of God is like, or what is to be known of God, the Creator of heaven and earth. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 12*

You have but a human mind, and you have not yet shown yourself capable of revealing in life and character the life and character of Jesus Christ. When man understands that his life is to be a definition of the life of Christ—a definition in accordance with Christ's holy character—he will receive the words of God and will clothe himself daily with humility, saying, Unclean, unclean. When the worldly wise man comes to know what is truth, as revealed in Christ, he will look upon himself in a very different light from the light in which he has formerly regarded himself. The question for us to study is, What is truth—the truth for this time, which is to be cherished, lived, honored, obeyed? The devotees of science have been defeated and disheartened in their effort to find out God. What they need to inquire is, What is truth? But how many of those who profess to minister at the altar of God have asked this question with humility of heart and true soul hunger? How many of those who search the heavens have inquired, as they have beheld the wondrous works of God's creation, What is truth? "What is man, that Thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that Thou visitest him?" [*Psalm 8:4.*] *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 13*

I shall not try to define God; for this I cannot do. It is not my work to define what He is and what His prerogatives are. I am to say only the words given me of God, “Be still, and know that I am God.”  
[*Psalm 46:10.*]18*LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 14*

### **“A Teacher Sent From God”**

At the time of Christ’s first advent, darkness had covered the earth and gross darkness the people. Truth looked down from heaven and nowhere could discern the reflection of her image. Spiritual darkness had settled down over the religious world, and this darkness was almost universal and complete.18*LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 15*

The scribes and Pharisees professed to explain the Scriptures, but they explained them in accordance with their own ideas and traditions. Their customs and maxims became more and more exacting. In its spiritual sense, the sacred Word became to the people as a sealed book, closed to their comprehension.18*LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 16*

All things proclaimed in the heavenly courts the urgent necessity on the earth of a Teacher sent from God—a teacher in whom divinity and humanity would be united. It was essential that Christ should appear in human form and stand at the head of the human race, His divinity and humanity working unitedly to uplift fallen human beings. Thus only could God be revealed to the world. All the books written cannot serve the purpose of a holy life.18*LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 17*

The Majesty of heaven, the King of glory, volunteered to lay aside His royal robe and kingly crown and come to this earth to show human beings what they may be and what they should be. He came to shine amidst the darkness, to dispel the darkness by the brightness of His presence.18*LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 18*

When in the fulness of time the eternal Son of the infinite God came forth from the bosom of His Father to this world, He came in the garb of humanity, clothing His divinity with humanity. The Father and the Son in consultation decided that Christ must come to the



world as a babe and live the life that human beings must live from childhood to manhood, bearing the trials that they must bear and at the same time living a sinless life, that men might see in Him an example of what they can become, and that he might know by experience how to help them in their struggles with sin. He was tried as man is tried, tempted as man is tempted. The life that He lived in this world men can live through His power and under His instruction. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 19*

From the beginning God had spoken through Christ, laying the foundation of the gospel in the Jewish economy of types and shadows. Before the coming of Christ this economy was unfinished. The ceremonies of the unfinished economy pointed to the reality. God would not leave the plan incomplete. He would work out to its end the plan for the redemption of the race. By sending His Son into the world, He would carry out to its fulfilment the plan ordained in heaven before the world was made. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 20*

The apostle Peter declared, "Moses truly said unto 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 which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people." "Yea," Peter continues, "and all the prophets from Samuel, and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days." [*Acts 3:22-24.*] *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 21*

Patriarchs and prophets predicted the coming of a distinguished Teacher whose words were to be clothed with invincible power and authority. He was to preach the gospel to the poor and proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. He was to set judgment in the earth; the isles were to wait for His law; the Gentiles were to come to His light and kings to the brightness of His rising. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 22*

He was "the Messenger of the covenant," and "the Sun of righteousness." [*Malachi 3:1; 4:2.*] *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 23*

The Jewish teachers, claiming to give instruction in the things of God, turned minds to things that eclipsed the revelation of God. They gave the things of earth the first consideration and the

greatest thought. God beheld in these teachers an ignorance that is death to true godliness. Under the education that they gave, virtue and purity grew feeble, and self-sufficiency and pride ruled the life. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 24*

Those who loved God and who realized the danger that lay in the struggle for wealth and power, longed for heaven's enlightenment. They longed for a message direct from the heavenly courts. The heavenly inspiration was begotten, and men began to feel after God, if haply they might find Him. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 25*

And "when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, ... to redeem them which were under the law, that they might receive the adoption of sons." [*Galatians 4:4, 5.*] *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 26*

Wonder, O heavens, and be astonished, O earth. A heavenly Teacher had come. Who was He? No less a being than the Son of God Himself. He appeared as God and at the same time as the elder brother of the human race. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Christ must come as a human being. Had He come in the glory that He had with the Father, men could not have lived in His presence. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 27*

He was born a babe in Nazareth and grew as other children grow. The powers of mind and body developed gradually, in harmony with the laws of nature. Of Him we read, "The child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him." [*Luke 2:40.*] *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 28*

When at the age of twelve He mingled with the doctors of the law in the temple at Jerusalem, hearing them, and asking them questions, they were astonished at His questions and answers, for His words opened up subjects of the deepest importance. His knowledge of sacred science was a surprise to these learned men; for He had never been instructed in the schools of the rabbis. They wondered where He had gained His knowledge. They did not comprehend that He had access to a knowledge that they knew not of. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 29*

Christ did not pass over the ground of scholastic education, yet He

was far in advance of any student under the teaching of the priests and rulers. God did not design that His Son should listen to the needless suppositions included in what was called education. The teachers in the schools of that time—the priests and rulers, though supposed to be perfect in knowledge—were in need of being taught the first principles of true education. They needed to know the meaning of the command, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy strength and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.” [*Luke 10:27.*] *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 30*

Christ’s dignity as a divine Teacher was of an order higher than the dignity of priests and rulers. It was distinct from all worldly pomp; for it was divine. He dispensed with all worldly display and showed that He regarded the gradations of human society, fixed by opulence and rank, as of no value. He had laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown and had stepped down from His high command to bring human beings power to become one with God, and earthly rank was not of the least value with Him. He could have brought with Him ten thousand angels if this would have helped Him in His work of redeeming the race. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 31*

Christ passed by the homes of the wealthy, the courts of royalty, the renowned seats of learning, to make His home in obscure and despised Nazareth. His life, from its beginning to its close, was a life of lowliness and humility. Poverty was made sacred by His life of poverty. He would not put on a dignity of attitude that would debar men and women, however lowly, from coming into His presence and listening to His teaching. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 32*

In choosing His disciples, Christ passed by the dignitaries of the Jewish nation and chose lowly, unlearned fishermen. He chose men who had not been spoiled by praise or flattery, men who were not filled with self-sufficiency. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 33*

The life of Christ teaches many lessons that men do not care to learn. How much more good would be done in our world if there were less outside pretension, [less] outward display, and more of the inward adorning that is in the sight of God of great price. Christlikeness of character is of the greatest value to the

world. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 34*

Christ, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, came to this earth and opened the sealed roll long closed to the Jewish nations because they would not obey the Word of the Lord. But the people turned their eyes from the sight of truth revealed in Christ because His life did not harmonize with their practice. They were spiritually blind. They could not look truth and righteousness squarely in the face without becoming ashamed. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 35*

Christ converted all nature into an index to illustrate His greatness, His goodness, His love. Water, air, light, life—these Christ used to illustrate His work and His character. Pointing to the sun, which had just risen above the Mount of Olives, Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.” [*John 8:12.*] The sun in the heavens represents the Sun of righteousness. As the sunbeams penetrate to the remotest corners of the earth, so does the light of the Sun of righteousness shine upon every soul. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 36*

Christ would heighten our conception of His exalted character. His preexistence and His prospective glory—these subjects were often brought before His disciples. He thought it not robbery to be equal with God. When He gave the law, He did not summon the nations to exalt Him with worldly pomp and grandeur. He commanded attention by the trumpets and thunders of Sinai. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 37*

I am bidden to bring this subject before our people, because some of our physicians and teachers feel at liberty to talk of God and of Christ in ways that men are not authorized to speak. What God desires us to know of Him is revealed in His Word and His works. The beautiful things of nature reveal His character. They are His gift to the race, to show His power and to show that He is a God of love. But no one is authorized to say that God Himself in person is in flower or leaf or tree. These things are God’s handiwork, revealing His love for man. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 38*

### **The Foundation of Our Faith**

In regard to the book *Living Temple*, I have been instructed by the

heavenly messenger that some of the reasoning in this book is untrue, and that this reasoning would lead astray the minds of those who are not thoroughly established on the foundation principles of present truth. It introduces that which is naught but speculation in regard to the personality of God and where His presence is. No one on this earth has a right to speculate on this question. "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong unto us, and to our children forever." [*Deuteronomy 29:29.*] *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 39*

I am authorized by the Lord to say, The sentiments contained in *Living Temple* in regard to the personality of God are opposed to the truth that God has given us. The truth for this time is now to be brought before the people. Our brethren and sisters in every church and in every place are to guard carefully against allowing their minds to be engrossed with matters that draw them away from eternal things. The enemy will use some of the statements made in *Living Temple* to tempt some as he tempted Adam and Eve in Eden. I warn our brethren not to enter into controversy over the presence and personality of God. The statements made in *Living Temple* in regard to this point are incorrect. The Scripture used to substantiate the doctrine there set forth is Scripture misapplied. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 40*

I was cautioned not to enter into controversy regarding the question that will come up over these things, because controversy might lead men to resort to subterfuges, and their minds would be led away from the truth of the Word of God to assumption and guesswork. The more that fanciful theories are discussed, the less men will know of God and of the truth that sanctifies the soul. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 41*

We are God's commandment-keeping people. For the last fifty years every phase of heresy has been brought to bear upon us, to tear down the foundation principles of our faith. Messages of every order and kind have been urged upon Seventh-day Adventists to take the place of the truth which point by point has been testified to by the miracle-working power of the Lord. But the waymarks which have made us what we are are to be preserved, and they will be preserved, as God has signified through His Word and the

testimony of His Spirit. From the great system of truth as it has been presented by God's messengers, not a pin is to be removed.*18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 42*

I am called upon by God to stand in defense of the truth that has been given us as we have followed the leading of Him who is the way, the truth, and the life. Let every pioneer in the work adhere firmly to this truth. The peculiarities of our faith are to be held fast with the grip of faith.*18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 43*

The fables that at the present time are being framed by some medical missionary workers are not to be regarded as truth. Their true origin will ere long be revealed. It will be seen that they were formed under the subtle power of the great apostate, who works as an angel of light, controlling minds by deceptions so concealed that he seeks by them to deceive if possible the very elect.*18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 44*

What influence but that of the deceiver could lead men at this stage of our history to work in an underhand, powerful way to tear down the foundations of our faith—the foundations which were laid at the beginning of our work by prayerful study of the Word and by revelation. Upon these foundations we have been building for the last fifty years. Shall a new foundation be built up by men to whom God has not granted the special experience He has granted to the men whom He ordained to establish the foundations of our faith? The men who are striving to build up this false foundation may suppose that they have found a new way, and that they can lay a stronger foundation than that which has been laid. But this is a great deception. Other foundation can no man lay than that which has been laid.*18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 45*

I am instructed to say to our people that in the past many have undertaken the building of a new faith, the establishment of new principles. But how long did their building stand? It soon fell to pieces; for it was not founded upon the Rock.*18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 46*

Did not the first disciples have to meet the sayings of men? Did they not have to listen to false theories and then stand firm, having done all, to stand, saying, "Other foundation can no man lay than that

which is laid”? [1 *Corinthians* 3:11.] One class after another arose with false doctrines, because men were so little acquainted with God. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 47*

My brethren and sisters, study the *thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth chapters of John*. The words of these chapters explain themselves. “This is life eternal,” Christ declared, “that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.” [*John* 17:3.] In these words the personality of God and of His Son is clearly spoken of. The personality of the one does not do away with the necessity for the personality of the other. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 48*

God is never to be understood by any human being. His ways and His works are past finding out. In regard to the revelations that He has made of Himself in His Word, we may talk. But when it comes to talking or writing of God’s person and presence, let us say, “Thou art God, and Thy ways are past finding out.” [*Psalms* 90:2; *Romans* 11:33.] *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 49*

It is sacrilegious to put into the minds of young or old the seeds of speculation regarding this subject. Such seeds, planted and left to grow, will spring up and bring forth a harvest of infidel sentiments. I give this warning to all. We want no such sophistry as that presented in *Living Temple*. There are excellent things in the book. But there are also tares among the wheat. The book contains many correct ideas, but it contains also statements that will do harm. Those who accept the chaff for the wheat will find themselves losing their sense of God’s greatness and bringing Him into cheap commonness. This is the work of the great deceiver. Our brethren are not to be called from their work to study the question of where God is and what He is. We are not to dare to engage in this discussion, lest we be destroyed. When the ark of God was being taken from the land of the Philistines to the camp of Israel, curiosity led the men of Bethshemesh to look into it. God was displeased, and many were smitten with death. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 50*

Let us talk of Christ, His preexistence, His humble ministry, His mighty power, His prospective personal glory in the heavenly courts. The Son of God restores to life whom He will. “All that the

Father hath is Mine,” He says. [*John 16:15.*] “I and My Father are one.” [*John 10:30.*] He has greatness, present and prospective, that baffles human conception. He encircles the race with His long human arm, while with His divine arm He grasps the throne of the Infinite. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 51*

There is a knowledge of God and of Christ which all who are saved must have. “This is life eternal,” Christ says, “that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.” [*John 17:3.*] And He says again, “If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [*Matthew 16:24.*] To all who receive Him as their Redeemer, He gives power to become the sons of God. Every one who truly believes in Him will be inspired by faith and raised by the arm of Omnipotence. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 52*

Those who do not receive in faith God’s plan for redeeming the race do despite to the Spirit of grace, and at the last great day their sentence will be, “Depart from Me.” [*Matthew 7:23.*] They have hated righteousness and fostered iniquity, and they must be banished forever from the presence of God, exiled from happiness to death—eternal death. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 53*

Those who in this life love God and cherish the thought of Him will employ their faculties and their talents as faithful stewards, making the very best use of them, but not claiming any reward as their due. As they deny self and follow Jesus, lifting the cross, they will find that the cross is light, and that it is a pledge, as they bear it, that they will one day be given a crown of everlasting life. What will be the glory and the gain and the enjoyment of that eternal life that is to be given to those only for whom it has been prepared? The great joy of the overcomer will be that he is in the presence of Christ. “Where I am, there shall also My servant be,” He declared. [*John 12:26.*] And He prayed, “Father, I will that they also whom Thou hast given Me be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory.” [*John 17:24.*] Christ is speaking of the glory of His Father’s presence and His Father’s house. The glory that is to be revealed to all who are saved is the glory which Christ had with His Father before the world was—the unapproachable splendor of their converse together. The angels were not admitted to the interviews



between the Father and the Son when the plan of salvation was laid. Those human beings who seek to intrude into the secrets of the Most High, who inhabiteth eternity, show their ignorance of spiritual and eternal things. Far better might they, while mercy's voice is still heard, humble themselves in the dust and plead with God to teach them His ways. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 54*

### **A Timely Warning**

There are those who have been seeking to carry out their own selfish designs, without regard to the influence that this would have upon the cause and work of God. It is time that such ones felt the inward work of grace upon their hearts, that the medical missionary work may not be grossly misrepresented. Let not our medical missionary workers become so like the world in habit and practice that worldlings will turn away from them with scorn, saying, "I am just as good as they are." There are instances where the medical missionary work has been so conducted that the name "medical missionary" might better be dropped; for it has been badly misrepresented, and God has been dishonored. *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 55*

We are living amidst the perils of the last days. Our people must now arouse to the work before them. We are to lift up the standard and proclaim the last message of warning to a perishing world. Those who have a knowledge of the truth for this time are now to hold firmly aloft the banner bearing the inscription, "The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." [*Revelation 14:12.*] *18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 56*

I ask my ministering brethren to examine themselves, to see whether they are in the faith or not. If they accept the spiritualistic representations made in *Living Temple*, their feet will soon be treading in forbidden paths. These representations are the Alpha of doctrines that would lead far away from the truth as we have received it from the Word of God. The acceptance of these sentiments will result in a weak, wavering faith. If this is the teaching that is to be given in the medical missionary work, it will not be long before we have no foundation upon which to plant our feet. I am bidden to say that these erroneous sentiments are the

sentiments of the wily foe and should not be presented to any of our youth who are seeking to gain an education in medical missionary lines. For the sake of these youth, I speak decidedly.*18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 57*

The expiring faith of the people of God must have a resurrection. The exaltation of human reason has begun its work among us and has gone altogether too far. Human reason is placed where divine, sanctifying truth should be. Christ is waiting to kindle faith and love in the hearts of His people. Let not erroneous theories receive countenance from the people who ought to be standing firm on the platform of eternal truth. God calls upon us to hold firmly to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority. He calls upon us to study the words and works of Christ, the greatest missionary that this world has ever known.*18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 58*

When the mind of a teacher of truth becomes in any way divorced from plain, self-denying gospel truth, he is prepared to receive fanciful sentiments called truth. Arrayed in the garments of light, these sentiments are presented to others, and too often they find favor. I am instructed to say to the members of our churches, Keep away from spiritualistic ideas. We are not dealing in fables. God forbid that fables in the disguise of truth shall be presented to our people. God forbid that any among us shall build upon the sand.*18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 59*

The Lord has given us a clear, distinct message of truth for this time. Let us proclaim this message. Let us study the teaching of Christ, and present what He has commanded us to present. He who launches out in his own wisdom to preach strange things, which God has not given him, finds minds ready to be leavened with the new ideas that he has to present. Satan follows up the work that he does, and the efforts of the true servants of God are made much harder. The advancement of His cause is hindered, and His Spirit is grieved.*18LtMs, Lt 232, 1903, par. 60*

**Lt 233, 1903**

Palmer, E. R.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 26, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Brother E. R. Palmer

My dear brother,—

I think you should have a change of climate. Will you not, my brother, come to the Sanitarium here for a while and take some treatment? I will see that this treatment shall cost you nothing. *18LtMs, Lt 233, 1903, par. 1*

If you come you can see how this climate agrees with you. I do not think you would find the winter weather unfavorable. If you do, you might try the climate in Los Angeles. In some places where the climate might of itself be good, the surroundings would not be pleasant, but we would like you to have pleasant surroundings as well as a favorable climate. *18LtMs, Lt 233, 1903, par. 2*

My forthcoming book on health and temperance I will give to help the sanitariums pay their indebtedness. But one condition on which I shall donate this book shall be that when our workers need a rest, they may be accommodated at our sanitariums free of charge. *18LtMs, Lt 233, 1903, par. 3*

If you can come, we will do our best to see that you are situated as favorably as possible. I write you this because I feel a deep interest in you and wish your life and health to be preserved. We would be much pleased to have you situated where you can be near to us so that we can counsel together and be a mutual help and strength. Please let us hear from you soon in regard to this proposition. Whenever you are ready to come, let us know, and we will see that you are met at the depot. *18LtMs, Lt 233, 1903, par. 4*

**Lt 234, 1903**

Wessels, Sister [A. E.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 12, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Sister Wessels,—

Though I have not written you for some time, yet I have not lost interest in you. Often I have prayed for you and your children. I should be much pleased if you could visit us, that we might talk and pray together. I know that the Lord’s hand is over you, not in wrath, but in mercy and love. I am sorry to hear that you are so feeble. I believe that the Lord would give you sufficient strength to come to America with your children. *18LtMs, Lt 234, 1903, par. 1*

The Lord has been very good to me. I praise Him with heart and soul and voice. For one of my age, my physical strength and clearness of mind is remarkable. I am able to go up and down stairs as readily as any of my workers. But that for which I am most thankful is that my mind is clear and that I can exercise faith in the Lord Jesus as my Helper and my everlasting Friend. Although nearly seventy-six years of age, I am still able to write and speak concerning the precious truths of God’s Word. Praise the Lord O my soul. Praise His holy name. *18LtMs, Lt 234, 1903, par. 2*

My dear sister, have faith in God. Talk faith; sing faith. Be of good cheer in the Lord Jesus. Think of His wonderful condescension in coming to this world, taking upon Himself human nature, and becoming a partaker of the trials and temptations wherewith man is beset. “He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin.” [*Hebrews 4:15.*] Not one of the whole human family need be overcome of evil. In His strength they can overcome. *18LtMs, Lt 234, 1903, par. 3*

Behold our Saviour as, seated in a fishing boat on the sea of Galilee, He speaks to the multitude on the shore the words of

eternal life. He who but a short time before, seated upon the throne of the universe, had received the willing homage of angels now, from a fisherman's boat, imparts the precious truths of His kingdom to humble peasants and fishermen. *18LtMs, Lt 234, 1903, par. 4*

Because of the crowds pressing upon Him, Jesus had entered Simon's boat and asked him to push out a little from the shore, where He could be seen and heard by all present. Speaking as One having authority, He proclaimed the truths that bring salvation to all who hear and believe. *18LtMs, Lt 234, 1903, par. 5*

The faces of His hearers showed the interest that they felt in His words. The bright beams of the Sun of righteousness were shining upon them with healing power. Their divine light was more precious than gold or silver or precious stones. In that company were some in whose hearts the seeds of truth, planted that day by the great Teacher, sprang up unto eternal life. Among the five thousand, who on the day of Pentecost joyfully accepted the light of the gospel, were some of the humble fishermen who listened to the Saviour as He taught on the Sea of Galilee. They became Christ's appointed agencies to minister in word and doctrine and to lay the foundation of His spiritual kingdom which shall never be destroyed. The day is coming when the kingdoms of this earth will become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, whose kingdom shall know no end. *18LtMs, Lt 234, 1903, par. 6*

Ages before, the work of the Saviour was opened before the eyes of the prophet, and, referring to Christ's ministry in Galilee, he wrote: "The land of Zabulon, and the land of Naphthalim, 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." [*Matthew 4:15, 16.*] *18LtMs, Lt 234, 1903, par. 7*

The discourse ended, Jesus turned and said, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." But Peter was disheartened. All night he had taken nothing. "Master," he said, "we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at Thy word I will let down the net." [*Luke 5:4, 5.*] *18LtMs, Lt 234, 1903, par. 8*

The command of Christ was a trial of the faith of the disciples. Night was the only favorable time for fishing with nets in the clear waters of the lake. After toiling all night without success, it seemed hopeless to cast the net by day. The disciples might have reasoned that Jesus did not understand the occupation of fishing. But Jesus had given the command; and though the disciples were surprised, love for their Master moved them to obey. *18LtMs, Lt 234, 1903, par. 9*

What was the result? As Simon and his brother attempted to draw in the net, so great was the multitude of fishes enclosed that it began to break. They were obliged to call James and John to their aid. When the catch was secured, both the boats were so heavily laden that they were in danger of sinking. *18LtMs, Lt 234, 1903, par. 10*

The disciples realized that a miracle worker stood among them. This miracle, above any other he had ever witnessed, was to Peter a manifestation of divine power. Love for his Master, shame for his own unbelief, gratitude for the condescension of Christ, above all the sense of his uncleanness in the presence of infinite purity, overwhelmed him. While his companions were securing the contents of the net, Peter fell at the Saviour's feet, exclaiming, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord." [*Verse 8.*] But Peter did not desire Christ to depart. His heart was filled to overflowing with adoration, and he felt himself unworthy. The language of his heart was, "O Lord, I am unworthy. Thou art too good and too great to be in the company of a sinner like me." *18LtMs, Lt 234, 1903, par. 11*

If church members today would be thus impressed by the evidences of God's power, would they have so little to say in acknowledgement of Christ's great love in giving Himself for the salvation of His children? Would not their hearts overflow with thanksgiving and praise to the Father? *18LtMs, Lt 234, 1903, par. 12*

How did this miracle affect the characters of the disciples? It was the means of establishing in them faith in Christ. Their hearts were filled with love and gratitude. The success that came to them as they obeyed His command was to be an object lesson of the

success they would have in catching men, if they followed Christ's directions. "From henceforth," He said to Simon, "thou shalt catch men." [*Verse 10.*] He wished to show them in their catching of fish through His strength what they could do through His strength in catching men.*18LtMs, Lt 234, 1903, par. 13*

How thankful we should be for the precious privileges that are placed within our reach. What infinite blessings are brought to us in the words that came from the lips of the great Teacher. These words should inspire us with hope, and faith, and love.*18LtMs, Lt 234, 1903, par. 14*

The truth will work upon the minds of all whose hearts are opened to the words of life. Received into the life, these words will bring cleansing of heart and transformation of character, calling men from darkness to light.*18LtMs, Lt 234, 1903, par. 15*

My sister, keep your mind stayed on God. Put your trust in Jesus, and live to His name's glory. Trust Him, my sister. He loves you, and you love Him. He would have you rest in His love.*18LtMs, Lt 234, 1903, par. 16*

## Lt 235, 1903

Lindsay, Annie Wessels

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 12, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Sister Annie Wessels Lindsay,—

I have a message for you, my sister. Will you now seek the Lord? I know that He loves all those for whom He has given His precious life. *18LtMs, Lt 235, 1903, par. 1*

You have a work to do in your own family. Your children often worry and perplex you, but will you not seek to restrain the petulant words that you are tempted to speak? Will you not remember that we are all the Lord’s little children? He addresses us as “My little children.” Our unruly ways often bring sorrow to His heart, so full of tenderness and love. But the dear Saviour never becomes impatient. *18LtMs, Lt 235, 1903, par. 2*

Daily you should learn in the school of Christ, that you may faithfully train your children. Be kind and patient, not selfishly indifferent because you are unwilling to take the trouble to discipline yourself to speak only kind words. Children very quickly catch a hasty spirit. Tax your mind to control your words, that your little ones also may control their words. *18LtMs, Lt 235, 1903, par. 3*

My dear friend and sister, you have much to learn. Your feet have strayed into dangerous paths. The enemy of souls is watching for you, ready to take advantage of your weakness. Your associations are often such as impart no strength to you. You seem to be heedless regarding the danger in which you have placed yourself. If you could but realize how the heart of the Saviour is grieved by sin, you would not wound His heart of love as you do. *18LtMs, Lt 235, 1903, par. 4*

While we admit that ignorance of danger may be the cause of your



unwatchfulness, yet it is no excuse for it. The sailor who has in his possession chart and compass, and yet neglects to heed them, is responsible for placing his own life and the lives of those on board his ship in peril. His ship may be lost because of his neglect. We have a guide book, the Word of God. Our great Teacher will give us counsel. We must be watchful for the dangers that surround us. Day by day we should seek to improve in the knowledge of ourselves. When we see our mistakes we should seek to overcome them. *18LtMs, Lt 235, 1903, par. 5*

How tenderly God deals with His little children! The Spirit of God will impress the hearts of those who are susceptible to its softening, subduing influences. To those who have wandered from Him, the Lord sends the message in His Word, "Return to thy first love." [*Revelation 2:4, 5.*] Will you not now return to Him, and give Him your heart? *18LtMs, Lt 235, 1903, par. 6*

"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." [*1 John 5:4.*] We must seek for a growing experience in the things of God. We must be cautious, lest through inexperience we make blunders. *18LtMs, Lt 235, 1903, par. 7*

**Lt 236, 1903**

Wessels, Andrew

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *TSA 60-61*.

Dear Brother Andrew Wessels,—

I have a deep interest for your welfare. The Lord has something for you to do. He would have young converts, after they have given themselves to Him, take hold of His work, trusting in His promise, “Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out.” [*John 6:37*.] You are to be His witness. He calls upon every member of the human family to co-operate with Him. “Ye are laborers together with God,” He says to His disciples. [*1 Corinthians 3:9*.] *18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 1*

The adversary is not asleep. He presents apparent difficulties to the minds of one who is striving to overcome. He knows well the weak points of the inexperienced Christian’s defense. You must constantly be on your guard. In fighting for the crown of eternal life, you must be determined to win. *18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 2*

The *first chapter of Second Peter* contains precious instruction to those who are trying to live the Christian’s life. It is of deep interest to all who have given themselves to God: *18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 3*

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you,” the apostle writes, “through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord. According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue; whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” [*Verses 2-4*.] “This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.” [*1 John 5:4*.] *18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 4*

Andrew, my dear friend and brother, will you be one of God's little children, willing to be instructed daily? Will you often remember that He loves you so much that He gave His life for you? The love of God is as high as heaven and as broad as eternity. You have been purchased by a price that is beyond computation. *18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 5*

Jesus is coming soon. He left His family here in this world with the instruction, "Occupy till I come." [*Luke 19:13.*] To each one He has given talents to be traded upon. But He has not given to all the same talents. *18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 6*

He has a work for you to do, Andrew. Do you ask, What is it? Place yourself where you can use your powers of mind to the best advantage for Him. But that is not all. Your physical powers must be employed in His service. In order to gain strength, you must give your physical powers exercise. No youth can engage in constant study or sedentary employment and have harmonious action of the physical, mental, and moral powers. Every part of the living machinery must be used. Both mind and body must be given exercise. *18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 7*

Abstain strictly from all stimulating food or drink. You are God's property. You are not to abuse any organ of the body. You are to care wisely for your body, that there may be a perfect development of the whole man. Is it not an act of ingratitude on your part to do anything so to weaken your vital forces that you are unable properly to represent Him or to do the work He has for you to do? *18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 8*

Your time belongs to Him who has purchased you with an infinite price. He wants you so to use your powers as to glorify His name. If in the past you have failed to realize that you are not your own to do with as you please, but that you belong to God both by creation and by redemption, will you not now redeem the time? Seek to live a useful life—a life elevated and ennobled by the thought that you are God's property. Seek to improve, that you may be of the greatest possible use to your Owner. *18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 9*

Will you not try, Andrew, to put to use for the Master, brain, bone, and muscle? May the Lord impress your mind and the mind of your

brothers during the little time left you in which to work to the glory of God. Surrender your life to God, and remain true to Him.*18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 10*

You are not to be an idler; you are to enter the Master's service. If you will take hold of the work to which the Lord calls you, you will have the help of the heavenly angels. The Lord loves you, and He will strengthen and bless you, as you watch and pray, seeking help from God, confiding in His wisdom. Prayer is your safeguard. "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." [*Matthew 26:41.*]*18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 11*

Selfish indulgence brings only present gratification. But if you will give your heart to the Lord Jesus, He will make you one of His little children. And why should [you] not make it the great business of your life to honor the Omnipotent One, He who keeps life and breath in your body? Honor Him who "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." [*John 3:16.*] Why should you remain away from Him who is preparing a heaven for you, if you will only prepare for that heaven? Why should you choose momentary pleasures, a few earthly indulgences, and neglect to secure eternal life in the kingdom of heaven? Christ declared, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." [*John 14:6.*]*18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 12*

I wish, Andrew, that you would talk of these things to your associates who think little regarding the Lord's claims upon them. Can you not be the Lord's missionary among your friends and acquaintances? Thus you can be learning how to do acceptable work for the Master in wider fields. I long to see every soul walking in the light; for God has a work for all to do.*18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 13*

How can human beings for whom He has done so much refuse to heed His call? He left this world that He might go and prepare a place for His people. "Let not your heart be troubled," He said just before He left His disciples, "neither let it be afraid. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for

you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself, that where I am there ye may be also.” [*Verses 1-3.*]18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 14

“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 15

“And He that sat on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 16

“And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be His God, and he shall be My son. But the fearful and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 17

“And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb’s wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the Holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; and had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.” [*Revelation 21:1-12.*]18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 18

Since Christ is preparing this rich and glorious kingdom as a home

for the children of God, how can we be indifferent? How can we manifest such ingratitude to God as to slight His offers of mercy? How must the Lord regard those who will choose ungodly associates rather than the society of those who love and serve Him? Gratitude should be cultivated in the soul, and the praise of God should be upon the lips. *18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 19*

John continues his description of the holy city: “And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life.” [*Verses 22-27.*] *18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 20*

My brother, will you not cease to please your self, and with strong determination set your heart to seek the Lord? Delay not. Do not remain longer on the side of the great rebel, but give your whole soul to God. Repent because you have given so much of your time and talents to the enemy. Before the heavenly universe you may now take your stand, to choose the good and refuse the evil. *18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 21*

Why choose the disobedience that caused Adam and Eve to lose the right to their Eden home? By so doing, you forfeit your right to the Eden restored. Run no risks, but seek the Lord while He may be found. *18LtMs, Lt 236, 1903, par. 22*

**Lt 237, 1903**

Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 1, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Elder A. G. Daniells  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Brother,—

I have just read your letter to Willie in which you speak of the proposition to sell *Education*, in a way similar to that in which *Object Lessons* was sold, in order to raise money for the settlement of my debts. When this plan was first presented to me, I was so completely worn out that I could not grasp the details or make suggestions as to the way in which the book should be handled. I did not realize that the proposition included all that was mentioned in your letter. *18LtMs, Lt 237, 1903, par. 1*

I do not wish anything done that will call attention to myself. All I desire is that a disinterested effort be made to sell my books. They are needed by the people, and their sale should bring me financial relief. *18LtMs, Lt 237, 1903, par. 2*

I do not wish any plan adopted that will bring in confusion. I do not wish anything done that will draw the attention of our people from the sale of *Object Lessons*. I regard the plan for the sale of *Object Lessons* as of God’s devising—a precious, sacred plan of His, to teach His people important lessons in regard to how to do missionary work. *18LtMs, Lt 237, 1903, par. 3*

I would not have *Education* handled as *Object Lessons* was handled. This would spoil the pattern. And more than this I do not want any effort made to raise money for me. I do not want one penny as a gift. I am opposed to receiving money as a gift for the settlement of my debt. I can carry this debt. *18LtMs, Lt 237, 1903,*

par. 4

Ten thousand dollars of this debt was incurred before I went to Australia. I went to large expense in bringing out the illustrated editions of *Great Controversy* and *Patriarchs and Prophets* and in making four sets of plates of each. This was done with the expectation of large sales. But these books were allowed to fall almost dead from the press, and for nearly three years little was done with them. *18LtMs, Lt 237, 1903, par. 5*

I pledged a thousand dollars to the Chicago mission, with no thought but that I could pay this from the royalties on my books. But in order to pay this pledge, I had to hire money from a brother in the west, and on this I paid seven percent interest. *18LtMs, Lt 237, 1903, par. 6*

So heartless a course was pursued toward me by some in the Review office that I was sorely wounded. At one time, when I sent to the office for money, they returned word that I had overdrawn. Henry Kellogg was in the office at the time, and he was so indignant that he came directly to my house, and with tears running down his face handed me a roll of bills. But I refused to take them. Afterward the money that I asked for was sent me from the office. *18LtMs, Lt 237, 1903, par. 7*

To release Edson from financial embarrassment, so that he could engage in evangelistic work, I incurred large debts at the Review and Herald office. I think the amount was about six thousand dollars. While I was in Australia, I went to large expense in bringing out *Desire of Ages*. And I used my money freely for the advancement of the work. As a result of these things, my debt has grown. *18LtMs, Lt 237, 1903, par. 8*

For the past few years my books have not been selling very rapidly in this country. And the cost of publishing my recent books has been large. But I am not at all worried. I hope to settle all my debts. *18LtMs, Lt 237, 1903, par. 9*

I have told you why I am so deeply in debt because I thought it right that you should know. Now I wish to say that I do not want you to make one move to raise money for me. I am in debt, it is true, but I



will not consent to be helped by any fund. When my books are handled disinterestedly, I think that I shall be able to settle my debts.*18LtMs, Lt 237, 1903, par. 10*

In my will, I have left my books to my two boys, as a sacred treasure to be used for the advancement of the cause of God. I wish one other man to be connected with my sons as a counselor, to help to decide where the means accruing from the sale of the books shall be used.*18LtMs, Lt 237, 1903, par. 11*

**Lt 238, 1903**

Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 1, 1903

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Elder A. G. Daniells  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Brother,—

I wish to write a few words about the letters and manuscripts that were sent you during the council. Shortly before I sent the testimonies that you said arrived just in time, I had read an incident about a ship in a fog meeting an iceberg. For several nights I slept but little. I seemed to be bowed down as a cart beneath sheaves. One night a scene was clearly presented before me. A vessel was upon the waters, in a heavy fog. Suddenly the lookout cried, “Iceberg just ahead!” There, towering high above the ship, was a gigantic iceberg. An authoritative voice cried out, “Meet it!” There was not a moment’s hesitation. It was a time for instant action. The engineer put on full steam, and the man at the wheel steered the ship straight into the iceberg. With a crash she struck the ice. There was a fearful shock, and the iceberg broke into many pieces, falling with a noise like thunder upon the deck. The passengers were violently shaken by the force of the collision, but no lives were lost. The vessel was injured, but not beyond repair. She rebounded from the contact, trembling from stem to stern, like a living creature. Then she moved forward on her way. *18LtMs, Lt 238, 1903, par. 1*

Well I knew the meaning of this representation. I had my orders. I had heard the words, like a living voice from our Captain, “Meet it!” I knew what my duty was and that there was not a moment to lose. The time for decided action had come. I must without delay obey the command, “Meet it!” *18LtMs, Lt 238, 1903, par. 2*

This is why you received the testimonies when you did. That night I

was up at one o'clock, writing as fast as my hand could pass over the paper.*18LtMs, Lt 238, 1903, par. 3*

We have all stood at our posts like faithful sentinels, working early and late to send to the council instruction that we thought would help you.*18LtMs, Lt 238, 1903, par. 4*

I have other testimonies to present that contain excellent instruction for ministers, medical missionary workers, and all church members. You shall have this matter as soon as it can be prepared.*18LtMs, Lt 238, 1903, par. 5*

We have made a collection of some of the letters that I have written to our physicians during the last fifteen years. These letters I read over the other day, and I think that they ought to be printed. They are right to the point and contain instruction that our younger physicians ought to have. As soon as possible, we shall send some of this matter to the Pacific Press for publication.*18LtMs, Lt 238, 1903, par. 6*

Last night I did not sleep after half past ten. The burden of the work rests heavily upon me. How strange it is that Dr. Kellogg's associates seem to be so completely blinded by the enemy. I see with amazement how dangerous it is to trust in man and make flesh our arm. Often I think of Moses and Aaron standing before Pharaoh, casting their rods to the ground, while the magicians did the same. In the Lord's power Moses and Aaron gained a victory over the enemy.*18LtMs, Lt 238, 1903, par. 7*

We must now take a decided stand for truth and righteousness. I am anxious to see what course Dr. Kellogg's close associates will follow. I feel so sorry for them. But their time of test and proving has come. How strange it is that with all the warnings there are in the Word of God, men should allow themselves to be led by their fellow men.*18LtMs, Lt 238, 1903, par. 8*

I am glad that I am alive to meet the danger and if possible to avert it. The experience that I have had in the past is a help to me at this time.*18LtMs, Lt 238, 1903, par. 9*

Again and again I have been shown that the past experiences of

God's people are not to be counted as dead facts. We are not to treat the record of these experiences as we would treat a last year's almanac. The record is to be kept in mind; for history will repeat itself. The darkness of the mysteries of the night is to be illuminated with the light of heaven. *18LtMs, Lt 238, 1903, par. 10*

If we watch and pray and trust God's living Word, we shall gain victories. "Watch and pray," Christ said, "that ye enter not into temptation." [*Matthew 26:41.*] The day dawns. We must enter each battle with full faith that through Christ we shall be more than conquerors. As faithful watchmen we must diligently watch for the dangers threatening God's people. Other chapters will open before us, and in order to discern their meaning, we shall need keen perception. We are not to be depressed or discouraged, but filled with holy boldness. We are not to be disheartened by the prevalence of sin nor by the difficulties that arise on the right hand and on the left. We must put on the whole armor of God and stand firm for the right. In the future, Satan's superstitions will assume new forms. False theories, clothed with garments of light, will be presented to God's people. Thus Satan will try to deceive if possible the very elect. Our watchword is to be, "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.*] *18LtMs, Lt 238, 1903, par. 11*

**Lt 239, 1903**

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 28, 1903

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Dr. J. H. Kellogg  
Battle Creek, Michigan

My dear Brother,—

I have received your letter, written on the way to Melrose. I am very thankful for this letter. I am hoping and praying that your eyes may be fully opened, that you may see your great danger and the meaning of your past and present experiences.*18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 1*

The burden resting upon me has been so heavy that for weeks I have been unable to sleep past one or two o'clock. Today I have been looking over some of the letters that I wrote you in years past. In one letter, written from Christiania, Norway, to the directors of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, I read, “I was shown that Dr. Kellogg has been in great danger of making shipwreck of faith by exalting science above the God of science. He has not a clearly defined position in regard to his faith and should be guarded, or he will certainly wander in the mazes of skepticism.”*18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 2*

Faithful counsel has been given you. But for a long time the enemy has been sowing his tares—thoughts of skepticism in regard to the truth—in your mind. These matters I must present to you in clear lines as they have been presented to me. I shall not keep silent, as I have done in the past.*18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 3*

Repeatedly it has been shown me that in many cases you have worked upon minds to undermine confidence in the testimonies. The evil leaven that you have placed in these minds has destroyed their faith in the principles of the truth and in the testimonies. Since the reopening of the Sanitarium, you have placed this leaven in many minds, and it will do its work. One thing that can now be done to undo this work is for me to present to our people the testimonies as they have been given me, that others may not go on undermining the faith of their associates. They must not be left to retain the impressions that have been made on their minds as, after receiving a testimony of reproof from me, you have said, "Somebody has told her these things, but they are not so."*18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 4*

Over and over again you have told others how I once sent you a testimony reproving you for erecting a large building in Chicago, before any such building had been erected there. In the visions of the night a view of a large building was presented to me. I thought that it had been erected and wrote you immediately in regard to the matter. I learned afterward that the building which I saw had not been put up.*18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 5*

When you received my letter, you were perplexed, and you said, "Some one has misinformed Sister White regarding our work." But no mortal man had ever written to me or told me that this building had been put up. It was presented to me in vision. If this view had not been given me, and if I had not written to you about the matter, an effort would have been made to erect such a building in Chicago, a place in which the Lord has said that we are not to put up large buildings. At the time when the vision was given, influences were working for the erection of such a building. The message was received in time to prevent the development of the plans and the carrying out of the project.*18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 6*

You should have had discernment to see that the Lord worked in this matter. The very feature of the message that perplexed you should have been received as an evidence that my information came from a higher source than human lips. But instead, you have over and over again related your version of the matter, saying that

some one must have told me a falsehood. *18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 7*

Many other scenes connected with your case have been presented to me. At one time you were represented to me as trying to push a long car up a steep ascent. But this car, instead of going up the hill, kept running down. This car represented the food business as a commercial enterprise, which has been carried forward in a way that God does not commend. *18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 8*

At another time you were represented to me as a general mounted on a horse and carrying a banner. One came and took out of your hand the banner bearing the words, "The commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus," and it was trampled in the dust. [*Revelation 14:12.*] I saw you surrounded by men who were linking you up with the world. *18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 9*

Again, I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by banners bearing the world's insignia; the other was led by the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel. Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust as company after company from the Lord's army joined the foe; and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God. An angel flying in the midst of heaven put the standards of Emmanuel into many hands, while a mighty general cried with a loud voice, "Come into line. Let those who are loyal to the commandments of God and the testimony of Christ now take their position. Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters. Let all who will come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." [See *Revelation 12:17; 2 Corinthians 6:17, 18; Judges 5:23.*]*18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 10*

The battle raged. Victory alternated from side to side. Now the soldiers of the cross gave way, "as when a standard bearer fainteth." [*Isaiah 10:18.*] But their apparent retreat was but an effort to gain a more advantageous position. Shouts of joy were heard. A song of praise to God went up, and angel voices united in the song, as Christ's soldiers planted His banner on the walls of fortresses till

then held by Satan. The Captain of our salvation was ordering the battle and sending support to His soldiers. His power was mightily displayed, encouraging them to press the battle to the gates. He taught them terrible things in righteousness, as He led them on step by step, conquering and to conquer. *18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 11*

At last the victory was gained. The army following the banner with the inscription “The commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus” was gloriously triumphant. [*Revelation 14:12.*] The soldiers of Christ were close beside the gates of the city of God, and with joy the city received her King. The kingdom of peace and joy and everlasting righteousness was established. God’s will was done on earth, as it is done in heaven. *18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 12*

Now the church is militant. Now we are confronted with a world in midnight darkness, almost wholly given over to idolatry. But the day is coming when the battle will have been fought, the victory won. The will of God is to be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Then the nations will own no other law than the law of heaven. All will be a happy, united family, clothed with the garments of praise and thanksgiving—the robe of Christ’s righteousness. All nature, in its surpassing loveliness, will offer to God a constant tribute of praise and adoration. The world will be bathed in the light of heaven. The years will move on in gladness. The light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold greater than it is now. Over the scene the morning stars will sing together, and the sons of God will shout for joy, while God and Christ will unite in proclaiming, “There shall be no more sin, neither shall there be any more death.” *18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 13*

This is the scene that is presented to me. But the church must still fight against seen and unseen foes. Satanic agencies in human form are on the ground. Men have confederated to oppose the Lord of hosts. These confederacies will continue until Christ shall leave His place of intercession before the mercy seat and shall put on the garments of vengeance. Satanic agencies are in every city, busily organizing into parties those opposed to the law of God. Professed saints and avowed unbelievers take their stand with these parties. This is no time for the people of God to be weaklings. We cannot afford to be off our guard for one moment. *18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903,*



*par. 14*

“Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the enemy. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” [*Ephesians 6:10-17.*]*18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 15*

“This I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. ...*18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 16*

“Let your conversation be as cometh the gospel of Christ; ... stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; and in nothing terrified by your adversaries; which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. For unto you it is given in behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake.” [*Philippians 1:9-11, 27-29.*]*18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 17*

There are revealed in these last days visions of future glory, scenes pictured by the hand of God, and these should be dear to His church. What sustained the Son of God in His betrayal and trial? He saw of the travail of His soul and was satisfied. He caught a view of the expanse of eternity and saw the happiness of those who through His humiliation should receive pardon and everlasting life. He was wounded for their transgressions, bruised for their iniquities. The chastisement of their peace was upon Him, and with His stripes

they were healed. His ear caught the shout of the redeemed. He heard the ransomed ones singing the song of Moses and the Lamb. *18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 18*

We must have a vision of the future and of the blessedness of heaven. Stand on the threshold of eternity, and hear the gracious welcome given to those who in this life have co-operated with Christ, regarding it as a privilege and an honor to suffer for His sake. As they unite with the angels, they cast their crowns at the feet of the Redeemer, exclaiming, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. ... Honor and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." [*Revelation 5:12, 13.*] *18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 19*

There the redeemed ones meet and greet those who directed them to the uplifted Saviour. They unite in praising Him who died that human beings might have the life that measures with the life of God. The conflict is over. All tribulation and strife are at an end. Songs of victory fill all heaven as the redeemed stand around the throne of God. All take up the joyful strain, "Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and lives again, a triumphant Conqueror." *18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 20*

"I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with 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." [*Revelation 7:9, 10.*] *18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 21*

"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 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." [*Verses 14-17.*] "And there shall be no more

death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.” [*Revelation 21:4.*] *18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 22*

Will you catch the inspiration of the vision. Will you let your mind dwell upon the picture? Will you not be truly converted, and then go forth to labor in a spirit entirely different from the spirit in which you have labored in the past, displacing the enemy, breaking down every barrier to the advancement of the gospel, filling hearts with the light and peace and joy of the Lord? Shall not the miserable spirit of faultfinding and murmuring be buried, never to have a resurrection? Shall not the incense of praise and thanksgiving ascend from hearts purified and sanctified and glorified by the presence of Christ? Shall we not in faith lay hold of sinners, and bring them to the cross? *18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 23*

Who will this day consecrate themselves to the service of the Lord? Who will now pledge themselves not to affiliate with the world, but to come out from the world and be separate, refusing to pollute the soul with the worldly schemes and worldly practices that have been placing the church under the enemy’s influence? *18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 24*

We are in this world to lift the cross of Calvary. As we lift this cross, we shall find that it lifts us. Let every Christian stand in his lot and place, catching the inspiration of the work that Christ did for souls while in this world. We need the ardor of the Christian hero, who can endure the seeing of Him that is invisible. Our faith is to have a resurrection. The soldiers of the cross are to exert a positive influence for good. Christ says, “He that is not with Me is against Me, and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad.” [*Matthew 12:30.*] Indifference in the Christian life is a manifest denial of Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 25*

Should we not see in the world today medical missionaries who in all features of their work are worthy of the name they bear, who aspire to the doing of deeds worthy of valiant soldiers of Christ? We are living near the close of the great conflict, when many souls are to be rescued from the slavery of sin. We are living in a time when to Christ’s followers the promise specially belongs, “Lo, I am with

you alway.” [Matthew 28:20.] He who commanded light to shine out of darkness, He who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light, bids us let our light shine brightly before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father who is in heaven. In such rich measure has light been given to God’s people that Christ is justified in telling them that they are to be the light of the world. *18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 26*

To our physicians and ministers I send the message, Lay hold of the Lord’s work as if you believed the truth for this time. Medical missionary workers and workers in the gospel ministry are to be bound together by indissoluble ties. Their work is to be done with freshness and power. Throughout our churches there is to be a reconversion and a reconsecration to service. Shall we not, in our work in the future, and in the gatherings that we hold, be of one accord? Shall we not wrestle with God in prayer, asking for the Holy Spirit to come into every heart? The presence of Christ, manifest among us, would cure the leprosy of unbelief that has made our service so weak and inefficient. We need the breath of the divine life breathed into us. We are to be channels through which the Lord can send light and grace to the world. Backsliders are to be reclaimed. We are to put away our sins, by confession and repentance, humbling our proud hearts before God. Floods of spiritual power are now to be poured forth upon those prepared to receive it. *18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 27*

Let us now consecrate ourselves to the proclamation of the message, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.” [Isaiah 40:3.] Divine and human instrumentalities are to unite for the accomplishment of one great object. “The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” [Revelation 22:17.] *18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 28*

“They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.” [Daniel 12:3.] *18LtMs, Lt 239, 1903, par. 29*

**Lt 240, 1903**

Medical Students and Nurses

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**A Warning Against False Theories**

To Medical Students and Nurses,—

There is a burden upon my mind in regard to the temptations and perils that surround medical students, and those in training for medical missionary work at our sanitariums, and especially in regard to those who are studying at Battle Creek.*18LtMs, Lt 240, 1903, par. 1*

There are teachers who do not daily bring the Word of God into their lifework. They have not a saving knowledge of God or of Christ. It is those who do not live the truth who are most inclined to invent sophistries, to occupy the time and absorb the attention that ought to be given to the study of God's Word.*18LtMs, Lt 240, 1903, par. 2*

Christ, the great Medical Missionary, came to this world at infinite sacrifice, to teach men and women the lessons that would enable them to know God aright. He lived in this world a perfect life, setting an example that all may safely follow. Let our medical students and other young people study the lessons that Christ has given. It is essential that they should have a clear understanding of these lessons. It would be a fearful mistake for them to neglect the study of God's Word for a study of theories that are misleading, diverting minds from the words of Christ to fallacies of human production.*18LtMs, Lt 240, 1903, par. 3*

When our physicians and ministers are diligent students of the Scriptures, when they live in accordance with the teaching of the Word of God, making this Word their textbook, God will be able to bestow on them rich blessings. *18LtMs, Lt 240, 1903, par. 4*

The teaching regarding God that is presented in *Living Temple* is not such as our students need. Those who seek to define God are on forbidden ground. We are to enter into no controversy regarding God—what He is and what He is not. He, the Omniscient One, is above discussion. Those who express such sentiments regarding Him show that they are departing from the faith. *18LtMs, Lt 240, 1903, par. 5*

Christ has revealed God. Let those who desire to know God study the work and teaching of Christ. To those who receive Him and believe on Him, He gives power to become the sons of God. He says, “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] *18LtMs, Lt 240, 1903, par. 6*

O that ministers and physicians would come to Christ, and learn of Him! O that they would guard carefully their thoughts, words, and deeds, that their lives might reveal them to be sons of God! We are living in perilous times, when men will exalt themselves and their capabilities. The work of those who do this is recorded in the books of heaven as foolishness. It bears not the fragrance of the Holy Spirit. *18LtMs, Lt 240, 1903, par. 7*

Let us diligently study the words that Christ spoke to His disciples in the upper chamber a little while before His crucifixion. He was nearing His hour of trial, but His thoughts were not of His own suffering and death. He sought for words of consolation to speak to His disciples who were soon to be so severely tempted and tried. “Little children, yet a little while am I with you,” He said. “Ye shall seek Me; and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye

have love one to another.” [John 13:33-35.] This is the great lesson that all need to learn. *18LtMs, Lt 240, 1903, par. 8*

“Let not your heart be troubled,” Christ continued; “ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go, ye know, and the way ye know.” *18LtMs, Lt 240, 1903, par. 9*

“Thomas saith unto Him, Lord, we know not whither Thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also; and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him.” *18LtMs, Lt 240, 1903, par. 10*

“Philip saith unto Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father.” [John 14:1-9.] *18LtMs, Lt 240, 1903, par. 11*

I call upon our ministers, physicians, and all church members to study the lessons that Christ gave His disciples just before His ascension. These lessons contain instruction that the people of God need. When our physicians understand this instruction, they will realize that the Holy Spirit will never lead them to speak or write that which is at variance with the teachings of the Word of God. Take the Bible as your study book. It contains the Alpha and Omega of knowledge. All can understand the instruction that it contains. *18LtMs, Lt 240, 1903, par. 12*

Let no one teach things that the Redeemer, He who owns man, body, soul, and spirit, has not taught. We need not any fanciful teaching regarding the personality of God. What God desires us to know of Him is revealed in His Word and His works. The beautiful things of nature reveal His character and His power as Creator. They are His gift to the race, to show His power and to show that He is a God of love. But no one is authorized to say that God Himself in person is in flower or leaf or tree. These things are God’s

handiwork, revealing His love for mankind.*18LtMs, Lt 240, 1903, par. 13*

But to take the works of God, and represent them as being God, is a fearful misrepresentation of Him. This representation I was called upon to meet at the beginning of my work, when in my youth the Lord commissioned me to go forth and proclaim what He should command me to proclaim. And as the Lord shall direct me, I must now do what I can to counteract all such teaching and the theories which lead to such views. Those who hold these theories do not know whither their feet are tending.*18LtMs, Lt 240, 1903, par. 14*

What we most need is an experimental knowledge of God as He is revealed in His Word. Such knowledge would enable us to see our imperfection of character and our ignorance of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and we would be afraid even to touch the subjects that are handled blindly in *Living Temple*.*18LtMs, Lt 240, 1903, par. 15*

Human talent and human conjecture have tried by searching to find out God. Many have trodden this pathway. The highest intellect may tax itself until it is wearied out in conjectures regarding God; but the effort will be fruitless, and the fact will remain that man by searching cannot find out God. This problem has not been given us to solve. All that man needs to know and can know of God has been revealed in the life and character of His Son, the great Teacher. As we learn more and more of what man is, of what we ourselves are, in God's sight, we shall fear and tremble before Him.*18LtMs, Lt 240, 1903, par. 16*

To those who would represent every man as born a king; to those who would make no distinction between the converted and the unconverted; to those who are losing their appreciation of their need of Christ as their Saviour, I would say, Think of yourselves as you have been during the period of your existence! Would it be pleasant or agreeable for you to contemplate feature after feature of your lifework in the sight of Him who knows every thought of man and before whose eyes all man's doings are as an open book?*18LtMs, Lt 240, 1903, par. 17*

I call upon all who are engaged in the service of God to place



themselves fully on Christ's side. There are dangers on the right hand and on the left. Our greatest danger will come from men who have lifted up their souls unto vanity, who have not heeded the words of warning and reproof sent them by God. As such men choose their own will and way, the tempter, clothed in angel robes, is close beside them, ready to unite his influence with theirs. He opens to them delusions of a most attractive character, which they present to the people of God. Some of those who listen to them will be deceived and will work in dangerous lines. *18LtMs, Lt 240, 1903, par. 18*

The Lord calls. Will men and women hear His voice? He gives the warning. Will they heed it? Will they listen to the last message of mercy to a fallen world? Will they accept Christ's yoke, and learn from Him His meekness and lowliness? *18LtMs, Lt 240, 1903, par. 19*

**Lt 241, 1903**

Medical Missionaries

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 17, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *CH 369-372*.

**Words of Counsel**

To our medical missionaries,—

God would have all who profess to be gospel medical missionaries learn diligently the lessons of the great Teacher. This they must do if they would find peace and rest. Learning of Christ, their hearts will be filled with the peace that He alone can give.*18LtMs, Lt 241, 1903, par. 1*

The one book that is essential for all to study is the Bible. Studied with reverence and godly fear, it is the greatest of all educators. In it there is no sophistry. Its pages are filled with truth. Would you gain a knowledge of God and Christ, whom He sent into the world to live and die for sinners? An earnest, diligent study of the Bible is necessary in order to gain this knowledge.*18LtMs, Lt 241, 1903, par. 2*

Many of the books piled up in the great libraries of earth confuse the mind more than they aid the understanding! Yet men spend large sums of money in the purchase of such books, and years in their study, when they have within their reach a book containing the words of Him who is the Alpha and Omega of wisdom. The time spent in a study of these books might better be spent in gaining a knowledge of Him whom to know aright is life eternal. Those only who gain this knowledge will at last hear the words, “Ye are complete in Him.” [*Colossians 2:10.*]*18LtMs, Lt 241, 1903, par. 3*

Study the Bible more and the theories of the medical fraternity less, and you will have greater spiritual health. Your mind will be clearer and more vigorous. Much that is embraced in a medical course is

positively unnecessary! Those who take a medical training spend a great deal of time in learning that which is merely rubbish. Many of the theories that they learn may be compared in value to the traditions and maxims taught by the scribes and Pharisees. Many of the intricacies with which they have to become familiar are an injury to their minds. *18LtMs, Lt 241, 1903, par. 4*

These things God has been opening before me for many years. In our medical schools and institutions we need men who have a deeper knowledge of the Scriptures, men who have learned the lessons taught in the Word of God and who can teach these lessons to others, clearly and simply, just as Christ taught His disciples the knowledge that He deemed most essential. *18LtMs, Lt 241, 1903, par. 5*

If, during the remainder of this year, our medical missionary workers would follow the great Physician's prescription for obtaining rest, a healing current of peace would flow through their souls. Here is the prescription: *18LtMs, Lt 241, 1903, par. 6*

"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] *18LtMs, Lt 241, 1903, par. 7*

When our medical missionary workers follow this prescription, gaining from the Saviour power to reveal His characteristics, their scientific work will have greater soundness. Because the Word of God has been neglected, strange things have been done in the medical missionary work of late. The Lord cannot accept the present showing. *18LtMs, Lt 241, 1903, par. 8*

Study the Word, which God in His wisdom and love and goodness has made so plain and simple. The *sixth chapter of John* tells us what is meant by a study of the Word. The principles revealed in the Scriptures are to be brought home to the soul. We are to eat the Word of God, that is, we are not to depart from its precepts. We are to bring its truths into our daily lives, grasping the mysteries of godliness. *18LtMs, Lt 241, 1903, par. 9*

Pray to God. Commune with Him. Prove the very mind of God, as those who are striving for eternal life and who must have a knowledge of His will. You can reveal the truth only as you know it in Christ. You are to receive and assimilate His words; they are to become part of yourselves. This is what is meant by eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God. You are to live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God—that is, what God has revealed. Not all has been revealed; we could not bear such a revelation. But God has revealed all that is necessary for our salvation. We are not to leave His word for the suppositions of men.*18LtMs, Lt 241, 1903, par. 10*

Obtain an experimental knowledge of God by wearing the yoke of Christ. He gives wisdom to the meek and lowly, enabling them to judge of what is truth, bringing to light the why and wherefore, pointing out the result of certain actions. The Holy Spirit teaches the student of the Scriptures to judge all things by the standard of righteousness and truth and justice. The divine revelation supplies him with the knowledge that he needs.*18LtMs, Lt 241, 1903, par. 11*

And the needed knowledge will be given to all who come to Christ, receiving and practicing His teachings, making His words a part of their lives. Those who place themselves under the instruction of the great Medical Missionary, to be workers together with Him, will have a knowledge that the world, with all its traditionary lore, cannot supply.*18LtMs, Lt 241, 1903, par. 12*

Make the Bible the man of your counsel. Your acquaintance with it will grow rapidly if you keep your mind free from the rubbish of the world. The more the Bible is studied, the deeper will be your knowledge of God. The truths of His Word will be written in your soul, making an ineffaceable impression.*18LtMs, Lt 241, 1903, par. 13*

Not only will the student himself be benefited by a study of the Word of God. His study is life and salvation to all with whom he associates. He will feel a sacred responsibility to impart the knowledge that he receives. His life will reveal the help and strength that he receives from communion with the Word. The sanctification of the Spirit will be seen in thought, word, and deed. All that he says

and does will proclaim that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. Of such ones the Lord Jesus can indeed say, Ye are laborers together with God.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 241, 1903, par. 14*

**Lt 242, 1903**

Physicians and Ministers

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October, 1903

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**Decided Action to be Taken Now**

To our physicians and ministers,—

During the night the Spirit of God has been presenting many things to my mind. The experience that was given us at the General Conference held in Battle Creek early in 1901 was of God. Had Dr. Kellogg at that time done thorough work, the terrible experience through which we are now passing would never have been. *18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 1*

God has permitted the presentation of the combination of good and evil in *Living Temple* to be made to reveal the danger threatening us. The working that has been so ingeniously carried on He has permitted in order that certain developments might be made and that it might be seen what a man can do with human minds when he has obtained their confidence as a physician. God has permitted the present crisis to come to open the eyes of those who desire to know the truth. He would have His people understand to what lengths the sophistry and devising of the enemy would lead. *18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 2*

Men have given to our leading physician allegiance that is due to God alone; and he has been permitted to show what self-exaltation will lead men to do. Scientific, spiritualistic sentiments, representing the Creator as an essence pervading all nature, have been given to our people and have been received even by some who have had a long experience as teachers of the Word of God. The results of this insidious devising will break out again and again. There are many for whom special efforts will have to be put forth to free them from this specious deception. *18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 3*

I am now authorized to say that the time has come to take decided action. The development seen in the cause of God is similar to the development seen when Balaam caused Israel to sin just before they entered the promised land. How dangerous it is so to exalt any man that he becomes confused and confuses the minds of others in regard to the truths that for the last fifty years the Lord has been giving His people. *18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 4*

Few can see the meaning of the present apostasy. But the Lord has lifted the curtain and has shown me its meaning and the result that it will have if allowed to continue. We must now lift our voices in warning. Will our people acknowledge God as the supreme Ruler, or will they choose the misleading arguments and views that, when fully developed, make Him, in the minds of those who accept them, as nothingness? *18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 5*

These words were spoken to me in the night season. The sentiments in *Living Temple* regarding the personality of God have been received even by men who have had a long experience in the truth. When such men consent to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, we are no longer to regard the subject as a matter to be treated with the greatest delicacy. That those whom we thought sound in the faith should have failed to discern the specious, deadly influence of this science of evil should alarm us as nothing else has alarmed us. *18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 6*

It is something that cannot be treated as a small matter, that men who have had so much light and such clear evidence as to the genuineness of the truth we hold should become unsettled and led to accept spiritualistic theories regarding the personality of God. These doctrines, followed to their logical conclusion, sweep away the whole Christian economy. They estimate as nothing the light that Christ came from heaven to give John to give to His people. They teach that the scenes just before us are not of sufficient importance to be given special attention. They make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin and rob the people of God of their past experience, giving them instead a false science. *18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 7*

During the past night, I have been shown more distinctly than ever

before that these sentiments have been looked upon by some as the grand truths that are to be brought in and made prominent at the present time. I was shown a platform braced by solid timbers—the truths of the Word of God. Some one high in responsibility in the medical work was directing this man and that man to loosen the timbers supporting this platform. Then I heard a voice saying, “Where are the watchmen that ought to be standing on the walls of Zion? Are they asleep? How can they be silent? This foundation was built by the Master Worker and will stand storm and tempest. Will they permit this man to present doctrines that deny the past experience of the people of God? The time has come to take decided action.” *18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 8*

I was instructed to call upon our physicians and ministers to take a firm stand for the truth. We are not to allow atheistic, spiritualistic sentiments to be brought before our youth. God has led us in the past, giving us truth, eternal truth. By this truth we are to stand. Some of the leaders in the medical work have been deceived, and if they continue to hold fanciful, spiritualistic ideas, they will make many believe that the platform upon which we have been standing for the past fifty years has been torn away. These men need now to see with anointed eyes, with clear spiritual vision, that in spite of all man can do, “the foundation of God standeth sure,” and “the Lord knoweth them that are His.” [2 Timothy 2:19.] *18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 9*

The message to the Laodicean church comes to us at this time with special meaning. Read it, and ask God to show you its import. Thank God that He is still sending us messages of mercy. Those accepting the theories regarding God that are introduced in *Living Temple* are in great danger of being led finally to look upon the whole Bible as a fiction; for these theories make of no effect the plain Word of God. *18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 10*

The tempter is working to gather together at Battle Creek as large a number as possible, hoping that they will receive false ideas of God and His work, and thus make of no effect the impression that God would have made on the minds of those engaged in the medical missionary work and in the gospel ministry. God abhors the great swelling words of vanity that have been spoken by some connected



with the Sanitarium. The judgments of God have been visited upon Battle Creek, and these judgments call for humiliation rather than for proud boasting and self-exaltation. *18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 11*

The heavenly messenger turned to those professing to be medical missionaries, and sad, "How could you allow yourselves to be led blindfold? How could you so misrepresent the name you bear? You have your Bibles. Why have you not reasoned from cause to effect? You have accepted theories that have led you away from the truths that are to stamp their impress upon the characters of all Seventh-day Adventists. Your leader has been removing the foundation timbers one by one, and his reasoning would soon leave us with no certain foundation for our faith. He has not heeded the testimonies that God through His Spirit has given. The books of the Bible containing most important instruction are disregarded because they say so much about a personal God. He has not known whither his feet were tending. But in his recent writings, his tendencies toward pantheism have been revealed." *18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 12*

The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath, of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice; but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure. *18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 13*

Who has authority to begin such a movement? We have our Bibles. We have our experience, attested to by the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit. We have a truth that admits of no compromise. Shall we not repudiate everything that is not in harmony with this truth?*18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 14*

A mind trained only in worldly science fails to discern the deep things of God, but the same mind, converted and sanctified, would see the divine power in the Word. Only the mind that is cleansed by the sanctification of the Spirit can discern heavenly things.*18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 15*

The Scriptures, given by inspiration of God, are “profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” [2 *Timothy 3:16, 17.*] Let us go to the Word of God for guidance. Let us seek for a “Thus saith the Lord.” We have had enough of human methods. Brethren, awake to your God-given responsibilities. Your judgment, unless perverted by a long practice of false principles, will discern the deep things of God, given by His Holy Spirit, and your hearts will be made susceptible to the teaching of the Word.*18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 16*

May God bring His people under the deep movings of His Spirit. The Spirit makes efficient the ordinary means of grace. God teaches that His kingdom is to be established in the earth “not by might, nor by power,” but by His Spirit. [*Zechariah 4:6.*] The Spirit is the efficiency of His people.*18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 17*

I am instructed to say that those who would tear down the foundation that God has laid are not to be accepted as the teachers and leaders of His people. We are to hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. Words of power have been sent by God and by Christ to this people, bringing them out from the world point by point, into the clear light of present truth. With lips touched with holy fire, God’s servants have proclaimed the message. The divine utterance has set its seal to the genuineness of the truth proclaimed.*18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 18*

The Lord calls for a renewal of the straight testimony borne in years past. He calls for a revival of spiritual life. The spiritual energies of

His people have long been torpid, but there will be a resurrection from apparent death. *18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 19*

In the future, God will call for the gifts and talents of men not now actively engaged in His service. Let these respond to His call, putting their trust in the great Medical Missionary. The power that is the life of the soul has not been seen as it must be. It has been smothered for want of spiritual ventilation—the blending of human effort and divine grace. *18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 20*

God is calling upon His people to work. He comes to them as they idle away the precious, golden moments, and says, “Go work today in My vineyard.” [*Matthew 21:28.*] *18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 21*

By prayer and confession of sin we must clear the King’s highway. As we do this, the power of the Spirit will come to us. We need the Pentecostal energy. This will come; for the Lord has promised to send His Spirit as the all-conquering power. *18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 22*

Men may still learn the things that belong to their peace. Mercy’s voice may still be heard, calling, “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] It is only when spiritual life is given that rest is found and lasting good secured. We must be able to say, in storm and tempest, “My anchor holds.” He who builds upon any other foundation than that which has been laid builds upon shifting sand. God calls for a reformation. But he who seeks to bring about a reformation without the aid of the Holy Spirit’s reviving power will find himself adrift. Those who turn from human foolishness and frailty, from man’s seductive arts, from Satan’s planning, to Christ, the shepherd and bishop of our souls, will stand secure upon the platform of eternal truth. *18LtMs, Lt 242, 1903, par. 23*

**Lt 243, 1903**

Hall, L. M.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Dear Sister Hall,—

I have been so busily employed in writing day after day that I have failed to write to you. I have been expecting and hoping that you would soon return to California, to be a member of our family. Your presence is worth much to me. I hope that you will soon be free to come back to us. *18LtMs, Lt 243, 1903, par. 1*

Marian, Sara, Dores Robinson, Clarence Crisler, Helen Graham, and Maggie attended the General Conference. We rented a furnished house, and all except myself took their meals at the restaurant. *18LtMs, Lt 243, 1903, par. 2*

We decided not to take a horse and carriage to Oakland, thinking that it would be better to hire a conveyance there. We went out once for a ride of about two hours and paid two dollars. This I could not consent to do again. *18LtMs, Lt 243, 1903, par. 3*

In a furniture store Sara found an easy wheelchair with good springs. This she rented, and in it I was taken to and from the meetings. Sometimes I was wheeled by Sara and sometimes by Dores Robinson. The chair was an excellent one, and after the Conference we purchased it, paying fourteen dollars for it. *18LtMs, Lt 243, 1903, par. 4*

Since the Conference I have carried very heavy burdens, and this has worn upon me. I am still hoping and praying that the Lord will bring peace and unity into the church. If our church members

cannot live in harmony here, how can they live in harmony in heaven?*18LtMs, Lt 243, 1903, par. 5*

I am writing much in regard to several matters. The suggestion has come from our canvassers that, after the Relief of the Schools Campaign is finished, *Christ's Object Lessons* be made a subscription book. They are sure that it would have a large sale all over the world.*18LtMs, Lt 243, 1903, par. 6*

When Willie told me of this suggestion, the thought at once came into my mind that the plan suggested might perhaps be best. If it were carried out, my royalty on the copies sold would help to settle my debts.*18LtMs, Lt 243, 1903, par. 7*

While these thoughts were passing through my mind, it was distinctly represented to me that *Object Lessons* was, in the plan of God, given to help our schools to roll away the terrible burden of debt. I saw clearly that the way in which the book had been handled was the Lord's plan and that it was accomplishing great good.*18LtMs, Lt 243, 1903, par. 8*

I turned to Willie, and said, "I made of that book an offering to the Lord, and I cannot take it off the altar of sacrifice. As long as I live that book is to be handled as none of my other books have been handled. And when I am no longer with you, you must see that this book is kept on the altar of sacrifice. I will not change a plan that has already brought to the cause of God, for the relief of our schools, two hundred thousand dollars."*18LtMs, Lt 243, 1903, par. 9*

Willie's lips quivered. Tears came into his eyes, and he said, "Yes, mother, the matter is settled now, never to be changed."*18LtMs, Lt 243, 1903, par. 10*

But I have written fully on this subject elsewhere, so I will not give you any more particulars, but will send you a copy of what I have written to our leading brethren.*18LtMs, Lt 243, 1903, par. 11*

Many schools, large and small, are to be established in country places, and the proceeds from the sale of *Object Lessons* will be needed in this work. The sale of this book is under the Lord's

supervision. He will continue to make it a blessing.*18LtMs, Lt 243, 1903, par. 12*

I feel an intense desire that more shall be done to warn the world of the coming of the Son of man in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. I want to do all in my power to arouse our brethren to resist the temptation to erect many food factories and food stores for the manufacture and sale of health foods. There is danger that the minds of those engaged in the health food work will become absorbed in commercial interests. The attention of young and old will be given to these interests, and the proclamation of the gospel message will be neglected. At this time we need men who are filled with zeal for the circulation of our larger books. Our young men should enter the field as canvassers, evangelists, and physicians. As they go forth, they will gain a knowledge of how to do medical missionary work and of how to present the message of truth. If the talents of men and women and youth are to be bound up in food factories, food stores, and hygienic restaurants, where are the workers for other branches of the cause to come from?*18LtMs, Lt 243, 1903, par. 13*

We are now to prepare for the marriage supper of the Lamb. We are to give the message everywhere, in the highways and the hedges, to high and low, rich and poor. House-to-house work is to be done. I am becoming afraid as I see how little soul-saving work is done by our restaurants. As I think of these things, I am instructed that unless the restaurant work is managed in such a way as to save souls, the young people engaged in it will be in danger of losing their interest in present truth. God would have us make decided plans to keep as far as possible from the snares that await those who enter largely into food speculations. We must pray and watch unto prayer, and we must find out the real results of the restaurant work.*18LtMs, Lt 243, 1903, par. 14*

The Lord calls for men and women to stand on the watch tower and sound the warning as they see many things coming in to absorb the mind and call the attention from eternal things. We are to be getting ready to move to the better country, to the mansions that Christ is preparing for those who love Him. We have a special message to give. We cannot be silent now. We must arouse from our lethargy

and, realizing our danger, prepare for eternity. *18LtMs, Lt 243, 1903, par. 15*

Tuesday morning

This morning we received an excellent letter from Sister Haskell. I am sure that a good work is being done in New York, and I wish that the work there were a hundredfold stronger than it is. *18LtMs, Lt 243, 1903, par. 16*

Dr. Kellogg has written me an excellent letter. I wish that he could unload from the many burdens that he should not be carrying; for while he carries these burdens, he cannot do justice to himself or to the medical missionary work, in which he acts so important a part. *18LtMs, Lt 243, 1903, par. 17*

I know that God will give us light if we will be humble and contrite. But my soul is greatly troubled for many who are in partial blindness. There are those who refuse to see the meaning of the destruction of two of our largest institutions. God has borne long with these men. When He saw that they were determined to disregard His counsels, He spoke in judgment. He will not be dishonored, and make no sign. *18LtMs, Lt 243, 1903, par. 18*

We are warned that the Lord will come suddenly, surprising the world in their idolatrous wickedness. But I sincerely hope that our people will see the necessity of drawing near to God. We need at this time clear, decided testimonies, which are right to the point. The end of all things is at hand. I may see it myself. May God help me to do my work faithfully, that I may be ready to meet Him—watching, waiting, and praying. Only a little while longer, and we shall see the King in His beauty. *18LtMs, Lt 243, 1903, par. 19*

## Lt 244, 1903

Sanitarium Managers/Parents

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November 5, 1903 [typed]

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### Words of Warning

To Sanitarium managers and to parents,—

We are living in a time of special peril to the youth. Satan knows that the end of the world is soon to come, and he is determined to improve every opportunity for pressing young men and young women into his service. He will devise many specious temptations to lead them astray. We need now to consider the words of warning written by the apostle Paul and to preserve our youth from seeing and hearing many things that are sinful and from living in an atmosphere that is largely irreligious. *18LtMs, Lt 244, 1903, par. 1*

In the second epistle to the Corinthians we read: “Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters.” [2 *Corinthians 6:14-18.*] *18LtMs, Lt 244, 1903, par. 2*

Special light has been given me in regard to why we may accomplish much more for the Master by the establishment of many small sanitariums than by the building up of a few large institutions. *18LtMs, Lt 244, 1903, par. 3*



In these large medical institutions there will be gathered together many who are not very sick, but who, like tourists, are seeking rest and pleasure. These will have to be waited on by our nurses and helpers. Young men and young women, who from their earliest years have been shielded from evil associations, are thus brought into contact with all classes of worldlings and are influenced to a greater or lesser extent by what they see and hear. They become like those with whom they associate, losing the simplicity and modesty that Christian fathers and mothers have guarded and cherished by careful instruction and earnest prayers.*18LtMs, Lt 244, 1903, par. 4*

Among the many unbelievers who patronize our large sanitariums, a few may come to a knowledge of the truth; but there is great danger that much more will be lost than gained, because our youth, in their association with men and women who fear not God, will meet with seductive influences that are almost irresistible. Satanic agencies will make every effort possible to destroy the purity of mind and soul, and many of these youth will never free themselves from the snare of the enemy.*18LtMs, Lt 244, 1903, par. 5*

We are living amidst the perils of the last days. Something decisive must be said to warn our people against the danger of permitting their children, who need parental care and instruction, to leave the influence of home life, where they have been kept from the evil of the world, to go to places where they will be employed to act as servants to pleasure-loving and irreligious worldlings.*18LtMs, Lt 244, 1903, par. 6*

In many homes the father and mother have allowed their children to rule. Such children are in far greater danger than are those who have learned to obey. Not having received the necessary disciplinary training, they suppose that they may do as they please. Their parents have not done diligent, faithful work in the home and have failed of imparting to them a knowledge of obedience, which would have strengthened them to resist temptation. When these undisciplined children enter an immense institution, where there are many influences that tend to destroy spirituality, they are in grave peril; and often their stay in the institution is an injury rather than a blessing.*18LtMs, Lt 244, 1903, par. 7*

I would say to parents, Make every reasonable effort to keep your children near you. Do not separate them from you, sending them hundreds of miles away, to places where there may be sown in their minds the seeds of unbelief and error. Send them to the schools and sanitariums nearest you. I shall not be free until I warn parents against sending their children to the Battle Creek Sanitarium or any other place where the helpers must mingle with a great company of unbelievers and where the forces of the enemy are strongly entrenched.*18LtMs, Lt 244, 1903, par. 8*

We do not say that there are not many worthy people among those who are guests at the Battle Creek Sanitarium; for there are. But while we know that there are a number whose hearts are true and who are benefitted spiritually by their visit to the institution, we know, too, that there are many others whose influence over inexperienced helpers will lead them into temptation. Let a decided effort be made by the managers to employ older persons for helpers in our large sanitariums.*18LtMs, Lt 244, 1903, par. 9*

In the visions of the night, I was in a large assembly where this matter was up for consideration. One of authority said with great solemnity, "Dare you venture to make the experiment? The salvation of the souls of your children is of more value than the education they receive in this place where they are constantly exposed to the influence of unbelievers. Many who come to this institution are unconverted. They are filled with pride and have no connection with God. Many of the young men and young women who wait on these worldlings have had but little Christian experience and easily become entangled in the snares that are laid for their feet."*18LtMs, Lt 244, 1903, par. 10*

"What can be done to remedy this evil?" some one present asked. The Speaker answered: "Since you have placed yourselves in this position of peril, let Christian men and women of mature years and established character be brought into the institution to exert a counter influence for the right. The carrying out of such a plan would increase the running expenses of the Sanitarium, but it may be an effective means of guarding the fort and of shielding the youth in the institution from the contaminating influences to which they are now exposed."*18LtMs, Lt 244, 1903, par. 11*

“Fathers and mothers are held responsible by God for the salvation of their children. After souls become obedient to the truth, have they no need of further watchcare? How difficult it is for the believing youth to maintain their consecration to God in the midst of the worldly influences which exist at the Battle Creek Sanitarium!” *18LtMs, Lt 244, 1903, par. 12*

The heavenly Instructor continued: “Parents, guardians, place your children in training schools where the surrounding influences are similar to those of the home school; schools in which the teachers will carry them forward from point to point and in which the spiritual atmosphere is a savor of life unto life.” *18LtMs, Lt 244, 1903, par. 13*

In the days of the Israelites, the parents were directed to gather their children into their houses with them and to strike the lintel of the doorpost with blood. And in the time in which we are living, it is unsafe to break down the barriers that the truth builds as a fortress about God’s people. It is unsafe to think that our children may be permitted to associate with unbelievers as freely as with Christians. Whether or not our youth, who have received wise instruction and training from godly parents, will continue to be sanctified through the truth depends largely upon the influences that, after leaving their homes, they meet among those to whom they look for Christian instruction. *18LtMs, Lt 244, 1903, par. 14*

Every one is now on trial. Every one will be weighed in the balances of the sanctuary. Those only who in this world are fully prepared for heaven will at last be numbered with the heavenly family in the courts above. Let us think seriously upon the nature of the impressions that will be left upon the susceptible minds of the youth who are being brought into daily association with worldly, irreligious men and women. *18LtMs, Lt 244, 1903, par. 15*

The words of instruction and warning that I have written in regard to our youth going to Battle Creek to receive a training for service in the Lord’s cause are not idle words. Some God-fearing youth will stand the test, but it is not safe for us to leave even the most conscientious ones without our best care and protection. I am instructed to repeat to our brethren and sisters the warning and the exhortation that Paul sent to the church at Thessalonica: *18LtMs, Lt*

“The mystery of iniquity doth already work; only he that now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that wicked be revealed whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming; even him whose coming is after the working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish: because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusions, that they might believe a lie; that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but have pleasure in unrighteousness. But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren, beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth; whereunto He called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of glory by our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the tradition which you have been taught, whether by word, or by our epistle. Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and establish you in every good word and work.” [2 *Thessalonians* 2:7-17.]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 244, 1903, par. 17*

**Lt 245, 1903**

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 5, 1903

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Dr. J. H. Kellogg  
Battle Creek, Michigan

My dear brother,—

I should be unfaithful to my trust as a shepherd, as a watchman on the walls of Zion, were I to keep silent at this time.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 245, 1903, par. 1*

I supposed that after the council meeting in Battle Creek, following the Oakland General Conference, your spirit would change. In every way I had tried to bring about unity between the medical missionary workers and the churches. I had told my brethren and sisters to be very careful in regard to the words they spoke concerning you; and I had cautioned them not to criticize you, thus leading you to suppose that they were your enemies.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 245, 1903, par. 2*

It was due that hearty confessions be made by you, but in this you did not do thorough work. And this is the reason that no reformation has taken place. I heard of the work being done in Battle Creek. My anxiety was anticipated, and a telegram was sent me saying that peace had been established between the General Conference brethren and the Sanitarium brethren. A letter followed saying that in a most wonderful manner the Holy Spirit had been manifested in the work of uniting ministers with medical missionaries as one in spirit and purpose. But I was instructed by the Lord that thorough work had not been done.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 245, 1903, par. 3*

My brother, you have been greatly honored by the Lord. You have been designated as the Lord's appointed medical missionary, but while standing in this exalted position, you have many times shown yourself to be unworthy of the trust. You have been mingling with worldlings and in spirit have become one with the world. It was while men slept that the enemy sowed tares. This has been presented to me again and again in connection with your experience. *18LtMs, Lt 245, 1903, par. 4*

In connection with the matter of issuing bonds with which to raise means for the completion of the Sanitarium, you indulged in a spirit of boasting. This plan for raising means is not endorsed by God. It has been accepted by men, but there will be disappointment. *18LtMs, Lt 245, 1903, par. 5*

You have not a true understanding of yourself. As Christ said to Nicodemus, so I am instructed to say to you, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he can not enter the kingdom of God." [*John 3:5.*] *18LtMs, Lt 245, 1903, par. 6*

You have received many letters from me—testimonies in which you have been warned, reproved, and instructed; but because of your great confidence in your own plans and opinions, you have not accepted all these messages. You have been in company with one who has been misleading you. *18LtMs, Lt 245, 1903, par. 7*

There is one thing that I must insist upon, namely, that you shall not bring into the company of believers at Washington your spirit, your ambitions, your prejudices, your feelings of envy and jealousy, by endeavoring to establish or control the medical missionary work in that city. The Lord will be pleased to have you stand aside and let the work that He has commissioned His servants in Washington to perform be done without your stamp being placed upon it. *18LtMs, Lt 245, 1903, par. 8*

I have borne to you messages of truth in regard to the manner in which you have been carrying on the medical missionary work; and now, if you desire to continue the course that you have been pursuing, please keep out of the way of those whom you think have abused you. Devote your energies to your own work. *18LtMs, Lt*

245, 1903, par. 9

On several occasions I have seen one in disguise linked up with you and presenting matters before you in a perverted light. In the future he will work more decidedly upon your mind, unless you choose to be transformed by being born again. When you are under the spiritualistic influence of the wily foe, you are liable to say strange things; for the enemy speaks through you. When the spell under which you have made false representations is broken, and others repeat to you the words that you have uttered, you deny everything. But in the visions of the night I have heard you speak for effect some of the words that you deny having spoken—words which are untrue, but which you cannot help speaking when you are under evil influences. At such times you have no control over mind or spirit and are as fully under the influence of evil agencies as the converted are under the influence of the Holy Spirit. You do not resist the enemy. By him you are led to do many things that are an abomination in the sight of God, but of the nature and character of which you have no real knowledge and never will have until you are truly converted. *18LtMs, Lt 245, 1903, par. 10*

At the beginning of the General Conference of 1901, I spoke of the evils that had come into our work and of the reformation that must take place. Those who heard the messages that were given me for the Conference, especially the first three talks, felt impressed that I was speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. But you have intimated that it was you who gave me that inspiration. *18LtMs, Lt 245, 1903, par. 11*

My brother, you know that there is no truth in such an insinuation. We had no important conversation in regard to the matters concerning which I spoke until after my testimony had been borne. If you had talked with me before about these matters, you would have broken your agreement. I had brief talks with you about commonplace matters, but you know that you did not impart to me the thoughts brought out in my talks to the General Conference. *18LtMs, Lt 245, 1903, par. 12*

You have given the enemy the advantage over yourself, and at times you act in a manner that is unbecoming to a Christian. You

feel that you are abused; and so you are—but chiefly by yourself. You convey to others the impression that your brethren greatly abuse you; but in this you are deceived. There are times when you have not dealt openly and righteously with your brethren, but deceptively. *18LtMs, Lt 245, 1903, par. 13*

Under the influences of evil, your deceptive powers have been sharpening. The sentiments that you entertain and advocate are in some ways similar to and even more dangerous in their results than the sentiments in regard to “holy flesh,” which I rebuked while at the General Conference of 1901. You need to heed the testimonies given you before it is everlastingly too late. *18LtMs, Lt 245, 1903, par. 14*

If those who sustain you only knew how near the brink of ruin you are, some would nobly take their stand on the Lord’s side and would strive manfully to save their own souls and also to save your soul. I pray that those who by their blindness have helped you along in the downward way may now seek the Lord most earnestly for divine enlightenment, that they may know how to help you to break the spell of skepticism and unbelief that has been upon you. *18LtMs, Lt 245, 1903, par. 15*



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I supposed that after the council meeting in Battle Creek, following the Oakland General Conference, the spirit within you would change. In every way I had tried to bring about unity between the medical missionary workers and the churches. I had told our brethren and sisters to be very careful in regard to the words they used concerning you; and I had cautioned them not to lead you to suppose that they were your enemies by criticizing you.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 2*

I expected that some confessions would be made by you, but none were made. And this is the reason that no reformation has taken place. I heard of the work being done in Battle Creek. My anxiety was anticipated, and a telegram was sent me saying that perfect peace had been established between the General Conference brethren and the Sanitarium brethren. A letter followed, representing that in a most wonderful manner the Holy Spirit had been manifested in the work of uniting ministers with medical missionaries as one in spirit and purpose; that now the ministers of the General Conference were just as verily medical missionaries in heart and in influence as were those whose lives were devoted wholly to so-called medical missionary work.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 3*

My brother, there is no other man who has claimed to be a worker for the Lord who has caused me as much heart anguish as Dr. Kellogg has; because, while standing in an exalted position, you have many times not been worthy of bearing the name of God's appointed medical missionary worker. This has been presented to me again and again. You have been mingling with worldlings and in spirit have become one with the world. It was while men slept that the enemy sowed tares. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 4*

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Dr. Kellogg, you are not regarded by God as a converted man. As Christ said to Nicodemus, so I am instructed to say to you: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." [*John 3:5.*] You have not a true understanding of your individual self. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 6*

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There is one thing that I will urge; namely, that you shall not bring into the company of believers at Washington your spirit and prejudices, your feelings of envy and jealousy, by endeavoring to establish the medical missionary work in that city. We ask you kindly to stand aside, and let the work that God has commissioned us to do be done without the stamp of Dr. J. H. Kellogg being placed upon it. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 8*

I have told you the truth in regard to the manner in which you have been carrying on the medical missionary work; and now, if you desire to continue the course that you have pursued, please keep out of the way of those whom you think have abused you. Take care of your own work. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 9*

In the visions of the night I am still instructed in the same way in which I was instructed when there was presented before me the large building in Chicago, with embellishments. I supposed this building had been erected, and I wrote immediately in regard to the matter. Afterward, I learned that no such building had ever been erected there. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 10*

When the letter was received, Dr. Kellogg said, “Somebody has told her a falsehood.” I wrote the message as something that the Lord had revealed to me. And if a view of this building had not been presented before me in vision, it would be standing today in Chicago, a place where God has forbidden us to erect large buildings. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 11*

This matter was explained to me by one in whom we have confidence. He said that although Dr. Kellogg used this testimony as a proof that what Sister White writes is not always true, specifications had been written out and a drawing made of a large building to be erected in Chicago, which building exactly answered the description of the one shown me in vision; and that as soon as my testimony was received, all these plans were at once laid aside and the project abandoned. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 12*

Should not these facts be regarded as positive evidence that the Lord represented this building before me in time, so that the plan should not be executed? The message that was sent to meet the situation arrived just in time to prevent our brethren from erecting a large, expensive building in Chicago. As soon as the letter reached them, to their credit be it said, they stopped planning to put up the building. This experience throws light on the design of God to prevent things that should not be. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 13*

Fearing lest you might again repeat the story in regard to the so-called error in the message received concerning the great building in Chicago, I make this statement of facts as they have been told me. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 14*

In answer to your charge in regard to the testimonies—“somebody has told her”—I will say, Yes; somebody has—One who never makes a mistake. It is this One who told me of the building in Chicago concerning which I wrote. But I leave this matter with you. I

will not trouble my mind about it. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 15*

At the beginning of the General Conference of 1901, I spoke of the evils that had come into our work and of the reformation that must take place. One or two have told me that in conversing with you in regard to my speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit while bearing the first three messages at the opening of the Conference, you remarked, "It was I who gave Sister White that inspiration." My brother, you may be assured that you will have to meet this statement in the judgment. I know not to how many you have repeated it. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 16*

We agreed that if I lived in your home during the Conference, no words should pass between us, lest some one might be tempted to say that I was in any way influenced or informed by you. We had no conversation in regard to the matters concerning which I spoke until after my testimony had been borne. If you had talked with me before, you would have broken your agreement. I may have spoken some words to you about commonplace matters, or I may not; for I was determined not to give the least occasion to any one for stumbling. And to think that you would make such a statement as you have made, after the messages had been borne under the inspiration of the Spirit of God! *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 17*

My brother, I will not make any charges against you, or attach any blame to you. I will let the Lord handle your case. But you certainly have not told the truth; and your lack of truthfulness is a trait in your character that is contemptible in God's sight. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 18*

On several occasions I have seen one in disguise linked up with you and presenting matters before you in a perverted light. In the future he will work more decidedly upon your mind, unless you choose to be transformed by being born again. When you are under the spiritualistic influence of the wily foe, you are liable to say anything about any one; for the seducer uses you as an agent through whom to voice his words, as in the garden of Eden he used the serpent through which to address our first parents. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 19*

When under Satan's power, you make false representations. After

the spell is broken, and others repeat to you the words that you have uttered, you deny everything; whereas the very words spoken are the words that in the visions of the night I have heard you speak for effect—words that are untrue, but that you cannot help speaking when you are under the influence of satanic agencies. At such times you have no control over mind or spirit and are as fully under the influence of evil agencies as the converted are under the influence of the Holy Spirit. You do not resist the enemy, that he may flee from you. By him you are led to do many things that are abominations in the sight of God, but of which you have no knowledge and never will have unless you shall be converted. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 20*

I am not at all desirous of having any connection with you; for you have given Satan the advantage over yourself and at times act in a manner unbecoming a Christian in every way. You claim that you are abused; and so you are—by yourself. You convey to others the impression that your brethren abuse you; but this is untrue. You have not dealt openly and righteously with your brethren, but deceptively. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 21*

Under the discipline of satanic agencies, your deceptive powers are sharpening. The sentiments that you entertain and advocate are similar to and even more dangerous in evil results than were the sentiments in regard to “holy flesh,” which I rebuked while at the General Conference of 1901. Our brethren from Indiana were sincere in their belief; you are not honest in your deceptions. You need to open your eyes, and heed the testimonies given you, before it shall be everlastingly too late. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 22*

If those who sustain you only knew how near the brink of ruin you are, some would nobly take their stand on the Lord’s side and save their own souls, even if they could not save your soul. Let those who have helped you along the downward way by their own blindness now seek the Lord most earnestly for divine enlightenment, that they may know how to break the spell of skepticism and unbelief that is upon you. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 23*

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After his fall from heaven, Satan's enmity against God found a new field in plotting the ruin of the human race. He determined to incite the holy pair in Eden to disobedience and bring upon them the guilt and penalty of sin. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 24*

Like the angels, the dwellers in Eden had been placed upon probation; their happy estate could be retained only on condition of fidelity to the Creator's law. They could obey and live or disobey and perish. God had made them the recipients of rich blessings; but should they disregard His will, He who spared not the angels that sinned could not spare them; transgression would forfeit His gifts and bring upon them misery and ruin. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 25*

The angels warned them to be on their guard against the devices of Satan; for his efforts to ensnare them would be unwearied. While they were obedient to God, the evil one could not harm them; for, if need be, every angel in heaven would be sent to their help. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 26*

The tree of knowledge had been made a test of their obedience and their love to God. The Lord had seen fit to lay upon them but one prohibition as to the use of all that was in the garden; but if they should disregard His will in this particular, they would incur the guilt of transgression. Satan was not to follow them with continual temptations; he could have access to them only at the forbidden tree. Should they attempt to investigate its nature, they would be exposed to his wiles. They were admonished to give careful heed to the warning which God had sent them and to be content with the instruction which He had seen fit to impart. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 27*

In order to accomplish his work unperceived, Satan chose to employ as his medium the serpent—a disguise well adapted for his purpose of deception. The serpent was then one of the wisest and most beautiful creatures on the earth. It had wings and while flying through the air presented an appearance of dazzling brightness, having the color and brilliancy of burnished gold. Resting in the rich-laden branches of the forbidden tree, and regaling itself with the

delicious fruit, it was an object to arrest the attention and delight the eye of the beholder. Thus in the garden of peace lurked the destroyer, watching for his prey. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 28*

The angels had cautioned Eve to beware of separating herself from her husband while occupied in their daily labor in the garden; with him she should be in less danger from temptation than if she were alone. But absorbed in her pleasing task, she unconsciously wandered from his side. On perceiving that she was alone, she felt an apprehension of danger but dismissed her fears, deciding that she had sufficient wisdom and strength to discern evil and to withstand it. Unmindful of the angels' caution, she soon found herself gazing with mingled curiosity and admiration upon the forbidden tree. The fruit was very beautiful, and she questioned with herself why God had withheld it from them. Now was the tempter's opportunity. As if he were able to discern the workings of her mind, he addressed her: "Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" [*Genesis 3:1.*] Eve was surprised and startled as she thus seemed to hear the echo of her thoughts. But the serpent continued, in a musical voice, with subtle praise of her surpassing loveliness; and his words were not displeasing. Instead of fleeing from the spot, she lingered wonderingly to hear a serpent speak. Had she been addressed by a being like the angels, her fears would have been excited; but she had no thought that the fascinating serpent could become the medium of the fallen foe. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 29*

To the tempter's ensnaring question she replied: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die; for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." [*Verses 2-5.*] *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 30*

By partaking of this tree, he declared, they would attain to a more exalted sphere of existence and enter a broader field of knowledge. He himself had eaten of the forbidden fruit and as a result had acquired the power of speech. And he insinuated that the Lord

jealously desired to withhold it from them, lest they should be exalted to equality with Himself. It was because of its wonderful properties, imparting wisdom and power, that He had prohibited them from tasting or even touching it. The tempter intimated that the divine warning was not to be actually fulfilled; it was designed merely to intimidate them. How could it be possible for them to die? Had they not eaten of the tree of life? God had been seeking to prevent them from reaching a nobler development and finding greater happiness. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 31*

Such has been Satan's work from the days of Adam to the present, and he has pursued it with great success. He tempts men to distrust God's love and to doubt His wisdom. He is constantly seeking to excite a spirit of irreverent curiosity—a restless, inquisitive desire to penetrate the secrets of divine wisdom and power. In their efforts to search out what God has been pleased to withhold, multitudes overlook the truths which He has revealed and which are essential to salvation. Satan tempts men to disobedience by leading them to believe they are entering a wonderful field of knowledge. But this is all a deception. Elated with their ideas of progression, they are, by trampling on God's requirements, setting their feet in the path that leads to degradation and death. *18LtMs, Lt 245a, 1903, par. 32*



**Lt 246, 1903**

Sanitarium Family and the Battle Creek Church

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 12, 1903

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To the Sanitarium family and the Battle Creek church,—

The work that the believers in Battle Creek can do is at their hand. Let them distribute our literature. Let them make the most of every opportunity to arrest the attention of unbelievers. Let those who have been reprov'd for serving self rather than Christ arouse themselves and zealously repent. Let them put literature into every hand that will receive it, and let no one say, “Why do ye so?” In different ways a warning message is to be borne to high and low. Let all put on the gospel armor and stand firm for the truth.*18LtMs, Lt 246, 1903, par. 1*

My brethren and sisters, there will come to your city many who have never heard the truth for this time. These men and women may come from cities which through your neglect have never been warned. As they come to where you are, neglect not your duty. By wise, Christlike movements, disappoint the enemy. Now is your opportunity, just now, to tell them of what is coming upon the world. In great wisdom present the truth as it is in Jesus.*18LtMs, Lt 246, 1903, par. 2*

During the summer let a large tent be pitched in the most favorable location, and let a series of meetings be held. In behalf of those who come to Battle Creek, let us do everything in our power to magnify the law and make it honorable. Let the Lord God of Israel be exalted as the great Medical Missionary.*18LtMs, Lt 246, 1903, par. 3*

## Be Earnest Temperance Workers

A decided warning is to be borne against intemperance. Many of the terrible crimes that are becoming so common in our world, many of the murders, the robberies, the railroad accidents, that are so rapidly increasing, may be traced to the use of intoxicants. Many of the men and women who fill our insane asylums and prisons are there because of the influence of alcohol. *18LtMs, Lt 246, 1903, par. 4*

And yet this cruel traffic, the fearful results of which may be seen on every hand, is legalized by the laws of the land. And Satan stands by exulting. *18LtMs, Lt 246, 1903, par. 5*

God calls for an army to be formed against the sale of the drugged liquor that is making men mad. As yet the contest has scarcely begun. Who will put forth a determined effort against this terrible evil? Soon we shall see its fearful results as we do not see them now. *18LtMs, Lt 246, 1903, par. 6*

Appeal to ministers of the gospel to set a worthy example. Plead with them to be temperate in all things. Ask them to reckon up how much of the Lord's money they have spent during their life time for tobacco. Do they realize that men formed in the image of God are daily using that which is paralyzing their reasoning faculties and robbing them of their power rightly to estimate eternal realities? No human being needs tobacco, but many human beings need the money spent for this health-destroying indulgence. *18LtMs, Lt 246, 1903, par. 7*

Many men spend their hours in God-dishonoring ways, at the racecourse, in the gambling den. Thousands gather to witness a pugilistic contest—an exhibition of animalism revolting to Him who gave His life to uplift and ennoble human beings. *18LtMs, Lt 246, 1903, par. 8*

The record of the corruption in our cities cannot be traced by human pen. Political strife, bribery, fraud are seen on every hand. Men seem determined to rule or ruin. They are ready to ill-treat and even to kill those who will not be ruled by them. Who can doubt but that the evils which existed before the flood exist today? *18LtMs, Lt 246,*

1903, par. 9

Poverty is created by wealthy men who form trusts controlling certain articles of merchandise and then sell these things at their own prices.*18LtMs, Lt 246, 1903, par. 10*

And while the world is filled with these evils, the gospel is presented in a heartless, indifferent way that accomplishes very little good.*18LtMs, Lt 246, 1903, par. 11*

I tremble for the men in positions of trust who put the wineglass to their lips. He who places himself under the influence of strong drink has for the time being destroyed his reason. He has lost the power of self-control, and he is not fitted to stand in a position of trust. How can the Lord of heaven co-operate with such a man?*18LtMs, Lt 246, 1903, par. 12*

O that those who are rulers of nations would realize the responsibility resting upon them to be representatives of God, to set a right example, to shun the use of intoxicating liquor, that they may never be found off their guard. Judges, lawyers, senators should give evidence to those who look to them for guidance that they acknowledge themselves to be under the control of a supreme Ruler, even Christ. They are to heed the invitation, "Learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:29, 30.*] No man who ignores his obligations to God has succeeded, or can succeed.*18LtMs, Lt 246, 1903, par. 13*

We are in this world to lift the cross of Calvary. As we lift this cross, we shall find that it lifts us. Let every Christian stand in his lot and place, catching the inspiration of the work that Christ did for souls while in this world. We need the ardor of the Christian hero, who can endure the seeing of Him that is invisible. Our faith is to have a resurrection. The soldiers of the cross are to exert a positive influence for good. Christ says, "He that is not for Me is against Me, and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad." [*Matthew 12:30.*] Indifference in the Christian life is a manifest denial of Christ.*18LtMs, Lt 246, 1903, par. 14*

Should we not see in the world today medical missionaries who in

all features of their work are worthy of the name they bear, who aspire to the doing of deeds worthy of valiant soldiers of Christ? We are living near the close of the great conflict, when many souls are to be rescued from the slavery of sin. We are living in a time when to Christ's followers the promise especially belongs, "Lo, I am with you always." [*Matthew 28:20.*] He who commanded light to shine out of darkness, He who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light bids us let our light shine brightly before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father who is in heaven. In such rich measure has light been given to God's people that Christ is justified in telling them that they are to be the light of the world. *18LtMs, Lt 246, 1903, par. 15*

To our physicians and ministers I send the message, Lay hold of the Lord's work as if you believed the truth for this time. Medical missionary workers and workers in the gospel ministry are to be bound together by indissoluble ties. Their work is to be done with freshness and power, and throughout our churches there is to be a reconversion and a reconsecration to service. Shall we not, in our work in the future, and in the gatherings that we hold, be of one accord? Shall we not wrestle with God in prayer, asking for the Holy Spirit to come into every heart? The presence of Christ, manifest among us, would cure the leprosy of unbelief that has made our service so weak and inefficient. We need the breath of the divine life breathed into us. We are to be channels through which the Lord can send light and grace to the world. Backsliders are to be reclaimed. We are to put away our sins, by confession and repentance, humbling our proud hearts before God. Floods of spiritual power are now to be poured forth upon those prepared to receive it. *18LtMs, Lt 246, 1903, par. 16*

Let us consecrate ourselves to the proclamation of the message, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God." [*Isaiah 40:3.*] Divine and human instrumentalities are to unite for the accomplishment of one great object. "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." [*Revelation 22:17.*] *18LtMs, Lt 246, 1903, par. 17*

“They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament;  
and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and  
ever.” [*Daniel 12:3.*]18*LtMs, Lt 246, 1903, par. 18*

**Lt 247, 1903**

Leaders in our Medical Missionary Work

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 12, 1903

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To the leaders in our medical missionary work

Dear Brethren,—

I cannot rest. Your opportunities and your perils are repeatedly presented to me. I call upon you to seek the Lord, to be reconverted, and to come into line. The Lord is not dependent upon any human agency; but He has chosen men to carry forward His work of soul-saving. The co-operation of divine and human agencies has ever been His plan. He works through human instrumentalities, but it is only by co-operating with Him that men can gain real success. However great a man's talents or self-confidence, he can do nothing apart from God. “We are laborers together with God.” [*1 Corinthians 3:9*.] If men will allow themselves to be out of harmony with Bible truth, if they will allow the enemy to come in to deceive the people of God with his sophistries, the Lord's rebuke will rest upon them. *18LtMs, Lt 247, 1903, par. 1*

I am instructed to say to those who have entertained scientific, speculative theories regarding God: It would be far better for you to seek to understand your duty before God than to enter into speculations regarding His personality. By allowing your minds to be led into such scientific speculations, you place yourselves where you will know less and less concerning your Creator. *18LtMs, Lt 247, 1903, par. 2*

Your knowledge of God and of His attributes has been lessened since you have begun to theorize regarding His nature and prerogatives. Your attempts to explain Him reveal to the heavenly host how little you really know of Him. The word of the Lord to you is, “I will no more be with you, unless you return to your first love. I

will remove your candlestick out of its place, except you repent. I will turn My back to you, and not My face. You have greatly dishonored and belittled Me. All these things hath Mine eye seen.”*18LtMs, Lt 247, 1903, par. 3*

Repentance and conversion is the only way to salvation. When your eyes are opened, you will see the danger of the sentiments that you have been entertaining. You have been eating from a dish of truth and error, of good and evil. As you place yourselves where the Lord can use you as men of spiritual intelligence, as laborers together with Him, you will realize how far you have been departing from Him.*18LtMs, Lt 247, 1903, par. 4*

My brethren, will you not be soundly converted and no longer trifle with God? Satan has desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. But it is not too late for wrongs to be righted. If you will come to Christ with humble, contrite hearts, He will receive you and will help you to purify your souls from the sophistry of Satan’s devising. It is against the Lord God of heaven that you have sinned, He who in a marvelous manner has led His people on step by step, preparing the way, giving them the great, grand truths that are to be proclaimed in the closing days of this earth’s history.*18LtMs, Lt 247, 1903, par. 5*

The church is now engaged in a warfare that will increase in intensity on the very point on which you have been misled. Not one pillar of our faith is to be moved. Not one line of revealed truth is to be replaced by new and fanciful theories.*18LtMs, Lt 247, 1903, par. 6*

In clear lines truth has been given us. Under the guidance of God, books have been prepared which state clearly the truth for this time. If you will not believe these evidences, neither would you believe if one rose from the dead.*18LtMs, Lt 247, 1903, par. 7*

You must make thorough work for repentance. Come before God in humiliation and contrition. There must be harmonious working among God’s people. We must know who is going to follow the light. “If the Lord be God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him.” [¶ *Kings 18:21.*] *18LtMs, Lt 247, 1903, par. 8*

**Lt 248, 1903**

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 13, 1903

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My dear Son Edson,—

I have received your letter in which you speak of your desire to raise means by the sale of *The Story of Joseph* and asking me to telegraph my endorsement of your plan. I heartily approve of your plan, as stated in your letter, and sent you a telegram, as you requested. *18LtMs, Lt 248, 1903, par. 1*

I have a long letter written to you, but shall not be able to send it this week. I did not realize that it is Friday and could hardly believe it when I was told. I shall not be able to get the letter copied today, but will send it to you later. *18LtMs, Lt 248, 1903, par. 2*

I have been very, very busy with my writing. I have written much in regard to the misleading theories contained in *Living Temple*. This book is certainly a strange production to come from the pen of one who has a knowledge of the truth that for so long we have held sacred. The presentation of the errors in this book should be a warning to us not to trust in man and not to make flesh our arm. We cannot place the least dependence on finite men. Let us trust in the Lord. He is too wise to err and too good to do us harm. *18LtMs, Lt 248, 1903, par. 3*

I thank God that I was alive to meet this crisis and that He preserves my reason and gives me strength to bear my testimony. *18LtMs, Lt 248, 1903, par. 4*

I am perplexed over financial matters. I am at present hiring money from the bank and paying a high rate of interest. But the Lord will



surely open the way for the advancement of His work. We must pray and believe and work. *18LtMs, Lt 248, 1903, par. 5*

Sunday

I have been unable to write much to you lately. The thought of the seductive theories that have been creeping in among us has weighed upon me so heavily that for weeks I have not slept past one and two o'clock. I have written much in an effort to counteract the influence of these errors. While writing these things I feel very sorrowful. My feelings are so wrought upon that I do not take sufficient breath. Then I get sick. Exhaustion and great distress come upon me. *18LtMs, Lt 248, 1903, par. 6*

Willie has spoken to me about the article that you wish, calling for means for the <Southern> publishing house. We will do all we can, though our own work is delayed. Why is it, Edson, that you do not read the collection of matter sent you on the work in the Southern field? We have taken every pains to get this matter together and to place it in your hands; and if you wish an interest awakened in the Southern field, why do you not read and study this matter, and send us your suggestions regarding its publication? We desire to publish it in book form as soon as we can get at it. Please give it attention, even though you have to neglect some other things. *18LtMs, Lt 248, 1903, par. 7*

In regard to the appeal for means for the publishing house, I must tell you, my son, that I have not been appointed by God to beg for all the institutions that are established. I will do all in my power to help these institutions, but it is not my duty to take the responsibility of carrying the beggar's load. I think that I have served my time at this. Do you not think so? *18LtMs, Lt 248, 1903, par. 8*

Recently I borrowed one thousand dollars. I was in great need of this money, and it was a serious question with me whether I should use it myself, or let you have it. I let you have it, and later, I sent you two hundred dollars more that I had borrowed. As a result, I am now hiring money from the bank and paying eight per cent interest. *18LtMs, Lt 248, 1903, par. 9*

I am receiving very little from my books. And the cost of publishing

my new books is heavy. I am glad that the old debt at the Review and Herald is settled. *18LtMs, Lt 248, 1903, par. 10*

Edson, I am convinced that it would not be the proper thing for you to undertake to bring out a new edition of *Patriarchs and Prophets*. You have your hands full. We will release you from this burden; for it would be a heavy tax on you. I have just learned that a new edition of this book will soon be needed. When this edition is brought out, the necessary changes can be made by Pacific Press. *18LtMs, Lt 248, 1903, par. 11*

**Lt 249, 1903**

Magan, P. T.; Sutherland, E. A.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 11, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *SpM 339-341*.

Dear Brethren Magan and Sutherland,—

Brother Magan left with Willie copy written for a circular regarding the Berrien Springs School. In it there are some things that I think would be better left out. Let us not dwell on the dark chapters in the experience of Seventh-day Adventists. They bring up a discouraging, depressing picture, and it would seem as if Christ, the Light of the world, had not been near to help. There was no need of the dearth of knowledge, no reason why mistakes should have been made. Christ was then, as He ever will be, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He was ready to help, and no one need have made grave mistakes or errors. *18LtMs, Lt 249, 1903, par. 1*

The time to which you have referred, a time dark, perplexing, and discouraging—let it stay in the past. Do not talk of it unless forced to. To make reference to the worst features in the experience of those now in positions of trust in the work of God does not benefit any one. Let us not call up the dark shadows of the past. Let the past lie where it is, with all its objectionable features. Into the present we are to bring pleasantness, hope, and courage. *18LtMs, Lt 249, 1903, par. 2*

If there are those who are allowing the enemy to obtain an advantage over them, tempting him to tempt them and carrying out his plans, let not this appear. And do not bring up the dark, unchristlike deeds of the past. The dear Saviour was all the time inviting those who did these deeds to cease to dishonor God and to turn to Him for help to do right. *18LtMs, Lt 249, 1903, par. 3*

At the present time we have plain evidence of the specious, artful working of Satan on human minds. We have to meet this working

with determined effort. But let the dark pictures of the past be buried, and let them stay buried. Let us not cloud the mind of any one by bringing up these representations. Let us at this time bring in all the light possible. *18LtMs, Lt 249, 1903, par. 4*

Few realize the dangerous character of the sentiments that we are having to meet. I have been over the ground. I have been given plain words to speak concerning these specious, bewitching sentiments. If they are not most decidedly met and reprov'd, souls will be lost. We cannot afford to be deceived. We must point our people to the old landmarks. We are to obtain strength and courage from on high, that we may obey the command given me, "Meet it." *18LtMs, Lt 249, 1903, par. 5*

"Ye are the children of the light and of the day. We are not of the night, nor of darkness." [*1 Thessalonians 5:5.*] Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. The trouble with us is that we do not press on in the way illuminated by the Sun of righteousness. In order to walk in this way, we must receive strength from the Life-giver. As we move forward in obedience to Christ's commands, His light shines on our way, and His strength sustains us. Thus we go forward from strength to strength, from grace to grace, by obedience becoming more and more Christlike. *18LtMs, Lt 249, 1903, par. 6*

We are not to follow human leading. Christ is our leader. At all times and in all places, in every time of need, we shall find Him a present help. Because there are those professing to be Christians who dishonor Christ in thought, word, and deed, we are to give plainer evidence than ever before of our completeness in Him. We are to walk in the light of His countenance. We can each show that Christ is light and that in Him is no darkness at all. If we will submit to His guidance, He will lead us from the low level on which sin has left us to the loftiest heights of grace. *18LtMs, Lt 249, 1903, par. 7*

We are not to darken our lives by talking of our own imperfections or of the imperfections of others. We are to be all light in the Lord. *18LtMs, Lt 249, 1903, par. 8*

From Christ all truth radiates. Apart from Christ, science is misleading, and philosophy is foolishness. Those who are separated from the Saviour will advance theories which originate

with the wily foe. Christ's life stands out as the contrast of all false science, all erroneous theories, all misleading methods. *18LtMs, Lt 249, 1903, par. 9*

Pretenders will arise with theories that have no foundation in the Word of God. We are to hold aloft the banner bearing the inscription, The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. We are to hold the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end. Let no one attempt to dilute truth with a mixture of sophistry. Let no one attempt to tear down the foundation of our faith or to spoil the pattern by bringing into the web threads of human devising. Not one thread of pantheism is to be drawn into the web. Sensuality, ruinous to soul and body, is always the result of drawing these threads into the web. *18LtMs, Lt 249, 1903, par. 10*

“Let us who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. *18LtMs, Lt 249, 1903, par. 11*

“And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. *18LtMs, Lt 249, 1903, par. 12*

“We exhort you, brethren, ... comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves and to all men. Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it.” [Verses 8-24.] *18LtMs, Lt 249, 1903, par. 13*

**Lt 250, 1903**

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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My dear Edson,—

I have begun several letters to you, but after writing a few lines, have left them to take up some other subject that seemed to demand immediate attention. *18LtMs, Lt 250, 1903, par. 1*

A heavy burden has been laid upon me because of the perils that have been brought in by some of our medical missionary leaders. I have had to write much concerning the strange doctrines and theories expressed in *Living Temple*. Were these theories accepted by our people, the strong pillars of our faith and the truths that have made Seventh-day Adventists what they are would be swept away. I have had to show the fallacy of these doctrines, presenting them as a species of last-day heresy. We are told by the Word of God that just such teaching will be brought in at this time. *18LtMs, Lt 250, 1903, par. 2*

Neither Christ nor the apostles taught the doctrines that are found in *Living Temple*. They taught clearly the truth of the existence of a personal God. Paul speaks of Christ as “the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature.” [*Colossians 1:15*]. *18LtMs, Lt 250, 1903, par. 3*

No man can explain the mysteries of God. His glory is hidden from the world. Of what value are the surmisings and speculations of men concerning His personality. The Creator is belittled by some of the ideas regarding Him that are expressed in *Living Temple*. Christ is the representative of the Father, “the express image of His person.” [*Hebrews 1:3*]. *18LtMs, Lt 250, 1903, par. 4*

Creation speaks to us of the skill and power of God. In His goodness God has placed on the earth beautiful flowers and trees, wonderfully adapted to the countries and the climate in which they grow. And though sin has marred the form and beauty of the things of nature, though on them there may be seen traces of the work of the prince of the power of the air, yet they still speak of God, and still reveal some of the beauty of Eden. *18LtMs, Lt 250, 1903, par. 5*

In the heavens above, in the earth, in the broad waters of the ocean, we see the handiwork of God. All creation testifies of His power, His wisdom, His love. Yet not from the stars or the ocean or the cataract can we learn of the personality of God. This Christ came to reveal. *18LtMs, Lt 250, 1903, par. 6*

God saw that a more powerful revelation than nature was needed to portray His personality and His character. He sent His Son into the world to reveal, so far as could be endured by human sight, the nature and the attributes of the invisible God. *18LtMs, Lt 250, 1903, par. 7*

Christ came to reveal to a fallen race the love of God. He, the Light of the world, veiled the dazzling splendor of the brightness of His divinity and came to live on this earth as a man among men, that they might, without being consumed, become acquainted with their Creator. No man has seen God at any time, except as He is revealed through Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 250, 1903, par. 8*

Because of frequent triumphs, Satan is becoming more bold and defiant in his rebellion against God. The rapid development of evil, the confusion among the laboring classes reveal that men are rapidly taking sides. They are being bound up in bundles to be burned. The labor unions are quickly stirred to violence if their demands are not complied with. Plainer and plainer is it becoming that the inhabitants of the world are not in harmony with God. *18LtMs, Lt 250, 1903, par. 9*

No scientific theory can explain the steady march of evil workers under the generalship of Satan. In every mob wicked angels are at work, rousing men to commit deeds of violence. Satan seems to have taken control of the minds of men. Murder, robbery, wickedness of every kind reveal the leadership of the great enemy

of souls. *18LtMs, Lt 250, 1903, par. 10*

In the days of Noah, violence filled the land; and thus Christ has told us that it will be in the last days. The history of the old world is to be repeated. The perversity and cruelty of men will reach such a height that God will reveal Himself in His majesty. Very soon the wickedness of the world will have reached its limit, and as in the days of Noah, God will pour out His judgments. *18LtMs, Lt 250, 1903, par. 11*

But even when wickedness is at its height, we may know that our Helper is close by our side. Let us have faith and confidence in God. The promise is, "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you." [*James 4:8.*] *18LtMs, Lt 250, 1903, par. 12*



Lt 251, 1903

Wessels, John

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 1, 1903

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Dear Brother John Wessels,—

I expected to send you another letter before sending the letters written to your mother and your brother Andrew; but before I had written your letter, a wonderful work and a heavy burden were laid upon me in regard to the recent book *Living Temple*. In this book there are spiritualistic ideas in regard to God. He is represented as being Himself personally in flower and leaf and tree. Ever since I was seventeen years old, I have had this fallacy to meet. The effort to introduce these misleading theories among God’s people is one of the most subtle schemes of the enemy. The Lord laid upon me the burden of showing that the sentiments expressed in *Living Temple* regarding God are a deception; and I have written more than a hundred pages bearing on this subject. One article was printed in the *Review* a week or two ago, and you will soon see other things in print; so I shall not take time to say all that I might about this matter. *18LtMs, Lt 251, 1903, par. 1*

A most wonderful experience has been the result of moving our work to Washington. I am not prepared to tell you all that has taken place. We hope that what has happened will exert a saving influence upon Dr. Kellogg, leading him into the light. We desire to do all we possibly can to bring about a union between the workers in the gospel ministry and in the medical missionary work. I want to do all in my power to advance the cause of truth. *18LtMs, Lt 251, 1903, par. 2*

I cannot but think of the great Master-worker, who is laboring in behalf of truth and righteousness. He Himself summons the church

to action. We are called to diligent study of the Scriptures. We are called upon to awake to the responsibilities resting upon us. The first, second, and third angels' messages are to be proclaimed and explained. The holy influence of truth and righteousness is to be brought into our work, which is to be carried forward with zeal and determination. *18LtMs, Lt 251, 1903, par. 3*

"I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come; and worship Him that made heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." [*Revelation 14:6, 7.*]*18LtMs, Lt 251, 1903, par. 4*

"And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. *18LtMs, Lt 251, 1903, par. 5*

"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb; and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever; and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. *18LtMs, Lt 251, 1903, par. 6*

"Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." [*Verses 8-12.*]*18LtMs, Lt 251, 1903, par. 7*

"And I saw another sign in heaven great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire, and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. *18LtMs, Lt 251, 1903, par. 8*

“And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints. Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name; for Thou only art holy; for all nations shall come and worship before Thee; for Thy judgments are made manifest. *18LtMs, Lt 251, 1903, par. 9*

“And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony was opened; and the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth forever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from His power; and no man was able to enter the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.” [*Revelation 15:1-8.*]*18LtMs, Lt 251, 1903, par. 10*

The judgments of God are in the land. Divinity and humanity are to combine in the carrying out of God’s great plan for the recovery of sinners. God has given us His truth, that we may act our part in the accomplishment of the grand object for which the plan of redemption exists. *18LtMs, Lt 251, 1903, par. 11*

“I Jesus have sent Mine angel 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 let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” [*Revelation 22:16, 17.*]*18LtMs, Lt 251, 1903, par. 12*

In this time, the last days of this earth’s history, the people of God are to be invested with all power. Angels as well as men are to take part in the great closing work. All heaven is interested. God and Christ and the angels have united with human instrumentalities in proclaiming the truth for this time. And every one who comes to the water of life is laid under contribution by God to give the invitation to others. Every church, every institution, every church member is to give the invitation, “Come to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” [See *Revelation 19:9.*] The angels have received command to unite

with human beings in giving the message, “Come; for all things are now ready.” [*Luke 14:17.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 251, 1903, par. 13*

**Lt 252, 1903**

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 16, 1903

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Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

I wish to write you a few lines. In the night season I was talking with you both, speaking words for your encouragement. Lift your eyes to Jesus. Nothing that we do is of any worth unless we cherish the sweet spirit of Jesus. Walking in Christ and living for Christ, we live by the Word of God; and perfect obedience to this Word never brings bondage. Do not look on the dark side, but on the bright side. Do not keep your mind fixed on the disagreeable things of life. Gather up all the pleasant things possible. This you must do in order to have health and peace and joy in the Lord.*18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 1*

The path to heaven is so plain that the wayfaring man need not err therein. The captious critic, marking out a way for others, will make crooked paths for his feet, and his way will be dark; but the one who loves Jesus supremely and his neighbor as himself will bring brightness into his path, as he follows on to know the Lord, and those connected with him will not stumble.*18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 2*

Individually we want to know the way to heaven. Let us study the chart that shows the way, pointing out the waymarks. Follow the directions closely. Let your prayer be, “Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law.” [*Psalm 119:18.*] Looking to Jesus, you will by beholding become changed into His image. Look; and the glory of the Redeemer will shine upon you, to be reflected by you to others.*18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 3*

But if you look at the imperfection of your fellow beings, you will become changed into the likeness of imperfection. My brother, my sister, look to Jesus, that you may become changed into His likeness. *18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 4*

We are to live, not to please ourselves, but to please the Lord. Gather to your souls the divine rays of light. Talk faith, live faith. Bring into the daily life the brightness of Christ's life. *18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 5*

"God is love, and he that dwelleth in God dwelleth in love." [*1 John 4:16.*] It is your privilege to declare that you know by experience that the Lord is gracious. Jesus loves you. Only believe this, and your cheerfulness will represent Him. Talk faith, and you will have faith. *18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 6*

Many obstacles will be placed in our pathway as we journey heavenward. Satan will place things before us in a false, disagreeable light, if we give him the least encouragement. Then, looking upon these things in his light, we shall reflect the unpleasantness to others. God says to us, "I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire." [*Revelation 3:18.*] He desires us to gain a precious, valuable experience. The way in which He asks us to gain this experience may not be the way that we would choose, but it is the way of God's choosing. Thus He is proving and trying us. *18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 7*

Dear friends, should you not shine as lights in the world? Look up! look up! Talk faith; talk brightness. Rebuke the enemy, who is seeking to throw over you a cloud of disagreeable misrepresentations. He would have you think that this cloud is caused by your best friends. Pray; and believe that He who is the fountain of light will give you light. Let the bright rays of the Sun of righteousness shine into your hearts. *18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 8*

I have had most trying scenes to pass through recently. At times it has seemed that our brethren were blind. Many of them talked and acted like blind men. When my message sent by God came to them, they did not heed it, but went on just as before. Again and again this has occurred. It has caused me great anguish. I have been kept so busy writing out instruction that would guard against

the evils coming in that I have not had time to write, as I very much desired, on Old Testament history from the time of Solomon. *18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 9*

But the Lord knows. He brought me from Australia to meet this crisis, and He will not leave me to die under the burden. It has been a constant conflict. But in our home we have no dissension, no words of impatience. My workers are different in temperament, and their ways and manners are different, but we blend in action and stand united in spirit, seeking to help and strengthen one another. We know that we cannot afford to be at variance because we differ in temperament. We are God's little children, and we ask Him to help us to live, not to please ourselves and to have our own way, but to please and glorify Him. *18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 10*

As you and I were talking together in the night season, we spoke in regard to Brother Sharp. The question was asked, "Ought he to be retained in his present employment?" I said, "Brother Sharp's case was presented to me many years ago, when he first took his position on the side of truth. He was at that time holding a position of trust, but his employer would not allow him to stay and keep the Sabbath. He fought a severe battle over this question. We carried his case to the Lord, and he took his position firmly on the side of right. *18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 11*

"He was discharged. One day a gentleman entered the store where he had been employed, and asked, 'Where is Mr. Sharp?' On being told that he had been discharged, he asked, 'Was not his work satisfactory?' 'He was trustworthy in every respect,' his employer answered, 'but he wanted to keep the seventh day as the Sabbath. That is why he was discharged.' Said the other man, 'I fear that you will not find another so true and conscientious to take his place.' He then took Brother Sharp's address. *18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 12*

"Sister Sharp had not at this time taken her position on the side of truth, and when she heard of her husband's discharge, she could not control her feelings. She could not see how their family would be supported. She was in feeble health, and her feelings were so highly wrought upon that she fell to the floor in a faint. The physician was called, but it was a long time before she came to

herself. They feared that she would never recover. The physician said that it was a very close call. *18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 13*

“Brother Sharp was afterward employed by the man who had inquired about him from his former employer. He worked very hard, having oversight of all the business accounts, and his brain was overtaxed. His employer had him leave his work for a time and paid him his wages during his absence. *18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 14*

“I believe Brother Sharp to be an honest, conscientious man of the best of principles. His experience in the Summer Hill Sanitarium, in connection with Dr. Caro, was no help to him. But I sincerely hope that he will be given some place in the work where he will feel that he is doing the will of the Lord. The light given me in regard to him is that he puts his whole being into his work and that he must be guarded. He must not be allowed to do too much sedentary or brain-taxing work. He has a little flock to watch over, and they need a father’s wise instruction.” *18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 15*

I write you this for fear that unwise moves, which the Lord cannot approve, will be made. Every soul is precious in God’s sight. I highly respect Brother Sharp. I would not have him put in a hard place. We must all try to help one another, making the path of our fellow workers as pleasant as possible. *18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 16*

Brother Burden, if you feel that your duty in Australia is done, and that you cannot be free and happy there, would you feel inclined to come to California? There is a work to be done in Southern California. But I have no special light in regard to this. I cannot see why you cannot find freedom in carrying forward the work of the Lord in Australia. If you will only keep your mind free from petty things, not allowing them to depress you, you will find that in learning of Christ, there is rest and peace. It is in the place in which God puts us that we can best learn to be workers together with Him. *18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 17*

Last night I prayed to the Lord for understanding in regard to some things that were perplexing me. The great Teacher presented matters so clearly that as soon as I awoke I wrote out the instruction given me. It is as follows: *18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 18*



“Not all who in the providence of God are associated together have the same stamp of character. His workers have different likes and dislikes. They have inherited different traits of character. To every one will come, in some form, a crucial test. One may be tried because others do not seem to appreciate his gifts and do not think and act in harmony with his ideas. It seems difficult for some to blend with those who are different from them. If one clings to his own hereditary and cultivated traits and his own special ideas, he will find that others are just as tenacious of their peculiarities and their special way of doing things. He who holds with a firm grip his own opinions and way of thinking, refusing to change his course in order to blend in harmonious action with others who, as verily as himself, are conscientiously serving God, needs to examine himself critically and place himself under the discipline of Christ.*18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 19*

The prayer that the Saviour offered for His disciples just before His crucifixion contains precious lessons, which all are to heed. “I sanctify Myself,” Christ said, “that they also may be sanctified.” “Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth.” [*John 17:19, 17.*] Truly agreeing on the principles of the Word, we shall not allow differences of opinion to become mountains of difficulty. We shall not hold to our own preferences, our own ways and ideas.*18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 20*

We gain a real Christian experience by putting Christian religion into practice. The Bible is our director, our lesson book. Study and practice its teachings, bringing them into all the details of life. Thus, Christ declares, we are to be His witnesses before a world lying in sin and ignorance.*18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 21*

We know, my dear brother and sister, that you have had a rich experience in practical self-denial. Thank God for this. You have stood bravely in your lot and place, lifting heavy burdens of responsibility. This was a training school for you, and what you have done has made you witnesses to practical godliness. The establishment of the Sanitarium as it now is largely owing, under God, to the unselfish efforts put forth by you, Dr. M. G. Kellogg, and others united with you. The time of reaping will come. Good results have already begun to appear. Converts have been made to the

truth, in their turn to convert others. This should bring joy to the hearts of those who had a part in the establishment of the institution.*18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 22*

If you will just take hold with your fellow workers, not cherishing differences, but blending as Christians, you will gain an experience that will be more precious than gold. You may indeed be co-laborers with Christ. We love to think of you in connection with the Sanitarium farm. Outdoor employment and freedom from heavy responsibilities are best for you. You will win if you learn from Christ, not trying to carry burdens that are too heavy for you. I most earnestly desire that you shall both be genuinely brave, that your hearts may be filled with fortitude and courage.*18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 23*

Do not suppose that you will ever be situated, in this world, where there is nothing hard or trying.*18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 24*

In the Christian life there are triumphs to be gained, not triumphs that will bring human ovations and praise, but triumphs that God alone will recognize. Everything depends on your possessing the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Perfect faith is a loyal, tested faith, and it makes perfect the possessor.*18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 25*

I must [close] now, for the mail goes today; and there are others to whom I wish to write. May the Lord give you His grace, my dear friends. We will all unite with you in pressing the battle to the gates. We love you both in the Lord. Christ loves you with a love that is more precious than gold or silver or precious stones. Walk by faith, not by sight. Bring uplifting, sanctifying grace into your own lives and into the lives of others. Then you will be all light in the Lord. Close the windows of the soul earthward and open them heavenward. "Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say, Rejoice." [*Philippians 4:4.*]*18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 26*

In much love.*18LtMs, Lt 252, 1903, par. 27*

**Lt 253, 1903**

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Dr. J. H. Kellogg  
Battle Creek, Michigan

Dear Brother,—

I must tell you that your ideas in regard to some things have been decidedly wrong. I would that you could see your errors. The book *Living Temple* is not to be patched up, a few changes made in it, and then advertised and praised as a valuable production. It would be better to present the physiological parts in another book under another title. When you wrote that book, you were not under the inspiration of God. There was by your side the one who inspired Adam to look at God in a false light. Your whole heart needs to be changed, thoroughly and entirely cleansed. *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 1*

My brother, do not allow yourself to be alienated from your ministering brethren who tell you of your dangers. Those who faithfully and frankly tell you of your errors are your best friends. I am sorry, very sorry, for your medical associates. They have been unfaithful to God and untrue to you in failing to tell you kindly but firmly where you were not working righteously. *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 2*

There are many things that you must overcome before you can be saved. In the heart that is not led by God, there is a something that leads it to desire to be sustained in its wrong course. The men who faithfully tell you the truth, pointing out your mistakes, you have

regarded as your enemies. But often they are your best friends and, in telling you wherein you were walking in strange paths, were doing a very disagreeable duty. The Lord's servants are not to flatter your pride; they are not to stand silent, fearing to say, "Why do ye thus?" They are faithfully to warn you of your danger. *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 3*

My husband, Elder Joseph Bates, Father Pierce, Elder Edson, and many others who were keen, noble, and true were among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844, searched for truth. At our important meetings, these men would meet together and search for the truth as for hidden treasure. I met with them, and we studied and prayed earnestly; for we felt that we must learn God's truth. Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light and studying the Word. As we fasted and prayed, great power came upon us. But I could not understand the reasoning of the brethren. My mind was locked, as it were, and I could not comprehend what we were studying. Then the Spirit of God would come upon me, I would be taken off in vision, and a clear explanation of the passages we had been studying would be given me with instruction as to the position we were to take regarding truth and duty. Again and again this happened. A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of God was plainly marked out before me, and I gave my brethren and sisters the instruction that the Lord had given me. They knew that when not in vision, I could not understand these matters, and they accepted as light direct from heaven the revelations given me. Thus the leading points of our faith as we hold them today were firmly established. Point after point was clearly defined, and all the brethren came into harmony. *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 4*

The whole company of believers were united in the truth. There were those who came in with strange doctrines, but we were never afraid to meet them. Our experience was wonderfully established by the revelations of the Holy Spirit. *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 5*

For two or three years my mind continued to be locked to the Scriptures. In 1846 I was married to Elder James White. It was some time after my second son was born that we were in great

perplexity regarding certain points of doctrine. I was praying to the Lord to unlock my mind, that I might understand His Word. Suddenly I seemed to be enshrouded in clear, beautiful light, and ever since, the Scriptures have been an open book to me. *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 6*

I was at that time in Paris, Maine. Old Father Andrews was very sick. For some time he had been a great sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism. He could not move without intense pain. We prayed for him. I laid my hands on his head, and said, "Father Andrews, the Lord Jesus maketh thee whole." He was healed instantly. He got up and walked about the room, praising God, and saying, "I never saw it on this wise before. Angels of God are in this room." The glory of God was revealed. Light seemed to shine all through the house, and an angel's hand was laid upon my head. From that time to this I have been able to understand the Word of God. *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 7*

After the passing of the time, we were opposed and cruelly falsified. Erroneous theories were pressed in upon us by men and women who had gone into fanaticism. I was directed to go to the places where these people were advocating these erroneous theories, and as I went, the power of the Spirit was wonderfully displayed in rebuking the errors that were creeping in. Satan himself, in the person of a man, was working to make of no effect my testimony regarding the position that we now know to be substantiated by Scripture. *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 8*

Just such theories as you have presented in *Living Temple* were presented then. These subtle, deceiving sophistries have again and again sought to find place amongst us. But I have ever had the same testimony to bear which I now bear regarding the personality of God. *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 9*

In (*Early Writings, 60, 66, 67*), are the following statements: *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 10*

"May 14, 1851, I saw the beauty and loveliness of Jesus. As I beheld His glory, the thought did not occur to me that I should ever be separated from His presence. I saw a light coming from the glory that encircled the Father, and as it approached near to me, my body

shook and trembled like a leaf. I thought that if it should come near me, I would be struck out of existence; but the light passed me. Then could I have some sense of the great and terrible God with whom we have to do.”*18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 11*

“I have often seen the lovely Jesus, that He is a person. I asked Him if His Father was a person, and had a form like Himself. Said Jesus, ‘I am the express image of My Father’s person!’ [*Hebrews 1:3.*]*18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 12*

“I have often seen that the spiritual view took away all the glory of heaven, and that in many minds the throne of David and the lovely person of Jesus have been burned up in the fire of spiritualism. I have seen that some who have been deceived and led into this error, will be brought out into the light of truth, but it will be almost impossible for them to get entirely rid of the deceptive power of spiritualism. Such should make thorough work in confessing their errors, and leaving them forever.”*18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 13*

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There is a strain of spiritualism coming in among our people, and it will undermine the faith of those who give place to it, leading them to give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Errors will be presented in a pleasing and flattering manner. The enemy desires to divert the minds of our brethren and sisters from the work of preparing a people to stand in these last days.*18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 14*

I am instructed to warn our brethren and sisters not to discuss the nature of our God. Many of the curious who attempted to open the ark of the testament, to see what was inside, were punished for their presumption. We are not to say that the Lord God of heaven is in a leaf, or in a tree; for He is not there. He sitteth upon His throne in the heavens.*18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 15*

The work of the Creator as seen in nature reveals His power. But nature is not above God, nor is God in nature as some represent Him to be. God made the world, but the world is not God; it is but the work of His hands. Nature reveals the work of a positive, personal God, showing that God is, and that He is a rewarder of

those who diligently seek Him. *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 16*

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I could say much regarding the sanctuary; the ark containing the law of God; the cover of the ark, which is the mercy seat; the angels at either end of the ark; and other things connected with the heavenly sanctuary and with the great day of atonement. I could say much regarding the mysteries of heaven; but my lips are closed. I have no inclination to try to describe them. *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 17*

I would not dare to speak of God as you have spoken of Him. He is high and lifted up, and His glory fills the heavens. "The voice of the Lord is mighty; it shaketh the cedars of Lebanon. The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him." [See *Psalms 29:5; Habakkuk 2:20.*] *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 18*

My brother, when you are tempted to speak of God, where He is, or what He is, remember that on this point silence is eloquence. Take off your shoes from off your feet; for the ground on which you are placing your careless, unsanctified feet is holy ground. *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 19*

I am instructed to say that there is nothing in the Word of God to substantiate your spiritualistic theories. Will you not renounce these theories at once? Upon them your mind has been dwelling for a long time, but they have had no sanctifying, refining, ennobling influence upon your life. The Lord has no use for these theories, and He would not have His people vindicate or propagate them. *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 20*

The Father, the omniscient One, created the world through Christ Jesus. Christ is the light of the world, the way to eternal life. He, the anointed One, God gave to make an atonement for the sins of the world. You need to understand that unless you believe in that atonement, and know that you are bought with the price of the blood of the only begotten Son of God, you will assuredly be bound up with the wicked one. If you continue to cherish the theories that you have been cherishing, you will be left to become the sport of Satan's temptations. He is playing the game of life for your soul.

Remain for a little longer linked up with him, and be assured that you will lose your soul.<sup>18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 21</sup>

By declaring that our institutions are undenominational, you have put our people and our work in a false position. You have been led over a terrible path, the dangers of which you have not known, but may sometime see. It is not yet too late for wrongs to be righted. There is hope for you. You have followed the enemy step by step, striving to look into mysteries too high and holy for your comprehension. Then in your teaching the Holy One has been brought down to man's scientific, spiritualistic ideas. You have been walking in crooked paths. You have lost the moral image of God. But there is hope for you. You may still turn your feet into the right path. Will you not now make straight paths for your feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way? Will you now refuse to sow one more seed of skepticism and sophistry in the minds of others? Will you now come to Christ and be healed?<sup>18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 22</sup>

I have hesitated and delayed about the sending out of that which the Spirit of the Lord has impelled me to write. I did not want to be compelled to present the satanic influence of these sophistries. But unless there is a decided change, in yourself and your associates, I shall have to do this, to save others from following the path that you have been following. I shall have to obey the command given me of God, "Meet it." This is the only thing that I can do.<sup>18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 23</sup>

I present to you the things that the Lord has presented to me. There is a great work to be done. We are to take hold of the work understandingly, praying, believing, and receiving the Holy Spirit. Thus only can we do the work given us. I am required by God to bear testimony against *Living Temple*. Whatever your associates may say concerning this book, I take the position now and forever that it is a snare. No union will be formed by our people as a whole upon the theories that you have begun to present in that book. You may regard this as forever decided. As a people we shall stand firm on the platform that has withstood test and trial. We shall hold to the sure pillars of our faith. The principles of truth that God has revealed to us are our only foundation. They have made us what we



are. These new, fanciful theories are fascinating and misleading. They endanger the eternal interests of the soul. The Scriptures do not sustain them. Clothed with the Christian armor, shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, we shall stand firm against these misleading theories. You may turn and wrest the Word of God to your own destruction, but I entreat you not to do this.*18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 24*

Heaven is not a vapor. It is a place. Christ has gone to prepare mansions for those who love Him, those who, in obedience to His commands, come out from the world and are separate. The principles of heaven must be brought into our experience, that we may be distinguished from the world. There must be a marked contrast between us and the world; for we are God's denominated people.*18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 25*

The Lord has given you an opportunity to make things right. I rejoice that you have made a beginning. Do not think that we have no right to try to correct your errors and the results of these errors. As long as God gives me breath, and commissions me to use pen and voice in beating back this evil thing that has come in among us, I shall act my part in the warfare. Ever since I was seventeen years old, I have had to fight this battle against false theories, in defense of the truth. The history of our past experience is indelibly fixed in my mind, and I am determined that no theories of the order that you have been accepting shall come into our ranks. If you refuse to change, and labor to lead your associates after you, and they venture to follow your leading, the accountability rests with you and with them, not on my soul.*18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 26*

I speak decidedly, in order that you may know, that unless there is a decided change in you, there can be no hope of a union between you and those who are holding the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end. You have made the division. We must stand firm for the truths that the Lord has given us as the pillars of our faith.*18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 27*

I entreat you to turn to the Lord with full purpose of heart, before it is forever too late. Separate yourself from the influences which have separated you from your brethren who are engaged in the gospel

ministry and from the people whom God is leading. Patchwork theories cannot be accepted by those who are loyal to the faith and to the principles that have withstood all the opposition of satanic influences. *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 28*

If you will empty yourself of all that has separated you from Christ, and receive the Saviour into your heart, you will be transformed in character. Lay off responsibilities for a time, and go away somewhere with a few of your brethren, and with them search the Scriptures. Humble your heart before the Lord, and make thorough work for repentance. The religion of Christ is the spiritual leaven that is to be introduced into the heart. This changes the life and character. This religion is a heavenly principle, seen in the Christian's life and conversation. It is revealed in Christian purity. The love of Christ is seen in the tenderness and grace of sanctified humanity. It is by the Word made flesh that we are saved. Our redemption was wrought out, not by the Son of God's remaining in heaven, but by the Son of God's becoming incarnate—taking humanity upon Him and coming to this world. Thus eternal life was brought to us. That which authority, commands, and promises could not do, God did by coming to this world in the likeness of sinful flesh. *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 29*

Christ came to the earth to live as a man among men, not to be spoiled by human frailty, but to place in the minds of men principles of truth that could never be obliterated, because they are eternally true. He came to bring a new life to fallen human beings—an excellence that could not be stained or deteriorated by sin. *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 30*

My brother, I must tell you that you have little realization of whither your feet have been tending. You have been binding yourself up with those who belong to the army of the great apostate. Your mind has been as dark as Egypt. If you will fall on the Rock and be broken, Christ will accept you. But you have been standing on the enemy's ground, doing his work. The religious world is fast going over the same road that you have been following. If you continue to follow this road, you will have plenty of company. But what will the end be? *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 31*

So long have you been walking in darkness, so long have you followed your own way, that you may be strongly tempted to resist this appeal that I make. If it were not that your eternal interests are involved, I would not speak to you on this subject. It would seem that I have written enough, that there is no need of my urging this subject upon you further. But I tell you in truth that I clearly understand what I am doing. Sufficient light has been given you. But for several years you have not heeded this light. If you had wished to know what the Lord has said, you could have known; for you have the books that have been written under the guidance of His Spirit. You have had all the directions that could be asked for to point out the right way. Direct light has been sent you. But you have looked upon this as of less importance than your own plans and devisings. If you had heeded the testimonies sent you, *Living Temple* would never have been written. *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 32*

Will you not make a thorough, determined, Christlike effort to break the spell that Satan has cast over you? He has had great power over your mind and has swayed you in wrong lines. He thinks that he can hold you now. Will you not defeat and disappoint him? *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 33*

I write to you as I would to a son. Break away from the enemy—the accuser of the brethren. Say to him, “Get thee behind me Satan. I have committed a grievous sin in heeding your suggestions. I will no longer listen to them.” I beg of you, for your soul’s sake, to resist the tempter, that he may flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. You will lose heaven unless you fall on the Rock and are broken. *18LtMs, Lt 253, 1903, par. 34*

## Lt 253a, 1903

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 18, 1903

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Dr. J. H. Kellogg,—

I cannot sleep after half-past eleven o'clock. My soul is much burdened. My brother, I have read your letter, and I long to say the things to you that would please you, but I cannot say that I have confidence in you as one whom the Lord is leading. You have sold yourself to the world in speech and in spirit. God took you at your word. His people have been misrepresented. You have done us, as a people, great harm by the course of action you have followed with lawyers in your business transactions. You have hurt us in the estimation of the world. You have so mixed matters with worldly policy, that God's people do not stand on vantage ground, and the Lord is greatly displeased with and dishonored by your work. *18LtMs, Lt 253a, 1903, par. 1*

You deny that you have been scheming. I can only say, Then your eyes have been blinded. Your works are not standing before you as they are in fact. Dr. Kellogg, if you rightly interpret the sense of the word “scheming” as I understand it, you will realize that there has been much of it carried on all through the years of your late experience. Even with unbelievers you were spoiling your record. *18LtMs, Lt 253a, 1903, par. 2*

God designed that the General Conference of 1901 should influence you to make a decided change in your life purposes. The testimonies borne before vast numbers of people have as much of a bearing on your life as on any one else connected with the cause and work of God. There were things that you might have righted up on that occasion. These things were presented to me in the light in which heaven viewed them. But you did not change your sentiments. You did not humble your heart and confess and

become converted. You did not make any radical change in your course of action. I was working hard to bring about an honest change in regard to the work with which you were connected, and in regard to yourself, fully believing that your future course of action would sustain the impression I was endeavoring to make. I fully believed that if you were an honest man, you would see the need of pursuing an entirely different course of action, that you would accept the light coming to you in the messages that had been given and work out a thorough change in yourself. *18LtMs, Lt 253a, 1903, par. 3*

But instead of taking a right position, when something came that did not harmonize with your views, you said, "Somebody has told her." Thus it has been when anything has come that cut across your track. *18LtMs, Lt 253a, 1903, par. 4*

But I hoped and hoped that you would change, until I was instructed that the words meant to encourage you to take the right stand were exerting the opposite influence on you. A condition of things has come about that has opened the door to the enemy. Old thoughts, which were never killed, have had a resurrection, and the ideas set forth in *Living Temple* are the result. *18LtMs, Lt 253a, 1903, par. 5*

The only course that I could pursue in order to stand in a correct light before the people was to let all know that the Lord had been sending you messages all along the line, from your first connection with the Sanitarium; that your errors had been reproofed by the Lord; that you had been warned that your course of action in disparaging the ministers of the gospel was against Jesus Christ, who gave them their work to do. Your true position has been laid out distinctly, but in the past the members of the Medical Missionary Association have known little of this. *18LtMs, Lt 253a, 1903, par. 6*

Instruction has been given me that the light should now come in clear lines to those associated with you, lest they be led astray. It was presented before me that when you did things which your associates knew were not right, they did not act as faithful shepherds, to tell you your mistake, because you would not acknowledge that your course of action was wrong and would not receive anything that did not harmonize with your ideas. *18LtMs, Lt*

*253a, 1903, par. 7*

When messages have been placed in your hands to correct your course of action, you failed to give your associates the benefit of the instruction received. You yourself have not been left in darkness, but your associates have been in regard to your being out of the way. Your wrongs were reprov'd, but they were none the wiser. *18LtMs, Lt 253a, 1903, par. 8*

I am now instructed to place before our people the warnings given in regard to the medical missionary work—that this work was not to be a separate work, but was ever to be the helping hand of the gospel. The enemy influenced men to devise special documents to be signed. This was a snare to those who signed, to the institutions connected with the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and to yourself. You were acting in the capacity of one of authority and of chief influence, having oversight of these institutions. There was no need for the warnings on this point to be given more than once, but they had to be repeated over and over again. The light given, unheeded, had to be repeated, more and still more forcibly, that it might be shown that these methods and plans were not after the Lord's order. *18LtMs, Lt 253a, 1903, par. 9*

You had your post of duty in the medical missionary work, but you were embracing responsibilities that God had not laid upon you; and men who should have obtained an experience for themselves were being encouraged to bind themselves up with you and to lean their weight upon you in the place of leaning upon the great Medical Missionary whom all physicians should make their strength. *18LtMs, Lt 253a, 1903, par. 10*

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Dr. Kellogg is an erring, finite man, and he often made mistakes—and some of a grievous character in regard to other physicians who should have moved out on their own responsibility as they had a perfect right to do. They should have stood independent of Dr. Kellogg, yet united as children of God, counseling together. Through misconceived ideas, excellent physicians have been treated harshly, and the Lord marked every one of these men driven away by oppression and mismanagement. *18LtMs, Lt 253a,*

These things were wrong and were making Dr. Kellogg a weak man in dealing with those who differed with him. He has erred greatly in this respect. Among the physicians associated with Dr. Kellogg, some have served as subjects would serve a king. This was not the purpose of God. They should have made God their power and trust. The physicians were taught to believe that our ministers were not all in sympathy with the medical missionary work. In some cases this was true, but in other cases it was not true. There has been growing up a spirit of criticism and a lack of faith in the gospel ministry, and this has continued until the present time. Now the publication of *Living Temple* has brought about a crisis. If the ideas presented in this book were received, they would lead to the uprooting of the whole construction of the faith that makes Seventh-day Adventists a chosen, denominated people. *18LtMs, Lt 253a, 1903, par. 12*

The light that has been given, I dare not withhold. The Lord has appointed me as His messenger, and I must speak the words He gives me. The testimonies that have been given by the Lord for nearly half a century in regard to the ministerial work and the management of our sanitariums must come before the people, that our brethren and sisters in the faith shall understand the light that God has been pleased to give regarding the different branches of the work to be carried on at this time. *18LtMs, Lt 253a, 1903, par. 13*

Pantheistic ideas regarding God in nature are framed by Lucifer, the fallen angel. The strange part of the matter is that these ideas have been accepted by so many as beautiful truth. But that which they think is light will lead them into dense darkness. It is a distinguishing feature of the experience of Seventh-day Adventists to give glory to God. When we give glory to human agencies, when we have unlimited confidence in man, speaking of the excellence that we suppose him to possess, we worship we know not what. Let God be exalted. Let frail, erring human beings humble themselves before Him. *18LtMs, Lt 253a, 1903, par. 14*

The time will come when I must speak much more plainly and warn our brethren in plain tones not to be led astray with the false theories of *Living Temple*. I have been shown the seductive nature

of the sentiments it contains, and that which has been declared over and over again I need not repeat. These representations are said to be in harmony with the sentiments in Sister White's published works. Those who make statements such as this are doing my books great injustice. Let all bear in mind that statements from my books may be taken out of their setting and placed in such connection as to make it appear that the sentiments in *Living Temple* are sustained by Sister White's very words.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 253a, 1903, par. 15*

A sense of duty to my Lord leads me to speak. The time for action has come. I have had much to say of the glory of God as seen in His created works, but never have I left the impression that our God Omnipotent, who ruleth in the heavens and fills all the heavens, is to be found in flower and leaf and tree. What I have said of God's works in nature was meant to lead the mind from nature to nature's God, to show that all the glory should be given to Him who ruleth in the heavens, controlling all things in heaven and in earth. Men are to discharge their duty to God. They are to have reverence for and a knowledge of a personal God. They are to praise and glorify His name as the One who has placed many beautiful things in this sin-corrupted earth, that from the child to the man and woman of mature years, all may see that God loves His family here below. He so loves us that He gave us a tangible proof of His love by sending His only begotten Son to bear the sin of the world, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. God desires us to think of the height and depth and breadth of His measureless love, which is without a parallel, and to remember that we are his purchased possession. "Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are His." [1 *Corinthians* 6:19, 20.] We are to act as in the sight of the heavenly universe, conscientiously discharging our obligations to our Creator.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 253a, 1903, par. 16*

The world is to be taken captive by Satan's deceiving representations. Where then is our security? How shall we guard against Satan's bewitching artifices? By reading the Word of God with an intensity of desire to know Him in the light of revelation which He has left on record of Himself; by meditating upon his precepts diligently. We are to obey His commands, afraid to venture



out of the path of divine revelation and to indulge in fallacious reasoning.*18LtMs, Lt 253a, 1903, par. 17*

We are to realize that if we work the works of Christ, we will not unite with the world. The Holy Spirit will give us a clear, distinct message to the world. If we will come into close relation to Christ, we shall have a part to act in carrying forward the work of present truth for this time. We are to co-operate with the three highest powers in heaven—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these powers will work through us, making us workers together with God. But when a man goes forth in human sufficiency, then the enemy comes in and inspires him, and he knows not what manner of spirit he is of. The Lord saw this and instructed me that, at the General Conference held in Oakland, I should hold no conversation with you.*18LtMs, Lt 253a, 1903, par. 18*

**Lt 254, 1903**

Medical Missionaries

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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**Christ Our Example in Medical Missionary Work, No. 1**

To medical missionaries,—

Christ, the great Medical Missionary, came to our world as the ideal of all truth. Truth never languished on His lips, never suffered in His hands. Words of truth fell from His lips with the freshness and power of a new revelation. He unfolded the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, bringing forth jewel after jewel of truth. *18LtMs, Lt 254, 1903, par. 1*

Christ spoke with authority. Every truth essential for the people to know, He proclaimed with the unfaltering assurance of certain knowledge. He uttered nothing fanciful or sentimental. He presented no sophistries, no human opinions. No idle tales, no false theories clothed in beautiful language came from His lips. The statements that He made were truths established by personal knowledge. He foresaw the delusive doctrines that would fill the world, but He did not unfold them. In His teaching He dwelt upon the unchangeable principles of God's Word. He magnified the simple, practical truths that the common people could understand and bring into the daily experience. *18LtMs, Lt 254, 1903, par. 2*

Christ might have opened to men the deepest truths of science. He might have unlocked mysteries that would have required centuries of toil and study to penetrate. He might have made suggestions in scientific lines that would have afforded food for thought and

stimulus for invention to the close of time. But He did not do this. He said nothing to gratify curiosity or to satisfy man's ambitions by opening doors to worldly greatness. In all His teaching Christ brought the minds of men in contact with the infinite mind. He did not direct the people to study men's theories about God, His Word, or His works. He taught them to behold Him as manifested in His works, in His word, and as manifested by His providences.*18LtMs, Lt 254, 1903, par. 3*

#### **Christ's Victory; Our Unbelief**

While upon this earth, the Son of God was the Son of man; yet there were times when His divinity flashed forth. Thus it was when He said to the paralytic, "Be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee." [*Matthew 9:2.*]*18LtMs, Lt 254, 1903, par. 4*

"But there were certain of the scribes sitting there," who "began to reason," not openly, but "in their hearts," "saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? who can forgive sins, but God alone?" [*Mark 2:6; Luke 5:21.*]*18LtMs, Lt 254, 1903, par. 5*

"And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is it easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith He to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house." [*Matthew 9:4-6.*]*18LtMs, Lt 254, 1903, par. 6*

The great Medical Missionary took away the sins of the paralytic and then presented him to God as pardoned. And He gave him also physical healing. God had given His Son power to lay hold of the eternal throne. While Christ stood forth in His own personality, He reflected the luster of the position of honor that He had held within the enriching light of the eternal throne.*18LtMs, Lt 254, 1903, par. 7*

On another occasion Christ made the request, "Father, glorify Thy name." And in answer there came a voice from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." [*John 12:28.*]*18LtMs, Lt 254, 1903, par. 8*

If this voice did not move the impenitent, if the power that Christ manifested in His mighty miracles did not cause the Jews to believe, we should not be greatly surprised to find that medical missionary workers today are in danger, through continual association with those who are incredulous, of manifesting the same unbelief that the Jews manifested and of developing the same perverted understanding. *18LtMs, Lt 254, 1903, par. 9*

I am made unutterably sad as I consider the condition of things that has been opened before me. In the past, when matters have been shown to be wrong, there has been a realization of the wrong, and this has been followed by confession, repentance, and thorough reformation. But of late there have not been faithful stewards to repress the evils that needed to be repressed. Can we, then, be surprised that there is great spiritual blindness? *18LtMs, Lt 254, 1903, par. 10*

Those engaged in the gospel ministry need to learn of Christ His meekness and lowliness and to be thoroughly converted, that their lives may testify to a world dead in trespasses and sins, that they have been born again. Medical missionary workers, also, need to be converted. When they are converted, their influence will be a power for good in the world. They will be willing to receive counsel and help from their brethren, because they have been sanctified through the truth. Daily they will receive rich supplies of grace from heaven to impart to others. *18LtMs, Lt 254, 1903, par. 11*

To every one of His appointed agencies the Lord sends the message, "Take your position at your post of duty and then stand firm for the right." To all I am instructed to say, "Find your place. Receive not the fanciful sentiments of men who are not taught by God. Christ is waiting to give you insight into heavenly things; waiting to quicken your spiritual pulse into renewed activity. No longer subordinate the claims of future, eternal interests to the common affairs of this life. 'Ye cannot serve God and mammon.' [Matthew 6:24.] Wake up, brethren, wake up." *18LtMs, Lt 254, 1903, par. 12*

Medical missionary work is called for in a broader sense than is now understood. The work is needed that is outlined in the

commission which Christ gave to His disciples just before His ascension. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth," He said. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:18-20.*]18LtMs, Lt 254, 1903, par. 13

These words point out our field and our work. Our field is the world; our work the proclamation of the truths that Christ came to our world to proclaim. Men and women are to have opportunity to gain a knowledge of present truth, an opportunity to know that Christ is their Saviour, that 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.*]18LtMs, Lt 254, 1903, par. 14

#### **A Warning Against Centralization**

Christ embraced the world in His missionary work, and the Lord has shown me by revelation that it is not His plan for large centers to be made, for large institutions to be established, and for money to be gathered from all parts of the world to support these large institutions. Plants are to be made in many places. First one and then another part of the vineyard is to be entered, until all has been cultivated. Efforts are to be put forth first wherever the need is greatest. But we cannot carry on this aggressive warfare and at the same time make an extravagant outlay of means in a few places.18LtMs, Lt 254, 1903, par. 15

The Battle Creek Sanitarium is too large. A great many workers will be required to care for the patients who come. A tenth of the number of patients who come to that institution is as many as should be cared for in one medical missionary center. Centers should be made in all the cities that are unacquainted with the great work that the Lord would have done to warn the world that the end of all things is at hand. "There is too much," said the great Teacher, "in one place."18LtMs, Lt 254, 1903, par. 16

Let those who have fitted themselves to engage in medical missionary work in foreign countries go to the places that they

expect to make their field of labor and begin work right among the people, learning the language as they work. Very soon they will find that they can teach the simple truths of God's Word.*18LtMs, Lt 254, 1903, par. 17*

#### **A Neglected Field Near Us**

There is in this country a great, unworked field. The colored race, numbering thousands upon thousands, appeals to the consideration and sympathy of every true, practical believer in Christ. These people do not live in a foreign country, and they do not bow down to idols of wood and stone. They live among us, and again and again, through the testimonies of His Spirit, God has called our attention to them, telling us that here are human beings neglected.*18LtMs, Lt 254, 1903, par. 18*

Missionaries are needed to work for the colored people, and missionaries are needed also to work for the poor white people of the South. This broad field lies before us unworked, calling for the light that God has given us in trust.*18LtMs, Lt 254, 1903, par. 19*

**Lt 255, 1903**

Medical Missionaries

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**Christ Our Example in Medical Missionary Work, No. 2**

To medical missionaries,—

That which is most needed by medical missionary workers is the guidance of the Spirit of the Lord. Those who labor as Christ, the great Medical Missionary, labored must be spiritually minded. But not all who are doing medical missionary work are exalting God and His truth. Not all are submitting to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Some are bringing to the foundation wood, hay, and stubble—material that will not bear the test of fire. *18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 1*

I pray that I may have wisdom and power from God to present to you that which constitutes gospel medical missionary work. This is a great and important branch of our denominational work. But many have lost sight of the pure, ennobling principles underlying acceptable medical missionary work. *18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 2*

In my diary I find the following, written one year ago: *18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 3*

October 29, 1902

This morning I woke early. After praying most earnestly for wisdom and clearness of mind, that I might properly express the matters urged upon my attention, I wrote out about ten pages of instruction. I know that the Lord helped me to trace on paper the important

matter that should come before His people.*18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 4*

When writing thus, I feel intensely, but after the instruction has been recorded, relief comes to my mind; for I know then that the subject matter presented to me will not be lost, even though the subject may pass from my mind.*18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 5*

Those only who realize that the cross is the center of hope for the human family can understand the gospel that Christ taught. He came to this world for no other purpose than to place men on vantage ground before the world and the heavenly universe. He came to bear testimony that fallen human beings, through faith in His power and efficacy as the Son of God, may become partakers of the divine nature. He alone could make an atonement for sinners and open the gates of Paradise to the fallen race. He took on Himself, not the nature of angels, but the nature of man and in this world lived a life untainted by sin. "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." [*John 1:14, 12.*]*18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 6*

By His life and death Christ taught that only in obedience to God's commandments can man find safety and true greatness. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." [*Psalm 19:7.*] God's law is a transcript of His character. It was given to man in the beginning as the standard of obedience. In succeeding ages this law was lost sight of. Hundreds of years after the flood, Abraham was called, and to him was given the promise that his descendants should exalt God's law. In course of time the Israelites went into Egypt, where for many years they suffered grievous oppression at the hands of the Egyptians. After they had been in slavery for nearly four hundred years, God delivered them by a wonderful manifestation of His power. He revealed Himself to the Egyptians as the Ruler of the universe, one greater than all heathen deities.*18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 7*

At Sinai the law was given a second time. In awful grandeur the



Lord spoke His precepts and with His own finger engraved the decalogue upon tables of stone. *18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 8*

Passing down through the centuries, we find that there came a time when God's law must once more be unmistakably revealed as the standard of obedience. Christ came to vindicate the sacred claims of the law. He came to live a life of obedience to its requirements and thus prove the falsity of the charge made by Satan that it is impossible for man to keep the law of God. As a man He met temptation and overcame in the strength given Him from God. As He went about doing good, healing all who were afflicted by Satan, He made plain to men the character of God's law and the nature of His service. His life testifies that it is possible for us also to obey the law of God. *18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 9*

Never did Christ deviate from loyalty to the principles of God's law. Never did He do anything contrary to the will of His Father. Before angels, men, and demons He could speak words that from any other lips would have been blasphemy: "I do always the things that please Him." [*John 8:29.*] Day by day for three years His enemies followed Him, trying to find some stain in His character. Satan, with all his confederacy of evil, sought to overcome Him; but they found nothing in Him by which to gain advantage. Even the devils were forced to confess, "Thou art the holy One of God." [*Mark 1:24.*] *18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 10*

#### **Self-Sacrifice**

What language could so forcibly express God's love for the human family as it is expressed by the gift of His only begotten Son for our redemption? The Innocent bore the chastisement of the guilty. "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 on 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 3:16-18.*] *18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 11*

Christ gave Himself, an atoning sacrifice, for the saving of a lost world. He was treated as we deserve, in order that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. "With His stripes we are healed." [*Isaiah 53:5.*]*18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 12*

Christ was tempted in all points like as we are, by the one who once stood in loyalty by His side in the heavenly courts. Behold the Son of God in the wilderness of temptation, in the time of greatest weakness assailed by the fiercest temptation. See Him during the years of His ministry, attacked on every side by the forces of evil. See Him in His agony on the cross. All this He suffered for us.*18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 13*

Christ's earthly life, so full of toil and sacrifice, was cheered by the thought that He would not have all His travail for nought. By giving His life for the life of men, He would win the world back to its loyalty. Although the baptism of blood must first be received; although the sins of the world were to weigh upon His innocent soul; yet for the joy that was set before Him, He chose to endure the cross and despised the shame.*18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 14*

Study Christ's definition of a true missionary: "Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Mark 8:34.*] Following Christ as spoken of in these words is not a pretense, a farce. Jesus expects His disciples to follow closely in His footsteps, enduring what He endured, suffering what He suffered, overcoming as He overcame. He is anxiously waiting to see His professed followers revealing the spirit of self-sacrifice.*18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 15*

Those who receive Christ as a personal Saviour, choosing to be partakers of His suffering, to live His life of self-denial, to endure shame for His sake, will understand what it means to be a genuine medical missionary.*18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 16*

When all our medical missionaries live the new life in Christ, when they take His Word as their guide, they will have a much clearer understanding of what constitutes genuine medical missionary

work. This work will have a deeper meaning to them when they obey the law engraven on tables of stone by the finger of God, including the Sabbath commandment, concerning which Christ Himself spoke through Moses to the children of Israel, saying: *18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 17*

“Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily, My Sabbaths ye shall keep; for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. ... The children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever.” [*Exodus 31:13, 16, 17.*] *18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 18*

Let us diligently study God’s Word, that we may proclaim with power the message that is to be given in these last days. Many of those upon whom the light of the Saviour’s self-sacrificing life is shining refuse to live in accordance with His will. They are not willing to live a life of sacrifice for the good of others. They desire to exalt themselves. To such ones truth and righteousness have lost their meaning, and their unchristlike influence leads many to turn away from the Saviour. God calls for true, steadfast workers, whose lives will counteract the influence of those who are working against Him. *18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 19*

To every medical missionary worker I am instructed to say, Follow your Leader. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He is your example. Upon all medical missionary workers rests the responsibility of keeping in view Christ’s life of unselfish service. They are to keep their eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of their faith. He is the source of all light, the fountain of all blessing. *18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 20*

#### **A Firm Stand for the Right**

God calls upon His workers, in this age of diseased piety and perverted principle, to reveal a healthy, influential spirituality. My brethren and sisters, this God requires of you. Every jot of your influence is to be used on the side of Christ. You are now to call things by their right name, and stand firm in defense of the truth as

it is in Jesus.*18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 21*

It behooves every soul whose life is hid with Christ in God to come to the front now and to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. Truth must be defended and the kingdom of God advanced as they would be were Christ in person on this earth. If He were here, He would be drawn out to rebuke many who, though professing to be medical missionaries, have not chosen to learn of the great Medical Missionary His meekness and lowliness. In the lives of some occupying high positions in the medical missionary work, self has been exalted. Until such ones rid themselves of every desire to uplift self, they cannot clearly discern the character of Christ, nor can they do the work that He did.*18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 22*

When the Holy Spirit controls the minds of our church members, there will be seen in our churches a much higher standard in speech, in ministry, in spirituality than is now seen. The church members will be refreshed by the water of life, and the laborers, working under one Head, even Christ, will reveal their Master in spirit, in word, in deed, and will encourage one another to press forward in the grand, closing work in which we are engaged. There will be a healthy increase of unity and love, which will bear testimony to the world that God sent His Son to die for the redemption of sinners. Divine truth will be exalted; and as it shines forth as a lamp that burneth, we shall understand it more and still more clearly.*18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 23*

The testing truth for this time is not the fabrication of any human mind. It is from God. It is genuine philosophy to those who appropriate it. Christ became incarnate in order that we, through belief of the truth, might be sanctified and redeemed. Let those who hold the truth in righteousness arouse and go forth, shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, to proclaim the truth to those who know it not. Let them make straight paths for their feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way.*18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 24*

We are now to unify and by true medical missionary work prepare the way for our coming King. But let us remember that Christian unity does not mean that the identity of one person is to be

submerged in that of another; nor does it mean that the mind of one is to be led and controlled by the mind of another. God has not given to any man the power that some, by word and act, seek to claim. God requires every man to stand free and to follow the directions of the Word. *18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 25*

In every movement Christ's followers are to reveal their regard for Christian principles—loving God supremely and their neighbor as themselves; reflecting light and blessing on the pathway of those who are in darkness; comforting those who are cast down; sweetening the bitter waters in the place of giving their fellow pilgrims gall to drink. *18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 26*

Let us increase in a knowledge of the truth, giving all praise and glory to Him who is one with the Father. Let us seek most earnestly for the heavenly anointing, the Holy Spirit. Let us have a pure, growing Christianity, that in the heavenly courts we may at last be pronounced complete in Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 27*

“Behold the Bridegroom cometh! Go ye out to meet Him!” [*Matthew 25:6.*] Lose no time now in rising and trimming your lamps. Lose no time in seeking perfect unity with one another. We must expect difficulties. Trials will come. Christ, the Captain of our salvation was made perfect through suffering. His followers will encounter the enemy many times and will be severely tried; but they need not despair. Christ says to them, “Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” [*John 16:33.*] *18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 28*

The following lines seem to portray the Christian warfare: *18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 29*

I thought that the course of the Christian to heaven  
Would be bright as the summer and glad as the morn.  
Thou show'dst me the path; It was dark and rough,  
All rugged with rock, all tangled with thorn;  
I dreamed of celestial rewards and renown;  
I asked for the palm branch, the robe, and the crown;  
I asked, and Thou show'dst me a cross and a grave. *18LtMs, Lt 255, 1903, par. 30*

**Lt 256, 1903**

International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 25, 1903

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To the officers of the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association

Dear Brethren,—

The Lord has instructed me that our people are to establish a sanitarium in Washington, D.C., to co-operate with the publishing house and the school to be established there. In this sanitarium opportunity is to be given to the youth to learn how to conduct sanitarium work in harmony with the instruction that God has sent His people. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 1*

I was also instructed that in the establishment of the sanitarium at Washington, we are not to unite with Dr. Kellogg, because he knows not where he has been standing as regards his faith in God and in Christ. The truth must be given to the people of Washington very differently from the way in which it would be given were it under the direction of your Association. The Lord would have His work carried on in a different spirit from that manifested by Dr. Kellogg at the Oakland Conference and in Battle Creek since the Conference. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 2*

Several years ago the Lord instructed me that we should establish a sanitarium in Washington and that it should stand separate and independent from the Sanitarium at Battle Creek. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 3*

Ever since my return from Australia, light has been clearly given me

that those who are firm in the faith should place themselves decidedly on the Lord's side, and that they should work with all their God-given power to counteract the centralizing influences that have developed round the medical work in Battle Creek.*18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 4*

The Lord has plainly instructed me that we must not permit the medical men in Battle Creek to sway the work in Washington, because, unless greatly changed, they would exert a strong influence to thwart the plan of God in that important center. While these men continue to follow principles that God has condemned, how could the Lord be honored by having the Battle Creek mold placed on all our medical institutions? Those who give shape to our medical work in Washington should be sound in the faith, understanding clearly the principles of the truth that in positive terms have been given to us as a people.*18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 5*

From time to time the Lord has presented many things before me regarding the perils of our physicians who are associated together at Battle Creek. At various times Dr. Kellogg has been presented to me as walking in a false show, desiring to have the credit of being the first in medical missionary work. By his remarks he sometimes gives the impression that he is the author of the medical missionary work. But this honor does not belong to any man. It is the Lord, not man, who is the teacher and leader of His people.*18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 6*

God has moved upon the hearts of men in different places to engage in this work. He has given them wisdom to plan and devise, and they have carried forward the work that He has laid upon them. It is His purpose that Dr. Kellogg shall give close attention to the work devolving upon him and that he shall leave his brethren free to do their appointed work as the Lord shall direct them.*18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 7*

For many years the Lord has been sending testimonies of encouragement, instruction, warning, and reproof to Dr. Kellogg, but because of his great confidence in his own plans and work, the doctor has failed to comprehend or to heed many of the counsels

which were essential to his welfare. The position that he has taken with men of the world, binding himself up with them, gives evidence that instead of becoming established in the truth, he is departing from the faith. His theology is not sound; his mind is confused, and unless he sees his danger, his foundation will be swept away when the test comes. Unless he sees his danger and makes a decided change, he cannot be endorsed as a safe, all-round teacher for the students who go to Battle Creek to study in medical missionary lines. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 8*

If Dr. Kellogg would link up with his brethren, and receive counsel from them, he would be on safer ground. But he has had great confidence in his own capabilities, and this has led him to take strong positions. Unless he is converted and humbles his heart before God, his high opinion of his wisdom and knowledge will lead to acts which will place him and the truth we cherish as a denomination in disrepute. But if he will walk humbly with God, if he will be teachable, if he will let God work upon his heart, the Lord will use him to advance the medical missionary work. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 9*

But if he is exalted by his associates as the great head of this work, he will bring in a very strange order of things. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 10*

Those who have dared to place such large confidence in a finite man, overlooking his defects, excusing and justifying his mistakes, have done him great injury, and God will call them to account. If Dr. Kellogg is not now entirely beyond help, it is not because he has not been sufficiently praised and sustained and exalted by men. If he escapes an experience similar to that of Nebuchadnezzar, it will be because his soul revolts at his own presumptuous ambitions and his high opinions of his plans and his wisdom. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 11*

Since the General Conference of 1901, I have carried a very heavy burden. Before I went to the Conference, light was given me that we must do all that we could to help Dr. Kellogg. The Lord said, "He is My physician. But he is himself in need of healing. He has taken upon himself responsibilities that I have not given him." He was to



be given another opportunity to establish his faith in the testimonies that for nearly half a century the Lord has been sending His people. Had he at that Conference fallen on the Rock and been broken, had he come to God in humiliation and contrition, he would have received great light. But he allowed ambitious plans to occupy his mind. He has not taken time to study the Scriptures diligently, and he has not a true understanding of the work for these last days. He has not cherished a true, genuine faith—a faith that would qualify him for the work of God. He has been in a dangerous position. Unless he places himself where he can be worked by the Holy Spirit, he will weave into his talks to the students that which is not true. He has planned to do a great work. But the Lord forbids us as His appointed watchmen, stewards of His grace and shepherds of His flock, to allow him any longer to carry on the work in his own ambitious way. Instead of feeling that it is his work to speak and write about God as he has done, he should go apart for a time and diligently study the Scriptures. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 12*

Dr. Kellogg has taken the position before those not of our faith that the Battle Creek Sanitarium is undenominational and has thus placed our work in a false light. He has made indistinct the line of demarcation between worldlings and those who hold in trust the most solemn truth ever given to mortals. Thus God has been greatly dishonored. The truth that has made us what we are is the same as it always has been. We must now more distinctly define the medical missionary work. As John the Baptist prepared the way for Christ's first coming, so we are to prepare the way for His second coming. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 13*

### **Past Warnings**

For years the dangers of our medical work have been presented to me. Some of the letters that I have written to the physicians and managers of our older sanitariums will soon be published for the benefit of our younger physicians. But to you who are associated together at Battle Creek, I feel that I must write very plainly; for you need a thorough awakening. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 14*

One year ago I wrote the following, which I will now send you: *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 15*

October 26, 1902

During the past night I have slept but little. I feel grateful to God for goodness and love. I thank Him for permitting me to have a part in the work of preparing the way for His second coming.*18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 16*

I have spent the greater part of the night praying that the Lord, by some way of His own choosing, will open Dr. Kellogg's understanding, that he may see that he is departing from the faith. Unless he is led to realize his true spiritual condition, he will walk away from Christ into false paths. I am greatly burdened by the thought that those connected with the doctor in medical missionary work do not see that he is not standing on the platform of Bible truth. Unless there is a change, grave errors will be brought in. These will be rejected by some, but by others they will be accepted. Dr. Kellogg will have a sad account to give unless he sincerely repents for lifting himself up unto vanity and assuming over souls a power that has hurt them spiritually.*18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 17*

Dr. Kellogg has favored those who have consented to follow his plans, and he has disparaged those who have differed from him in their understanding of what constitutes medical missionary work. Of those who have not shaped their course to suit his devising, it has been declared that they are not in harmony with medical missionary work. But these assertions are not always the truth. No man has the right to attach to the work his own plans and methods and then claim that those who do not in all things act in harmony with his ideas are not medical missionaries.*18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 18*

Dr. Kellogg has woven so much of himself into some lines of the medical missionary work that it is sick, diseased, needing the care of the great Physician. When he does the work of a true medical missionary, as heaven designs he shall, the showing will be very different from what it now is.*18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 19*

When the leaders of the medical missionary work see themselves as the Lord sees them, there will be sorrow and humiliation. All who are enlightened by the Holy Spirit will see that self-denial and genuine humility are the first requisites for the success of medical missionary work. God acknowledges only the work that bears His

seal. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 20*

Had our brother, who has assumed many responsibilities that God has not laid upon him, devoted his energies to that which for years the Lord has bidden him do, he would now be a much safer man to entrust with large responsibilities. But he does not discern the truth for this time. He has been framing false theories, and by these he governs himself. He thinks and asserts that he is right, but he does not understand the testing truth for this time. Unless he is converted, it will not be safe to accept him as a leader. He who stands as a leader of God's people should do nothing that will mislead, nothing that will bring in false theories and sentiments. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 21*

It becomes those who are associated with Dr. Kellogg to watch and pray, lest they be found building on sliding sand. It is not safe for any man to interpret the Scripture according to his own ideas. Whoever does this places himself where he is subject to strong temptations. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 22*

The Lord has given me many messages for Dr. Kellogg, to encourage him, to point out his mistakes, and to place him where he would have clear light in regard to the testimonies that the Lord has been giving His people. But he did not take heed. The Lord gave him evidence of the truth of the testimonies that He was sending His people. But Dr. Kellogg has often disregarded the cautions and reproofs given him, when they did not coincide with his own ideas and judgment. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 23*

When, during the General Conference of 1901, light came clearly to him, he should have confessed his mistakes and errors, that he might be converted. But instead of humbling himself, he began to build himself up in his own purposes. The work that he should have done at this meeting was not done. Had he at that time taken his stand as one determined to cleanse his soul from all iniquity, there would have followed a reformation that would have placed the medical missionary work on a proper basis, where it would have been all that the name includes. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 24*

The Lord has a great work to accomplish through His faithful medical missionaries. But in order for them to do this work, they

must be converted, body, soul, and spirit. God has made provision for every possible emergency. He will furnish help to all who walk and work in purity of heart. There is no lack to those who walk uprightly. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 25*

Dr. Kellogg occupies a position of great responsibility. Many are looking to him as one able to comprehend the truth. But he often misleads minds in regard to his work. He cannot meet his high responsibilities unless he is converted. That which he most needs is a knowledge of God's will concerning himself—a knowledge of how to speak, how to teach, how to control his spirit. He needs to learn how to place in the Lord's ministers the confidence that he desires them to place in him. The Lord calls upon Dr. Kellogg and his associates to step into line with their brethren, to become united in spirit with the ministers and teachers who are carrying forward the work that the Lord has given them to do. Many of these workers are conscientiously trying to serve the interests of the cause of God, and they should have the sympathy and support of the medical workers. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 26*

The rich and wonderful provisions of the gospel embrace the medical missionary work. This work is to be to the third angel's message as the right arm is to the body. It is not to be made the head. Dr. Kellogg has endeavored to make it the head, but this is not right. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 27*

The Lord reproves those who do not watch unto prayer, those who forget that they are wholly dependent upon Him and amenable to Him. He reproves those who misrepresent the great Medical Missionary, those who do not keep the way of the Lord, doing their utmost to prepare a people to become members of the family of the redeemed. He is dishonored by those whose course leads away from Christ and the truth for this time. The Lord desires that our medical workers shall proclaim the last warning message of the gospel. When they leave out the principles of present truth, skepticism runs through their work, and God cannot endorse it. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 28*

The principles of present truth are to be studied and practiced by our people, that the line of demarcation between him that serveth

God and him that serveth Him not may be kept unmistakably distinct. A close examination of God's Word will reveal the riches of the grace of Christ, which are to be received by God's people, and by them imparted to those in need. *18LtMs, Lt 256, 1903, par. 29*

Lt 257, 1903

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Dr. J. H. Kellogg  
Sanitarium  
Battle Creek

Dear Brother,—

I received a letter from you yesterday and read it carefully. I am very thankful to learn that your eyes are being opened and that you [are] beginning to understand the perilous position in which you have been standing. Nothing will give me so much joy as to know that the Holy Spirit is doing its threefold work in your heart—the work spoken of in *John 16:8*. “When He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.”<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 1*

With this I am sending you an article I have written on leadership. It is incomplete, but I write it now in order that, should I suddenly be removed by death, those in the world who have any knowledge of Mrs. Ellen G. White may know that she did not engage in controversy with you or with any one else in regard to the leadership of the denomination.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 2*

I will now send you a letter written several days ago relative to the immovable character of the pillars of our faith and a copy of what I have lately written to your associates about Christ as our example in medical missionary work; also an article from my diary written November 17 and 18, which you may read as if written to yourself. I am sending also to yourself and to your associates a caution about

any effort to interfere with the Washington work and a caution that they shall not influence you in wrong lines, whereas they should be helping you to get into the light. I am sending you also copy of a letter which I recently wrote to Brother Burden.*18LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 3*

I have an intense longing for your prosperity and the welfare of your soul. I am praying that the Lord Jesus will break down every barrier between you and Him. Learn for yourself how to appreciate Christ. Learn how to glorify Him. Cease to please the enemy by cherishing suspicions of your brethren. Let self be hid with Christ in God. Learn the lesson of rejoicing, and no longer bring suspicion upon the gospel. By performing the work to which you have been appointed, let piety and faith have their natural growth in your life. Let the truth reign in your heart and sanctify your soul. Give room in your thoughts for the gospel. Let Christ dwell in you richly, leading you, guiding you, influencing you. Learn the note of praise and thanksgiving.*18LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 4*

Let the Lord teach you His will and His way. It is a great misfortune for you to have been associated with those who credit all you say, receiving your assertions as the counsel of God.*18LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 5*

I entreat you not to make surface work, but to make sure work for eternity. Remember that you are God's by creation and by redemption. "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall man give in exchange for his soul?" [*Mark 8:36, 37.*]*18LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 6*

My brother, I wish to repeat to you the word of God as it was spoken to me for you. One of authority called you by name and said, "You are to avoid the beginnings of sin, else there will be no hope for you in the future. You have mismatched medical missionary work with human philosophy. The medical missionary work is sick, and is not acceptable to God."*18LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 7*

If you had heeded the light given you, you would not have ventured to do the work you have done, exalting yourself and trying to bring the medical work under your control. This effort has advanced

decidedly since the General Conference of 1901. I have been instructed that had you at that Conference made confessions that would have cleared your soul, had you humbled yourself in the presence of God as a little child, the medical missionary work would stand very much higher than it does today. The reproach would have been rolled away. The power of the Lord would have been exerted to cure the disease of the soul. *18LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 8*

God disciplines His children. He requires from them obedience, full and complete. He will not allow them to have their own way. To this the laws of His kingdom say, No. He expects them always to obey Him, and sometimes without any reasons being given. You have had reasons, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little; but for a long time you have followed your own way, refusing to submit to the Lord's discipline. *18LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 9*

My brother, as surely as you live, you will have to be very decided and thorough in the changes that you make in your practices if you are numbered at last with the members of the redeemed family. You must reveal to angels and men that you are born of God, living definitely for God, working with an eye single to His glory. You are not to uplift and magnify yourself. Thus saith the Lord, "This people have I formed for Myself; they shall show forth My praise." [*isaiah 43:21.*] To serve and honor God—this is to be our highest object. When it is, the prudence and wisdom of our words and acts will be a constant witness for God. Our lives will reveal Him to the world. *18LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 10*

When this experience is yours, you will understand perfectly that you must speak the truth only, and you will dread anything that would detract from the glory of God. You will realize that those who are engaged in the solemn, sacred work of ministering to the bodies and souls of human beings—a work that means so much to those for whom it is done—are to be separate from the world in spirit, in principle, in character. You will have a deep insight into spiritual things and a comprehension of that which words cannot express—the love that passeth knowledge, the love spoken of in the words, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world



knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.” [1 *John 3:1-3.*] *18LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 11*

The Son of God does indeed call men, uniting them with Him as brethren, conferring upon them the honor of divine sonship. What wonderful condescension on the part of Christ. He became our elder brother, that we might become the sons and daughters of God. We have been bought with a price, and what a price! Christ volunteered to come to this earth and stand at the head of fallen human beings, who were heirs of guilt, under sentence of eternal death. We must have perished had He not borne our guilt and the wrath of God. *18LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 12*

My heart aches as I see how faint a realization human beings have of what has been done for them. How I wish they could see as I see what is meant by the punishment of the guilty. The invitation comes to us, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” [*John 1:29.*] Those who do not believe in Christ, receiving Him as a personal Saviour, must die in their sins. They must suffer the punishment of the second death. Those who remain in unbelief cannot appreciate the love that Christ has expressed for them, and they will never have an experimental knowledge of the suffering that Christ endured in order that their sins might be pardoned and they be received as children of God. *18LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 13*

Those who in this earth become sons of God sit together with Christ in the preparatory school, getting ready to be received into the higher school. Day by day we are to make an individual preparation; for in the courts above no one will be represented by proxy. Each one must heed for himself the call, “Come unto Me, ... and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] *18LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 14*

The Lord Jesus has paid your tuition fees. All that you have to do is

to learn of Him. The Christlike politeness practiced in the higher school is to be practiced in this lower school by both old and young believers. All who learn in Christ's school are under the training of heavenly agencies; and they are never to forget that they are a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. They are to represent Christ. They are to help one another to become worthy of admission into the higher school. They are to help one another to be pure and noble and to cherish a true idea of what it means to be a child of God. They are to speak encouraging words. They are to lift up the feeble hands and strengthen the feeble knees. Upon every heart there is to be inscribed the words, as with the point of a diamond, "There is nothing that I fear, save that I shall not know my duty, or shall fail to do it." *18LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 15*

We are living in a time when we should seek the Lord most earnestly. I have a longing desire that you shall be true to principle. I do not mean what you have called principle; for your course since the Conference of 1901 bears its testimony that your definition of principle is not safe or correct. Do not allow yourself to be persuaded that the course which you have followed is the course of sound, sanctified, holy principle. *18LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 16*

There are many ways in which human beings can crucify the Son of God afresh and put Him to open shame. The worship of worldly business so confuses the mind that Satan stealthily approaches and insidiously gains entrance. He has many theories by which to lead astray those who will be led. The erroneous views of God that the world is entertaining are skepticism in disguise, preparing the way for atheism. By hasty words and selfish deeds, men often grieve the heart of Christ. Thus Satan works untiringly to lead them to disloyalty. As he gains control of minds, he makes upon them lasting impressions, and the realities of eternity fade away. *18LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 17*

A self-controlled spirit, words of love and tenderness, honor the Saviour. Those who speak kind, loving words, words that make for peace, will be richly rewarded. We are the appointed ministers of Christ, and we are to let His Spirit shine forth in the meekness and lowliness learned of Him. As a result, because we have not exalted ourselves, we shall find the rest that Christ gives. *18LtMs, Lt 257,*

1903, par. 18

Christ took human nature upon Him and bore it, pure and spotless, into the heavenly courts. He will bear this nature through the ages of eternity. In ascending to heaven with a glorified humanity, Christ has declared what man can become if he will do the will of God, but it is only through the mediation of Christ that any human being can overcome. Of the redeemed we read, "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony." [*Revelation 12:11.*] God will honor those who accept Christ, making them witnesses of Him to the world. *18LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 19*

Those who do not lay hold of and appreciate this power stand in their own light, keeping themselves from thorough consecration. My brother, you have been losing a most valuable experience. Study to develop a sensitive appreciation of what Christ has done for you. Examine yourself to see whether you are in the faith. There is danger that your mind will continue to be so filled with business cares that you will not give yourself time to receive the grace of Christ. Your eyes have been so blinded that you have not seen your danger. But it is not too late for wrongs to be righted. *18LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 20*

Your imperfections are not few, and your failure to obtain the heavenly treasure will make you bankrupt for eternity unless you buy of Christ the pure gold tried in the fire. Keep your eyes fixed on Christ. Study His life—a life filled with goodness, grace, and truth. Follow His example. Ask yourself, Am I, in purpose and character, like Christ? The contemplation of the Saviour will attract you more and more strongly to Him. It is the beholding of the love of Jesus that gives light and life to the soul. Study the excellence of the character of Christ. Remember that to Him has been given all power. This power is for you, if you will have it. As you become a humble, faithful witness for Christ, you will be able to say, "Thy gentleness hath made me great." [*Psalm 18:35.*] *18LtMs, Lt 257, 1903, par. 21*

**Lt 258, 1903**

Hall, L. M.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 23, 1903

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Dear Sister Hall,—

I meant to have written to you long before this. The one hundred dollars that you sent was gratefully received, but I cannot consent to accept it as a gift. You made me a present of a nice velvet sacque. I did not feel as if I ought to take this, but I knew that it was freely given, and I appreciated the gift. But the money has been entered on my books as a loan from you, at five per cent interest. I am hoping that I shall soon have more means. I have recently completed the settlement of an old debt of six thousand dollars at the Review and Herald office. *18LtMs, Lt 258, 1903, par. 1*

The publication of *Desire of Ages* was a heavy expense, and enough copies of the book have not yet been sold to settle the debt thus incurred. But this debt is gradually being lessened. I paid for plates of this book to send to Australia, that the Echo office might publish an edition. The money that I paid out for these plates will slowly come back to me as the office there disposes of the books. *18LtMs, Lt 258, 1903, par. 2*

Every year thousands of dollars from the royalty on my books goes into new books for this country, and to Europe to help in the translation of books into different languages, and to advance other lines of work. I feel a great satisfaction in this investment. *18LtMs, Lt 258, 1903, par. 3*

I gave Stephen Belden several hundred dollars. I could not let him and his wife suffer for food and clothing. I paid their expenses to and from Norfolk Island. *18LtMs, Lt 258, 1903, par. 4*

I gave one thousand dollars to the Avondale school, to help in the

purchase of the estate, and at another time I gave fourteen hundred dollars to the work in Australia. The money was used in the erection of the Cooranbong Retreat, in building meeting houses, and in helping to purchase a large tent in which to hold meetings. While I was in Australia, I was a bank for the workers there. *18LtMs, Lt 258, 1903, par. 5*

I tell you this that you may know that I have not incurred debt needlessly. My debt is a large one, but I am not worried in regard to it. I have no fears but that it will soon be settled. Not long ago, Brethren Magan, Hall, and C. H. Jones laid plans to settle this debt by our people selling *Education* in something the same way that *Object Lessons* was sold. I wrote to Elder Daniells that I could not accept one dollar raised in this way; that other enterprises needed the liberalities of our people. *18LtMs, Lt 258, 1903, par. 6*

As for taking money from you, I can assure you, my dear sister, that I will not accept a penny. I have been, and am in a strait place financially, but I am hoping and praying that the Lord will send me means. I have recently borrowed five hundred dollars from the St. Helena Bank, at eight per cent interest. *18LtMs, Lt 258, 1903, par. 7*

But this does not worry me. The only thing that disturbs my mind is the present disjointed condition of the cause of God. It pains me to think that we stand before the world on a low level, when every provision has been made for us to stand before unbelievers on the elevated platform of eternal truth, possessing the advantages that God designed us to possess. Does not Christ say, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son"? [*John 14:13.*] *18LtMs, Lt 258, 1903, par. 8*

Sometimes, when I am praying for Dr. Kellogg, my heart is bowed down as a cart beneath sheaves. I can scarcely pray for weeping. Sometimes I pray for hours while lying in my bed. Last night I slept for only three hours. My heart was drawn out in earnest prayer to God to help His people to be wise unto salvation. I am assured that a grave responsibility now rests upon Dr. Kellogg. Will he humble his heart before God? Will he make straight paths for his feet? Through his lack of judgment and sound religious faith, he has placed us as a people in a most unenviable position; and I am sore

at heart. It seems sometimes as if I could not carry the terrible load for another hour. Must the cause of God be brought into disrepute by those whom He has greatly blessed and honored?*18LtMs, Lt 258, 1903, par. 9*

I am trying to lay the burden at the feet of Jesus, but I must put certain matters into print, that, should I be suddenly removed by death, and should a similar crisis come, our people would know what course to pursue.*18LtMs, Lt 258, 1903, par. 10*

Dr. Kellogg has written me two very humble letters, but this can not heal the wound that the cause of God has received. Dr. Kellogg urges me to come to Battle Creek and bear my testimony there, but I shall not go without clear instruction from the Lord that this is my duty. I do not wish to leave my work here. We have several books in process of preparation. Marian is at work on the temperance book. The manuscript for this book will soon be ready for the printer, I hope. I have decided to give the proceeds from the sale of this book to our sanitarium work. But we have not yet decided definitely what plans to follow in handling the book.*18LtMs, Lt 258, 1903, par. 11*

Can you tell me when you are coming home? Your presence would be a great comfort to me, but I do not want you to come till your work in the East is finished. I want you to be where you know the Lord wants you. Do what seems to you to be right, and I will raise no objections. You are very precious to me, but the Lord may have a work for you to do in Battle Creek. If He has, do it, and I will pray for you. Just such ones as you are needed in Battle Creek now, yet I had hoped that you could be released.*18LtMs, Lt 258, 1903, par. 12*

We are living in the midst of the peril of the last days, and the Lord calls upon us to look to Him for guidance. We need not take one step in the dark. "He that followeth Me," Christ says, "shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." [*John 8:12.*]*18LtMs, Lt 258, 1903, par. 13*

I know that you have many trials to bear, and yet I feel that you have an experience that enables you to bear them without murmuring. I know that you seek to comfort every one that you can.

If you feel that in this time of peril you can help the workers in Battle Creek, your efforts to do this will have my hearty approval.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 258, 1903, par. 14*

**Lt 259, 1903**

Hall, L. M.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 23, 1903

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Dear Sister Hall,—

We are safe if we do the will of our heavenly Father. If I have any will of my own, I do not know it. Mark the closeness of the relationship between Christ and His Father. See the entire dependence of the Son on the Father, as shown in the words, “The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do.” Mark the implicit obedience in the words, “For whatsoever things the Father doeth, these things doeth the Son in like manner.” [*John 5:19*.] No less entire is to be our dependence on Christ, and no less implicit our obedience. Christ’s words regarding this matter are definite. He was standing at the head of humanity, and He set human beings an example of perfect obedience. *18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 1*

“For the Father loveth the Son, and showeth Him all things that He Himself doeth.” [*Verse 20*.] It was in our behalf that Christ came to this world to make known the will of His Father, and to show human beings what they must become before they can stand before God in the heavenly courts. It is our work to obey God—to learn and obey the laws of His kingdom. *18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 2*

### **The Leadership of Israel**

God chose Israel to be His people, and by His mighty power He delivered them from Egyptian bondage. The Egyptians saw and felt the scourging of God. The whole land bore evidence to the power of



Him who ruleth in the heavens. All Egypt was desolated before Pharaoh would submit to God's will. Thus God worked to lead His people in all future ages to magnify His power and to look to Him as the supreme Ruler. *18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 3*

The Son of God, enshrouded in the pillar of cloud, was the leader of the children of Israel, overseeing every phase of their experience. He educated and disciplined them, often testing their faith. Fleeing from Pharaoh's host, they found themselves at one time hemmed in by inaccessible mountains, with the Red Sea before them and the enemy following hard after. The command came, "Go forward," and as they obeyed, the waters parted before them. [*Exodus 14:15, 21.*] *18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 4*

In their journey through the wilderness, the Israelites were led and protected by the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. The stopping of the pillar of cloud was the sign that they were to encamp at the place over which the cloud rested. *18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 5*

Moses, the visible leader of the Israelites, was admitted into the secret councils of the Most High. The people were given evidence that Moses did indeed talk with God, receiving from Him the instruction given them. *18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 6*

Christ would have led the people into the promised land by a much more direct route had they shown a willingness to be guided by Him and to place their dependence on Him. Had they obeyed the directions given them by Moses, not one of those who started on the journey from Egypt would in the wilderness have fallen a prey to disease or death. They were under a safe guide. Christ had pledged Himself to lead them safely to the promised land, if they would follow His guidance. They were under His direct leadership. In every one of them He was interested. But they allowed unbelief to enter their hearts and murmured against Moses and Aaron for bringing them out of Egypt, and punishment came upon them. Only two of the adults who left Egypt entered Canaan. The rest died in the wilderness during the forty years of wandering. *18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 7*

The instructions given to Moses for ancient Israel, with their sharp,

rigid outlines, are to be studied and obeyed by the people of God today. God desires His people to study these lessons and not to follow their own judgment, making their own plans. God has shown that there is only one Lord, and that He rules in the heavens and has given laws that all are to obey. Let us study the experience of the children of Israel and the Lord's dealing with them—His encouragement of the obedient and the punishment that came upon those who were determined to carry out their own devisings, supposing that finite human beings could become an authoritative power, to which all must concede. *18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 8*

God's divine philosophy is revealed in the experience of Israel, chosen by Him from all nations to be His peculiar people. From His dealing with them we learn that He must be obeyed, that those who are determined to exalt themselves must be blotted out. *18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 9*

“In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. ... And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say unto the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine; and ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation. ... *18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 10*

“And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord.” [*Exodus 19:1, 3-8.*] *18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 11*

This is the great charter by which Israel was received as the Lord's chosen people. *18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 12*

### **The Giving of the Law**

Describing the giving of the law, Moses says, “The Lord came down from Sinai, and rose up from Seir; He shined forth from Mount Paran, and He came with ten thousand of saints; from His right hand went forth a fiery law for them. Yea, He loved His people, all His saints are in the midst of Thy hand: and they sat down at Thy feet; every one shall receive of Thy words.” [*Deuteronomy 33:2, 3.*]*18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 13*

God purposed to make the occasion of speaking His law a scene of awful grandeur, in keeping with its exalted character. The people were to be impressed that everything connected with the service of God must be regarded with the greatest reverence.*18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 14*

God showed His contempt for cities and palaces, the work of human hands; and chose a mountain in a great desert as the place from which to proclaim His law. On every side, vast, rugged heights seemed in their solitary grandeur to speak of eternal endurance and majesty. Here the mind was impressed with solemnity and awe. Man was made to feel his ignorance and weakness in the presence of Him who “weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance.” [*Isaiah 40:12.*] Here Israel was to receive the most wonderful revelation ever made by God to man. Here the Lord gathered His people that He might impress upon them the sacredness of His requirements by declaring with His own voice His holy law.*18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 15*

Upon Mount Sinai God came down to speak to the people, His glory so concealed that they could hear His voice without being consumed. From a place untouched by human hands, He spoke. When I think of the scenes connected with the giving of the law, I wish that I could say to every human being, “Man is finite; God and Christ are infinite, omnipotent, eternal.” Let not finite human beings attempt to interpret God, making Him only a God revealed in nature. Many have made a great mistake by the way in which they have represented Jehovah.*18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 16*

The contract, the settlement made by God with Israel, contained no proposition coming from human beings. It was formed by the One who “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.] It is man’s privilege to exercise living faith in the Saviour. John declares, “As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.” [John 1:12.] *18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 17*

I am instructed to say that in the future great watchfulness will be needed. There is to be among God’s people no spiritual stupidity. Evil spirits are actively engaged in seeking to control the minds of human beings. Men are binding up in bundles, ready to be consumed by the fires of the last days. Those who discard Christ and His righteousness will accept the sophistry that is flooding the world. Christians are to be sober and vigilant, steadfastly resisting their adversary the devil, who is going about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. *18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 18*

Men under the influence of evil spirits will work miracles. They will make people sick by casting their spell upon them and will then remove the spell, leading others to say that those who were sick have been miraculously healed. This Satan has done again and again. *18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 19*

God will be the sanctuary of His people if they will obey His Word, believing and proclaiming the simple gospel truths that Christ proclaimed when in this world. We need now to pray as we have never prayed before. We are living in the great day of atonement, and we are to confess our sins and make diligent work of repentance. We are to put all our capabilities to work, that we may be delivered from wicked and unreasonable men. Satan comes down as a beautiful angel and presents lovely pictures before the eyes of those who have so perverted their ways before God that they do not see what they are or know what they need. The enemy has come down with great power, to work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish. God calls for repentance and reconversion. *18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 20*

John writes, “I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne, and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And He came and

took the book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne. And when He had taken the book, the four beasts and the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth.” [Revelation 5:6-10.]18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 21

“And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the beasts and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand; and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.” [Verses 11, 12.]18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 22

“And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever.” [Verse 13.]18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 23

Now is the time for us to educate our tongues to speak the truth. Now is the time for all prevarication to cease. Now is the time for every man to criticize himself and closely examine his own heart, testing it by the law of God.18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 24

Night after night scenes are presented to me which lead me to feel that I must cry aloud, and spare not, that I must lift up my voice like a trumpet, and show God’s people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins. “Yet they seek Me daily,” God says, “and delight to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God; they ask of Me the ordinance of justice, they take delight in approaching to God.” [Isaiah 58:2.] Read the whole of this chapter, the fifty-eighth of Isaiah, and apply it where it truly belongs. God requires His people, and especially those who dare to accept positions in our institutions, to be pure and holy. He calls upon them to wear His yoke, to suffer

no man to bind yokes of human manufacture upon their necks. They are amenable to God, and to Him alone; for they are His blood-bought heritage. *18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 25*

When the lives of God's people are cleansed from moral and spiritual pollution, when their eyes are anointed with the heavenly eyesalve, they will see that they are poor, and wretched, and miserable, and blind, and naked. They will come to the fountain that has been opened for Judah and Jerusalem and apply the cleansing blood of Christ to their poor, sin-sick souls. God grant that they may make no delay in securing the advantages that He has prepared for all who love Him and keep His commandments. *18LtMs, Lt 259, 1903, par. 26*

**Lt 260, 1903**

Hare, George A.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 2, 1903

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Dr. George A. Hare

My dear brother,—

I have just read Elder Daniells' letter to you and your letter to Elder Daniells. I can heartily endorse all that Elder Daniells has written expressing a desire for you to connect with the sanitarium to be established in Washington. *18LtMs, Lt 260, 1903, par. 1*

We would say to you, Please take up this work as soon as possible. Every day lost is one day less in which to carry forward the work. Some one is very much needed just now to stand at the head of this enterprise, and it will be a great relief if your experience can be brought in. If you will accept this invitation, your action will be greatly appreciated by myself as well as by Elder Daniells. *18LtMs, Lt 260, 1903, par. 2*

We want the Washington sanitarium to be established upon different principles and conducted upon different plans from those that have been followed in the Battle Creek Sanitarium. We shall not, therefore, go to Battle Creek to receive counsel regarding the establishment of this institution. The time has come when we must move under the direction of our great Leader, the divine Commander. *18LtMs, Lt 260, 1903, par. 3*

Please do not delay. Consecrate yourself to God, and He will be to you a present help in time of need. By doing the work that awaits your presence and assistance, depending entirely upon God for guidance and direction, you will obtain an invaluable experience. *18LtMs, Lt 260, 1903, par. 4*

God always has men of His appointment to step into the places where work needs to be done, men with whom and by whom He can work. A special work is committed to each one of God's workers. To every man the Lord has entrusted talents, gifts that correspond to the needs of some place. *18LtMs, Lt 260, 1903, par. 5*

When help was required for the building of the tabernacle, the Lord said to Moses: "See, I have called by name Bezaleel ... of the tribe of Judah: and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship. And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab ... of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise-hearted, I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee." [*Exodus 31:2-6.*]*18LtMs, Lt 260, 1903, par. 6*

The Lord will give understanding to every one who will fully connect with His work. We are not left to trust in human wisdom. In the Lord is wisdom, and it is our privilege to look to Him for counsel. *18LtMs, Lt 260, 1903, par. 7*

Again and again recently have these words found in (*Exodus 19*) been brought to my attention: *18LtMs, Lt 260, 1903, par. 8*

"Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shall thou say unto the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine: and ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. *18LtMs, Lt 260, 1903, par. 9*

"And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all the words which the Lord had commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do." [*Verses 3-8.*]*18LtMs, Lt 260, 1903,*



*par. 10*

When the Lord is willing and anxious to justify His people whenever He can do so, should they not respond by keeping His covenant, that they may be His peculiar treasure above all people? It is the privilege of all to obey this covenant. In obedience, we shall more fully understand our duty. *18LtMs, Lt 260, 1903, par. 11*

To no one man is given all the qualifications for every branch of the Lord's work. We are all members of God's family, all in a greater or less degree entrusted with God-given talents, for the use of which we are held responsible. Whether our talent be great or small, we are to use it in God's service, and we are to recognize the right of every one else to use the gifts entrusted to them. *18LtMs, Lt 260, 1903, par. 12*

Never should we disparage the smallest physical, intellectual, or spiritual capital. Some may trade in pennies and farthings, and by God's blessing and unwearied diligence, these humble ones may make successful investments and make a gain proportionate to the capital entrusted to them. No one should make light of any humble worker who is filling his place and is doing a work that some one must do, however small that work may seem. *18LtMs, Lt 260, 1903, par. 13*

O how my heart is grieved, as I see men who have had great opportunities, seeking to place in a circumscribed sphere some one, who, with encouragement, might develop to fill a position of great usefulness. The Lord makes use of vessels both large and small. Many whose lives are filled with activity and earnestness need from others counsel and encouragement and words of approval. God looks with pleasure upon the improvement made by His children as they help and encourage one another. *18LtMs, Lt 260, 1903, par. 14*

All, whether entrusted with few or with many talents, are to blend together in unity. We need more of the spirit of the Saviour that we may help those who have been restricted and hindered. How much we may help them in their efforts to rise will never be known till it is made manifest in the judgment. We should have a word of encouragement to speak to all, remembering that there are a

diversity of gifts. Some who desire to fill a large place and do some great service overlook the little things that must be done by somebody, and forget that those who do these things need their encouragement. *18LtMs, Lt 260, 1903, par. 15*

If we pray much as we work, we shall gain more than if we give ourselves entirely to seeking for the wisdom that comes by experience. The Master-workman is supervising His workers. When, as I write, a new thought comes into my mind, I reverentially thank God for the appropriate word or sentence brought to my mind. *18LtMs, Lt 260, 1903, par. 16*

I can but realize that the Lord is preparing the way for you to connect with the work in Washington. I believe that you will be greatly blessed of God as you take up the work there, and that you will receive evidence that it is God's will for you to be His helping-hand in that city. He who fills the position to which you are invited must not only be skilful in relieving the sufferings of humanity, but he must be a man who can give good advice and help in the building up of the institution. And he must be one who will not feel satisfied only with his own plans. He must be willing to receive counsel from others. *18LtMs, Lt 260, 1903, par. 17*

I thank the Lord that the work is begun at Washington. I am glad that the publishing work has been moved from Battle Creek to Washington, and that plans are being laid for the establishment of a sanitarium in Washington. We see the Alpha, and we know that Christ is also the Omega. Trusting in God, we shall have His approval, and He will work with us as we move forward. We have no time to lose. After plans are laid, other men will be brought in to act their part in carrying forward the work. *18LtMs, Lt 260, 1903, par. 18*

I hope that the Lord will prosper you in all your preparations to leave Fresno. I send love to your wife and children. *18LtMs, Lt 260, 1903, par. 19*

## Lt 261, 1903

Waggoner, E. J.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 30, 1903

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Elder E. J. Waggoner

My dear brother,—

I awake in the night, pleading with the Lord in behalf of the workers who have long known the truth, but who are walking apart from their brethren. They are compassed about by the sparks of their own kindling and are taking positions that separate them from their fellow laborers. *18LtMs, Lt 261, 1903, par. 1*

Why should men who have been given the clear light of the closing gospel message seek out peculiar theories and exalt them, through them exalting themselves and setting themselves off from their brethren. *18LtMs, Lt 261, 1903, par. 2*

This work is not the fruit of righteousness. The Lord is not in it. The experience thus gained is a deceptive one. The Lord calls upon all who have engaged in this work to change their attitude, to move very carefully, to learn the preciousness of the words of Christ, and be content to keep in line with the greatest Teacher that the world has ever known. If they will draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to them. *18LtMs, Lt 261, 1903, par. 3*

As a teacher in one of our training schools for Christian workers, you occupy a position of great responsibility. You are never to forget that it is a great privilege thus to be a co-worker with Christ. You are to co-operate with the purpose of God by working out the divine principles in your own life and also by molding in accordance with these principles the characters of the youth under your charge. Teach these youth to study the simplicity of Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 261, 1903, par. 4*

I am sending you with this a warning against fanciful doctrines, which you may read to your classes. I am also sending a letter which I wrote to you about the time of your return from Europe. I have not felt free to send this letter till now. I pray that you may shun the dangers in your pathways which you see, and also those which you do not see, against which you are warned.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 261, 1903, par. 5*

**Lt 262, 1903**

Ministers and Other Workers in the South

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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To our ministers and other workers in the Southern states,—

I wish you all to know that I am in full sympathy with you in urging our churches in the North and the South, the East and the West, to immediate action in supplying the present needs of the work in the South. Let all now take up in earnest the work of helping to relieve the pressing necessities of the work at Nashville.*18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 1*

Nashville has been presented to me as the most favorable center from which to do a general work for all classes in the Southern states. In and near Nashville there are established institutions of learning, which should be respected by our people. Their influence has helped to make it possible for us to carry forward successfully many lines of work from that center.*18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 2*

#### **How to Meet Trials**

Christ, the only begotten Son of God, was given to our world to save perishing souls from eternal death. “God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” [*John 3:16.*] The life of Christ, His humiliation, His untiring missionary efforts are recorded that we may follow His example. In His mission to this earth, He set before us the lessons that we need.*18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 3*

Christ humbled Himself, bearing the trials and inconveniences that men are called upon to bear. He was the Majesty of heaven, yet He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed. *18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 4*

In time of trial, be patient. Patience is a precious jewel. It will bring help to mind and heart. "Wait on the Lord," until He sees that you are ready to receive and appreciate the blessings for which you ask. [*Psalm 27:14.*] Exercise faith, even though the trial be severe. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." [*Hebrews 11:1.*] Of faith, hope is born. *18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 5*

To accept disappointment meekly and cheerfully requires great self-control. But Jesus understands our need. Every prayer offered to God in sincerity and faith will be answered. In disappointment and trial, let us remember Jesus our Mediator, tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. Talk with Him. He knows whether that for which you ask would be to you a blessing or a curse. *18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 6*

Let us be always cheerful. Let the language of the soul be, "Jesus knows best. He will fulfil His promises in a way that will not hurt my soul. I will seek to use wisely the blessings that He daily bestows upon me. I will pray and hope, believing that I shall receive the very things that will be for my best good. I will seek to impart to others the blessings that I receive. That which God gives, I will use in His service, asking Him to keep me from becoming elated and self-sufficient. I will be humble and thankful." *18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 7*

Having done your best, refuse to give way to discouragement and despair. The perfection of the Redeemer is your strength. When hedged about with apparently insurmountable difficulties, then is the time above all others to trust in the Lord. We are not to walk in our own strength, but in the strength of the Lord God of Israel. It is folly to trust in man or to make flesh our arm. We must trust in Jehovah; for in Him is everlasting strength. *18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 8*

## Last-Day Delusions

I pray that our people may not fall victims to the snares that Satan has laid to entrap unwary souls. But even now many are bewildered. All need to be independent Bible students. I am writing words of warning, that no one need be deceived by the enemy, to lead others into crooked paths. I have carried a heavy burden because of the publication of *Living Temple*. I think that the Lord has permitted this matter to develop in order to arouse our people to understand and value aright the fundamental truths that, as a people, we have received from the Word of God. We must know that we have not followed cunningly devised fables. Our Father bids us call to mind the former days, after which, when we were illumined, we endured a great fight of affliction. I have received most precious assurances that our early experiences were of God. I wish that every one of our people might know, as I know, of the sure and certain way in which the Lord led us in times past. *18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 9*

Brother Amadon knows something of our early experiences. I am sure that he remembers many of the strait places through which we passed. I am glad that Brother Amadon is now engaged in the Southern work. You may strengthen one another in the most holy faith. Each one is to stand in his lot and place. *18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 10*

It causes me great sorrow of heart to see that there are among our workers those who do not realize the dangerous character of the doctrines that some are entertaining regarding God. I know how dangerous these sentiments are. Before I was seventeen years old, I had to bear testimony against them before large companies. In New Hampshire there were men who were active in disseminating false ideas regarding God. Light was given me that these men were making the truth of no effect by their ideas, some of which led to freelovism. I was shown that these men were seducing souls by presenting speculative theories regarding God. *18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 11*

I went to the place where they were working and opened before them what they were doing. The Lord gave me strength to lay

before them plainly the danger of their course. Among other things, they held that those once sanctified could not sin, and this they were presenting as gospel food. Their false theories, with their burden of deceptive influence, were working great harm to themselves and to others. They were gaining a spiritualistic power over those who could not see the evil of these beautifully clothed theories. Great evil had already resulted. The doctrine that all were holy had led to the belief that the affections of the sanctified were never in danger of leading astray. The result of this belief was the fulfilment of the evil desires of hearts which, though professedly sanctified, were far from purity of thought and action.*18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 12*

This is only one of the instances in which I was called upon to rebuke those who were presenting the doctrine of an impersonal God, diffused through nature, and the doctrine of holy flesh.*18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 13*

Now, when I am seventy-six years old, history is being repeated; and day after day, from morning till night, I use my pen in meeting the same dangerous sophistries and fables that we were called to meet so many years ago. In His providence, God has spared me to meet these issues. The Lord has let His Holy Spirit rest upon me, and I am still strengthened and sustained.*18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 14*

The day before yesterday, I felt as if I had reached the end of my labor. I was unable to write. It seemed that an unseen agency was pressing the life from me. I was shut in with a depression that I cannot describe. But yesterday deliverance came, and I wrote during the whole day.*18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 15*

A class of men will arise who will do the work outlined in the words:*18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 16*

“The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; because that which may be known of God is manifest in them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse;



because that when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imagination, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and to fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.” [Romans 1:18-23.] *18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 17*

False science is one of the agencies that Satan used in the heavenly courts, and it is used by him today. The false assertions that he made to the angels, his subtle, scientific theories, led many of them from their loyalty. Having lost their place in heaven, they prepared temptations for our first parents. Adam and Eve yielded to the enemy, and by their disobedience humanity was estranged from God, and the earth was separated from heaven. *18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 18*

Christ pledged Himself to bridge the gulf that sin had made, to reunite that which had been separated. Thus He became the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He shows us the path that leads to heaven and promises to impart His efficiency to every one who believes on Him. He came to our world to reveal, not a mixture of truth and error, but the pure truth of God. All error is misleading, even though clothed with garments of heavenly beauty. *18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 19*

Christ says, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” “He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” [John 14:6; 8:12.] He who accepts Christ enters upon a pathway illuminated by the splendor of the Son of the true and living God. The truth that he believes sheds light on every step of the way. God’s chosen ones will advance from strength to strength, from grace to grace. *18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 20*

We need not seek to know, by scientific methods, what God is. “Who by searching can find out God?” [Job 11:7.] As we follow in the footsteps of Christ our Saviour, we shall learn from Him all that we need to know of God. By the revelation of His life and teaching, He leads men from the lowest depths of sin to the highest place in the heavenly courts, even to a seat upon His throne. In Him all may

be made complete. *18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 21*

New, false interpretations are being given to the truths of the Word, in order that deluded minds may be pleased. Error is made to appear as truth. I am instructed to bear a decided testimony against these misleading theories. I am charged with a message opposed to the heresies and sophistries that are being propagated by Satan. The life and teachings of our Lord give no place to these cunningly devised fables. The loss of eternal life is the price that must be paid for continuing to honor superstition and falsehood above the Word of God, making His teaching of no effect. *18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 22*

The character and power of God are revealed by the works of His hands. In the natural world are to be seen evidences of God's love and goodness. These tokens are given to call attention from nature to nature's God, that His "eternal power and Godhead" may be understood. [*Romans 1:20.*] *18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 23*

Pantheistic theories are not sustained by the Word of God. The light of His truth shows them to be soul-destroying agencies. Darkness is their element; sensuality their sphere. They gratify the natural heart and give leeway to inclination. Separation from God is the result of accepting them. *18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 24*

### **A World-Wide Work**

The words of Paul in the closing chapter of Acts seem to outline our present situation: *18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 25*

"Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias, the prophet, unto our fathers, saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive; for the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Be it known unto you, therefore, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it." [*Acts 28:25-28.*] *18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 26*

“And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves. And Paul dwelt two whole years in his hired house, and received all that came in unto him, preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.” [*Verses 29-31.*]18*LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 27*

Our work is not to be confined to believers. In many important outposts, evangelistic and medical missionary work is to be done. A special work is to be done in Nashville and in Washington. I am heavily burdened in regard to the neglected fields, which have waited so long for the message. I think of the number of believers collected in the places where our largest churches are. Many of those living in these places ought to be out in the field, doing evangelical work. When many interests are kept in a few places, the work in many places cannot be carried forward as it should be.18*LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 28*

Paul thus commands the church at Rome: “I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.” [*Romans 1:8.*]18*LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 29*

These words might today be spoken of Seventh-day Adventists, if they would abide in Christ. If they would make the Saviour’s words a part of their lives, bringing them into the daily experience, they would reveal the virtues of His character. They would be united in the bonds of Christian fellowship. When the people of God are thus united to Christ and to one another, evidence will be borne to the world that God sent His Son to save men from sin.18*LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 30*

Paul continues:18*LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 31*

“I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written. The just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and

unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.”  
[*Verses 14-18.*]18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 32

In what sense was Paul debtor both to the Jew and to the Greek? To him had been given the commission, as it is given to every disciple of Christ, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” [*Matthew 28:19, 20.*] In accepting Christ, Paul accepted this commission. He realized that upon him rested the obligation of laboring for all classes of men—for Jew and Gentile, learned and unlearned, for those occupying high positions and for those in the most lowly walks of life.18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 33

### **An Assurance of Success**

The seventy disciples sent out by Christ on a missionary tour returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name. And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” [*Luke 10:17-19.*]18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 34

Should we not find encouragement in this assurance? But Jesus wishes to draw our minds higher than the contemplation of earthly blessings. “Notwithstanding in this rejoice not,” He said, “that the spirits are subject unto you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” [*Verse 20.*]18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 35

“In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that 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 to Me of My Father; and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal Him.18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 36

“And He turned Him unto His disciples, and said privately, Blessed

are the eyes that see the things that ye see; for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.” [*Verses 21-24.*]18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 37

Those who today work for God must be sanctified through the truth. The Lord calls for men upon whom He can depend, men who will not lead His people into strange paths. Those who do not take Christ as their Leader will surely fail. In His power alone can we gain success. “Without Me,” He declares, “ye can do nothing.” [*John 15:5.*]18LtMs, Lt 262, 1903, par. 38

**Lt 263, 1903**

Physicians and Nurses

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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To physicians and nurses,—

**Be Not Deceived**

Not all of those called medical missionaries appreciate the sacredness of the work in which they are engaged or deserve the name they bear. Many have failed to realize that they must stand before God in their own individuality. No human being is to be their wisdom. In the past they have depended on a man for guidance and have followed his leading. Our medical missionary workers should learn to stand in their lot and place, realizing their personal responsibility. I wish they could learn what this means, “They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.” [*Daniel 12:3.*]<sup>18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 1</sup>

My brethren and sisters in the medical missionary work, when you depend on the wisdom of men, instead of on the wisdom of Christ, you are leaning on a broken reed. “Cease ye from man whose breath is in his nostrils, for wherein is he to be accounted of.” [*Isaiah 2:22.*]<sup>18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 2</sup>

During the General Conference recently held at Oakland, it was plainly revealed that two powers were at work there. But the eyes of many of the medical men at the Conference were blinded. Their spiritual perceptions were clouded, and they accepted the artifices of the enemy as the outworking of righteous plans. Had not the

plans of leading medical men been hindered, the Seventh-day Adventist people would today be accepting theories which would gradually have led them to discard the experience of the past fifty years and to leave the platform on which the Lord placed their feet for the insecure platform built by those who are following the impulses of an unsanctified heart. *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 3*

The truth must now stand forth as it is. God will not have His people misled. If the leaders in the medical missionary work are determined to accept the fallacies presented in *Living Temple*, I shall proclaim the message, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked." [*Galatians 6:7.*] *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 4*

Religion, pure and undefiled, is a mystery of godliness. The learned men of the world, who are wise in their own human wisdom, are ignorant of the mysteries of God and of Christ and of divine truth. Many spend time and strength disputing and reasoning in regard to theories that are but the seductive falsehoods of the enemy. Had they used their powers of mind and body in running the race of eternal life, they would have seen that practical holiness means wholeness in the service of God. Sanctified science will be better understood when the Holy Spirit makes its powerful influence felt in the world. *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 5*

O how much the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit is needed! My brethren and sisters, you cannot afford to draw into the web the beautiful, silky threads of the theories expressed in modern philosophical theology. You must become acquainted with the living God. You cannot afford to accept a semblance of Him. *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 6*

God sees the struggle that is to take place in our world, the whole progress and outcome of which has been traced in the pages of His Word. He sees also the diseased, defective spiritual eyesight of His people, which prevents them from discerning their own deficiencies and from taking an earnest interest in the things of eternity. Christ calls upon the members of His church to cherish the true, genuine hope of the gospel. He points them upward, distinctly assuring them that the riches that endure are above, not below. Their hope is in heaven, not on the earth. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and

His righteousness,” He says, “and all these things”—all that is essential for your good—“will be added unto you.” [*Matthew 6:33.*]*18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 7*

With many, the things of this world obscure the glorious view of the eternal weight of glory that awaits the saints of the Most High. Worldly-minded, spiritually diseased, the eyes of their understanding are blinded. They cannot distinguish the true, the real, the enduring substance from the false, the counterfeit, the passing shadow. Christ urges them to remove from before their eyes that which is obscuring their view of eternal realities. He insists upon the removal of that which causes them to mistake phantoms for realities and realities for phantoms. Learned men, supposed great men, are practicing upon themselves a fearful deception. They are working in partnership with the deceiver who, by an endless succession of delusions, is trying to cheat them out of eternal life.*18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 8*

I wish you could hear, as I have heard, the urgency of the message to sweep away the fanciful for the genuine. God entreats His people to give the strength of body, mind, and soul to the service that He expects them to perform. He calls upon them to be able to say for themselves that the gains and advantages of this life are not worthy to be compared with the riches that are reserved for the diligent, rational seeker for eternal life.*18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 9*

In urging us to lay up treasure in heaven, Christ consults our best good. He does not leave us in ignorance of what is before us. He shows us the vast confederacy of evil arrayed against us. He tells us plainly that we are battling against a mighty foe. But He assures us that we shall not be left to fight alone. Angels are in the ranks of God’s soldiers. And One more powerful than angels is there. The Captain of our salvation leads the way, saying, “Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” [*John 16:33.*]*18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 10*

Never was there greater need than there is now for us to look away from men to God. Those who look to men and make flesh their arm will surely fall into the snare of Satan. God declares, “I will turn and overturn,” until men shall realize that they are but finite erring



creatures, in need of humbling their hearts before God.*18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 11*

### **Our Work**

I have been instructed to direct the minds of our people to the *fifty-sixth chapter of Isaiah*. This chapter contains important lessons for those who are fighting on the Lord's side in the conflict between good and evil.*18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 12*

“Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice; for My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it, that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.” [*Verses 1, 2.*]*18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 13*

It is the doing of the will of God that is to be our strength and influence.*18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 14*

“Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from His people; neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. Thus saith the Lord unto the eunuchs that keep My Sabbaths, and choose the things that please Me, and take hold of My covenant; even to them will I give in Mine house and within My walls a place and a name better than of sons and daughters. And I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants, every one that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of My covenant; even them will I bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon Mine altar; for Mine house shall be called a house of prayer.” [*Verses 3-7.*]*18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 15*

The message contained in this Scripture is to be received by our people as a message for today. The glad tidings of salvation are to be taken to those who have not yet heard them. Satan is determined to place God's people in a false light before the world.

He is pleased when their lives reveal defects, when they cherish objectionable traits of character. These traits of character he uses in his service. He tries to keep God's people in a continual state of uncertainty by bringing in false theories and false science. He seeks to deceive them as he deceived Adam and Eve. He would lead them to depart from God, their true counselor, and accept his spiritualistic sophistries. With these sophistries clothed in the garments of light, he seeks to deceive if possible the very elect. *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 16*

Many yield to his temptations, and the time and influence of God's servants, which should be used in making known to unbelievers the truth for this time, are used in efforts to recover professing believers from Satan's snares. Thus the way of the advancement of the truth is blocked. It is no easy matter to clear the King's highway while men trust in themselves and make flesh their arm. *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 17*

"And taketh hold of My covenant." [*Verse 6.*] This is the covenant spoken of in the following Scripture: *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 18*

"Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say unto the house of Jacob, and all the children of Israel: Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed"—in truth, earnestness, and sincerity—"and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me; for all the earth is Mine; and ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 19*

"And Moses came, and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do." [*Exodus 19:3-8.*] *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 20*

This is the pledge that God's people are to make in these last days. Their acceptance with God depends on a faithful fulfilment of the terms of their agreement with Him. God included in His covenant all

who will obey Him. To all who will do justice and judgment, keeping their hand from doing any evil, the promise is, “Even to them will I give in Mine house and within My walls a place and a name better than of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.” [*Isaiah 56:5.*] *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 21*

Among the people of God there is to be no colonizing. The word of the Lord to them is, “Thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left.” [*Isaiah 54:3.*] They are to make plants in all places. Everywhere the truth for this time is to be proclaimed. Those into whose hearts the light has shone are to remember that they are God’s workmen, His witnesses. To serve and honor Him is to be their science. They are to call upon others to keep His commandments, and live. Obedience to the law of God is the question that is to test the world. *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 22*

“The Lord God which gathereth the outcasts of Israel, saith, Yet will I gather others to Him, beside those that are gathered unto Him.” [*Isaiah 56:8.*] *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 23*

These words outline our work. To all peoples and nations and kindreds and tongues the truth is to be proclaimed. The time has come for much aggressive work to be done in the cities and in all neglected, unworked fields. This the enemy knows, and he tries to keep the minds of those to whom this work has been committed occupied with the sophistries of men. Thus he tries to make them neglect the precious opportunities that come to them to present the truth to those who know it not. *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 24*

Shall those who know the truth, and who ought to be filled with zeal for its advancement, give heed to seducing spirits and misleading doctrines in the very last days of this earth’s history? Shall they allow Satan to fill their minds with his fables, turning their thoughts from the great truth that has been given them to give to others? If the enemy can fill with his sophistry the minds of those who ought to be proclaiming the truth for this time, he will have gained here the victory that he could not gain in heaven. This he is trying to do. In a masterly manner, with entrancing pictures, he is presenting his temptations to those who know the truth. Some are yielding to him and under his influence are becoming filled with thoughts of their

own importance. God abhors their course, but His hand is stretched out still in mercy. He will pardon them if they will humble their hearts before Him. *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 25*

### **A Warning of Present Danger**

To some who are attempting to teach others, God says, Wait until you have learned of the One who can forgive transgression and sin, the One who has a controversy with all who have set themselves to study the science of Satan's inventions. You need to learn the first principles of truth and righteousness. Then you will not accept the suggestions that Satan presents to you. Study the simple truths that are a savor of life unto life to those who receive and practice them. *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 26*

A sad and alarming chapter in our experience has for years been opening before us, and much of its record needs to be blotted out with the blood of redeeming love. There are some who are betraying the truth and betraying their Saviour. Let them dismiss from their minds the theories of the great deceiver. Let them humble their hearts before God. Let them fix their minds on the science of truth contained in His Word. In the books of *Daniel* and the *Revelation* they will find truths to understand which will tax the mind to the utmost. *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 27*

The Lord has laid upon me the burden of directing the people to the pure words of life. Christ says, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." [*John 6:51, 63.*] Read the *sixth chapter of John*. Study the lessons that it teaches. Receive His words, obey them, and you will have eternal life. Many of you, by your scientific study, have placed yourselves in the snare of Satan. The truth that he is tempting you to discard for his deceptive theories means eternal life to you if it is accepted. Exercise faith in the Son of God. Avail yourselves of the efficacy of His blood. Thus only can you be kept from Satan's power. *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 28*

Through self-sufficiency and pride, Satan fell from his high position

as covering cherub; and as he fell, so those today will fall who follow the same course that he followed. His sophistry tells us that this is a time of peace and safety. Christ tells us that sudden destruction is coming, but He declares that the righteous will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.*18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 29*

I lift my voice in warning. Teachers of Israel, get out of self. Place yourselves, I beseech you, on Christ's side, that in the day of trial just before us you may be found accepted of Him. There are many who do not see any need of the danger signal. They see nothing to be alarmed about. A great obstacle has arisen between them and their eternal interests, but they cannot see it. So long have they been absorbed in self that they cannot see that the danger signal needs to be lifted.*18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 30*

God is about to rise out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity. Then the earth will disclose her blood and no more cover her slain. We cannot afford to show an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. "Woe unto them that go down into Egypt for help; and stay on horses and trust in chariots, for they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord! Yea He also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back His words; but will arise against the home of the evildoers." [*Isaiah 31:1, 2.*]*18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 31*

Those who in trouble honor God with the full conscience of their souls will receive from Him according to their faith. Their hearts will be filled with peace, because they have repented, and the Lord has forgiven their sins. But for those who refuse to give God their confidence, who refuse to surrender their souls to His keeping, the enemy has temptations prepared, and their destruction will surely come.*18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 32*

The Lord has not left our medical workers unwarned. He has desired to keep every one. His word has followed them in faithful admonitions. God has called long for repentance and confession and for works meet for repentance, that He might grant forgiveness and show favor. If they had faithfully heeded the instruction, the

Lord would have brought them out into a wide place. Repentance and fruit meet for repentance would have saved them from falling into the snare prepared by the enemy. But the gospel of Christ has not been respected. *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 33*

God's favor is worth everything to us. He deals with His people as a God. We are to appreciate the favors that He grants us. He will deal with us in a way that will prevent all self-exaltation. He desires to show us the vanity of all earthly resources. His power is omnipotent, immutable, infallible. When men learn to place their confidence in Him, He sends them His salvation. From the beginning to the end of time, Christ is the science of salvation. He is the source of strength and life and wisdom and salvation. From Him alone are the leaders in Israel to be daily supplied with grace. Thus supplied, they will give evidence that they are taught of God, who ruleth in the heavens. The work given them, they will do in wisdom and righteousness, to the glory of God. By Him they will be strengthened and sustained as they proclaim the most sacred truth ever entrusted to mortals. *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 34*

God's people are to keep ever before them the need of having the affections of the heart purified by the blood of Christ. The heart must be pure; then it will be peaceable. Those whose hearts are purified by the presence of Christ will have wisdom to repudiate the errors that are prevalent at this time. They will gain a knowledge of God that will lead them to regard Him with reverence and fear and love. They will correctly estimate the sophistry that would bring God down to nothingness. But when men give themselves up to reasoning that is opposed to God's commandments, they are open to the delusions and fancies of the enemy. *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 35*

The gospel, preached in its simplicity, will lead men to judge correctly of moral principles. By Christlike actions they will reveal that they are guided by principles of heavenly extraction. But principles framed by men, according to their own human wisdom, are worthless and misleading. They are as far from the principles framed in the heavenly courts as the heavens are higher than the earth. *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 36*

Is it not time for men to become wise in regard to their future? Is it not time for them to repent and be converted, and no longer lead others in strange paths? To those professing to be medical missionaries, I am instructed to say, Look well to the principles by which you are guided, lest they should be formed to meet your own convenience. *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 37*

Remember that God reads beneath the surface. He sees the motives that prompt to action. Follow true principles—principles that are in accordance with the law of God. Thus only can you see the glory of God. “Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.” [*Isaiah 35:3.*] Do the work that Christ has commissioned His followers to do. God will soon execute His judgments on those who cause the weak to stumble. *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 38*

“Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read.” “In that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek; and His rest shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set His hand the second time to recover the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.” [*Isaiah 34:16; 11:10-12.*] *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 39*

“In that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise Thee; though Thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon His name, declare His doing among the people, make mention that His name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord; for He hath done excellent things; this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion; for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.” [*Isaiah 12:1-6.*] *18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 40*

“Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel, both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light; the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. And I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.” [*Isaiah 13:9-12.*]18LtMs, Lt 263, 1903, par. 41



**Lt 264, 1903**

Wessels, John

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Dear Brother John Wessels,—

I have recently sent several letters to different members of your family and had one written to you that I thought had been copied. But I find I did not give it to my workers. I will now write you again.*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 1*

At Battle Creek there are a large number of our people assembled, and many think that a great work is being done there. I am hoping that all will humble themselves before God and confess their sins, so that the Lord can impress upon their hearts the truth for this time. I greatly desire to see those to whom the Lord has sent repeated warnings take heed to His word.*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 2*

“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulations, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.”  
[*2 Corinthians 1:3-6.*]*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 3*

My brother, I am pleased to see by your letters that you are obtaining a valuable experience. May the Lord lead you step by step forward and upward. If, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit,

you obtain an experience for yourself in the Christian life, that experience will be of more value to you than gold or silver or precious stones; for such an experience will be to you an education which you may take with you into the future life.*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 4*

In heaven the redeemed will enter the higher school to continue their education. Think what it will mean to study through the eternal ages under the personal instruction of Christ! Amidst the present conflicts and temptations, in this our day of probation, we are to form characters that will prepare us to obtain a life that measures with the life of God.*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 5*

Our Saviour came to this world to endure in human nature all the temptations wherewith man is beset. In His life He measured the power of the wily foe to deceive, to allure, and to destroy. As the Redeemer of the race, He warns humanity against seeking after those things that will lead away from the narrow path. He has cast up a glorious highway for those who are traveling toward the heavenly mansions that He has gone to prepare for all who will prepare themselves to become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King.*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 6*

With His life Christ has purchased every human being. He died a cruel death to save human beings from eternal death. He gave His sinless life to obtain for the sinner a life that measures with the life of God. Through His death, He provided a way whereby man may break with Satan, return to his allegiance to God, and through faith in the Redeemer obtain pardon. O how wicked, how ungrateful are those who refuse to accept the mercy that at such infinite cost is offered them!*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 7*

He who has all power in heaven and earth will restore every repenting, believing soul. To as many as receive Him He gives power to become the sons of God. He has a deep interest in every soul, for He paid the price of His own life that no one should be eternally lost. He wishes every son and daughter of Adam to return to his allegiance to God.*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 8*

**Christ, the Light and the Life**

John says of Christ, "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. ... But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." [*John 1:10, 12-14.*]18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 9

"In Him was life; and the life was the light of men." [*Verse 4.*] The words of John show that all spiritual light is also spiritual life. The Word is the light and the life of men. And since all light and life come from Christ, should we not realize our dependence upon Him?18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 10

Those who do not receive and walk in the light are dead in trespasses and sins. As their Substitute and Surety, He makes them alive to God. He suffered the penalty of sin that He might enlighten and give life to the sinner. The gifts of light and life come to us together.18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 11

"The light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." [*Verse 5.*] What sadness this brings to the heart of our Lord Jesus Christ! He sheds His bright rays among the spiritually ignorant and depraved, the debased and the wretched, and they comprehend it not! They do not understand that the greatest blessing possible is offered to them.18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 12

Some thought that John was the Light, and he said of himself, "He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light." [*Verse 8.*] He would not receive the glory that did not belong to him.18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 13

Christ referred to John in the following words: "There is another that beareth witness of Me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of Me is truth. ... But I receive not testimony from men: but these things I say, that ye might be saved. He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light." [*John 5:32, 34, 35.*]18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 14

All the light that John received came from that Word which was

made flesh and dwelt among men. Christ alone is the true Light, and He is the only source of light and life to sinful men. By creation and by redemption we belong to Him. He came to His own, and they received Him not. The nation that He had chosen to be His peculiar people did not believe in Him. They rejected and crucified Him. *18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 15*

But those who receive Him and believe in Him become the spiritual children of God. They are adopted into the royal family, and as they seek to do the will of God, they become conformed into His image. *18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 16*

What condescension is seen in the sacrifice of Christ for fallen man! Why do so many choose to live in sin, taking pleasure in unrighteousness and sinful indulgence, carrying with it as a sure result present wretchedness and unhappiness and the loss of eternal life? *18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 17*

#### **Lay up Treasures in Heaven**

How precious is the knowledge that we have a faithful Friend, One who will impart to us a noble, elevated character, which will fit us for the companionship of the heavenly angels in the courts above! His guardianship is over all His children. They have a peace that the world can neither give nor take away. The loss of earthly treasures does not make them hopeless or homeless. Just before He left His disciples, to tread the painful, humiliating path of sorrow, He said to them: *18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 18*

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” [*John 14:1-3.*]*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 19*

Christ beholds the world, full of activity in seeking for earthly treasures. He sees many eagerly trying first one thing and then another in their efforts to obtain the coveted earthly treasure which they think will satisfy their selfish greed, while in their eager pursuit

they pass by the only path that leads to the true riches.*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 20*

As One having authority Christ speaks to such ones, inviting them to follow Him. He offers to lead them to the riches that are as enduring as eternity. He points them to the narrow path of self-denial and sacrifice. Those who press on in this path, surmounting every obstacle, will reach the land of glory. In lifting the cross they find that the cross lifts them, and they will at last gain the imperishable treasure.*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 21*

Many think to find security in earthly riches. But Christ seeks to remove from their eye the mote that obscures the vision, and thus enable them to behold the far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. They are mistaking phantoms for realities and have lost sight of the glories of the eternal world. Christ calls upon them to extend their view beyond the present and add eternity to their vision.*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 22*

The lives of the inhabitants of this world bear evidence to the character of their worship. The religion of the churches is mingled with worldly greed. Men practice murder, violence, and wickedness of every kind in order to obtain advantage over one another. Could those who compose this vast army see who is their leader, they would refuse to advance under his leadership. Satan now knows that his time has come. He has deceived the world until his image and superscription are stamped upon all their ambitious projects. Whatever their object for wishing to gain the supremacy, men are willing to sell their souls to Satan in order to obtain the highest place.*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 23*

Christ sees the termination of the conflict. The battle is waging more and more fiercely. Soon He will come whose right it is and will take possession of all earthly things. All the confusion in our world, all the violence and crime, are a fulfilment of the words of Christ. They are signs of the nearness of His coming.*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 24*

In that day of His coming, Christ will preserve those who have followed Him, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He has pledged Himself to be their sanctuary. He says to them, Enter thou into a

safe retreat for a little moment, and hide thee until I shall cleanse the earth from her iniquity.*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 25*

Those who have lavished their affection on earthly treasures without regard to the heavenly riches will soon receive their reward. They will lose the earthly treasures to obtain which they have sold their souls to Satan. They are without God and without hope in the world. By following the desires of their unconsecrated, unconverted natures, they have robbed themselves of an eternity of bliss. They have united with Satan, who has played the game of life for their souls.*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 26*

Will those who have not yet fully yielded themselves to the great rebel now come over to the Lord's side?*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 27*

Will they, before it is everlastingly too late, leave the works of wickedness and stand under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel?*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 28*

#### **A Call to Self-denial**

Brother Wessels, God is calling upon His people to deny self. We appeal to men, women, and children to deny themselves every indulgence and use in God's service the money thus saved through self-denial. Let every one pray earnestly to God for complete victory over self-indulgence and self-worship. If Christ, the Majesty of heaven, gave up so much for us, shall we withhold our lives from Him and tread a path of selfish indulgence and gratification?*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 29*

I repeat the words of our Lord: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that

darkness!*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 30*

“No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” [*Matthew 6:19-24.*]*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 31*

This is plain truth and we need make no mistake as to the meaning of these words. There is no place on earth where treasure is secure from loss. But there is a city that has foundations, whose builder and whose maker is God. Christ seeks to draw the attention away from unwise investments in perishable riches, warning men to lay up their treasures in heaven.*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 32*

Day by day, the Lord cares for mankind, giving them sunshine, rain, and dew, increasing the vegetation, bringing forth the variety of fruits each in its season, all as a continual blessing to mankind. Should not those who receive so bountifully from the hand of God become producers as well as consumers? Should they not return to Him His own in tithes and offerings? By putting their talents out to a wise use, men increase their blessings. By putting their money to use in the Lord’s work of soul-saving, they may lay up treasure in the heavens. Our Redeemer seeks to strengthen the desire of every one to seek the heavenly, the eternal treasure. And He is not unmindful of our peace and comfort in this world.*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 33*

By employing their time in useful ways, all may have something to lay upon the altar of God to be used in advancing the knowledge of Him in the earth. All may become laborers together with God by denying themselves of every injurious indulgence and returning to God the pennies, the shillings, and the pounds that would otherwise be spent for alcohol, tobacco, tea, coffee, flesh meats, or other indulgences which destroy the powers that should be used to the glory of God. Thus the higher powers will be brought into healthful action, and temperance in all things will be practiced. By example as well as by precept men may lead others to practice self-denial. Thus they do a work for themselves and gain a preparation to work for others.*18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 34*

Let not precious time be spent merely in selfish pleasure. Those

who spend their time wisely will receive the true happiness. Those who use their means wisely for God will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are agents in the hands of God to do His work, and that they are placing their means where it will not be lost. *18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 35*

By wise calculation you may always have a reserve of strength and of means to impart as a willing offering to the Lord's work in destitute fields, to help to build meeting houses, schools, and health institutions. Thus you may lay up treasure beside the throne of God. You will put in operation agencies, the results of whose work will reach beyond the present and will be seen in souls saved in the kingdom of God. *18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 36*

Will you not, wherever you go, act as my agent in missionary work for the Lord? I send you with this some letters from Nashville, outlining a plan for family collections. Will you please see how many families you can induce to take these boxes. We think that these little messengers will be the means of gathering means for the advancement of the cause of God. Let us take hold earnestly to set in action an agency that may bring in much means to the Lord's treasury. *18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 37*

We have great need of means just now for the work in Washington. We desire to establish a sanitarium in that place. May the Lord bless you and your brothers and sisters and help you to take hold of His work. Invite both believers and unbelievers to separate from injurious habits, and give the money thus saved to the work in Washington and in Nashville. *18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 38*

My brother, make it your business to serve the Lord. Resolve that you will spend some time each day in helping and blessing others. I know that the Lord has led me to write these things to you. *18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 39*

In much love. *18LtMs, Lt 264, 1903, par. 40*



**Lt 265, 1903**

Kellogg, J. H. and associates

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To Dr. Kellogg and his associates,—

The difficulties that have arisen have been very hard to meet, and they are far from being settled yet. One, and another, and still another are presented to me as having been led to accept the pleasing fables that mean the sanctification of sin. *Living Temple* contains the alpha of a train of heresies. These heresies are similar to those that I met in my first labors in connection with the cause in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, then in Boston, Roxbury, New Bedford, and other parts of Massachusetts. Through them the evil one worked upon the minds of men and women. *18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 1*

There was a Mrs. Minor, who had been to Jerusalem. When she returned she advocated some of these sentimental, spiritualistic sophistries. She invited me to visit her and relate what the Lord had shown me. Brother Nichols took my sister and myself to her home in Roxbury, where we found a company of about twenty assembled. Among them were brethren and sisters whom I loved and highly esteemed. They had believed the testimonies that I had borne to the people. But they had been led astray by spiritualistic ideas which were nothing less than a love-sick sentimentalism. *18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 2*

The power of God came upon me as I warned them of their dangers, and some said they had never expected to see so much of the blessing of God this side of the Eden above. I bore them a message similar to the message I have been bearing for the last

two months. I was instructed that the ideas they had accepted were but the alpha of a great deception. I had to meet similar delusions in Portsmouth and in Boston. *18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 3*

These doctrines led to freelovism, and my heart was sorely grieved as I saw the result they brought to those who accepted them. One family who for years had lived happily together was broken up. A man and his wife well advanced in years were separated. The husband left his wife and children and established other family relations. We seemed to be able to do nothing to break the spell upon these persons. The precious truths of the Bible had no influence over them. *18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 4*

This same hypnotic influence is seen working among our people today. Ever since my return to America a heavy burden has rested upon me. Everywhere I see the powers of the enemy. Were it not for the armies of the Lord's host, led by Michael, the destruction that Satan would be pleased to witness would come to the people of God. They would be discomfited and brought to shame. But the Lord will work for His people. He will not suffer them to be defeated. *18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 5*

We have a most solemn work to do. I have been instructed that some of our ministering brethren are working with clouded vision. They see men as trees walking. *18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 6*

Unless Brethren Jones, Tenney, Waggoner, and others, who have been flattered by the leaders of the medical work, are especially worked by the Holy Spirit, they will never see things as they are. It is hard for those who have been charmed by seductive, flattering, soul-destroying theories to see where these theories will lead or to discern wherein their spiritual eyesight has been defective. *18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 7*

Dr. Kellogg has been beguiled by beautiful, philosophical theories that are contrary to the truth. He is standing as a guide and instructor of youth. But for a long time he has been presented to me as a man walking in strange paths. He has not been working with the Lord. If his blind eyes could be anointed with the heavenly eyesalve, and he would then look at himself in the moral looking glass, he would see his sad condition and understand that unless

he breaks his heart before God and makes an entire reformation, he will surely receive of the judgments of God. The Lord will not forever bear with his perversity. *18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 8*

I am instructed to say that Dr. Kellogg is not yet soundly converted, and cannot be until by genuine faith he receives Christ as his Saviour. He needs to feel the divine power that will work in him the change of heart represented in the Scriptures as the new birth. Neither his words nor his actions can be depended on. He is surrounded by circumstances that tend to stimulate his pride and increase his vanity. He does not see his peril, nor does he see the dangerous path which he has been following. *18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 9*

If he were openly united with the world, his course would be less dangerous to the people of God. *18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 10*

God reads the heart. He understands the motives, which cannot be discerned by men. The question was asked by one of authority, "How can God accept such a man, though his professions and his assertions be ever so strong?" For a long time he has been deceived by the enemy. After the South Lancaster Conference, he was for a time in the valley of decision, but since he decided what course he would pursue, he has been making many false paths for his feet. *18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 11*

His course in urging the adoption of binding agreements, and in leaning upon the arm of the law instead of upon the arm of God, has led him further and further from the truth. Yet the Lord says, "Let him now accept My Word. If he will wear My yoke he shall be My chosen physician, My human helper." *18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 12*

At the time of the General Conference in Battle Creek, the Lord mercifully gave him another opportunity to change his course. He has waited for him to humble his heart. All obstructions were removed, even those that his own course had built up. But he was again deceived by the flatteries and sophistries of the enemy. Last spring he began a work of repentance. But he did not make thorough work. *18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 13*

The Lord has a message for Dr. Kellogg. Holding up the Bible, one of authority said to him: "On this book shalt thou meditate day and night. Then you will have much less confidence in your own wisdom and methods and in the agreements and arrangements that you have formulated. You have greatly dishonored God. But He gives you another invitation. If you hear and obey His Word, you will have power to become one of the sons of God. Make straight paths for your feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way. Unless in the cares of your accumulated responsibilities, you take God as your guide, you will continue to act a part displeasing to God, and the blood of souls will be charged to your account.*18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 14*

"The Word of God is to be a lamp to your feet. That precious, sacred Word is not to be appealed to uphold any spiritualistic, philosophical views regarding God, for He is dishonored by such views.*18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 15*

"No greater deception could be presented to the minds of men than the representation you have made of God in the pleasing fables you have advocated. Souls will be lost through the sowing of the sentiments found in *Living Temple*. In presenting error you have united with the prince of darkness in his work of seducing souls to eternal ruin.*18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 16*

"The influence you have obtained with worldlings is not the credit to you that you have supposed it to be. Unless you change, decidedly change, your life will be a savor of death unto death instead of a savor of life unto life.*18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 17*

"Make the Word of God the man of your counsel. It will be a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path. Study the Word to see what God has revealed in regard to who He is. He is 'the Almighty,' 'from everlasting to everlasting,' an unerring Guide. [*Psalm 90:2.*] Upon whom else would you venture to depend in times of difficulty? What folly could be greater than to set aside the wisdom of God and accept the wisdom of him who fell from his exalted position in heaven as a covering cherub and who has become the head of an apostate race? Will you unite with the archdeceiver? Will you receive his deceptive falsehoods? Shall it continue to be said of

you, 'Thou art weighed in the balances of the sanctuary, and art found wanting'?" [*Daniel 5:27.*] *18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 18*

My brother, heed the invitation of Christ, "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [*Matthew 11:29.*] Your safety depends on linking up with Christ and learning from Him. *18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 19*

You have much to unlearn. Your example has not been in harmony with the example of Christ. You could do nothing more objectionable than to put aside the wisdom of God and set up your own ideas as of greatest merit for healing diseased bodies and souls, belittling and disparaging the remedy prescribed by the eternal God and superseding the divine instructions. *18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 20*

God is in earnest with you. You have sought to set aside God's revealed will, teaching for doctrine the opinions and the speculations of finite human agencies through whom Satan works to destroy. Let the Word of God be your lesson book. Guided by it, you will be led to think wisely, you will reveal steadfastness of purpose, and you will build upon the true foundation. *18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 21*

If you are transformed, and your character is formed after the character of Christ, it will be pleasing to God for you to remain in a position of responsibility. If you refuse to be transformed, if you look to men of the world and cherish worldly ambition, turning from God to human beings, you will become an instrument of deception in the hands of Satan until at last you will have no power to break away from the snare. If you continue to work as you have been working, you will become one of the chief of sinners. But the eternal God has thoughts of mercy toward you, and He will abundantly pardon you through Jesus Christ if you will repent and turn to Him with full purpose of heart. *18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 22*

Christ does not want you to lose your soul. He wants you to take hold of His saving grace, that He may do a thorough work in your heart. Now is your opportunity to decide whether you will have eternal life or eternal death. It will be a tremendous struggle for you

to make a thorough work of repentance. Those who have not seen the inwardness of your character will flatter and sympathize with you, seeking to establish you in your sins.*18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 23*

To such a man as Dr. Paulson the reception of spiritualistic ideas means much more than it can ever mean to you. When he realizes how near he has come to making shipwreck of his faith, when he sees that he has been giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, it may cost him his life. He will ever feel the wound. It is hard for you, but tenfold harder for such men as Dr. Paulson to recover from the shock.*18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 24*

My heart is heavily burdened over these matters. The knowledge of what these things will mean to you unless you change has induced me to urge you to become intelligent in regard to your condition and to take your position for the truth.*18LtMs, Lt 265, 1903, par. 25*

## Lt 266, 1903

Tenney, G. C.; Jones, A. T.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 3, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *BCL 92-96*.

Dear Brethren G. C. Tenney and A. T. Jones,—

I am charged with a message for you. Now is the time to do decided work. There must be no daubing the wall with untempered mortar. But you are not half awake. You need to be thoroughly aroused before you can give true instruction to those you are supposed to be helping. Your own hearts need to be worked by the Holy Spirit, else you will not be able men, imbued with a clear sense of what you need, keeping strict guard over yourselves. You need to work deeper, and cleanse your souls most thoroughly from every impurity. You are not now prepared to give the trumpet a certain sound. Self, unsanctified self, receives altogether too much respect from you. *18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 1*

Remember that your actions, words, looks, and thoughts are to be carefully guarded, else you will come short. Neither of you are developing as you ought the traits of character that would make you safe guardians of souls. The Word of God is to be something more to you than you make it. You need to have done in your hearts the purifying, cleansing, reformatory work of the Spirit of God. *18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 2*

You may repeat the words of life many, many times and yet fail to make them a life-saving power to your souls. The eyes of both of you need to be anointed with the heavenly eyesalve, else your words and your example will mislead. When you closely and critically examine yourselves, you will find that you have a work to do for yourselves before you can skilfully apply the gospel remedy to such a man as Dr. Kellogg. *18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 3*

God is in earnest with you, with Dr. Kellogg, and with every one. My

brethren, your spiritual welfare is at stake. You both need the cleansing of the refining furnace. Your standing before God is not what it may be through the grace which Christ supplies. You both need to take heed to yourselves, to cleanse your souls from everything that defiles, and to take your position on a much higher plane. *18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 4*

Do not, I beg of you, neglect this word of warning. The salvation of your souls is in peril. Unless your eyes are anointed with the heavenly eyesalve, you will lose the clear discernment that you must have in order to be faithful watchmen, able to discern between good and evil. *18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 5*

You need to eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God. This you must do in order to have the life of Christ. You are not living wholly by the Word of God. You do not fully realize what is meant by eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God. When you understand what this means, you will see the need of the crucifixion of self. You will see your need of the pure, ennobling, sanctifying principles of God's Word. *18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 6*

God calls upon you to look at yourselves in the mirror of His holy law. And you are not, after doing this, to go away and forget what manner of men you are. *18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 7*

You are both occupying positions of grave responsibility. The Word of the living God must lead you to crucify self, if it becomes to you eternal life. You both need to drink deeply of the well of Bethlehem. Be very particular how you deal with and explain the Word of God. It cannot be to you spirit and life unless you practice it. *18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 8*

You are both in need of the softening, subduing influence that makes the heart of a man as the heart of a little child. Brother Jones, you are sometimes abrupt and make sad mistakes. In trying to deal with certain errors and sins as a faithful shepherd, you are often so abrupt that you spoil your efficiency. Then, on the other hand, there are evils which you pass over, neglecting to correct them, failing to call evil, evil, and good, good. *18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 9*



While you are never to cloak evil or lessen the sense of wrong, you should always be filled with the Spirit of the great Medical Missionary. Your words are not to be harsh or abrupt. In a Christlike manner you should reprove those who need reproof. Never should your efforts have a corroding, destructive influence upon minds. You need to cherish the gracious, sanctifying, ennobling influence of the Saviour, else the food you offer to the people will taste so strongly of the human dish that it will be unpalatable.*18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 10*

Again and again this has been presented to me in connection with your case, and very recently I was instructed that your influence will be greatly weakened unless you heed these words.*18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 11*

Had you stood in the light, you could have been a power in presenting the truths of the Word of God. But you do not see things clearly. You are not walking in the clear light of truth. How can you, then, help Dr. Kellogg? He has not yet come fully to the light. When he does see the way in which he should go, he will realize how thoroughly he has mingled unsanctified self with his medical missionary work. If this evil should end with the ruin of his own experience, it would be bad enough. But for years his life has had a misleading influence over others, and it is time that there was a renovation, a reformation.*18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 12*

For some time our poor brother has not known what pure, practical godliness is. He has taken himself into his own hands and has refused to respond to the invitation, "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [*Matthew 11:29.*]*18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 13*

I long to be able to rest, but the burden continues to weigh heavily upon my soul, as night after night I am calling upon our medical missionary workers to seek the Lord while He may be found, and call upon Him while He is near. I am instructed to say that the teachers of our people need to have a work done for themselves. Their spirit needs to be brought under the control of God. Those who have a knowledge of the truth should live the truth. Our ministers and physicians need real conversion of soul, that they

may be imbued with power from on high. They need to rend their hearts before God. A thorough work needs to be done in the hearts of the workers in every line of the cause of God. I call upon them to awake, while they still have opportunity to repent, and prepare to meet their God. *18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 14*

Over and over again I am instructed that our ministers and physicians need to have a decided work done for them. I beg of them not to flatter themselves that they know how to carry forward the work of the Lord. They need a reformation, a real conversion. When they get a glimpse of their need of God, there will come to them a humiliation of heart that will be a savor of life unto life. *18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 15*

God calls upon the men in charge of His work to arouse themselves. They are not now awake. Their hearts need to be changed. Their human desires and inclinations need to be brought under the control of the Holy Spirit. *18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 16*

I heard the voice of a mighty general crying in trumpet tones, "Prepare to meet thy God. Prepare for the great conflict before you. Quit yourselves as brave soldiers of the Lord's army. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the enemy. We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, [and the sword of the Spirit,] which is the word of God." [See *Amos 4:12; 1 Corinthians 16:13; Ephesians 6:11-17.*] *18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 17*

I seemed to see a company bowed in prayer. Confessions of sin were made that till then had been withheld. Then one of authority arose and with deep feeling read the following Scripture: *18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 18*

“If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made Himself of no reputation, and took unto Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” [*Philippians 2:1-8.*]18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 19

“The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into His hands.” [*John 3:35.*] “It pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell.” [*Colossians 1:19.*] “God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” [*Philippians 2:9-11.*] “For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by Him, and for Him; and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.” [*Colossians 1:16, 17.*]18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 20

“Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living.” [*Romans 14:9.*] “In Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him.” [*Colossians 2:9, 10.*]18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 21

I am instructed to warn our physicians and ministers not to become exalted, but to walk as children, wholly consecrated to God’s service, wholly dependent on Him. My brethren, my prayer for you is “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the

glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.” [*Ephesians 1:17-21.*]*18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 22*

You are God’s husbandry, God’s building. You are to be laborers together with Him. Will you not remember that word “together”? [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] Keeping it ever in mind sanctifies the soul. You come far short of appreciating the advantages that are for those who are called and chosen. Will you not walk worthy of the high honor that God will place upon you if you are faithful? You must walk humbly before Him. Put away all abruptness of speech and action.*18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 23*

I ask you, Brother Tenney and Brother Jones, to do all in your power to lead Dr. Kellogg to the platform of eternal truth. Work in unity. Press together. Let each one stand in his place. Speak the truth plainly, but in love. Keep the standard of truth uplifted.*18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 24*

May God help you to heed these words.*18LtMs, Lt 266, 1903, par. 25*

**Lt 267, 1903**

Brunson, John A.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 16, 1903

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My dear Brother Brunson,—

My heart is burdened for you. I hope that you will receive the message that I have been instructed to give you. Last night I was praying for you, and after sleeping for a time I was instructed to call your attention to some passages of Scripture!*18LtMs, Lt 267, 1903, par. 1*

“Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it (His commandments) that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey. Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.” [*Deuteronomy 6:3-9.*]*18LtMs, Lt 267, 1903, par. 2*

The figurative language here used reveals the necessity of our minds' dwelling continually upon the words that reveal the will of God. Obedience to the law includes refraining from unnecessary labor on the Lord's holy day. And every member of the family should be made acquainted with the requirements and restrictions that God has given in His law.*18LtMs, Lt 267, 1903, par. 3*

The spirit of restraint is being removed from the transgressors in the

earth. The deceptive powers are at work to take the world captive. Men do not recognize the influence of [the] author of sin and rebellion. We know that the end is near. Soon the world in her iniquity will pass beyond God's mercy. *18LtMs, Lt 267, 1903, par. 4*

As we look at the awful condition of the inhabitants of our world today, we see the results of transgressing the law of God. His commandments were given in love, to prevent the sorrow and misery that come because of sin. Obedience to their requirements leads to temperance, industry, economy, and all the virtues that are conducive to long life, health, happiness, and peace. We are under obligation to God to become familiar with His law. For our own happiness and for the good of society, we should be a living testimony to the fact that the law of God's kingdom is life and health and prosperity to the obedient. *18LtMs, Lt 267, 1903, par. 5*

God knows what is for the best good of His children. Would you not feel sad if your children should leave you and refuse to obey your words? Then remember that you are one of God's little children. He longs to have you turn fully to Him. He wants to embrace your whole family in His tender, compassionate love. *18LtMs, Lt 267, 1903, par. 6*

Adam and Eve fell under the sophistry of the enemy. But "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish, but have everlasting life." [*John 3:16.*] In view of this great sacrifice made on our behalf, shall we not accept the terms of God's mercy? Eternal life is worth more than anything in this world. The Lord is looking with compassion upon you, my brother. Will you not take time to study the precious Word of God? *18LtMs, Lt 267, 1903, par. 7*

Children are the property of God. Fathers and mothers are carefully to train them to obey every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. They are to do their duty as faithful instructors. If they themselves set an example of disobedience, their children will be led to transgress the law of God that was given for their life. *18LtMs, Lt 267, 1903, par. 8*

Parents should become familiar with the truths of God's Word, that when the inquiring minds of children seek to understand duty, the

parents may teach them and guard them and lead them step by step in all the instruction of God. *18LtMs, Lt 267, 1903, par. 9*

The father is to be the priest and house-band; the mother, the teacher of the children. She is to lean upon the large affections of her husband. And both should be united in the faith. *18LtMs, Lt 267, 1903, par. 10*

“Thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God 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 you were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: but because the Lord loved you, and because He would keep the oath which He had sworn 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 covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations; and repayeth them that hate Him to their face, to destroy them: He will not be slack to him that hateth Him, He will repay him to his face. Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.” [*Deuteronomy 7:6-11.*] *18LtMs, Lt 267, 1903, par. 11*

I feel a special interest that you shall understand the truth and not be led astray by the enemy. If you separate from the Seventh-day Adventist people, it will be sad indeed. You can do a good work, if you will see and turn away from your errors. You may yet recover yourself. But obedience to God is the only hope of your salvation. *18LtMs, Lt 267, 1903, par. 12*

The Lord knows all about your perplexities. If you will trust fully in Him, He will be to you a sanctuary. But do not try to maintain the interpretations of the Word that you formerly held, for they are not truth. Set yourself to work in co-operation with God. You need to come to the light, and then your views will be altogether different from those you now hold. Pray to your heavenly Father in the name of Jesus. He loves you, but He wants you to give up the theories

and doctrines you hold that are contrary to His Word.*18LtMs, Lt 267, 1903, par. 13*

My brother, you need to care for your health. Do not preach too long at a time. You should make some changes in your diet. Light physical exercise in the open air will be a great blessing to you. Carefully abstain from everything that you know will work an injury to your body.*18LtMs, Lt 267, 1903, par. 14*

Lay your case before the great Physician, and He will have compassion on you. Put your trust in the Lord. Cast your helpless soul upon Him who gave His precious life for you. Temporal as well as spiritual blessings are the gift of God. We want you to live and to improve in health, that you may be a help to your family.*18LtMs, Lt 267, 1903, par. 15*

I would gladly do anything in my power for the improvement of your health. And if I feel sympathy and love for you and your family, think how much greater is the love of Christ, whose you are by creation and by redemption. "Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price." It is for your present and eternal good that under all circumstances you "glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." [1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.]*18LtMs, Lt 267, 1903, par. 16*

"And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of the Lord, and His statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is. ... For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward; He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God; Him shalt thou serve, and to Him shalt thou cleave, and swear by His name. He is thy praise, and He is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things which thine eyes have seen."



[Deuteronomy 10:12-14, 17-21.]*18LtMs, Lt 267, 1903, par. 17*

These words are spoken to you as verily as to oft-backsliding Israel. The most important work you can do at present is to become acquainted with God's Word, that you may obey His commandments. The ten commandments are an expression of the character of God, and they reveal His will for you. If you seek Him, the grace of Christ will be given that you may stand on vantage ground.*18LtMs, Lt 267, 1903, par. 18*

I leave this message with you, and pray that God will cause you to know where you are standing, that you may walk in the light. The Lord says to you, Go labor in My vineyard. Give Me your heart's best service, and I will bestow upon you My grace and My love. Satan has tried to lure you into false paths. Will you not close your heart to his subtle temptations and plant yourself firmly upon the platform of eternal truth?*18LtMs, Lt 267, 1903, par. 19*

**Lt 268, 1903**

Paulson, David

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Dr. David Paulson

My dear brother,—

We must not for one moment give way to the enemy. I have read your letter and will say that you will never be safe until you learn to look away from man and learn only of Christ. There is safety in learning and obeying His words. His methods of teaching are far above men’s methods. Faith in His name is worth everything. It has a power that time cannot exhaust. *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 1*

I am instructed that every part of our work must stand in the full faith and recognition of every step wherein the Lord has led us as a people. Our workers are to be strengthened and settled in the truth; they are to stand as firm as a rock to the old landmarks. Those who give place to the sophistries of the enemy will be kept busy doing his work until the end of time. *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 2*

I have a message for you. Like many others of our medical missionary workers, you have placed too much confidence in the judgment of an erring, fallible man. While you were in Oakland, I was directed to warn you against following the steps of Dr. Kellogg, and again I am instructed to say to you, Seek the Lord for yourself. You are not to make Dr. Kellogg your chief counselor. His words, his methods, and his plans need to be tested in the crucible of God’s Word and cleansed from the dross that has been mingled with them. All our thoughts, words, and acts will be tried by fire, and the worthless will be consumed. *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 3*

For years I have carried on my soul a burden for Dr. Kellogg. I know that unless he is converted, he will continue to look at matters in a wrong light and will ever be a hindrance to the work of God. He makes positive assertions, as if he were sure that he knows the truth. But there are many things that he needs to unlearn. *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 4*

I have had much confidence in you, my brother, as one who would lean his whole weight on the Lord, looking to Him in faith and confidence. But I have been more deeply pained than I can express to see the judgment of men in perception and discernment swayed in the wrong direction, when they should guard themselves closely against every phase of error. God would have you walk in the footsteps of Jesus. You should be able to discern errors, even though they do not appear on the surface, and you should be decided in their exposure. *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 5*

In the conduct of the one in whom you have had such confidence, there have been objectionable features, which should have awakened in your mind fears that he was not being led by God. How can I place confidence in men who give such plain evidence that they are being worked, not by the Spirit of God, but by another spirit? *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 6*

You say that you have read many of the testimonies and warnings that have been sent to Dr. Kellogg. I ask, Why were you not, then, placed on your guard? Did you regard these testimonies as idle tales, that they should have no weight with you? Dr. Kellogg has occupied an important position. His associates should have been watchful and prayerful. They should have carried a burden on their souls for him, lest he do injury to the cause of God. Having seen his mistakes, they have been unfaithful to him by keeping silent. Dr. Kellogg should have been given to understand that his associates did not endorse all his actions. It is the duty of Christ's disciples to be true and faithful to one another. They are not to suffer wrong without calling the attention of the one who does wrong to his error. *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 7*

The Lord Jesus does not excuse you from guilt in your association with Dr. Kellogg. I know that you have seen in him many things that

were not right. You should have told him kindly, but plainly, that his course was not such as to promote the principles of truth and righteousness. *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 8*

Medical missionary workers need to stand on higher and holier ground, in harmony with the name they bear. There must be a decided change among them if they are to stand in their lot and place. They are not to lean upon one another, nor are they to follow suggestions simply because these suggestions come from one whom they are accustomed to follow. They have been too willing to follow one man's judgment. *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 9*

They have done him great harm by so freely accepting his theories. *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 10*

My brother, the Lord has not led you thus far in Christian knowledge and experience that you should now become the sport of Satan's temptations. Do not look to man for guidance. The assertions of men are worthless. Look to God. Receive your education from His Word. Hold fast the beginning of your confidence firm unto the end. *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 11*

We are living in a very solemn period of this earth's history. We know not the exact time of our Lord's coming. But whether it be this year, or next year, or in several years, Christ has told us that He will come as a thief in the night. He says unto all, "Watch." [1 *Thessalonians 5:2; Matthew 24:42, 43.*] To very, very many, He will come in such an hour as they think not. At the time of His coming, men will be asking, "Where is the promise of His coming?" [2 *Peter 3:4.*] The signs of the last days are thickening around us. The wickedness of the wicked is increasing. *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 12*

When Christ comes, the righteous dead will rise from their graves and together with the living saints shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 13*

"Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." [*Daniel 12:10.*] *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 14*

Satan, the originator of evil, is now revealing his power in the children of men. This is his hour and the power of darkness. Apparently he controls the world. The gospel messenger will find that there is a power moving the world to greater and still greater opposition to Christ and His message. The last great conflict between the forces of good and evil is spoken of as “a time of trouble such as never was.” [*Verse 1.*] The violence which fills the earth will exceed that which existed before the destruction of the old world. *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 15*

Satan is working with all his power to hinder the work of God. If God’s people occupy a portion of their time in teaching the delusive sentiments of Satan, the kingdom of evil will rejoice. When those having a knowledge of the path over which God has led us give heed to seducing spirits, and depart from the faith, the time and effort required to correct the evils that follow are so much time and effort taken from the work of proclaiming the gospel message. We must warn our brethren and sisters not to give heed to false theories, and to beware of those who have allowed themselves to be ensnared. *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 16*

If ever God’s watchmen needed to be on their guard, it is now, just before the time which is to be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. The trumpet must give a certain sound. There will be a general proclamation of truth, the whole earth will be lightened with the glory of God, but those only will recognize the light who have sought to know the difference between holiness and sin. *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 17*

When Satan shall have accomplished his work of ensnaring all who will subject themselves to his deceptive influence, when he shall have finished his work of scattering abroad, Christ will rise up and bring deliverance to every one whose name is found written in the book of life. Satan and his followers will be destroyed. Then “they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.” [*Verse 3.*] *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 18*

My brother, if you take no heed to these words, if you continue to look to man, instead of looking to Christ, you will be among those

who will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 19*

Satan does not willingly give up his dominion over one soul. Every effort must be put forth to proclaim the gospel of Christ with its life-giving power. Those who engage in the work of warning sinners will receive a rich reward. Canvassers, evangelists, and Bible workers, laboring from house to house, will find work that needs to be done in winning souls to Christ. There is to be no binding up in any part of the work. Every one is to be left free to hear the call of God and to do his heaven-appointed work. *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 20*

Faith in God's Word gives evidence of man's connection with God. When one makes a statement or a promise, those who hear know whether or not they believe the words spoken. Christ is the Word of God. His life and His works testify that He is the true Life. "I am the Bread of Life," He said, and we must eat His flesh and drink His blood, if we are to live a Christian life. [*John 6:35, 63.*]*18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 21*

I present the *sixth chapter of John* to our medical missionaries for their study. With five loaves of bread, and two small fishes, Jesus had fed a multitude of five thousand men, besides women and children. All ate "as much as they would." "And when they were filled, He said unto His disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world." [*Verses 11-14.*]*18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 22*

Jesus then crossed the lake with His disciples. "When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither His disciples, they also took shipping and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus. And when they had found Him on the other side of the sea, they said unto Him, Rabbi, when camest Thou hither? Jesus answered them, and said, Verily, verily I say unto you, Ye seek Me not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled." [*Verses 24-26.*]*18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 23*

They sought Christ only for the temporal blessings. With all that Christ longed to give them, they were satisfied with that which Christ miraculously provided to satisfy their physical hunger. *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 24*

“Labor not for the meat that perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for Him hath the Father sealed.” [*Verse 27.*] *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 25*

“Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily I saw unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live forever.” “It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life.” [*Verses 53-58, 63.*] *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 26*

To eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God means to receive and practice His words, which are Spirit and life to the receiver. *18LtMs, Lt 268, 1903, par. 27*

**Lt 269, 1903**

Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Elder A. G. Daniells,—

I sincerely hope that you will give the matter of attending the Nashville meeting your favorable consideration. Do not try to beg off, but go, and the Lord will be with you. This is a critical time for the work in the South. The laborers must be aroused to see the necessity of more efficient, persevering effort.*18LtMs, Lt 269, 1903, par. 1*

From the light given me, I am confident that you ought to attend the Nashville meeting. Holding the position that you do, your voice should be heard in the South.*18LtMs, Lt 269, 1903, par. 2*

I am glad that Elder Haskell will be at the meeting. His labors are needed in the South. You and Elder Butler and Elder Haskell will all be needed at that important meeting.*18LtMs, Lt 269, 1903, par. 3*

There is another matter upon my mind about which I must speak to you. I have often been warned against overstrained ideas of sanctification. They lead to an objectionable feature of experience that will swamp us, unless we are wide-awake.*18LtMs, Lt 269, 1903, par. 4*

Extreme views of sanctification which lead men to <suppose they are appointed to> criticize and condemn their brethren are to be feared and shunned.*18LtMs, Lt 269, 1903, par. 5*

During the General Conference of 1901, the Lord warned me



against sentiments that were <being gathered and> then held by Brethren Prescott and Waggoner. <Instruction was given me that> these sentiments <received> have been as leaven put into meal. Many minds have received them. The ideas of some regarding a great experience <called and> supposed to be sanctification have been the alpha of a train of deception <which will deceive and ruin [the] souls of those who receive them.> Because of some overdrawn expressions frequently used by Brother E. J. Waggoner at the Conference, I was led to speak words intended to counteract their influence. *18LtMs, Lt 269, 1903, par. 6*

If ever there was a time when our brethren should blend in unity, it is now. You are engaged in an important work in Washington. I am very anxious that the work in that place shall be carried forward exactly as the Lord would have it. <But Satan is surely presenting some false theories (erroneous theories) which you must not receive. Elders Waggoner and Prescott are out of the way.> *18LtMs, Lt 269, 1903, par. 7*

We have had very good meetings in this neighborhood during the week of prayer. Dores Robinson visited the Napa church last Sabbath, and although the attendance was not large, they had very interesting meetings. One man who gave up the truth about a year ago confessed his sins and again took his stand for the Lord. *18LtMs, Lt 269, 1903, par. 8*

At the Sanitarium last Sabbath, the offerings amounted to about \$1,250. At Napa twenty-five dollars was given. We have not heard the amounts received in Healdsburg or in St. Helena. I will send you a copy of the encouraging report I received from Brother Walter Harper concerning the meetings at Healdsburg. The work of the Spirit of God has been manifest in all these places. *18LtMs, Lt 269, 1903, par. 9*

W. C. White left for Oakland this morning. We have heard no report from that church in reference to the week of prayer. *18LtMs, Lt 269, 1903, par. 10*

Rain fell continuously during the week of prayer, and I did not dare attend any of the meetings. The rain was gentle, and there have been no floods. We praise the Lord for this rain; for it is a great

blessing. *18LtMs, Lt 269, 1903, par. 11*

I have been obliged to do much writing on the books that are soon to be published and in answer to correspondence; I feel weary, but I trust in the Lord and will wait upon Him, asking Him to renew my strength. I believe that He will strengthen me. This morning I was up at half-past three and wrote many pages before breakfast. I will send you a copy of what I wrote when it is copied. *18LtMs, Lt 269, 1903, par. 12*

Please excuse this short letter; I cannot write more now. I hope that you will attend the Nashville meeting. *18LtMs, Lt 269, 1903, par. 13*

Lt 270, 1903

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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My dear son Edson,—

I am drawn out to write to you not to fail or become discouraged. You are too anxious and too much troubled in regard to the many things that you wish to have done. You must now lay aside your anxiety, and work and worry less. You are sacrificing too much if you sacrifice your health and place yourself where you can not work at all. Then, you see, none of your work would be done. Will you not now unload and take things more easily, saying, “Each day I will do only what I can do calmly and well, and I will let the rest wait. I must preserve the powers of my mind.”<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 1*

You would better meet with loss in some things than by imprudence to lose your power to work. I am instructed to say to you, Brace up in the strength of the Lord to do what you can without overtaxing your physical or mental powers.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 2*

You are now warned. One of the reasons why I would not let you take the burden of getting out a new edition of *Patriarchs and Prophets* was that you were wearing out your strength by trying to do things that you should let others do. The Lord has given you your work. It is the preaching of His Word by pen and voice; and He will sustain you as you do this work. He has a message for you to hear, and He bids me say to you that you cannot do justice to your work as a minister of the gospel while you are kept weighed down with perplexities that others should carry. Unload, and place the burden of so much secular responsibility upon those who have been given that line of work. You should not carry the burdens that you have been carrying. They worry and perplex you. With so many

responsibilities to carry, you cannot do justice to the work of soul-saving. You must have rest.*18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 3*

In regard to paying me the money that I paid out on the debt at the Review and Herald, make no account of it, and worry no more over it. I shall not consent to receive anything from you on this debt. I made up my mind to tell you not to do as you have been doing. I determined to take the responsibility, as your mother, of saying that it must not be. I wrote a letter to this effect two months ago, but laid it away, and now I cannot find it. I have now a higher authority for saying that you must make a change—the word of the Lord. Your health and life are precious in His sight, and He will help and strengthen and bless you. But you are not to sacrifice your health, placing yourself where you are unable to do the work that the Lord has given you.*18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 4*

God will make your mind fruitful in explaining His Word if you will lay off the many burdens that you are carrying. You must do this, even if some work be left undone. The Lord says to you, “Come apart from these constant perplexities, and let others take up the work. You must stand in your place.” Vigor will reward the efforts and the sacrifices made to press toward the mark of the prize of our high calling in Christ.*18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 5*

Worldly attractions will be presented to draw the attention from the Lord Jesus, who is anxiously watching, longing to encourage the heart of the striving ones. “Ye are the light of the world.” [*Matthew 5:14.*] To the world, to angels, and to men you may show that the hope of seeing the face of God is worth all the efforts and the sacrifices that the attainment of the hope demands. Let every striving soul remember that he must meet evil with good, and place heavenly advantages before earthly attractions.*18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 6*

In the games in which in ancient times men strove for the ascendancy, only one received the prize. Only one hand could grasp the coveted garland. However eagerly and earnestly the other competitors had striven, they were disappointed. It is not so in the heavenly contest, the race for eternal life. Each one who does his best will receive the crown of immortality.*18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903,*

*par. 7*

“And every man that striveth in the games exerciseth self-control in all things. Now they do it to receive a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.” [1 *Corinthians* 9:25.] As we engage in the great struggle, let us think of what we shall lose if we fail. We shall lose the eternal life purchased for us by the blood of the Son of God. Shall we, then, grudge the toil of eternal vigilance? If we do all in our power to resist evil and surmount obstacles, we shall gain the victory. Holy angels co-operate with us as we work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. With unswerving faith we are to stand at our post of duty, refusing to dishonor God by giving up the conflict, quitting ourselves as brave soldiers before the world and before the heavenly angels who have an intense longing that we shall not fail or become discouraged. *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 8*

As man strives to overcome the evil in his nature, trusting wholly in God, the Lord works in him, to will and to do of His good pleasure. Striving for the crown of life has an uplifting influence upon the one who strives, animating him with holy zeal, leading him to see the excellence of the promised reward. He is privileged to see by faith Him who is invisible. *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 9*

The prayer that Christ offered just before His trial shows what we are to be in the world. Do we comprehend this prayer? *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 10*

“Neither for these only do I pray,” Christ said, “but for them also that believe on Me through their word; that they all may be one, even 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 didst send Me. *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 11*

“And the glory which Thou hast given Me I have given unto them; that they may be one, even as We are one; I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and lovedst them, even as Thou lovedst Me. *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 12*

“Father, I desire 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 knew Thee not, but I knew Thee; and these knew that Thou didst send Me; and I made known unto them Thy name, and will make it known; that the love wherewith Thou lovedst Me may be in them, and I in them.” [John 17:20-26.] *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 13*

Paul draws a contrast between our present and our future state. “You hath He quickened,” he says, “who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience; among whom we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.” *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 14*

“But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, ... and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” [Ephesians 2:1-10.] *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 15*

The Lord is preparing His people to know what it means to have an abiding Christ. This experience will be theirs if they will turn to Him with full purpose of heart. *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 16*

“He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us.” “For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded

together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” [Verses 14, 18-22.] *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 17*

“What things were gain to me,” Paul declares, “these have I counted loss for Christ. Yea, verily, and I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but refuse, that I may gain Christ, and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of mine own, even that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God through faith; that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, becoming conformed unto His death; if by any means I may attain unto the resurrection from the dead.” [*Philippians 3:7-11.*] *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 18*

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; according as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.” [*Ephesians 1:3, 4.*] God has chosen us to obtain in this life an experience that will fit us for the future life. Pastors and teachers should keep ever before their hearers, young and old, the instruction that will help them to gain this preparation. Each one has a positive work to do. We are not to depend on feeling. Our obedience is to reveal our faith in God’s Word. *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 19*

We have a wise, loving, heavenly Father, who hears the prayers of His children. But He does not always give them what they desire. He withholds that which He sees would not be for their good. But He bestows on them all that they need. He gives them that which is necessary for growth in grace. When we pray we should say, “Lord, if what I ask for is for my good, give it to me, but if it is not, withhold it, but give me Thy blessing.” The Lord hears our petitions. He understands our situation; and He will supply the very thing we need. He will strengthen our faith and increase our spirituality. The Lord is good and merciful, perfect in understanding and infinite in wisdom. *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 20*

There are those who pray for temporal blessings which they think will bring them worldly prosperity. God sees that such blessings would spoil their spiritual life. He gives them an understanding mind, showing them that it is not best for them to have riches, and that they must be satisfied with His grace and peace and love. *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 21*

God, who knows the end from the beginning, jealously guards the welfare of His children. In answering their prayers, He will give them that which will be continually fitting them to be partakers of the divine nature and to overcome the corruption that is in the world through lust. *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 22*

We must submit our will to God's will. We must have confidence in His love, His wisdom, His faithfulness, His keeping power. *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 23*

The Lord has instructed me that the time has come when there should be unity in the ranks of His people. If there are those who have not faith in the messages that have come to us from God by His Word and by the testimonies of His Spirit, they need to know for themselves what is the faith once delivered to the saints. The representation made shows that there are some who have lost their bearing. Let us have an understanding in regard to the points on which we must unify. Let us not leave those who have been unsettled to remain still unsettled, to go over the same objectionable matters when a favorable time shall come. *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 24*

The last chapter of Matthew contains the minister's commission: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:19, 20.*] *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 25*

Christ's ministry is to be the ministry of His followers. To branch off into spiritualistic ideas is to depart from the faith, giving heed to doctrines of deception. *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 26*

The messages that God has given through His servant John are



now to be proclaimed as of special importance. This is our work—to revive the sacred truths that called us out from the world and made us what we are. We are not to yield up one feature of the faith, but are to hold our confidence firm unto the end. We are to give no place to doctrines that are not in harmony with the truth for this time. *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 27*

Christ has stated the truth too plainly for it to be misunderstood. “I am the bread of life,” He declares. “He that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst. ... This is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.” “As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. ... It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” [*John 6:35, 40, 57, 63.*]*18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 28*

When we understand these words, much less of self will be brought into our work. When we receive and assimilate the words of Christ, a deep, fervent piety will animate us. We need far more of Christ and nothing of the deceptive sentiments of the enemy. *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 29*

Read and study the *sixth chapter of John*, and let there be an emptying of the heart of all selfishness. Let the messages be proclaimed that will arouse people to stand in the day of God. *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 30*

There were some who, when they heard the doctrine of unreserved consecration, declared that Christ’s words were hard sayings, and they walked no more with Him. They turned from Him who, had they believed on Him, would have been to them the light of life. *18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 31*

Just such things will be seen today. Paul says, “The Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. ... Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.” [*1 Timothy 4:1, 16.*]*18LtMs, Lt 270, 1903, par. 32*

**Lt 271, 1903**

Haskell, Brother and Sister [S. N.]

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Dear Brother and Sister Haskell,—

I have received your letters. Thank you for writing. I have written no fewer than three letters to you, but have not been able to get them copied, so you did not receive them. I will now write you a few lines and will send the letter in my own handwriting. I hope that you will be able to read it. *18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 1*

I have just finished a letter to Brother Brunson. I shall send a copy of this letter to you and Elder Butler. If you think that there is any part of it that he is not prepared to receive, let it wait until another time. I am not always anxious to place all matters before the ones I wish to help. When an express charge is given, then I send the instruction as quickly as possible. *18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 2*

I should like to see you and talk with you. There is much that I might write, but I do not want to write anything of a disagreeable nature unless I am obliged to. I want to let disagreeable matters alone if I can. I do not wish to disturb your mind as mine has been disturbed ever since I returned to America. I have carried a very heavy burden almost all the time since coming from Australia. *18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 3*

Last night the Lord gave me victory, as He has again and again in times of trouble and difficulty. I had a most precious experience in bringing the perplexities on my mind to the Burden-bearer. I thank the Lord for the relief that I obtained. I have been so greatly relieved that I will not now tell you of the difficulties that I have had to meet.

In the future, I may write to you of these things, if I think it best to do so. I am of good courage in the Lord. While He spares my life, I will not dwell on matters that cannot bring relief to any one.*18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 4*

Let us try to keep standing in the brightness of the Sun of righteousness. Let every word we speak be uplifting. The Lord is my sun and my shield, and I have comfort and peace in Him.*18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 5*

I have been enabled to say some very plain things to those who have become confused. I dared not do otherwise than to tell them the truth, because a message was given me for them.*18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 6*

I am convinced that the more we dwell upon the high, elevating themes of truth, the more clearly shall we discern what is truth. The Lord has a whole heaven full of blessings for us, and He says, "Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." [*Matthew 7:7.*] Then let us cease talking unbelief and in love speak the words of promise. Even when called upon to utter the plainest things, we must speak in a way that will not offend. We must talk faith, and pray in faith, and receive by faith.*18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 7*

### **A Song of Trust**

"Now therefore," God said to Moses, "write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for Me against the children of Israel. ...*18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 8*

"Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel. And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong, and of good courage; for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swore unto them; and I will be with thee." [*Deuteronomy 31:19, 22, 23.*]*18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 9*

"Give ear, O ye heavens; and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the

words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distill as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.” [*Deuteronomy 32:1-3*.] *18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 10*

Let us speak of God’s goodness and tell of His power, according to His wondrous works. Let there be from henceforth an unreserved consecration of the talent of speech to God’s service. There is a cheapness in our words that misrepresents God. Let us speak words that will honor His name. *18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 11*

“He is the Rock; His work is perfect; for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth, and without iniquity: just and right is He.” [*Verse 4*.] This is the first time in the Scriptures that God is called a rock. The name signifies the everlasting nature of His character. Building upon the Rock, we build upon a sure foundation. If we keep His commandments, we may know that we are in the path of safety. In trouble, we may place ourselves upon this Rock and know that we shall stand secure. *18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 12*

“The way of transgressors is hard.” [*Proverbs 13:15*.] Then let us turn from our natural and cultivated tendencies to wrong. Let men and women turn to the Lord. Let every one change his unchristlike spirit and words and acts. Let there be no more criticism, no more drawing apart. *18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 13*

The *seventeenth chapter of John* and many other precious things in the Word should be formed into song and sung by the people of God. *18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 14*

If the Lord be with us, we are secure; for He is the Rock. He will protect those who do as He commands. *18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 15*

The first four verses of the *thirty-second chapter of Deuteronomy* should be often repeated. When will men learn that no dependence can be placed on the human heart without the keeping power of God? However great His mercies, the natural heart will prove itself deceitful and desperately wicked. We can advance the cause of God only as we make the Lord our trust and our dependence.

Earthly subterfuges are worthless; and worthless also is dependence on human methods and on the wisdom of men who do not respect and honor God enough to keep His commandments. *18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 16*

“This day the Lord thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments; thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart and with all thy soul. Thou hast avouched the Lord this day to be thy God, and to walk in His ways, and to keep His statutes, and His commandments, and His judgments, and to hearken unto His voice; and the Lord hath avouched thee this day to be His peculiar people, as He hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all His commandments; and to make thee high above all nations which He hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honor; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the Lord thy God.” [*Deuteronomy 26:16-19.*] *18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 17*

Nothing displeases the Lord more than for His people to be so ready, as some are, to affiliate with the world. Many are the warnings that have been given, testifying to the danger of going to worldly lawyers and leaning upon them, introducing into God’s work things that they have framed. But for years there seems to have been a determination to lean upon worldly counsel and to bind up with the world. This seems to have become a settled determination on the part of some of our physicians. *18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 18*

“Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye; if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness. No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” [*Matthew 6:20-24.*] When will men come to think rationally and sensibly? There are those who are certainly acting very foolishly. Why?—Because they are not daily converted, as vessels unto honor. Self swells to large proportions. As soon as men are placed where they can exercise power over others, they

seem to be as those bereft of common sense. I speak thus because I have seen the outcome of the self-importance of certain ones. I wish to present this matter just as the Lord has presented it to me. Their swelling pride and self-sufficiency make it necessary to move them from their position of trust. *18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 19*

How sad it is that human beings so soon forget that they are to be laborers together with God, working as Christ worked, studying His life, keeping in mind the words of caution that He spoke. *18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 20*

“I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in Me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing.” [*John 15:5.*] *18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 21*

Let us never forget these words. What is the consequence when one in a position of responsibility becomes so highly exalted in his own estimation that he feels that he no longer needs counsel? He does not abide in Christ, but is cast forth as a branch and is withered. Christ is man’s only efficiency. He who trusts in himself becomes self-sufficient and does many foolish things. Christ cannot give him His co-operation. *18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 22*

“If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” [*Verse 7.*] These are the conditions of receiving blessing. You are not to run ahead of Christ, supposing that He will follow the one who should follow Him. *18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 23*

Let not human beings be so presumptuous as to run ahead of Christ. Let every one walk prayerfully, humbly, realizing that without Christ, he can do nothing. *18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 24*

“Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples. As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you; continue ye in My love. If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father’s commandments, and abide in His love. These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.” [*Verses 8-12.*] *18LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 25*

Who is fulfilling the conditions laid down in these words? Who is loving others with the unselfish, self-sacrificing love that Christ revealed in His life? When we believe and live the words of the Lord, our fruit-bearing will be tenfold what it is now.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 271, 1903, par. 26*

**Lt 271a, 1903**

Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 18, 1903

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Elder A. G. Daniells

Dear Brother,—

I received your letter today noon, and read it aloud to the family. They were much interested. You need have no fear of wearying me by your letters; for I am deeply interested in everything that is connected with the advancement of the great and important work which we are all so earnestly endeavoring to carry forward. The Lord is at the door. We have a work to do, and we are not to allow our minds to be diverted from this work by any side issues. *18LtMs, Lt 271a, 1903, par. 1*

I will at once write a few lines in reply; and I hope to write more fully soon. A short time after Dr. Kellogg was connected with the Battle Creek Sanitarium as a physician, he had much to say along lines similar to his teachings at the present time. He presented another phase of error; but it was similar to his later theories, in that it was a spiritualistic idea of God. He communicated his ideas to Dr. Sprague and to Dr. Fairfield. *18LtMs, Lt 271a, 1903, par. 2*

The Lord presented this matter to me, revealing that the result of such teaching was a subtle beguiling of the mind, and that the Doctor himself did not foresee this result of his extreme views in regard to God in nature. These ideas were presented in an attractive, alluring form. I told him that the Lord was greatly dishonored by being thus represented, and that such ideas would lead the people into spiritualism. I bore a very plain testimony on this point. *18LtMs, Lt 271a, 1903, par. 3*

Dr. Kellogg acknowledged that he saw his danger, and he had no



more to say in regard to these ideas. But they had been communicated to his fellow physicians. The three had been enthusiastic over the theory, clothed, as it was, in a beautiful garb. And although Dr. Kellogg received my testimony, Dr. Sprague and Dr. Fairfield, once conscientious Christians, were bewildered and unsettled in the faith. They both gave up the truth.*18LtMs, Lt 271a, 1903, par. 4*

Since Dr. Kellogg has devised documents binding all our medical institutions to the central organization in Battle Creek, and has done everything in his power to induce our brethren to sign these documents, I have received from the Lord testimony after testimony that placed this matter in the light in which God viewed it. God endorsed no such effort. He forbade his people from signing any such documents. Regardless of this light, a determined effort has been made to carry these manmade plans through.*18LtMs, Lt 271a, 1903, par. 5*

When I learned that the Lord had manifested His displeasure by letting His judgments fall upon the Sanitarium, sweeping it away by fire, I knew that this was a decided warning to the workers there, and especially to Dr. Kellogg. He would not heed any testimony that was given.*18LtMs, Lt 271a, 1903, par. 6*

By representations and warnings, I was instructed by the Lord that Dr. Kellogg was being led into a very specious, attractive delusion—extreme views in regard to God in nature. These views were similar to the old ones he advocated, but they were presented in a more deceptive way and were more liable to mislead minds. I was instructed that the one who was operating his mind was the one who once was an exalted angel in the heavenly courts—the one who was a covering cherub. He, the originator of sin, worked with all his deceptive powers and satanic subtlety to become equal with God in heaven, as the Son of God was. Then, he thought, he could sway the heavenly angels as he desired. This specious, deceptive work was carried on secretly. The archdeceiver himself concealed his identity, so far as was possible, and the Lord permitted this rebellion to develop before anything was done to save the angelic host from apostasy.*18LtMs, Lt 271a, 1903, par. 7*

**Lt 271b, 1903**

Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 18, 1903

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Elder A. G. Daniells

Dear Brother,—

I have written a short letter to you this afternoon, but I wish to add a few more words. *18LtMs, Lt 271b, 1903, par. 1*

The enemy has put into Dr. Kellogg’s mind the very words that I speak, so that his ideas can be sent forth as ideas exactly similar to those I have taught. Thus it is claimed that the teachings of the book *The Living Temple* are in accordance with the teachings of my writings. There is a similarity of expressions, it is true, and many of the words are the same as the words used by me in writing out the instruction that God has given me in regard to “God in nature.” And the positions taken in this book can be interpreted by a mind under the deception of Satan to be exactly the same as the positions taken in my writings. But this is not so. My words are interpreted to mean almost the opposite of their real meaning. This confuses the minds of the brethren and sisters in our churches. *18LtMs, Lt 271b, 1903, par. 2*

Dr. Paulson’s mind is becoming confused. He thinks he understands Dr. Kellogg’s teachings; but he does not discern who is Dr. Kellogg’s instructor. I am bidden to say to our people, Do not confound the words of Sister White with the deceptive fallacies of the enemy. Extreme views of “God in nature” undermine the foundation truths of the personality of God and the ministration of angels. A confused mass of spiritualistic ideas takes the place of faith in a personal God. I take no stock whatever in some of the principles that are now being advocated. *18LtMs, Lt 271b, 1903, par. 3*

For advocating similar ideas, Dr. Kellogg was reproved shortly after he connected with the Sanitarium. Let Dr. Paulson take heed that he be not deceived. He may say, "Sister White's own words are repeated in Dr. Kellogg's teachings." True; but misinterpreted and misconstrued. God forbid that I should be misrepresented by any one in this matter. Dr. Kellogg is not using the holy fire, but common fire, by advocating these deceptive, spiritualistic ideas. He has been inspired by the mind that caused the fall of our first parents. *18LtMs, Lt 271b, 1903, par. 4*

Brother Daniells, I earnestly desire that this matter shall be dealt with in God's own way. Be very cautious; do not precipitate a crisis; work silently. I am bidden by the Lord not to converse with Dr. Kellogg or to write to him direct; for his mind, controlled as it is by Satan, is in such a condition that he is liable to put a wrong construction on my words. To you, Brother Daniells, and to your fellow laborers, I would say, Quit you like men; be strong. Make no raid against any one; for you are warring not against men, but against principalities and powers. *18LtMs, Lt 271b, 1903, par. 5*

Put on the whole armor of God, not forgetting the gospel shoes. Keep close to the Lord; cling to the standard; pray and strive for victory. *18LtMs, Lt 271b, 1903, par. 6*

I would write more, but the Sabbath is almost upon us. *18LtMs, Lt 271b, 1903, par. 7*

Lt 272, 1903

Brn-Srs. Gathered in Council at Nashville

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 20, 1903

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My dear brethren and sisters,—

I have an intense interest in the work in which the people of God are engaged. My prayer is that this work shall no longer be delayed and hindered. A great hindrance to the advancement of the work has been brought by church members who, though knowing the truth, have not been sanctified by the truth. It is through sanctification of the truth that we are enabled to appreciate the teachings of Christ, given to guide men and women in all the conduct of life.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 1*

The work of sanctification must begin in the home. It is God’s purpose that the families of His people shall be symbols of the family above. Those who are Christians in the home will be Christians in the church and in the world. Many do not grow in grace and in a knowledge of the truth because they fail of cultivating home religion.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 2*

In the family the spirit of criticizing and faultfinding should have no place. The peace of the home is too sacred to be marred by this spirit. But how often, when seated at the meal table, the members of the family pass round a dish of criticism, faultfinding, and scandal. Should Christ come today, would He not find many of the families who profess to be Christians cherishing the spirit of criticism and unkindness? The members of such families are unready to unite with the family above. I am instructed to say to them, “Prepare to meet thy God.” [*Amos 4:12.*] Discord in families leads to discord in the church. The unruly tongue creates mischief

of all kinds.*18LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 3*

God expects His children to use the talent of speech in a way that will honor the Saviour. Let the heart be cleansed from all evil thinking and evil speaking. Let this be put away as evil leaven that will produce contention, alienation, and strife. Let the unruly tongue be brought under the control of God.*18LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 4*

The brotherhood that is the outworking of Bible religion is to be more manifestly revealed in the lives of God's people today. In the family an education is to be given that will create a pure, elevating atmosphere. A high standard is ever to be kept uplifted. No harsh, passionate word is ever spoken without grieving the Lord Jesus and hurting the heart of speaker and hearer. From the Christian home all angry or trifling speeches will be excluded; for nothing of this kind finds entrance into the home above.*18LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 5*

Parents, be sure to spend some time each day in private prayer, asking the Lord for wisdom, lest self-importance take possession of your hearts, and you give the talent of speech unto the control of satanic agencies. The members of the church are to be ever on their guard against unadvised words. Sound words, seasoned with the grace of Christ, will produce correct practices. In the home circle, generous, gracious, Christlike words are of more value than any earthly treasure.*18LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 6*

Remember that your children will follow closely the example that in word and deed you set them. Live lives that will help them to prepare for translation into the courts above, when the last trump shall sound, and Christ shall come to gather His faithful ones to Himself. Do not neglect your children. They are your first care. The home is to be their first school. And in this school you yourselves are to learn lessons that will prepare you better to work for their salvation and for the salvation of others. These lessons will be of the highest value to you in your religious experience. As you labor successfully for your children, you are working out your own salvation, and God is working in you, to will and to do of His good pleasure.*18LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 7*

Kindly, but firmly, correct every inclination to wrong that may appear

in the lives of your children. But when you are obliged to correct a child, do not raise the voice to a sharp key, bringing into it that which will arouse the worst passions of the child's heart. Do not lose your self-control. The parent who, when correcting a child, gives way to anger is far more guilty than the child.*18LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 8*

Restrain every hasty speech that struggles for utterance. Before you speak that fretful, impatient word, stop and think of the influence that, if spoken, it will exert upon others.*18LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 9*

Remember that the ears of children are quick to hear every word and to mark every intonation of the voice. Remember, too, that angels hear the words you speak. You are a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. Follow a course that will be an honor to Jesus, a course that will bring holy angels to your side. Let your home life be such that Christ can enter your dwelling as an abiding guest. Let it be such that people will take knowledge of you that you have been with Jesus and have learned of Him.*18LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 10*

Husband and wife are to be closely united in their work in the home school. They are to be very tender and very guarded in their speech, lest they open a door of temptation through which Satan will enter to obtain victory after victory. They are to be kind and courteous to each other, acting in such a way that they can respect one another. Each is to help the other to bring into the home a pleasant, wholesome atmosphere. They should not differ in the presence of their children. Christian dignity is ever to be preserved.*18LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 11*

To the man who is a husband and a father, I would say, Be sure that a pure, holy atmosphere surrounds your soul. As priest and house-band of your family, you are to learn daily of Christ. Never, never are you to show a tyrannical spirit in the home. The man who does this is working in partnership with satanic agencies. Bring your will into submission to the will of God. Do all in your power to make the life of your wife pleasant and happy. Take the Word of God as the man of your counsel. In the home live out the teachings of the

Word. Then you will them live them out in the church and will take them with you to your place of business. *18LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 12*

The principles of heaven will ennoble all your transactions. Angels of God will co-operate with you, helping you to reveal Christ to the world. *18LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 13*

Necessarily, a large share of the training of the children falls to the mother. She is to teach her children from their babyhood the lesson of obedience. The reins of control are not to be placed in their hands. The children are to be taught to regard their mother, not as a slave, whose work it is to wait on them, but as a queen, who is to guide and direct them, teaching them line upon line, precept upon precept. *18LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 14*

Mothers, however provoking your children may be in their ignorance, do not give way to impatience. Teach them patiently and lovingly. Be firm with them. Do not let Satan control them. Discipline them only when you are under the discipline of God. Christ will be victor in the lives of your children if you will learn of Him who is meek and lowly, pure and undefiled. *18LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 15*

Parents, live the Christ life. Place yourselves where you can co-operate with God. There are many whose minds and hearts need to be ennobled and refined by the grace of heaven. Christianity is to preside in the heart and in the home. The counsel of God is to control in the home. Let us remember this and become familiar with the directions that He has given in His Word. *18LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 16*

The Word of God is to be our lesson book. We are not merely to read it, and say that we believe the truth for this time. This profession must be accompanied by an earnest, faithful practice of the teachings of the Word of God. Under its hallowed power, the tenderest and most sanctified dispositions are to be developed in the home circle. *18LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 17*

Let every one attend most critically to himself. "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." [*2 Corinthians 13:5.*] Body and mind must be carefully and strictly dealt with, that

unchristlike traits of character and tendencies to wrong may not bear sway. Unless a strict watch is kept over the heart, wrong principles will prevail in the life, and great unhappiness will be wrought. Every departure from righteousness becomes a force that works against the Lord Jesus. When right words and deeds are left out of the home life, there come in unchristlike words and deeds. Parents and children work at cross purposes with God. The family is placed where Christ will pronounce against it the woe pronounced against Chorazin and Bethsaida.*18LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 18*

I appeal to parents to prepare themselves and their children to unite with the family above. Get ready, for Christ's sake, get ready to meet your Lord in peace. Begin to work in your family on right lines. Get down to the root of the matter. Bring the truth into your homes, to sanctify and purify them. Do not keep it in the outer court. How blind many professing Christians are to their own interests! How utterly they fail to see what Christ would do for them were He admitted into their homes. Let Christians work as earnestly to win the crown of life as worldlings work to win earthly advantages, and the church of God will certainly move forward with power.*18LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 19*

A deeper and more successful work will be done in the church when the families composing it stand in right relation to God. The church will then reap the advantage of the Christlike influence exerted in the homes of the members.*18LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 20*

The Holy Spirit produces actions that are in harmony with the law of God. The regenerating work of the Spirit will be seen in families where painstaking efforts are put forth to manifest kindness, patience, and love. Almighty power is at work, preparing minds and hearts to submit to the molding influence of the Holy Spirit, leading parents to sanctify themselves, that their children also may be sanctified.*18LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 21*

The home in which the members are polite, courteous Christians exerts a far-reaching influence for good. Other families will mark the results attained by such a home and will follow the example set, in their turn guarding the home against satanic influences.*18LtMs, Lt*



*272, 1903, par. 22*

The angels of God will often visit the home in which the will of God bears sway. Under the power of divine grace such a home becomes a place of refreshing to worn, weary pilgrims. By watchful guarding, self is kept from asserting itself. Correct habits are formed. There is a careful recognition of the rights of others. The faith that works by love and purifies the soul stands at the helm, presiding over the whole household. Under the hallowed influence of such a home, the principle of brotherhood laid down in [the] Word of God is more widely recognized and obeyed.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 272, 1903, par. 23*

## Lt 272a, 1903

Wessels, Peter and Family

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brother Peter Wessels and family,—

My heart is drawn out after you. The Lord wants you to come into active working order with Himself. You have, my dear brother, no time to lose. “What is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?” “Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” [*Luke 9:25; Matthew 16:26.*] *18LtMs, Lt 272a, 1903, par. 1*

Christ was a true medical missionary. He healed the sick, rebuked satanic agencies, and taught the people. He ministered to both soul and body. His labors were incessant. And His work was made harder by the frequent interruptions of the scribes and Pharisees, who sought to divert and confuse the minds of the hearers. Notwithstanding their repeated failure to entangle Him in His speech, they continue to annoy Him, hoping to induce Him to say something that would give them an opportunity to accuse Him before the Roman authorities. *18LtMs, Lt 272a, 1903, par. 2*

Such exertions were exhausting to the physical powers of Christ. With great anxiety His friends and relations looked upon His pale face and wearied countenance. They besought Him to hide Himself for a time from the multitudes which continually pressed around Him. So great was the multitude that sought to hear Him that the Pharisees exclaimed, “The whole world is gone after Him.” [*John 12:19.*] As with compassion He beheld the needs of the people who flocked to Him, it seemed to Him impossible to withhold from them the healing leaves of the tree of life. Apparently there was no respite for Him. *18LtMs, Lt 272a, 1903, par. 3*

After a day of toil, one evening, realizing the need of retirement and

rest, He “departed thence by ship into a desert place apart.” [Matthew 14:13.] While the attention of the multitude was for a few moments diverted, He entered a fishing boat and sailed to the eastern side of the lake. *18LtMs, Lt 272a, 1903, par. 4*

It was hard for Him to tear Himself away from the multitudes to whom He longed to minister. The urgency of the work was great, yet He was physically exhausted, and He sought in retirement an opportunity to gain strength, that He might be better fitted to take up His work again. In all things He was an example to His workers. No one is to continue to tax his physical powers until nature can no longer sustain the system in health. *18LtMs, Lt 272a, 1903, par. 5*

The gentle movement of the boat had a soothing influence upon the Saviour, and He slept. Never did boat carry a more precious burden. He was our Saviour. The salvation of a sinful world depended upon Him. *18LtMs, Lt 272a, 1903, par. 6*

The sea of Galilee was the scene of much of Christ’s ministry. On the eastern side the shore rises to a great height. The surrounding country was a lonely region. There were desolate hills and barren rocks where there was neither cultivated land nor houses. To this place Jesus came, that He might be alone to commune with His heavenly Father. *18LtMs, Lt 272a, 1903, par. 7*

When they had arrived at the other side of the lake, Jesus went a little way from His disciples and spent the remainder of the night in agonizing prayer. *18LtMs, Lt 272a, 1903, par. 8*

**Lt 273, 1903**

Kellogg, J.H.

Refiled as *Lt 245a, 1903*.

**Lt 274, 1903**

NA [Brother]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 30, 1903

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My dear Brother,—

I wish that I could make all understand that many times the obstacles and difficulties that seem to hedge up their way are of their own creating. I have an intense desire that day by day the Lord’s people shall learn more of Jesus and trust Him more fully. I want to see them triumphing over sin. I want to see them standing firm in God.*18LtMs, Lt 274, 1903, par. 1*

Set your standard high, and live in constant communion with God. Do not allow the enemy to spoil your experience. Do not complain. Do not reveal a dictatorial spirit. Put on courage and strength. You are not forsaken by God.*18LtMs, Lt 274, 1903, par. 2*

We must not talk unbelief because appearances are against us. We are in a world of iniquity. We shall feel pressure for want of means, but God will hear and answer our petitions for help. Let your watchword be, “The Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded; therefore have I set my face like a flint; and I know that I shall not be ashamed.” [*Isaiah 50:7.*]*18LtMs, Lt 274, 1903, par. 3*

Do not dwell upon things that are of no profit. Be free in the Lord, be free. Look on the bright side. If the work is hindered, be sure that it is not your fault, and then rejoice in the Lord, even though the experience through which you are called to pass is hard and grievous.*18LtMs, Lt 274, 1903, par. 4*

Do not let your lips utter perverseness. Do not talk unbelief; talk hope. “For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven; and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the

eater, so shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth. It shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish the thing whereto I sent it.” [*Isaiah 55:10, 11.*]18LtMs, Lt 274, 1903, par. 5

Let every worker hold up the hands of his fellow worker. Let no one talk discouragement. “For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace. The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree, and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.” [*Verses 12, 13.*]18LtMs, Lt 274, 1903, par. 6

Wait patiently for the Lord, trusting in Him to work everything out to His glory. If His reproof is upon you, humble your soul before Him, and say, Amen. Never murmur or complain. The Lord lives and reigns. Be strong in Him. Trust in Him. Walk before Him in faith and hope and righteousness, and He will bring you off more than a conqueror.18LtMs, Lt 274, 1903, par. 7

**Lt 275, 1903**

Brn. Laboring in Battle Creek

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *19MR 356-365*.

To my brethren laboring in Battle Creek,—

I have been wondering why we do not hear from any of you. You must know that we are very anxious to hear regarding the spiritual interests of the work in Battle Creek. I do not understand why you are so silent. If any real change has taken place, we should surely hear from you. *18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 1*

I hope that you will be true and faithful to help Dr. Kellogg. He is in a perilous condition. His case is a heavy burden on my soul. It would be a great relief to me to hear that he is reaching a place where he can see the terrible mistakes he has made. He needs to understand the simplicity of truth. He needs to realize that the Lord will not accept him unless he sees the mistake that he has been making and turns to the Lord with full purpose of heart. How can a man who has had such great light link up with evil angels? And while he does this, how can he be accepted as a guide of our people to stand at the head of the medical missionary work? *18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 2*

I often think of how wonderfully the Lord has guided Dr. Kellogg, by reproof, by counsel, by encouragement. Letter after letter has been sent to him. The portions that spoke in commendation of him, he would read to his fellow workers, but he did not read the portions that pointed out his errors. *18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 3*

Instruction has now been given me that I must place in the hands of our ministers and physicians the light given me for Dr. Kellogg, or they will make mistakes similar to the mistakes that he has made. *18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 4*

Our medical missionary workers know scarcely anything of the instruction that for the past twenty years the Lord in mercy has been sending him. He has had testimony after testimony in regard to the danger of centering so much in Battle Creek, and the necessity of opening new fields, making plants in many places. Again and again the Lord has declared that it was His will that the company of workers collected in Battle Creek should be broken up into several companies; but no change has been made. *18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 5*

If Dr. Kellogg would stand solidly with his ministering brethren, they could help him, and he could help them. But he has started on a track which if followed will lead to the tearing down of the foundation upon which our faith is based. Spiritualistic sentiments have been presented in so plausible a manner that our medical missionary workers have been fascinated by them. I pray that they will not continue to foster these ideas. Their work is now to put away from them these pleasing fables. *18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 6*

My brother, I cannot understand how you could tell me that there is in *Living Temple* nothing that is not in harmony with what we as a people believe. I thought you a true watchman, quick to see when evil from the enemy was stealing into our ranks. I thought you would be wide-awake to discern the approach of the enemy and give the alarm. The rebuke of God rests upon you because you did not discern the dangerous character of the fables that were being circulated. The rebuke of God is upon every minister and every medical missionary leader who has been asleep on the walls of Zion, when as vigilant watchmen they should have warned the people of the Lord against the dangers threatening them. *18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 7*

Wonderful scenes, with which Satan will be closely connected, will soon take place. God's Word declares that Satan will work miracles. He will make people sick and then will suddenly remove from them his satanic power. They will then be regarded as healed. These works of apparent healing will bring Seventh-day Adventists to the test. Many who have had great light will fail to walk in the light, because they have not become one with Christ. His instruction is not palatable to them. *18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 8*



Let us study the Word of God. Let us make it a part of our lives, bringing its teachings into the daily experience. Thus only can we gain the knowledge that will enable us, in these days of peril, to distinguish the true from the false. Study the *sixth chapter of John*. It contains instruction that is indeed the mystery of godliness. "Search the Scriptures," Christ said; "for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me." [*John 5:39.*]18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 9

"Ye will not come unto Me that ye might have life," Christ continued. [*Verse 40.*] This is the trouble with some who have had great light. God has honored them, but they have not reflected His glory.18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 10

"I receive not honor from men. But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. I am come in My Father's name, and ye receive Me not; if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." [*Verses 41-43.*]18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 11

History will be repeated. The time will come, Christ tells us, when many deceivers will go forth, declaring themselves to be the Christ. The Saviour says, "Go ye not after them." [*Luke 21:8.*] We need not be deceived.18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 12

"How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only? Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father; there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For if ye had believed Moses, ye would have believed Me; for he wrote of Me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe My words?" [*John 5:44-47.*]18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 13

### **The Great Medical Missionary**

"After these things, Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed Him, because they saw the miracles which He did on them that were diseased. And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there He sat with His disciples." [*John 6:1-3.*]18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 14

He had retired to a secluded place with His disciples, but this rare season of peaceful solitude was soon broken. Some among the multitude they had left had noticed the direction in which they had gone. Many went by land to meet them, while others followed in their boats across the water. Before Christ reached the shore, a multitude was waiting for Him. But He landed unobserved by them and spent a little time apart with His disciples.*18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 15*

From the hillside He looked upon the moving multitude, and His heart was stirred with sympathy. Interrupted as He was, and robbed of His rest, He was not impatient. He saw a greater necessity demanding His attention as He watched the people coming and still coming. He was “moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd.” [*Mark 6:34.*] Leaving His retreat, He found a convenient place where He could minister to them. They received no help from the priests and rulers, but the healing waters of life flowed from Christ as He taught the multitude the way of salvation.*18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 16*

The people listened to the words of mercy flowing so freely from the lips of the Son of God. They heard the gracious words, so simple and so plain that they were as the balm of Gilead to their souls. The healing of His divine hand brought gladness and life to the dying and ease and health to those suffering with disease. The day seemed to them like heaven upon earth, and they were utterly unconscious of how long it had been since they had eaten anything.*18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 17*

At length the day was far spent. The sun was sinking in the west, and yet the people lingered. Jesus had labored all day without food or rest. He was pale from weariness and hunger, and the disciples besought Him to cease from His toil. But He could not withdraw Himself from the multitude that pressed upon Him.*18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 18*

The disciples finally came to Him, urging that for His own sake the people should be sent away. Many had come from far and had eaten nothing since morning. In the surrounding towns and villages they might be able to buy food. But Jesus said, “Give ye them to

eat,” and then, turning to Philip, questioned, “Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” [*Mark 6:37; John 6:5.*] This He said to test the faith of the disciples. Philip looked over the sea of heads and thought how impossible it would be to provide food to satisfy the wants of such a crowd. He answered that two hundred pennyworth of bread would not be nearly enough to divide amongst them so that each might have a little. Jesus inquired how much food could be found among the company. “There is a lad here,” said Andrew, “which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes, but what are they among so many.” [*Verses 8, 9.*] Jesus directed that these be brought to Him. Then He bade the disciples seat the people on the grass in parties of fifty or a hundred, to preserve order, and that all might witness what He was about to do. When this was accomplished, Jesus took the food, “and looking up to heaven, He blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to His disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.” [*Matthew 14:19.*] “And they did all eat, and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments and of the fishes.” [*Mark 6:42, 43.*]*18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 19*

Christ, the Son of God, was appointed by the Father to come to this world as the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and great Medical missionary. He was not only to heal the sick, but was also to take away sin and raise the dead. He came as the Life-giver.*18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 20*

How much He will be to those in our medical institutions who truly believe in Him as the great Healer. How much he will do for the sick and suffering who come to these institutions, if the physicians and nurses point them to Him as the Life-giver, telling them that if they will commit themselves to His keeping, He will take away their suffering of mind and give them rest and peace.*18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 21*

There is no work in which the workers need a closer fellowship with Christ than the medical missionary work. O how greatly the physician, as he stands at the bedside of a sufferer, needs an intimate acquaintance with Christ. The one to whom he is ministering may be losing his hold on this life. Can he, with tenderness and simplicity, and with the assurance of certain

knowledge, speak to him of the One who died that He might say to every sinner, “Thy sins be forgiven thee”? [*Matthew 9:5.*]*18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 22*

The physician is to stand in Christ’s stead, bearing to the sick the gospel of physical and spiritual healing. Physicians should be men conversant with God, one with Christ. To souls on the brink of the grave, they will be called on to speak the words of life, fresh and healing.*18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 23*

In order to be truly successful, the physician must live in close relation to Christ. He must cherish a constant sense that he is one of the Lord’s chosen instruments appointed to bear to the sick the word of life, to declare to them that if they receive Christ as a personal Saviour, they will be given power to become the sons of God. It is in the power of every physician, in his work for the sick, to be a gospel teacher, bearing to those to whom he ministers the sure cure for sin, pointing them to the Lamb of God who alone can make successful the physical treatment given. In the simplest of language he is to speak of the Saviour, his heart filled with a longing for the salvation of the one to whom he is speaking.*18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 24*

Our physicians need a deeper insight into the evangelistic work that God expects them to do. Let them remember that if they do not work for the healing of the soul as well as for the healing of the body, they are not following the example of the great Medical Missionary. Let them study the Word of God diligently, that they may be familiar with its promises and may be able, in tenderness and love, to point sinners to the great Healer.*18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 25*

It was to bring spiritual as well as physical healing to the sick that our sanitariums were established. If physicians only realized it, they could often do more to restore the sick to health by ministering to the needs of the soul than by confining their efforts to the body.*18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 26*

The physician is to be a constant receiver of the grace of Christ. Constantly he is to be under the control of God’s holy law. He is to remember that Christ has authorized the God-fearing physician to

regard himself as a laborer together with God. *18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 27*

When Christ sent His disciples out on their first missionary journey, He said to them, "As ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give." [*Matthew 10:7, 8.*] And when at the close of His earthly ministry He gave them their commission, He said, "These signs shall follow them that believe; In My name they shall cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. ...*18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 28*

"And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." [*Mark 16:17, 18, 20.*]*18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 29*

The words spoken to the disciples are spoken to us also. None need think that the day for working as the apostles worked is past. Men and women can today work as Christ has given them example. To all will come opportunities to minister to sin-sick souls and to those in need of physical healing. *18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 30*

Physical healing is a science of heavenly birth, bound up with the gospel commission. *18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 31*

We have a work to do that we have not done. Our faith is to be broader, deeper, more trustful than it has been. We are to bring all our necessities to Christ, knowing that He will supply our need. Since one soul is of more value in God's sight than the whole world, let us act as genuine medical missionaries. Christ has given us our work. The deeper our appreciation of His love, the keener will be our sense of need, and the stronger our faith. And we shall receive according to our faith. *18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 32*

Our belief in Christ is not to be a casual belief, but a belief that enters into every part of the life. Such a belief leads us to ask Him to supply our need because we realize that He is our only dependence. A casual belief admits that He is the Redeemer, but does not honor Him by receiving Him as a friend, a helper. Those

who have such a belief do not know the meaning of the words, "Without me ye can do nothing." [John 15:5.] They work without taking Christ into their confidence. *18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 33*

The Saviour is willing to help all who call upon Him for wisdom and clearness of thought. And who needs wisdom and clearness of thought more than the physician, upon whose decisions so much depends? *18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 34*

The Lord would have our physicians co-operate with Him in their treatment of the sick, showing more faith and using fewer drugs. Let us rely upon God. Our faith is feeble, and our hearts remain unchanged. God would have a change take place. He says, "A new heart also will I give you." [Ezekiel 36:26.] When this promise is fulfilled to the people of God, the condition of things will be very different from what it now is. *18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 35*

The newborn soul is to follow on to know the Lord until he knows that his going forth is prepared as the morning. This is a science that you can afford to study. It will bring you peace and assurance. As you draw near to God, you will realize that He is drawing near to you. *18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 36*

Shall not our workers avail themselves of their high privilege in Christ—sanctification through the truth? O how much our souls need to be revived, quickened, spiritualized, filled with a love for the Lord that leads them to choose His society, saying with real satisfaction, "In the Lord will I rejoice. His Word is my comfort and guide." A constant reliance upon Christ for success gives an abiding satisfaction. It is a source of peace that the world can neither give nor take away. *18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 37*

Into the medical missionary work there must be brought more of a yearning for souls. It was this yearning that filled the hearts of those who established our first medical institution. *18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 38*

Christ is to be present in the sickroom, filling your heart with the sweetness of His love. When your life is such that Christ can go with you to the bedside of the sick, there will come to you the conviction that He, the compassionate Saviour, is in the room, and

this conviction will do much to restore them to health.*18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 39*

In word and deed the physicians and nurses in our medical institutions are to say, so plainly that it cannot be misunderstood, "God is in this place," to save, not to destroy. [See *Genesis 28:16.*] *18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 40*

Christ invites our physicians to become acquainted with Him. When they respond to His invitation, they will know that they receive the things they ask for. Their minds will be enlightened by wisdom from above. Constantly beholding the Saviour, they will become more and more like Him, till at last it can be said of them in the heavenly courts, "Ye are complete in Him." [*Colossians 2:10.*] Christ has pledged Himself to give His disciples what they ask for in His name. As they labor in harmony with Him, they can ask Him to aid them in every time of need.*18LtMs, Lt 275, 1903, par. 41*

**Lt 280, 1903**

Brethren and Sisters

Refiled as *Lt 1, 1904*.



**Lt 281, 1903**

Kellogg, J.H.

Refiled as *Lt 23, 1904*.

**Lt 282, 1903**

Haskell, S.N.

Refiled as *Lt 39a, 1903*.

**Lt 283, 1903**

Haskell, Brother and Sister [S. N.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 26, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell,—

At this time two years ago, I was in South Lancaster. As the result of a ride between South Lancaster and Clinton in cold weather I was taken very sick. I should then have gone direct to Battle Creek instead of going around by New York. The results of that journey nearly cost me my life. But the Lord preserved me, and I have been engaged in the conflict ever since. *18LtMs, Lt 283, 1903, par. 1*

I wish I could see you, but I dare not say to you what I would like to say. I would like to invite you to come and spend some time with us. But I dare not urge you to do this. They need you in the South. Dr. Kellogg writes me that he has asked you to come to Battle Creek. We need more laborers in Washington to help in establishing the work in that new and important center. I dare not say one word as to what you ought to do. I leave you to be taught of God. Let the Lord, the Captain of your salvation, give you your orders. *18LtMs, Lt 283, 1903, par. 2*

Be careful not to overwork. Do not take on burdens that you should avoid. We want the aged men of experience preserved to us. We need them especially at this time to bear earnest, decided testimony to the faith once delivered to the saints. *18LtMs, Lt 283, 1903, par. 3*

Our people need to understand the reasons of our faith and our past experiences. *18LtMs, Lt 283, 1903, par. 4*

How sad it is that so many of our people apparently place unlimited confidence in men who present theories tending to uproot our past experiences and to remove the old landmarks! Those who can be

so easily led by a false spirit show that they have been following the wrong captain for some time—so long that they do not discern that they are departing from the faith, or that they are not building upon the true foundation. We need to urge all to put on their spiritual eyeglasses, to have their eyes anointed that they may see clearly and discern the true pillars of the faith, and say, “Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His.” [2 *Timothy 2:19.*] We need to revive the old evidences of the faith once delivered to the saints.*18LtMs, Lt 283, 1903, par. 5*

Every conceivable fanciful and deceptive doctrine will be presented by men who think that they have the truth. Some are now teaching that children will be born in the new earth. Is this present truth? Who has inspired these men to present such a theory? Did the Lord give any one such views? No; those things which are revealed are for us and for our children, but upon subjects not revealed, and having naught to do with our salvation, silence is eloquence. These strange ideas should not even be mentioned, much less taught as essential truths.*18LtMs, Lt 283, 1903, par. 6*

We have reached a time when things are to be called by their right name. As we did in the earlier days, we must arise and, under the Spirit of God, rebuke the work of deception.*18LtMs, Lt 283, 1903, par. 7*

Some of the sentiments now expressed are the alpha of some of the most fanatical ideas that could be presented. Teachings similar to those we had to meet soon after 1844 are being taught by some who occupy important positions in the work of God.*18LtMs, Lt 283, 1903, par. 8*

In New Hampshire, in Vermont, and in other places, we had to resist the stealthy, deceptive work of fanaticism. Presumptuous sins were entered into, and unholy lusts were freely indulged by some under the cloak of sanctification. The doctrine of spiritual free-love was advocated. We saw the fulfilment of the Scripture, “that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.” [1 *Timothy 4:1.*]*18LtMs, Lt 283, 1903, par. 9*

Will those who have been deceived by the art of the great deceiver now make a decided change? O that they might realize how they have dishonored God? Men standing in responsible positions have presented in subtle scientific words their human ideas of God.*18LtMs, Lt 283, 1903, par. 10*

But I take no pleasure in dwelling upon these matters. The Lord has a care for His sheep, and He will not permit them to be deceived and destroyed. We must all make a determined effort to save the souls of those who have been deceived.*18LtMs, Lt 283, 1903, par. 11*

**Lt 284, 1903**

Butler, G.I.

Refiled as *Lt 43, 1904*.

**Lt 285, 1903**

Haskell, S.N.

Refiled as *Lt 51, 1904*.

**Lt 286, 1903**

Leading Medical Workers

Refiled as *Lt 57, 1904*.



**Lt 287, 1903**

White, J. E.; White, Emma

Refiled as *Lt 101, 1904*.

**Lt 288, 1903**

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 23, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Son Willie,—

I do not expect to get this copied but will write a few lines. We shall be glad to see you back again. I wish this communication sent in behalf of England will be considered as facts concerning the providence of God in placing property within your reach at Los Angeles and San Diego, but I have said my say respecting those places. You must do as in your judgment you shall deem best. Why I write is this: the creating of funds to purchase in England need not close the door to creating funds for the Southern California field. I can write but little but will just put a few words in the mail today. *18LtMs, Lt 288, 1903, par. 1*

Elder Daniells has written for me to write something like an appeal for the sanitarium in England. I said, I will take no responsibilities to call for funds for England when the distressed condition of the work in America, that should have earnest work done just as verily as in any foreign field, [is before me]. God is displeased that this state of things continues with our people who know the truth, slumbering and sleeping like the foolish virgins, while souls are going to ruin. And if any attempt to do anything in the Southern field, hands are spread out to grasp it for the foreign fields. Souls that have been left without care in America are just as much to be cared for as those in other countries. I have sent a letter to Elder Daniells. I wish you to see it. *18LtMs, Lt 288, 1903, par. 2*

I meant to have written more but I have not time. I am writing some things when I can. May the Lord help me, for I have but little courage now as to the proper state of things' being established when the leading men are blind as to the moves they make. I fear greatly for the sheep of the Lord's pasture. I never, never remember

of having such a hopeless presentation in regard to the future. My soul is sad and sick; but I will stop this kind of pen talk.*18LtMs, Lt 288, 1903, par. 3*

I must close my letter.*18LtMs, Lt 288, 1903, par. 4*

**Lt 289, 1903**

Belden, F. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 1, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Nephew Frank Belden,—

Your bundle of letters was placed in my hand, but I could not possibly read them. I had a very intense experience in regard to many matters concerning the school at Berrien Springs, concerning the Southern field, concerning the Sanitarium in Battle Creek, concerning the Review and Herald office. And while their council was in session, I was sending in matters that they should have; but since the camp-meeting at Fresno, matters have opened before me in such an intense light [that] for eight weeks I could not sleep past 12 o'clock and was writing. *18LtMs, Lt 289, 1903, par. 1*

My eyes troubled me and I was afraid I was sacrificing them, and yet I kept on. The last two weeks of December were the most agonizing weeks I have ever experienced, and I begged the Lord to relieve me from the awful pressure. But one thing after another rolled upon me, responsibilities that I could not bear. It seemingly would cost me my life, and I could not tell any one anything for they cannot see. Said my Instructor, They cannot understand these things. Then I wrote with all my might day and most of the night to that council, and I carry the load still. I at last had a collapse and could do no more. I had written all the warnings and cautions that were essential, and now I shall, I hope, be free. *18LtMs, Lt 289, 1903, par. 2*

But I have not that hope, now that I have tried to keep alive, that you would sometime come to your senses and humble your heart and learn from your past experience that the Lord would [not] and could not endorse your spirit or actions. His name was not glorified. *18LtMs, Lt 289, 1903, par. 3*

The Lord has a path marked out for you which is apparently so humble you refuse it. No, no, I cannot, I cannot encourage you. I have not the light that I can bind up your interest with ours. The choice you have made all the way along is not to glorify God. When the hand of the Lord and His voice are recognized, then you will understand you are not to wait until the Lord humbles you, as He has done again and again, but that you will humble yourself under His mighty hand. When you see that you have not that sanctified wisdom that will set you among princes, then you may with your whole heart, mind, and soul seek the Lord; and when you study the life of Christ with sanctified vision, then you will accept the ways of the Lord and glorify Him. *18LtMs, Lt 289, 1903, par. 4*

**Lt 290, 1903**

White, W. C.

Refiled as *Lt 172, 1903*.

## **Lt 291, 1903**

Leaders in the Medical Work

NP

August 4, 1903

Portions of this letter are published in *TMK 199, 281*.

### **Testimony to the Church**

To the leaders in the medical work,—

I have a message for you. I am instructed to say that not all the arrangements connected with the management of the medical missionary work are to originate in Battle Creek. The medical missionary work is God's work, and every church bears its individual responsibility to read and understand the Word of God. We are to take a decided stand against allowing this work, sacred in its origin as a medical missionary work to be carried to all parts of the world in publications and in personal missionary effort, to be selfishly controlled. *18LtMs, Lt 291, 1903, par. 1*

One man is not to think he can be conscience for all medical workers. Human beings are to look to the Lord God of heaven alone for wisdom and guidance in establishing medical institutions. Our brethren must not be asked to work in accordance with the plans of a kingly, ruling power. A change must be brought about. The plan to fasten every medical institution to the central organization at Battle Creek must not be longer advocated, but be relinquished. This plan God forbids. *18LtMs, Lt 291, 1903, par. 2*

For years I have been instructed that there is danger, constant danger, that our brethren will be taught to look to their fellow men for permission and for guidance to do this or that work in the place of looking to God. Thus they become weaklings, and all such restrictions are disapproved of God. All men are bought with a price. The Lord can impress the minds and consciences of all who serve Him and do His work under bonds to God and in a spirit of fraternity that is in accordance with the principles of His

laws. *18LtMs, Lt 291, 1903, par. 3*

God is acquainted with the future. He is the one to whom we are to look for guidance. If the practice comes in to look to one another for guidance, we will be misled—adrift—and the mischief is done. They lose confidence in God, and they cannot depend on human wisdom. This sentiment has now come in, the result of which will be placing man where God should be, ever and under all circumstances. Christ is our wisdom, our sanctification, our refiner, our dependence, now and forever and forever. The words were spoken, “Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils.” [*Isaiah 2:22.*] Let your words and all your plans be under the divine direction. *18LtMs, Lt 291, 1903, par. 4*

The service of Christ is a heavenly and holy and blessed thing. The Word is to be diligently searched, for the ministry of the Word discovers the imperfections in our characters and teaches us that the sanctification of the Spirit is a work of heavenly devising, presenting in Christ Jesus the true perfection that if maintained will become a perfect whole in behalf of every soul. We are educated in Bible lines to become complete in Christlikeness and to see His Father’s face in Him who gave His own life for the saving of the soul. *18LtMs, Lt 291, 1903, par. 5*

Let every church member consider the breaking up of the fallow ground, the careful cleansing of the soil, and the depositing and harrowing of the seed, which is the laborious work of the husbandman. It is a rough and searching process. The harrowing of the seed is not always pleasant to the receiver, and sometimes disabling to him because he does not sense the virtue of the Word and becomes submissive under the tilling process in spiritual life. The sins committed require the sincere repentance that needeth not to be repented of; but when the hard soil is broken up and the stubborn clods are broken to pieces, then the precious seed can be sown and harrowed into the soil. This represents the severe discipline of God. Often rebellion is manifested, and the discipline of God must continue until the determined will is broken and the end is gained. *18LtMs, Lt 291, 1903, par. 6*

In things spiritual as well as natural this work must be done. Often



severity is needed to bring in the spiritual harvest. It is God's great law that without the proper sowing of seed and the tillage there will be no harvest in sheaves. An experience is lacking. Divine blessings wait only for human spiritual working of the soil of the heart and the industry to care for the soil while the Lord is sowing His seed. *18LtMs, Lt 291, 1903, par. 7*

As a man soweth, he shall also reap. All who study the Word with full purpose to cleanse away from the life all sin, and who search the Scriptures to learn what is truth, will welcome the truth of the Word as a Thus saith the Lord. They will repent under the sharp reproofs of Bible truth, fully aware that truth never changes to adapt itself to any person that lives. If a man sow true repentance, he will reap the reward of sound, good works. If he continues in the faith, he reaps peace. If he becomes sanctified and cleansed from his appetite for cheapness and folly, he shall—if he continues to sow in faith and repentance and hope—reap righteousness and perfect love. If he continues to sow faith, he shall reap. He subordinates himself to an entirely different experience, accepts daily the sanctifying processes, and a continuance in the well-doing in overcoming makes him a daily victor because he keeps the mark of Christ's perfection ever before him. *18LtMs, Lt 291, 1903, par. 8*

Now any profession you make will be of little advantage to you unless you keep in view that you are running a race in hope of receiving an everlasting spiritual victory, which is essential if you are worthy to share the life with Christ and the fulness of the immortal inheritance. The daily fructifying influence of the Holy Spirit of God must quicken into life and productiveness your purposes, else you will fall into the same channel as that of your past life. *18LtMs, Lt 291, 1903, par. 9*

Now, my brother, will you work to a purpose to prepare yourself for the inheritance of the saints in light? You never yet have felt the sinfulness of your own past course. Life is short. A life is presented to you to obtain that is as enduring as the life of God. Will you consider and think and have the true heavenly manliness to do the work that Christ invites you to do now? It is fructifying with Christ. He laid aside His royal crown and His kingly robe and came to meet the powers of darkness in humanity just as you are required to meet

the satanic influences. Will you accept the invitation of Christ: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart"? [*Matthew 11:28, 29.*] This is the very lesson every one of the human family will have to learn, else they can never become sons and daughters of God and be numbered with the royal family. It rests with every one. Will you take His yoke? Will you give up every inducement and attraction of the world? Will you fully come to your Saviour and say, "I accept the terms; I take the yoke of Christ"? *18LtMs, Lt 291, 1903, par. 10*

You need to become not a novice, but an intelligent, converted Christian, by copying the example of One who gave His life to a life of persecution. All manner of evil was spoken against Christ. They said that He had a devil, and what sufferings He endured in your behalf that you should not perish! There is limit to wilful transgression. You cannot continue in sin, and grace abound. You and I and all who have sinned may pray to God, not that He would change natural laws, but that He will make the heart wise in choosing to conform the life and character to vindicate and sustain all the wise and true laws God has given. I write these things to you. I greatly desire that you should have an entirely different history in the future than in the past. *18LtMs, Lt 291, 1903, par. 11*

I am so sorry that, in your association in Battle Creek, you have been passing over the same ground that many have passed over, trusting to their own individual selves. You need to make a decided change in yourself, answering to conversion. Your Saviour invites you, "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Verses 29, 30.*] Here is your work, and will you grieve the Holy Spirit of God? *18LtMs, Lt 291, 1903, par. 12*

Please tell me what [?] you made with the people in Battle Creek. How much money have you expended, and how much have you gained in educational lines? What have you still in hand of money? I think if you should go to Washington, it will be a much safer place for you to obtain an education. If you would only heed the counsel the Lord has given! It is your only safety. As I have had your case

opened before me I have thought much. If you had a genuine experience in the knowledge of the truth, what a happy influence would be created in the perfection of Christian life.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 291, 1903, par. 13*

**Lt 292, 1903**

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 6, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Son Willie,—

I thank the Lord that you are moving like men who have not a blinder before your eyes. I praise the Lord that I am in very good health. My heart is cheerful and I am pleased with the settlement of [A. R.] Henry. I hope you will carry through all matters as men under the direct influence of the Holy Spirit and unmoved by all the subterfuges of Satan to bind yokes upon God's people. The gospel ministry and pure, true missionary work clasp hands firmly; one is not independent of the other. None of us wants to be whitewashed by the interpretation of medical missionary work that is not medical missionary work at all. It is not healing; it is not saving; it is not unto eternal life in practicing. As a people we must take up medical missionary work. *18LtMs, Lt 292, 1903, par. 1*

**Lt 293, 1903**

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 16, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Son Willie C. White,—

I am very grateful to my heavenly Father that my health is quite good. While I feel the affliction again and again, my heart thanks the Lord that I am yet active and really suffer no more, as I consider, than I have all through my lifetime. I never have done more work in writing, and I have not one word of repining.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 293, 1903, par. 1*

I will not be depressed, although I am not receiving much in line of means. The London office sent me three hundred and forty-seven dollars. The Pacific Press owes the London office, the London office wants Pacific Press—if they have my consent—to make some turn to pay me, and they consent to take this money. I owe the Pacific Press one thousand dollars, and this exchange will help lessen the debt. So I consent and will hope from some source to receive money for books. We are planning, I and my workers, not to lay out means, and I hope to have something come in. I sent letter to Sister Stickney or her daughter Perkins, a widow, to lend me, but answer came they had it not. She wrote me a very nice letter. I shall write the two women, both widows, again as soon as I can conveniently. I am of good courage in the Lord.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 293, 1903, par. 2*

Shall not attend any camp-meeting this season unless I am especially drawn out to write Los Angeles, and I do not consider it my duty. I want to be in a prepared state when you shall arrive from your long journey, that we shall consult together and decide in regard to the publications of books. And never, never shall books go through several hands from me at any future time. I need the profits on my books and must have them, and my donation that the Lord signified I should make I have tried to do thoroughly, whole-

heartedly. *18LtMs, Lt 293, 1903, par. 3*

I have asked H. W. Kellogg to loan me at least one thousand dollars in behalf of Edson. I have told Edson to not rush matters, but bind himself to no such propositions as have been proposed. He has had enough such work to do and suffered for it. *18LtMs, Lt 293, 1903, par. 4*

God knows just how we are situated, and I mean to trust in God and not disregard the light God has given me before we went to Australia, that if the parties managing the Review and Herald could get my books published and I have nothing, no protest would be made by them. I have a copy of a letter that I will send you that I wrote at that time. I am immovably fixed that I will not be controlled in this matter of price of books any longer. I have a little prospect of getting free from debt to the Pacific Press; light has been given me over and over again on this point and I shall heed it. If I am worth what I know the Lord would have me be to His cause, I must take my business in my own hands and refuse this screwing me down to the lowest sum, and I have not money to pay my workers. It cost me something more than selfish minds will take in, but I am now in good spirits, have not lost my mind, and I will not place myself under the harrow because men solicit me to. I have now come to where I will prefer to take my books to unbelievers to handle rather than to have the past experience repeated. There now, I have done with that. *18LtMs, Lt 293, 1903, par. 5*

I have had a talk with Elder A. T. Jones, and I have told him facts in regard to establishing a school of higher classics that the Lord has no call for whatever. The great day of the Lord is near and hasteth greatly. We have no call, no duty to establish a college in Battle Creek. A. T. Jones came to call for money to help the acre fund and, I think, the college too. I told him plainly the Lord sent him on no such errand. If he had any zeal or interest in collecting money, let him bear in mind there was a sanitarium to be created, there was an orphanage to be established in California, there was a debt on the Sanitarium, and he might have expended his zeal in setting this Sanitarium in a better condition; but to come from Battle Creek and begin to gather up money from our churches—I protested against it, in the name of the Lord, that the Lord had never put that work upon

him.*18LtMs, Lt 293, 1903, par. 6*

Again I told him I had been shown that Dr. Kellogg was trying to use him to oppose the very things the Lord had been trying to do, for Dr. Kellogg was in no state of mind to give that kind of education the students needed and to exert that influence that would be a savor of life unto eternal life. The man is in no spiritual condition to do the work in the Sanitarium, even, and his course of action has been of that character that God forbids our young people should be educated to study under him. He is working to have the school one year in Battle Creek, get the school there one year for the sake of their obtaining degrees; and it will be opposed to the light God has given by testimonies and the wiping out of these two great principal institutions.*18LtMs, Lt 293, 1903, par. 7*

I told A. T. Jones that Dr. Kellogg was not to have his way in everything he proposes for worldly policies and worldly plans in education—which the Lord had been leading us away from—in the place forming such a school now in Battle Creek. It seems Dr. Kellogg is determined to counterwork God's plans.*18LtMs, Lt 293, 1903, par. 8*

I have not seen A. T. Jones since. He may be at the Sanitarium. I did not go anywhere to speak on Sabbath. I felt like shutting myself away, where I would not become distracted with the confused working and counterworking at Battle Creek. I am thinking I do not know what it is best to do. I wish I had seen him. I told him Sabbath morning some plain, straightforward things, but what course he will now pursue I know not. I told him that J. H. Kellogg was acting a part in connection with the cause of God that would unsettle many souls. He has gone directly against the testimonies of the Spirit of God, and how long his brethren were to sustain him in his deceptive course I could not determine; that A. T. Jones was acting like a man with his eyes put out. That piece in the paper he would have to explain to make a consistency in his own case, and then he would put a wrong construction on the matter, and thus the matter stands. He did not come to see me again; left this morning.*18LtMs, Lt 293, 1903, par. 9*

I have strong feelings in regard to his coming on the Pacific Coast

to raise money to build up interests in Battle Creek. I understand A. T. Jones will be in Healdsburg till the last of this week. I may decide to go to Healdsburg and read him further testimony. Oh, that our brethren would open their eyes to see all things clearly!*18LtMs, Lt 293, 1903, par. 10*

I was going to see A. T. Jones this day, but he left this morning.*18LtMs, Lt 293, 1903, par. 11*

Whatever may be decided in reference to my books, I must have not so many handling them that I get hardly any income after paying the printers and the material—but there, I have said enough. May the Lord strengthen and bless me and help me to hold fast my hope and trust in God.*18LtMs, Lt 293, 1903, par. 12*

When Dr. Kellogg takes the lines, he does it with a purpose. If he could only glorify God it would be well, but when it is the human agency that works without the Holy Spirit, I am agonized at the thought. Now I shall call your attention to this letter written so long ago. You see how it reads. I came across it by accident. I have another letter on the point somewhere. It may come to me as this has done. I copy the letter just as it was written.*18LtMs, Lt 293, 1903, par. 13*

When your work is done, please to come home. I want to see you, and we all want to see you. Be of good courage. We can pray and commit all our difficulties to God. I will not look on the dark side.*18LtMs, Lt 293, 1903, par. 14*

In love.*18LtMs, Lt 293, 1903, par. 15*



**Lt 294, 1903**

Magan, P. T.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 10, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *13MR 157-158*.

Dear Brother [P. T.] Magan,—

I received your letter. I was up [at] half-past [four] this morning and found it in my room awaiting me. I think we have sent to you some few days ago the exact thing you call for in regard to [Missionary] Acre Fund. I read it over carefully and it seems to me the right thing. And now comes the long letter from you, which I highly appreciate. *18LtMs, Lt 294, 1903, par. 1*

Not one word comes from Battle Creek to any of us. Why is this? I think they must know I should highly appreciate some word that gives my heart a spring of joy. *18LtMs, Lt 294, 1903, par. 2*

I am sad indeed for your wife, but continue to place her by faith in the arms of our Saviour and believe whatever the Lord hath said He means, and He would have us believe every word in promise. *18LtMs, Lt 294, 1903, par. 3*

I would say, Do let us, if possible, bury the dead carcasses of the past, and let not the enemies have anything to triumph over. I hope there will be a thorough understanding of the foundation Rock upon which we can all stand in unity. Nearly two thousand years ago a voice was heard of strange and mysterious import, because it came from the throne of God, “Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body thou hast prepared me.” *Hebrews 10:5*. “Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of Me, I delight to do Thy will, O My God: yea, Thy law is within My heart.” *Psalms 40:7, 8*. We are now to understand matters aright by bringing self into unity with Jesus Christ. *18LtMs, Lt 294, 1903, par. 4*

I was not able to comprehend the plan in regard to helping me out

of debt, but I have become so that I have less burden to carry, and now I understand better; and I will tell you, Brother Magan, I want not that one of my burdens shall rest on you. I do not think, under the circumstances, you should create burdens to bear for me or any living soul. Relieve yourself; unload; and as to my taking one gift or one dollar from the conference, God forbid.*18LtMs, Lt 294, 1903, par. 5*

As to putting the book *Education* into some such way of circulation as *Object Lessons*, I do not expect anything of the kind. Let this book have its course, but my books are not to pass through the many hands that they have done. I have protested against it for many years. The tract societies are not helping me, but are detracting from the profits I should have. I have not and will not consent to have any donations made for me. I will not consent for my care to come in as one bit of an item to make you rally to work for me. You have got all on your hands that you should have and can possibly carry.*18LtMs, Lt 294, 1903, par. 6*

May the Lord help your wife, as the Great Physician only can, and may the Lord give you wisdom to preserve yourself in your difficulties from so many burdens, and to unload every burden possible. May the Lord God give courage, but shun many responsibilities; shun all that you can. Walk circumspectly before God, which I believe you will do. Walk by faith. Cling to the Mighty One every moment and do not let go. There is a great work to be done. If you will work slowly and considerately and not become confused, then you will not work unwisely, but you will gain nothing by overloading yourself.*18LtMs, Lt 294, 1903, par. 7*

**Lt 295, 1903**

Kellogg, J.H.

Refiled as *Lt 256, 1904*.

**Lt 296, 1903**

White, Emma

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 11, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Daughter, Emma White,—

I am very thankful to the Lord that you have returned home safely and have met with no accident and harm. I received the black headgear and wear it and shall enjoy it. I have been very, very much burdened to place things in a proper light to be prepared for the Graysville meeting, and I hope that everything will be prepared, as far as human power can do this, that there will be no exhibition of hasty spirit, whatever may come up to appear inconsistent. The grace of Christ is a wonderful soother of the nerves.*18LtMs, Lt 296, 1903, par. 1*

I wish to say that I am considering, since the burning of the Sanitarium and Review and Herald office, how things will now shape themselves. I feel now it is my duty to take the testimonies, some that have been printed in tract form, in warning them which warnings have been disregarded. It is a thing I have felt reluctant to do, but I think I must do it in order to clear my soul. I have been reading them over today and yesterday—the most plain matters in regard to the perverted principles in the publishing house in Battle Creek. The Lord has commenced His work of cleansing.*18LtMs, Lt 296, 1903, par. 2*

I have written letters to Battle Creek, and I have sent the same to yourself, W. C. White, and to the ones I thought should have them. If they will take heed to these reproofs and repent and be converted, there will be a cleansing of the temple to some purpose.*18LtMs, Lt 296, 1903, par. 3*

Oh, when we consider we are framing characters for eternity, what an enormity it gives to human life! And then to see what power

Satan has over the churches to create discord and strife! What is coming upon our earth now is little understood. We have not as peaceable times to expect from the powers that be as would make our future a peaceful work in warning the world. May the Lord pity those who have hindered the work of advance!*18LtMs, Lt 296, 1903, par. 4*

The persecuting powers of Rome will unite with the Protestant powers. For years and years those who have had the light have not followed the light God has sent them, but they have preferred to walk and work in their own counsels. May they see, may they understand and prepare for what is before them.*18LtMs, Lt 296, 1903, par. 5*

I have much to say. I have said much. The question of the greatest importance is: Shall I be prepared to meet the issues that are coming up, and shall I have the robe of Christ's righteousness? Let the grace of God come into our hearts, and let them be full of His love. I want to see Jesus. I long to meet my Saviour in peace.*18LtMs, Lt 296, 1903, par. 6*

Children, keep the windows of the soul open heavenward and the windows closed earthward. We are praying for you every day, that the Lord will lead you both in straight paths. Press your way through every difficulty, trusting in the Lord.*18LtMs, Lt 296, 1903, par. 7*

**Lt 297, 1903**

Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 5, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Elder Daniells,—

I have your letter. I sent some yesterday and will send some today and will have to take time to collect matters, but I think this will suffice for the present. *18LtMs, Lt 297, 1903, par. 1*

I have expected this for some time. Dr. Kellogg has been repeatedly warned that he would represent Nebuchadnezzar; if he exalted himself God would humble him. If he has not been doing this what can he do more? He has been faithfully warned not to keep the medical missionary work exalted above the gospel message, but he pays not the slightest heed to the testimonies that have been coming to him over a period of years. He has been steadily marching on in self-exaltation till he would order and direct everything, as one competent, when he has divorced himself from the position of being one of God's denominated people before unbelievers; but he denies saying the very words to unbelieving reporters [that he did say] and making the very expressions he made. When he is worked by the satanic agencies, he does not know what spirit has got hold of him and controls him. He has been disloyal to the truth for some time. *18LtMs, Lt 297, 1903, par. 2*

I have hoped and prayed, and continue hoping, that he will break with satanic agencies, and from being a tool in the hands of Satan, but I have little hope now. This boldness and exaltation and kingly power that have been rebuked by the Lord, that would come in among our people, are developed in him in the very largest measure. He is deceived and considers he will ride high; and the more concessions that are made, the worse has been the influence upon him. He feels he has the power in his human hands, but let me tell you I am now convinced that we must move standing in the

light of heaven. *18LtMs, Lt 297, 1903, par. 3*

Brother A. T. Jones assured me he received and believed the testimonies. He is under the power of a satanic delusion; and now for the sake of the people of God we must all move calmly without excitement, but solidly and surely, giving no encouragement to any of our people to sustain him in the documents and binding up with the cords to his devisings and his propositions. Now the stand must be taken. God has true, sincere, devoted gospel medical missionary workers. We must now pray and believe and follow the convictions of our own consciences. Do nothing, say nothing that will irritate if you can avoid it. Let him make his speeches, then go right forward on the platform of truth we have ever maintained. If you shall speak words that he can make a handle of, he will do his worst, but our people must be called now to see who will stand on the Lord's side. He will make it as hard for the people who are desirous to do right as possible, by mistaking, misapplying [remainder missing] *18LtMs, Lt 297, 1903, par. 4*

**Lt 298, 1903**

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 18, 1903

Previously unpublished.

[W. C. White,—]

I am unable to be free in mind. I think I should be at Healdsburg and have an interview with Brother A. T. Jones. But the much writing must be done, and I do not know how to get the matter satisfactorily adjusted. After much trouble and anxiety of mind, I am decided to start out and try it, if I cannot go farther than Calistoga.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 298, 1903, par. 1*

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We left with our two working farm horses and our large covered carriage, and we were very comfortable. We left at five o'clock. Designed to leave at four o'clock. I was up at two o'clock. We rode to within twelve miles of Healdsburg, then halted and fed the faithful workers, Stormy and Dolly. We ate our simple lunch of fruit and bread and enjoyed our refreshment. Tarried one hour and a half, and we were all refreshed. Arrived at Healdsburg at eleven a.m. Our room is up in the third story. We enjoy being where we can look out on the landscape and mountains. I endured the journey well, and I slept while riding several miles.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 298, 1903, par. 2*

I have spoken this morning to a few students, about thirty. I tried to tell them a few things of what constitutes true education. The words were such as to lead them to think and act as responsible moral agents. *Romans 12*. God will never fail. He will act His part; and if the human agent will, in humble meekness, act his part appointed him of God, he will be a “laborer together with God.” [*1 Corinthians 3:9*.] The weak human agency is to submit to the divine, yet act his part. “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” lest you shall not act becomingly in co-operation with the divine helper. “For



it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” [*Philippians 2:12, 13.*]18LtMs, Lt 298, 1903, par. 3

We are to pray much. We need to appreciate the scattered rays of light, blend every precious ray with each succeeding ray, and let it shine in and let it shine forth to others. Truth appreciated will be an abundant consolation. It is the bread of life to the hungry, starving soul. Truth, ever fresh and with increased force, will be plainly revealed. This is your course—to ask, to believe, and to receive by faith the heavenly grace. The golden grains of truth are scattered all through the precious field of the gospel.18LtMs, Lt 298, 1903, par. 4

But I find the mail goes soon, and I have had no time to write you. I have had two talks with Brother Jones, and he understands the situation. Clarence will write. If the letter does not come to you in this mail, it will soon—the next mail. But do not any one talk or make any movement in reference to the school at Battle Creek. We are not to let the medical students or any parties be left to the temptations and snares of the enemy if we can prevent it.18LtMs, Lt 298, 1903, par. 5

I have had things presented to me. As faithful watchmen we must guard the sheep and lambs that they shall not be led astray. We must secure every chance to preserve the youth. [Some] do not know and understand the dangers that beset us on every side. I shall write you more tomorrow. The Lord is not going to have His cause and work extinguished and those who love and serve Him distressed and afflicted. There are men who must be on the ground at Battle Creek and take advantage to fish and hunt for souls—to uphold the truth before the multitudes. So we will take the very best view of the situation from our standpoint.18LtMs, Lt 298, 1903, par. 6

A. T. Jones, I think, will guard the fort. He says that is all he goes to Battle Creek for—to present our position, straight and plain, from the Bible, and when he cannot do this he will not remain. But it is best that every advantage shall be laid hold of to reach the worldlings anywhere, and there will be true-hearted Christians to reach and the poor, unsuspecting medical missionary students be helped. All these must be helped and every ray of light shine forth.

The truth must stand as truth, Bible truth, and Dr. Kellogg himself may come to see his spiritual defection. This was the way the matter should be tried and everything tested. *18LtMs, Lt 298, 1903, par. 7*

Let all keep silence and make no movement of their own human self. God works, and no man can hinder Him. Looking unto Jesus, we have a Friend at court. *18LtMs, Lt 298, 1903, par. 8*

I felt at one time I could not endure the thought of the presentation. But we are to labor together with God, to defeat the enemy and change the presentation. I may have to go to Battle Creek, but I mean that that medical missionary company shall not be ensnared, for the Lord will help us to do His work in a way that will be recognized of heaven. *18LtMs, Lt 298, 1903, par. 9*

I will write tomorrow. In love. *18LtMs, Lt 298, 1903, par. 10*

**Lt 299, 1903**

White, W. C.

Healdsburg, California

August, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Son, W. C. White,—

I have just read the little pamphlet issued from Washington, D.C. Elder Daniells sent me a copy of a letter sent to you. I am very much gratified to read it. He wrote me one page which I appreciate. I send this letter with the one before it to you. I do not care to copy for it is hardly worth copying. All that I have written to you is correct, that the enemy has come down in great power, but he put on angel garments; and some who have persistently followed their own devising will not recognize the companion whose arm he has accepted. For this reason there must be a counterworking.*18LtMs, Lt 299, 1903, par. 1*

I shall furnish some one in whom I can trust with copies of the very things essential for them to have, that all may not voice the words of Dr. Kellogg and all accept his influence. We need watchmen upon the walls of Zion to keep guard resolutely, determinedly, and not be found sleeping at their post of duty.*18LtMs, Lt 299, 1903, par. 2*

I had a conversation Sabbath morning last with A. T. Jones. I told him if he would at any time allow his own mind to take in all the Doctor's propositions, he would find himself ensnared. Well, I had much to say, and I have continued to pray for Dr. Kellogg. He may after a time be afflicted bodily, and if he is it may be the salvation of his soul.*18LtMs, Lt 299, 1903, par. 3*

I have felt at times a swelling indignation that we are obliged to be so perplexed to understand how to deal with him. I shall never venture to speak one encouraging word that he can use to lift himself up, whatever may be my opinion of Brother John Kellogg. The last encouragement I gave him filled his poor weak soul with

vanity. We stand where I fear one word of appreciation would have the [same] results. May the Lord just help me to express myself in few words, if I have to speak with him and converse with him. *18LtMs, Lt 299, 1903, par. 4*

I have not an idea that the doctor can understand what is genuine truth, for his heart is unrenewed with grace. The mind, heart, and moral principles of the man have been revealed so fully that it is impossible for me to speak words in his favor, but that he should flourish himself about and threaten the law of men that he supposes will say something in reference to him; [all this] evidences that he is not a Christian, whatever he may profess; and unless he shall greatly humble his soul before God and repent, his candlestick will be removed out of his place. God forbid we should [see] any more exhibitions of his poor, human, foolish self. *18LtMs, Lt 299, 1903, par. 5*

We need men now who are truly converted, then all the wonderful secret working will end; conniving and double-dealing will come to an end. There are those who act very much as Lucifer acted in the heavenly courts, who boast of being rich and increased with goods and having need of nothing. I do not wonder that Christ pronounces them poor, wretched, blind, and miserable and knowing it not. They are full of knowledge and satanic craft and art; they are neither cold nor hot. Christ says, "I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth." [*Revelation 3:15, 16.*] He will not [take] such names on His lips. *18LtMs, Lt 299, 1903, par. 6*

Oh, how verily blind are the souls who are pompous and demerit the good and the true and the righteous! They cannot appreciate true virtue. God wants the souls He has purchased with His own blood to be in every respect valuable according to the purchase money paid. "Ye are not your own." "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.*] Every provision has been made. "I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir;" that is, every man who will submit to become, through the grace of God, refined, ennobled, sanctified. [*Isaiah 13:12.*] If he chooses his own defective, objectionable traits

of character, the devil will surely be accepted and honored as his god. His schemes, his intricacies, his resentment—if all his propositions are not entered into as the superior wisdom, and if opposed—the wicked one will be sure to reveal himself as one who has knowledge and has power, but not the wisdom to use his smartness, abusing it and making him disgusting to the Lord Jesus. *18LtMs, Lt 299, 1903, par. 7*

“I would,” Jesus says, “thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and nether cold nor hot I will spue thee out of My mouth.” [*Revelation 3:15, 16.*] This condition represents the Laodicean Church. And the representation is correct, for Christ Himself hath given the description. Will a man leave the snow of Lebanon to drink of the murky, befouled waters of the valley? Will human beings care so little about their behaviour as to threaten taking them before Caesar’s judgment seat? And if their case is not so disgusting to the heavenly [Father] that He takes life away, he will in that great day never know how he cast himself wholly on Satan’s side. But they who will do the opposite of this man will have the overcomer’s reward. A soul converted, unless he stay converted, will be left outside of heaven. The Lord says He would be mind and judgment, for even the mind of God and the Lord has no place for him. He would, if in heaven, educate himself to be an accuser of his brethren, and this class will never, never enter heaven to spoil the happiness of the whole heavenly host. *18LtMs, Lt 299, 1903, par. 8*

I must now stop; only I will say, Talk about Jesus, for His life will shine. He has goldened every page of the Word of God to aid the soul in partaking of the water of life. I must stop for I cannot hold my eyes open. Will write more soon. This must stop now if it goes into the mail. *18LtMs, Lt 299, 1903, par. 9*

**Lt 300, 1903**

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 16, 1903

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Dr. Kellogg,—

I have read your letter. It makes my heart very sad to consider the way you are placed before me, and this is the reason I have not for a time felt that I could write to you. My heart is very sad over your case. I cannot possibly answer your letter.*18LtMs, Lt 300, 1903, par. 1*

I hoped very much for you after the General Conference. I tried in every way to encourage the brethren to do all in their power to remove everything possible from your path and to co-operate with you; but I am very sorry now that I labored so unremittingly to place your case as one who would place your feet on the right platform and would yet see where you have made your mistakes in the past. As long as you sustain yourself in your actions, you are only planning more extensively to set your food business in operation in every place. You will work by wrong methods, and commercial things will be your ambition. You will carry your own way, when your way is not God's way.*18LtMs, Lt 300, 1903, par. 2*

I have been instructed that when you shall be worked by the Holy Spirit will be when you have a new heart and are born again. I supposed that the conference meeting in Battle Creek would be the time of your entire conversion, but your heart is not right with God. The Spirit of God is not working you. You need now not to rush and drive, but to be converted. You are not sound in the faith. The work which is essential to be done for our people, our youth, is to educate them to believe the truth that has made our people what they are in numbers and in strength. This is the work for this time and is to be acknowledged and not denied as you have and are denying the faith.*18LtMs, Lt 300, 1903, par. 3*

You are not sound in the truth. Your statements made to believers and unbelievers misrepresent us as a people who have not changed the truth for error. They detract from the influence God would have us possess before the world in revealing in plain, unmistakable language that we are true to the principles of our faith and that we hold the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end. We are strictly denominational. We believe in 1903 the same truths we did believe when we established the Sanitarium and the College in Battle Creek, and we know that we had no ifs or ands about this matter. *18LtMs, Lt 300, 1903, par. 4*

While you have told the things that you have and made the statements you have before unbelievers, my heart has been sad indeed. You have evidenced that you have departed from the faith. The very statements you have made before worldly men of influence, as the papers have reported your words, have been presented to me distinctly from your lips as you have spoken them. We cannot labor to give you influence as one whom we can trust with the sacred work connected with our institutions, for you need first to be converted and led. *18LtMs, Lt 300, 1903, par. 5*

You are not sound in the faith. I have stated this in my diary months ago. You have certainly placed the people of God, whom the Lord has led step by step in the ways of truth and placed upon a solid foundation, in a false showing before unbelievers. Some have departed from the faith and will continue to misrepresent the work God has given me. *18LtMs, Lt 300, 1903, par. 6*

The sanctuary question is a clear and definite doctrine as we have held it as a people. You are not definitely clear on the personality of God, which is everything to us as a people. You have virtually destroyed the Lord God Himself. *18LtMs, Lt 300, 1903, par. 7*

Why should you take the liberty to make the statements which you have made, as though you had authority for thus stating, when they are falsehoods? You have made the facts of our faith of none effect before unbelievers, and the truth which should ever be kept prominent and exalted with this people you have virtually denied and ignored in your many statements. How dared you to do this? It necessitates us now to present our true position which constitutes

us Seventh-day Adventists. Whatever influence God has given you in the past has been in mercy to you, letting the light shine upon you. *18LtMs, Lt 300, 1903, par. 8*

We cannot for a moment have any misrepresentation upon these solemn and important subjects of truth which have been the faith of our people since 1844. This means much to us. The Lord would have me say to you that the enemy has, through his specious deceptions, placed his unbelief in your mind, and you have been working it out. All who receive your presentations will enter upon strange paths if they connect with you. You are bringing in strange, common fire, but not the fire of God's own kindling; and now I must speak plainly to our people that the Lord has led us step by step and shown us clear light upon the heavenly sanctuary in the most holy of holies where God revealed Himself to His appointed ones. *18LtMs, Lt 300, 1903, par. 9*

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Now I cannot state half that I wish, but we must have no controversy with you. God has brought out a people, and His Holy Spirit has opened to them His Word, clear and conclusive. We are to be lightbearers to the world. All are to be a unit and follow step by step as led by the Lord. We are not to go back, denying our past experience, but to press forward and upward and make straight paths for our feet lest the lame—the weak in faith—be turned out of the way. *18LtMs, Lt 300, 1903, par. 10*



## Lt 301, 1903

Kellogg, J. H.

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April 5, 1903

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Dr. Kellogg,—

It has been presented to me that we are not to become represented to the world as a people forsaken of God. They will put the worst constructions upon our people now, if there is not the wisest management. We stand before the world, Dr. Kellogg, as you have misrepresented us as a people; and our leading brethren will not be clear until they have given the facts, that the work and cause of God have been greatly misrepresented by those who have placed the grand soul-testing message as nothingness, as without weight. *18LtMs, Lt 301, 1903, par. 1*

The Lord inquires, Who has given you this work to do? Our brethren would have felt called upon to do something in this line had I spoken long ago the things I knew. I supposed you would rally yourself and make matters straight, but I have been instructed that we must correct this error and this false light in which you have placed us as a people before the people who know not the truth. *18LtMs, Lt 301, 1903, par. 2*

There was one by your side working you. It was the one who was the prince of the power of the air, and you were represented as linked up with him—your arm in his, his mind molding your mind, and putting us, the remnant people of God, in a false light before Seventh-day Adventists and the world, while representing yourself in a false light as the great power of God. This stands against you in the books of heaven. “False, false,” said the heavenly messenger. You were weighed in the balance and found wanting. When any message and warning has been unheeded, your excuses have been framed by one who was by your side. The specious, scheming representations of God in nature carry their charming, soothing

influence as a peace and safety pill to give to the people in the spiritualistic views that Satan has instituted in your theories. *18LtMs, Lt 301, 1903, par. 3*

These words were spoken with great force, in a loud voice, “What is the chaff to the wheat?” [*Jeremiah 23:28.*] The churches need now the winnowing process, the cleansing of the soul temple from all these pleasant pictures Satan has been devising, ready to frame in the imagination. *18LtMs, Lt 301, 1903, par. 4*

I am now to lift the note of warning and give the trumpet a certain sound. Wake up, brethren; wake up from your peace and safety attitude and seek the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is now nigh, in every church, with fasting, with confession and true repentance of heart. I am instructed to say that those who, “being often reproved,” hardeneth their hearts, “shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy,” meaning that there will be no chance for repentance, no chance to redeem the past. [*Proverbs 29:1.*] They are passed beyond the time, and the word is given, “Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone.” *Hosea 4:17. 18LtMs, Lt 301, 1903, par. 5*

It is written, “My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.” *Matthew 21:13.* This is applicable to many of the devisings and plannings under the suggestions of the power of him who is called the prince of the power of the air. As God sends warnings, and these warnings have had no influence, then the prince of the power of the air has some wonderful, successful thing to present in beautiful pictures and soft, smooth sayings—words that please the fancy of the human mind. Nought but the clear discernment of the Holy Spirit of God can perceive the genuine track of truth. Solid, eternal truth is our only safety now from specious errors dressed in the angelic robes of science. *18LtMs, Lt 301, 1903, par. 6*

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April 7, 1903

St. Helena

I have many things to say. The track of error lies close beside the track of truth, and at first sight many feet will be led astray, supposing they are in the very exalted way cast up for the ransomed of the Lord to walk in; but that deceptive track widens more and more until all kinds of makeshifts and delusive, beautiful things, professedly called the truth, enter upon it. *18LtMs, Lt 301, 1903, par. 7*

The Lord presented before me one year ago that even in the medical missionary work Satan will weave in his specious devising, seeming to be very plausible and beautiful. The instruction given me was that this very thing has been taking place, and the warning was given: Ye shall be cast out, smitten and taken unawares, all ye that say, "The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we." [*Jeremiah 7:4.*] All those fine angel garments that clothe the errors in splendid representations will I strip from them, and they shall appear in their true characters, for deception and apostasy will certainly be developed unless the people are warned. *18LtMs, Lt 301, 1903, par. 8*

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April 28, 1903

St. Helena

I could not close my eyes to sleep until half-past one o'clock. Scene after scene passed before me in the night season, the 26th, and my sleep, although it was more than my usual hours, seemed to do me no good. I was talking to our people in Battle Creek and labored most earnestly in relating the positive dangers that would come upon us. I seemed to have no rest. I rode out, hoping the change would help me, but it did me no good. I was not able to sit up, for in the carriage I would fall asleep; but when night came there was no sleep for me until half-past one o'clock. The scenes I had passed through, the labor in prayer and in bearing my testimony, were so oppressively before me that I could not sleep. *18LtMs, Lt 301, 1903, par. 9*

I was writing on some things through the day. Last night again I was in conference meeting with my brethren and laboring most

earnestly. One said in our midst, You suppose you have gained great victories but you will certainly have severe conflicts, for you have an opposing force that you have taken great pains to establish in the confidence of the churches.*18LtMs, Lt 301, 1903, par. 10*

Dr. Kellogg was making propositions to establish food factories in many places, and here again mistakes would be made. This matter, as a commercial business, will be carried in worldly policy lines. Our overworked men will be fastened in this business, drawn away from higher work—from teaching the truth and canvassing for the books that are to go forth to the world—by the offer of higher wages. This is Satan’s plan that will take men who have had a hard time to be bought and sold.*18LtMs, Lt 301, 1903, par. 11*

The end of all things is at hand. The Lord is looking upon all these plans and says, Beware lest business matters shall entice men—who should now be working for the Master as evangelists and canvassers and ministers, or qualifying themselves as physicians or to fill responsible positions in our printing plants—and tempt them to neglect the work of presenting the truth for the last days. Ministers are needed to enter new places. Dr. Kellogg, your plans may change somewhat, but in some respects the same hay, wood, and stubble will be piled upon the foundation as have been for years; and the work Christ has ordained to be done will be left, through your temptations, for better commercial, business advantages to secure gain.*18LtMs, Lt 301, 1903, par. 12*

Watchman, what of the night? Watch unto prayer. Men who are and have been doing a good work in their positions of trust will have obtained an experience to do a work for God’s name and glory. The Lord has sent messages to them to fit them up with a experience, but if they carry out the policy that will be brought in, the work of the Lord will be far behind what it should be in the year to come. Now let all our leading men, gospel ministers and medical missionaries, consider that the work of reformation does not consist in cooking and eating and drinking.*18LtMs, Lt 301, 1903, par. 13*

Dr. Kellogg was addressed. The word spoken to him was that he must consider he had not been making straight paths for his feet, and any wonderful outspread in the line of restaurants and food

stores, as he shall outline, must not be. He is not in the light. Snares and pitfalls will take many souls.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 301, 1903, par. 14*

Should the work be carried out because Dr. Kellogg places it in a favorable showing, where men have started food stores by the hardest effort to accomplish a standing, let them now understand that this may become altogether too absorbing, as some other enterprises have been. There is too much business and too little solid principle. This is not the great missionary work for this time, and the very work which would prove a benefit if rightly handled may become a real decoy, a curse, unless believers are wide awake and shall be most thoroughly baptized with the Holy Spirit. This is their only safeguard for these last days.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 301, 1903, par. 15*

**Lt 302, 1903**

Kress, Brother and Sister

San Diego, California

November 22, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

I have been so full of labor that I could not write those things I would be glad to write to you. I might if I would write those things which might disturb your mind. I do not want to do this. We must all be in position to appreciate one another [even] if they may not be led just as we are, but let us all try to harmonize. You mention some questions you asked of me in regard to the time, I think, of taking meals in sanitariums. I am not on the ground, but from the light given me, you are in the habit of preparing diet on the retrenching line too much. You do not make all that consideration essential for those who know little or nothing of the reasons of our faith. Now there is to be great care with you both lest you consider your plans in preparing meals is as if you would be a criterion. I have written letters on this point. *18LtMs, Lt 302, 1903, par. 1*

You are in danger of the abstemious plans when they would not be a blessing to the ones who leave off too suddenly their hearty meals and change too abruptly to food that they cannot relish. If you should have a more liberal diet, it would be for the good of those who patronize the Sanitarium. It would be far better to err on the side of greater liberality than be in error on the restricted order, for it means much to the Sanitarium whether we carry things precisely our own way because it has worked well in some ways with yourselves, but not always well with yourselves. *18LtMs, Lt 302, 1903, par. 2*

You came near dying from your erroneous carrying out of the restricted diet too far. You will have [to] study this yourselves. Brother Kress and Sister Kress have overstrained matters on the diet question, and therefore life had almost gone out. You felt and

expressed in letters that point in your experience was made much of because others, you thought, misstated you. *18LtMs, Lt 302, 1903, par. 3*

Now, my dear and much loved brother and sister, I write this to you especially. I have no copy of this letter and no others have a copy of it, and therefore I keep no copy. But I am sincerely your friend and tell you how these things are presented to me. We can be over strenuous, but ought not to be, but place ourselves in our experience in their position. Never having had the light, how carefully should the changes be made. Meat may have been their bill of fare, but take that away you must take extra efforts to show them that we can have good, excellent dishes out of the productions from the ground, fruit from the orchard, and everything prepared in the nicest way because we want them to carry away with them a good report; and with many of these patients leaving their hearty food [they] may feel really a need of something more stimulating in diet. I speak of these things because the third meal may be the more profitable to the patients than to have them miss that meal. Please consider these things on both sides of the question. We want that the painstaking effort should be made intelligently. *18LtMs, Lt 302, 1903, par. 4*

I am afraid you cannot read this; if not, let me know in your next letter. I will say I write this because I wish you to be successful, but I write as the matter is represented to me and the impressions made are not the best. The Lord help and bless you is our prayer. In much love. *18LtMs, Lt 302, 1903, par. 5*

**Lt 303, 1903**

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 29, 1903

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Dr. J. H. Kellogg

My dear Brother,—

Recently I have been wrought upon by the Spirit of God to say to you some things that I did not say at the General Conference in Oakland because I felt that that was not the proper time or place to mention them. I have hoped that you would give heed to the messages borne to you, and humble your heart before God. But you have not done this. *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 1*

Last Tuesday, in the early morning hours, your case was presented before me in such a way that now, for your own soul’s sake, I will mention some things, but not all. I am instructed to bear a message to you, and to our brethren who claim to believe the truth as revealed in the messages that Christ came to the Isle of Patmos to give to John while this apostle was in exile—the messages portraying the events that will occur in the last days of this earth’s history. John was directed to communicate these messages to the churches. *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 2*

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John.” [*Revelation 1:1*.] “Which must shortly come to pass.” If at the time these things were revealed, it could be said that they would “shortly come to pass,” they must be very nigh now. It is of far greater importance to us that we understand this solemn revelation, which



concerns our temporal and eternal interests, than that we study Latin, or Greek, or the science of drug medication. We do not need these branches of learning. If we had needed them, the great Medical Missionary would certainly have given us some instruction in regard to the matter. *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 3*

At this time, when the inhabitants of the whole world are being worked with an intensity by Satanic agencies, we are to gain an understanding of the one thing needful that will make it possible for us to secure eternal life. The one thing positively needful now, in this last remnant of time, is that we should love God supremely and our neighbors as ourselves. When practical godliness of this sort shall come into the church, Heaven's signature will be attached to the work done to reveal to the world the true Medical Missionary. Christ came to this earth to ennoble and refine and sanctify humanity. By His words and works in behalf of the fallen race, He evidenced to men and women what they can become by cooperating with their Creator. *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 4*

The desecrated and defiled order of beings, united with the great deceiver, work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness. Satanic agencies, working through human minds, devise and plan wonderful things that are not acceptable to God nor in harmony with His purpose. *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 5*

We see Satan's work constantly growing in intensity, as manifested in increasing deception, violence, and crime. How can the false and cruel work of apostasy and rebellion be dealt with, both for the destruction of evil and the restoration of the evil-doers? During the entire experiment the remedial agencies must stand forth pure and undefiled. *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 6*

All our medical missionary work is to bear the marks of heavenly, denominated power. It is to be free from stain and corruption and defilement. When Christ was engaged in medical missionary work, He declared to His disciples, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work." [*John 4:34.*] If this was His plan in doing this line work, if the Lord of life and glory thus resigned Himself in conformity to the divine will in order to give to the world an example of self-denial and self-sacrifice, how it does put to

shame our human preferences, our human exaltation!*18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 7*

If man will not accept Christ's terms and reform, the seeds of rebellion will take root, spring up, and bear fruit, whereby many will be deceived and defiled. Rebellion will never cure itself. God alone can conquer it by reproof, by correction in righteousness, through His appointed agencies. But some will not be cured, for they will never confess their sins and become vessels unto honor.*18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 8*

Our adversary, Satan, will work in every conceivable way to prevent erring, sinful man—especially one who occupies a leading position of responsibility—from making straight thorough work for time and for eternity.*18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 9*

The Lord has entreated, reproved, encouraged, invited, and drawn by the cords of His love, the erring ones; but they change not their course. "Come unto Me," He says, "that ye might have life, and through humiliation and repentance have it more abundantly." But the adversary to God and man has exercised his power over these experienced leaders, and wrought through them, doing many things contrary to the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, and Satan will hold them captive as long as they have any inclination to continue in his service.*18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 10*

Let us obey the Captain of our salvation. His title is, The Lord of Hosts. By His sufferings and humiliation He has purchased every soul. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne." [*Revelation 3:21.*] These are the terms of salvation. And may God forbid that poor, weak, erring, finite man should build up barriers around himself to maintain his dignity, for such a man, and all who follow his example, will lose everything of value in this life, as well as the eternal weight of glory granted to the overcomer.*18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 11*

Never will the human family—redeemed by the example of the Sent of God, the only begotten of the Father—understand and fully comprehend the terrible conflict waged with deceptive, alluring power and concealed, deadly hatred by Satan against our Lord

when He lived among men. After the battle of the great day of God shall take place, when the power of rebellion is forever broken, and Christ's mediatorial work in its magnitude is represented so plainly that all the redeemed of God's family shall with clear comprehension understand the mission of His Son as the mediatorial remedy to make of the fallen race a repentant, humble, meek, reclaimed order of beings—then there will be seen developed the difference between that serveth God and him that serveth Him not. *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 12*

Rebellion will exist in our world until in heaven are spoken the words, "It is done." [*Revelation 16:17.*] Rebellion in the church is caused by its members feeling opposed to God and to His terms of salvation. Man wants abundant room to express himself and to attract attention. He does not know or understand that he is working out the plans of Satan. If he refuses to see and to become enlightened, if he refuses to be instructed, he rejects the mediatorial remedy that has been given to save the sinner not in his sin but from his sin. For the express purpose of saving sinners, was the remedial work of Christ planned. *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 13*

When Christ first announced to the heavenly host His mission and work in the world, He declared that He was to leave His position of dignity and disguise His holy mission by assuming the likeness of a man, when in reality He was the Son of the infinite God. And when the fullness of time was come, He stepped down from His throne of highest command, laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown, clothed His divinity with humanity, and came to this earth to exemplify what humanity must do and be in order to overcome the enemy and to sit with the Father upon His throne. Coming, as He did, as a man, <to meet and be subjected to> with all the evil tendencies to which man is heir, <working in every conceivable manner to destroy his faith>, He made it possible for Himself to be buffeted by human agencies inspired by Satan, the rebel who had been expelled from heaven. *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 14*

As the head of humanity, Christ lived on this earth a perfect, consistent life, in conformity with the will of His heavenly Father. When He left the courts of heaven, He announced the mission that He designed to fulfill. "Lo, I come," He declared. "In the volume of

the book it is written of Me, I delight to do Thy will, O My God” [*Psalm 40:7, 8.*] Always uppermost in His mind and heart was the thought, “Not My human will, but Thy will, be done.” [*Luke 22:42.*] This was the infallible principle that actuated Him in all His words and works, and that molded His character. *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 15*

Born in poverty in a stable, reared and trained in seclusion in the humbler walks of life, the Saviour of mankind was not recognized as a superior being, but He who was the Majesty of heaven, the King of glory, uttered no complaint in regard to His humble station in life. He was reproached even by His own brethren, because He would not take part with them in their sins. He conformed His will to the will of His Father, as all the human family should do. *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 16*

Christ Jesus our Lord was a faultless character, a perfect example of heavenly grace and lowliness. From His birth to His death He gave us an example of what men and women must be, if they are accepted as His disciples, and hold the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end. In the first period of His human existence, He did not deviate from what every child should be educated to be. He preserved His honesty, truthfulness, and integrity. He was a specimen of heaven here on the earth—an example of what every child, every youth, may be in the family home in the manifestation of tenderness, kindness, love, perfect obedience. Angels of heaven are appointed to watch over every child that comes into the world. *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 17*

Throughout His experience, during the thirty-three years He spent on this earth, Christ was beset with all the temptations wherewith the human family are tempted, yet He was without a stain of sin. He was mocked, derided, spat upon, crowned with thorns, crucified. At the close of His dying agonies on the cross, He had finished His work triumphantly. *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 18*

Christ sacrificed Himself in order that He might rescue man from the penalty of sin. “He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.” [*isaiah 53:5.*] And yet,

notwithstanding the Redeemer's work in our behalf, there are among us today some spiritual leaders who are in need of being led, leaders who are corrupting their way and leading others into false paths through the presentation of perverted principles. Some who have long walked in various forbidden paths will not humble themselves before God, repent and be converted, that their marked errors, their many sins may be blotted out. But God will not be mocked. He cannot, will not, bear much longer with those who make such a showing. *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 19*

“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.] Ought not the human family consider what the Father and His Son have done to save the human family? And, considering all these things, ought they not to be ashamed of their self-willed indulgences, their self-exaltation as leaders, when at all times they should have pointed away from themselves to Jesus Christ as their Leader, their Redeemer? Oh, that the curtain could be rolled back, and poor, sinful mortals could be enabled to endure the seeing of Him who is invisible! Proud, self-exalted, sinful human beings would change their attitude decidedly. Their wicked boasting would appear in all its contemptibleness; they would understand that their disgusting representations have made Christ ashamed to call them His disciples. And yet they glorify themselves as leaders above Christ and turn away from the example of humiliation that He has given them. They desire not to practice the self-denial and self-sacrifice that He practiced. They will not eat of His flesh and drink of His blood—His Word. They fail to learn the lessons that He desires to teach them. *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 20*

Christ's life was one of continual trial in our behalf. Divinity was hidden under the garb of humanity. But how many poor, sinful mortals endeavor to climb to the highest pinnacle of self-exaltation! Christ turns away in grief. With quivering lips and with weeping He says, “Ye will not come unto Me, that ye might have life.” [John 5:40.] He knows that unless these erring ones reform, they must perish. He has paid a heavy ransom for their redemption; but still they refuse to represent before the world, in word and deed, the meek and lowly Saviour. *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 21*

I am instructed to say, It is not now too late to make thorough work for repentance and reformation. There is no excuse for any man to choose to rule others and to exercise a controlling power over human minds. The will of such a man needs to be broken and changed. True leaders are willing to be led in the Lord's way because they feel that the responsibilities they are carrying are so fearfully solemn, and the results of following a wrong course so terrible that they dare not choose their own way or carry out their own devising, which would be liable to encourage a condition of things that would place them on the side of the great fallen rebel. *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 22*

I call upon all who have any desire to be saved: Turn ye, turn ye, for why will you further provoke the wrath of an offended God? Why will you be companions of those who love not the truth and the Word—those who never submit their wills to God's will; those who in words and theories and worldly maxims deny the faith, and give heed to seducing spirits, misconstruing, yes, perverting, the truth? Are you not afraid of the next reproof from God? Who will now, while it is called today, while Mercy's sweet voice is still heard calling, repent of their evil course, and follow Him who has said: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 23*

Man can brace himself in stubbornness and rebellion against the truth. He can exalt himself in sinful acts, as some have repeatedly done. Every such an one needs now to make a determined effort to cut himself loose from Satan's chariot-car, and no longer do his will. *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 24*

The Lord has a controversy with His people. There are some with whom He has borne long, marking out before them again and again the course that they should pursue. And while these may have made some changes, they do not make thorough work because they receive not the love of the truth, that they may be saved. Therefore, very soon the Lord will send them strong delusions, that they should believe a lie. *18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 25*

Oh, may God forbid that these souls in peril should continue to rebel against the truth and to take pleasure in unrighteousness! Oh, how can so many spoil themselves by their own deceptions!*18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 26*

All can see that the day of peril is now upon us. No man's life is secure. Men will be imbued with the desire to kill, and anyone that crosses their track is unsafe. In the closing days of this earth's history, Satan seems to have things arranged in his own way. As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be when the Son of man shall be revealed. Consider the forbearance God manifested toward the Sodomites and their final punishment.*18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 27*

The Lord lays grave responsibilities on the men who have stood at the head of the rank and file of His people. My brethren, He is trying to call your attention to your own peril. He invites; He presents motives. Who will continue to reject His overtures of mercy? Who will still choose to serve the enemy? If you resist longer, will the Lord God touch your hearts after you have had a more extended experience in regarding your own ideas as supreme? Many of these ideas are brought to the mind by the father of lies and deception.*18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 28*

The cross of Christ, with all its record of the Saviour's humiliation, stands before you. Saith Christ, "Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Mark 8:34.*] To all such will He give grace and strength. He will be unto them as One who is compassionate and lovely. He it is who gives the invitation, "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me." [*isaiah 27:5.*]*18LtMs, Lt 303, 1903, par. 29*

**Lt 304, 1903**

Hughes, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

August 1, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in *PCO 87-91*.

Dear Brother and Sister Hughes,

I have some things to write to the Huntsville School.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 1*

I am hoping, Brother and Sister Hughes, that you will not become discouraged, but let your persevering, patient efforts continue, line upon line. Now, this school in Huntsville is to be a school that shall have special advantages which it does not have now. Everything must be taken up with a determination to bring in with the studies practical lessons of refinement. There must be colored schools that shall be in buildings a representation of what can be done for the colored people—plain, solid, convenient buildings.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 2*

As far as advantages and surroundings are concerned, every effort should be put forth to make all the advance possible in true, straightforward lines. I felt very much pleased that you could take up a work in a school for the colored and not leave the impression on minds that anything will do for the colored race. This is not the mind and will of God. Let the work be marked with a determination that the whole class of the colored race shall be cared for, particularly to redeem the past as much as possible, leading them to work not in a loose, coarse, slovenly way.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 3*

Now, I would say to all in that school, as managers [and] teachers, reach upward in expectation. While you must do nothing to spoil the colored students and helpers with too much indulgence, but let the white teachers be sure you have them learn to be cleanly and to have good, wholesome, durable clothing. How pleased I was at



Vicksburg to see those assembled on the Sabbath dressed in neat, cleanly apparel. Let the Huntsville School be a sample of how all colored schools should be. There are many of the colored race that can and will be gaining an education in preparation to enter the field as teachers. If they see their teachers have encouragement in them, being able to teach them [so] that they may become young men and women who will fill their place in God's plan to become teachers, a great work is done for this depressed race and their degradation is not of their own creating. God designed no such thing.*18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 4*

Then let all labor to come back to God's design, and while schools for the white class are having superior advantages, I have a message to bear that a decided influence shall be constantly going forth in Huntsville. As presented to me [it] will make its mark under correct [guidance], kindly but forcibly. I have a message to bear that our white teachers shall encourage the black students in every way possible to have hope of themselves in making this place all it should be, and that it is not the color of the skin that will spoil their record [or] that the Lord will make a special heaven for the whites and another for the blacks. All will receive their reward according to their cleanness of heart.*18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 5*

If Christ makes the colored race clean and white in the blood of the Lamb, if He clothes them with the garments of His righteousness, they will be honored in the heavenly kingdom as verily as the white, and when the Lord Jesus' face shall shine upon the righteous black they will shine forth in the very same complexion that Christ has.*18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 6*

But now, Brother and Sister Hughes, hold fast your courage. We all shall have to be tried to see what material we are of. But I speak to you: Keep your eye single to the glory of God. You are to have a cleanly, uplifting, ennobling faculty to teach the colored people, and they will be what you will make them. There must be no neglect of human beings because of color line. Teach these [that] their souls can be made all white and clean in the blood of the Lamb.*18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 7*

I have had this matter so presented to me that I would not venture

to show that I despised one of these little ones. They need good, wholesome food such as white people have. They may not have been accustomed to it but it will have all the advantages upon brain, bone, and muscles as upon those of the human family whose skin is white. I tell you it is a white, clean heart that is of value with God. Well now, I have said all I will say at this time on this point. *18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 8*

There are to be schools established in the South for the whites and blacks—separate schools in the South because of the particular prejudice. I will say to every church member, be careful how you keep human minds in a species of slavery because they have a black skin. Will any of you despise the workmanship of God, and depress and trample down those you should try to help up and prepare them through education to have clean, pure souls? We are to call upon all who love God and keep His commandments to unite in Christian Endeavor Societies (even a few in different localities) to see what may be accomplished for the blacks, as a special work God requires to be done. *18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 9*

The Lord would have His people who love Him to know [that] the converted colored men and women who love God and try to do His will are His property, of as much value in His sight as the white who have not endured the same embarrassments that the colored race have, however educated and talented they may be. Let the white people who ignore the color of the skin be sure to show their appreciation of the same by making their own peace [and] gratitude offerings to God, and by teaching those who are not so highly favored that they will help, that they will restore to them as far as they can what has been lost through the years of privation and slavery. *18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 10*

But let no Bible-believer think they are doing God service by treating with contempt one who has a colored skin given them of God. They are not responsible for their colored skin. You reproach God. They cannot change or alter their color [even] if they would. The irreligious are prejudiced against color, and they show their ignorance of God's mind and His work by showing contempt to the human race because [of] color. *18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 11*

Now, I have other words to say. It is not a proper thing to do to be in defense that the white and black shall intermarry, entailing upon their offspring difficulties their children should not be obliged to carry. Be decided on this subject. And let not, considering the prejudice that exists in the Southern field and with many in the Northern field, the colored field [think] that the color line shall be obliterated. Should this be managed indiscreetly, it would make the work exceedingly hard to manage, and close the door whereby the help should come to the colored race. *18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 12*

While this is the case existing, we must treat the case judiciously. We need to deal with both parties, white and black, as it is, and act intelligently, with great consideration. We must guard any premature movements, and there should be commencing work where there is the least prejudice, lest that work shall be rudely and abruptly blocked and so treated that there cannot be work done in the places where the white people have created in their own minds and hearts a most decided prejudice against the colored race, and have made their lot so exceedingly hard that oppression and reckless cruelty is the result. And these places, such as Vicksburg and all like unto it, can be worked only by the greatest precautions. Nashville will be a more favorable field (and outpost localities), and yet it is plenty hard enough to get hold. *18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 13*

The truth should have been proclaimed years ago in the Southern states, from city to city. Health institutions should be arranged in a way that it [the South] will not be so distressingly barren of facilities as in Huntsville. Our people who have a knowledge of how meager were the preparations in some places ought to have done the very things in that locality to raise means to place them in a much more favorable, encouraging situation to work. Why has this not been done? Because of lack of means which they should have had. The Lord has graciously sent Brother and Sister Hughes to that locality, and the softening influence of these workers will put their mould on the work, as it should be in every locality if they have help where work is taken hold of in the South. *18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 14*

It [Huntsville] is to be an object lesson, and the hope and courage is not to be taken out of the hearts of an abandoned people, but hope

is to be inspired by those who have not been educated to consider [that] the colored race will not appreciate the refining, uplifting efforts made in their behalf. It requires patient, earnest, persevering, God-given energy to carry the work forward, step by step, here a little and there a little, and lifting at every step this people to consider that they are not to be treated as if shut up in themselves with no hope of a change in their condition. *18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 15*

Those who believe Bible truth for this time will consider that there are men to be educated to work for their own colored people as missionaries, and they are not to feel that their sphere of labor must be for the whites, for they are to be educated and trained [to] become missionaries in their own borders. And the very difficulties these people have to contend with, to many of them will seem insurmountable. Yet many will not give up. All who will conscientiously, in the fear of God, set about the work of education of the colored are to be encouraged and helped. *18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 16*

I mean to devote any book in the future, that will be the most suitable for the school purposes, to sustain the school for colored people. I am to act my part, and I call upon those who have a sense of duty to act your part and show by your works a faith in God and His promises to go forward and lift the banner high and encourage—but not one discouraging word where the work is the most discouraging. Let the workers who have a mind to work be sustained and built up and helped in every way possible. If the white people who have sympathetic hearts will undertake this kind of [work], many will frame excuses why they should not do the work. If others will not [work], do not ease your own conscience by complaints that should never be heard from sanctified lips and from pure hearts who are dependent upon the very same Redeemer that every white and colored soul is dependent upon in order to be saved. *18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 17*

There is talent in the colored race that will be developed where least expected. [There should be] a softening, subduing influence brought into the school by teachers in all their habits of dress, to be neat and tidy always, because the colored people need this

example before them and they are great imitators.*18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 18*

I am instructed of the Lord that ministers, colored laborers, often are in need of Bible education, to be kind in their own family, and never to practice slavery customs used by slavery masters in harsh speech and their own disorderly habits. Do your best to expect you are to change your own ideas, colored fathers and mothers, if you expect the white to treat you with compassion and sympathy and affection. Put away, ministering colored brethren who have wife and children, your harsh, authoritative practices, for the Lord will not accept your work; but consider “I am now a member of the Lord’s family and I am to sample His family in this world in having my lips [and] manners sanctified, my speech without passion. I am not authorized to be a tyrant because I have witnessed so much tyranny in those masters who have considered the slaves were [their] own flesh, heart, mind, soul and body, when God is their Owner.”*18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 19*

All who shall feel at liberty to practice their ingenuity of torture of the body upon those they call their property [must remember that] the one God who created them will deal with the master as He would with the ignorant slave, for they are through education better able to comprehend God’s justice and mercy for all His created subjects.*18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 20*

The Lord, He is God, and those who shall look on and see families of the colored race exercising taste in dress and refinement of manners should never feel that this is to be rudely dealt with. Never, never, for this shows that the black world of human beings may be cultivated, improved, elevated, ennobled, by change of treatment and change of diet, and everything is to be carried forward with decency and in order.*18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 21*

Missionaries will be able in the fear of God to help both classes, the colored as well as the whites that are themselves degraded to a level with the colored race. What injury will it do a white sister to sit in church beside a colored woman? Is her heart washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb? Then why should your hereditary tendencies be cherished after you are sanctified and cleansed, and

your colored sister sanctified and cleansed?*18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 22*

The judgment is so near, when every case will be decided for life and for death, and I will say to the Lord's missionary workers, make up your minds [that] if you are criticized because you will be laborers together with Jesus Christ to educate and train the very ones who need this work done for them, [you will] not let the criticism that shall work be at all trying.*18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 23*

When men and women will attend to their own souls' salvation, and greatly fear lest a promise being left them any should seem to come short of this great reward, there will be more praying, more watching unto prayer. There will be more sincere, earnest, medical missionary work done than now bears the name.*18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 24*

How shall we labor? If some of these are preparing to be medical missionaries to conduct, after thorough training, the sanitariums for colored people, give every advantage possible to those who are capable of expressing talents of living carefully, [being] instructed [and] encouraged. If these institutions shall be established and a good work accomplished, talent will tell in this work.*18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 25*

The assistance of white medical missionaries will be needed in many cases, but the Lord God of Israel will be exalted. White teachers in schools are often essential, and why? Because many of the colored have been accustomed to see the cruelty practiced upon the colored. They have it printed in their own minds [that] they must act as they have seen white masters act, with greatest severity. Can you be surprised at this showing? Does it seem that with all the training they have had in brute force exercised upon them that the class of education of brute force will be entirely eradicated? They will manifest something of the same in church membership. The whole mind will have to be changed by the working, moulding influence of the Holy Spirit. And the human mind of a colored person is not particularly different from a white person, and according to their advantages the enemy will work upon human

minds to carry out his work of confusion in the minds of the ones who have the best opportunities and do not improve them to the glory of God.*18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 26*

[In] all the education given in any line to the black class [it] should be ever kept before them by the teacher that they [are] seeking to act their part as the Lord's missionaries to prepare them for a place in the Lord's family above, and the Lord would have them act properly according to His ways, and politely because they are to be the members of the royal family and children of the Lord Jesus Christ, their heavenly King. Keep this before the students every day in your schools, and when you do this you cannot speak harshly to them, neither can you be coarse and rough, because you could not harmonize your actions with the Bible principles.*18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 27*

Brother and Sister Hughes, I have more, much more, written which I will try to look up and send you, for you need all you can get along this line if you [are to] keep heaven and Christ, who has purchased them with His own blood. I am sure you will impress upon the students to do their very best, for God's eye is upon them. Work as the Lord has specified. They are required to glorify their Redeemer. This you may class [as] a branch of higher education as you advance. I think candidly [that] the [black] leaders are truly determined to do the will of God if they see the meaning of this exemplified in the life and in the character of their teachers. We shall see an excellent work done in the future, after [a] Christlike order. All the time keep before them the neatness and order which is specially to be cultivated by all who shall come into the Lord's heavenly kingdom. Keep [their] minds hopeful that they can be Christians in words, in deportment, and in all service, and you will gain souls. Tell them, oh tell them, of the love of Jesus, that He taketh away all their sins.*18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 28*

May the Lord help you, my missionary brother and sister, is my prayer.*18LtMs, Lt 304, 1903, par. 29*

**Lt 305, 1903**

Brother

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Circa 1903

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I now address you \_\_\_\_\_: *18LtMs, Lt 305, 1903, par. 1*

You are not keeping the seventh commandment and you have led souls astray. God has a reckoning with you. Do you not know how your wife at times has nearly lost the balance of her mind because of your course of action with more than one? You are standing guilty before God. Every work is to be brought into judgment; and you, standing at the head in a sanitarium, you will take the lead in leading the ones who suppose you are true and good and righteous. *18LtMs, Lt 305, 1903, par. 2*

But what shall I call it—taking advantage of your girls and pretending they need treatment and taking them into your office and what kind of treatment did you give them? Now I am so distressed at the scenes that have been presented to me that at Oakland I would not trust myself to give a public rebuke, for I did not want the world to know the things I do know. *18LtMs, Lt 305, 1903, par. 3*

You are acting as a wolf in sheep's clothing. Are you surprised that I did not give the whole history of your diseased life? I know your course of action and shall, when I can be free, say the things you do not think I will venture to say; but the time will come when they will understand. *18LtMs, Lt 305, 1903, par. 4*



## Lt 306, 1903

Kellogg, J. H.

NP

Circa 1903

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[To Dr. J. H. Kellogg:]

To regenerate yourself—[that] you cannot do. That God must do if you will obey the commandments of God. Much of your labor has been in vain, for God would not present you to embrace that work [which] you had no fitness or qualifications to do. The money you have misapplied you cannot take in and account for, because you have supposed yourself a perfect whole in undertaking and doing a work that was not appointed to you. [You] have had no orders or directions from Christ. If you had fulfilled the part the Lord had given you to do, that embraced enough without your trying to carry so many things and finding fault with others because they did not help you to accomplish the things God never gave you to do. Your Saviour has not told you to do only that which God could do.*18LtMs, Lt 306, 1903, par. 1*

Your labor has indeed been in vain to carry the business of the documents you have invented that were not given you of the Lord. You have mistaken your duty, and did not learn that you do not have qualifications as financier and designer of plans. You have found your labor has been in vain. Your Saviour did not tell you to do it. You have mistaken your duty in a large degree.*18LtMs, Lt 306, 1903, par. 2*

Christ came not to destroy the law or the prophets, but to fulfill. The Lord does not give you grace to make void the law as you have done repeatedly in leaning upon worldly lawyers. The Word is very explicit in forbidding it. For one jot or tittle to depart from the principles of the law of God to fulfill your own natural propensities is not establishing the law and making it honorable.*18LtMs, Lt 306, 1903, par. 3*

You have spent your labor in vain, grasping responsibilities you had no capabilities to carry. You are to keep in mind what you have no talent to accomplish and learn what you ought not to do, and not spend your powers in vain and in a haphazard way. You are not [to] suppose you can do God's work and undertake it as you have done again and again. He does not give grace to you to make void His law by tyrannical actions and suppose you are doing the work you should do, for it is a work that you know not how to accomplish. *18LtMs, Lt 306, 1903, par. 4*

When you are pure in heart, mind, and soul, and devote time to study your Bible [while] consuming your magical books that treat on science to perfect your education, you make a great mistake. The Lord holds you accountable for binding about minds to fulfill your will and accomplish your designs whatever the outcome may be. You pass [right] on after doing wrong and your faculties of repentance and confession have never been cultivated. There is only one way for you to save your soul now: take the yoke of Christ. Begin now in His service and consider it is your business to serve—not rule—others' minds and convert others' minds. *18LtMs, Lt 306, 1903, par. 5*

J. H. Kellogg, go to your closet and make diligent work for repentance, and on your bended knees repent and continue to repent and reform, for it is your only hope. This would [be] learning lessons that would lead to confession and reformation. Your covenant that you have been [making] for years—that others should pledge themselves to perform—now take that burden on yourself and make a covenant with Christ that you will burn your magical books which has spoiled your mind for the faithful discharge of Christian duties. Begin this work now, bewildered fellow-sinner, for this you are decidedly. There is to be [no] metaphysical mummerly about this matter, for it is a life and death question with you to be an honest man in obedience to the law of God. There is [to be] no jargon, no clashing. Should your will be allowed to predominate makes you a tyrant. The Lord has mercy on you. *18LtMs, Lt 306, 1903, par. 6*

The years you have been studying your science that suited your mind to obtain power over minds—all that time you needed—is time

you should have spent in most earnest prayer to God. Now give yourself over to Jesus Christ, for you will never learn what is God or what is Christ as you have represented in The Living Temple, for it is a farce Satan has created in your mind. Take Christ's yoke; adopt His service; break away from J. H. Kellogg.*18LtMs, Lt 306, 1903, par. 7*

I warn my brethren to stand aside and not bolster you up in your own mistaken ideas of yourself, and to give you a chance to stand before the Judge of all the earth. Your path is plain, your work is simple. Break away from J. H. Kellogg. Take the yoke of Christ. Become meek and lowly of heart. You have thought yourself to be something in Christ's estimation. In your present standing you are nothing but an offense to Him. What is Truth? This is to be your study if you ever see the kingdom of heaven. Put away your sophistries with which you have tried to influence human minds. Test your own character by the Word.*18LtMs, Lt 306, 1903, par. 8*

You are saying to your soul, Peace, because you have been the subject of religious impressions and you flatter yourself that you are a Christian. You have not an earnest, true, spirit of prayer. You take little heed to the commandments of God in your dealing with His work, and in your devisings self has the intriguing faculty. You do many things that lead your brethren to suppose you are honest and true in word and deed, when it is a falsehood. You are performing many things that you suppose are laudable and hold fast the corner of piety, but your mind is constantly active in your ordinary business transactions. Do you have the garments of Christ's righteousness in your ordinary business contracts?*18LtMs, Lt 306, 1903, par. 9*

In your negotiations of the loans of means to the Sanitarium do you pay all your contracts? The book of God has a statement of the monies that have passed through your hands. Have you done the honest and just things in all your payments? What will the estimate be in all these private transactions? Do your heart and life respond to the justice, the mercy, and the love of God? Bear in mind the commandments of God holds its claims upon you. God calls you now to put yourself in His scales and be weighed. How stands the measurement? Are you weighed in the balance and found wanting? Do you refuse to comply with the conditions of God's

commandments? Do you inquire day by day, How is it with my soul? The fabric of your hope today is but a bubble. Be not deceived; God is not mocked. If you take not Christ's yoke, if you put not out of your life every thread of your scientific strategies, your salvation will soon vanish like the mist of the morning. Now, just now, fall on the Rock and be broken. This is your only hope. *18LtMs, Lt 306, 1903, par. 10*

I have not given you up, for hope revives in your behalf. But your pronouncing sentence upon all who do not serve you is not just and cannot be conscientiously done. It [is] a work you have practiced for years, but I cannot and will not deceive souls to hold you up as a man that can be trusted. I know the time is now when the wicked prevail. Many things transpire which [are] positively productions of evil. But the truth is effectual. The truth will bear away the victory. We know that all things work for good to those who love God and keep His commandments. *18LtMs, Lt 306, 1903, par. 11*

I tell you in the name of the Lord, unless you be born again, you will never see the kingdom of God. I write these things for your soul's sake, for this is a life and death question for you. If you will now be a converted man, peace, hope and the love of God will take possession of your soul. But if heaven is worth anything to you, lay hold of the Almighty arm of Jehovah. *18LtMs, Lt 306, 1903, par. 12*

If all your associate physicians shall bolster you up as a man that loves and obeys the truth as it is in Jesus, I should tell them their estimate of you is defective and if one deceives you on this vital question he has participated in the loss of your soul. I have things sealed up concerning the death of my husband—things that transpired in his treatment—I hope I shall never have to reveal. But I have hoped you would make decided movements to save your soul before it is forever too late. Some sins confess to God alone, for it will not be best to tell how far Satan has led you with his arts. But I have had the words spoken, Let him alone. *18LtMs, Lt 306, 1903, par. 13*

**Lt 307, 1903**

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Dr. Kellogg:

I am much troubled in regard to your case because I know that from the light given of the Lord you have not, neither are you now, making straight paths for your feet. Read *Hebrews chapters 1-4*. "For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God. And 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 and proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, they do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. So I sware in my wrath, they shall not enter into my rest.)" *18LtMs, Lt 307, 1903, par. 1*

"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 by the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; while it is said, today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the day of 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 sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see they could not enter in because of unbelief." [*Hebrews 3:4-19*.] *18LtMs, Lt 307, 1903, par. 2*

I am deeply interested in your case, but all I can do is to pray for you. You are my brother in whom I am deeply interested and concerned, for I know and testify to you in the Lord that you are going over the same forbidden ground and you are not pleasing the Lord in your course of action and in your business transactions. You are not instructed of the Lord in your course of action. You enter into business that God has not appointed you. There is crookedness in your management and it becomes you for your own soul's present and eternal good to repent and be converted. You need to stand on a different platform than you now occupy. But I will now say for your own soul's sake, humble your heart before God. I know the perils of the last days are just before us, when everything is to be shaken that can be shaken, but you do not believe this. You are binding up with the world and will receive the reward that will be judged with them unless you shall come out from the world and be separate. *18LtMs, Lt 307, 1903, par. 3*

I write you this because the Lord has instructed me concerning this matter. Dr. Kellogg, the Lord has been your helper in many ways in times past when you walked in His counsel. But you have brought in strange things and what will the outcome of this matter be? You have borne a testimony that the Sanitarium was undenominational. Take that back; you have no right to say such a thing. The disciples of Jesus are the living members of one body and being mutually joined together, united in Christ the living head, mutually dependent upon each other so that if one member suffers all the members suffer with it. Or if one member be honored, all the members are honored, enlightened and rejoice with him. *18LtMs, Lt 307, 1903, par. 4*

Christ is the head and life of each particular member "from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of body unto the edifying of itself in love." [*Ephesians 4:16.*] Then ye cannot say of the hand, I have no need of thee, because every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ, for the perfecting of the saints. We all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God (mark the words) unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of Jesus Christ. It is impossible for

God to accept your works, my brother, for you have a crooked character. You have not joined in your heart and spirit with the people who [do not] know and understand that God has a people, chosen and precious whom the Lord will bring through trial. *18LtMs, Lt 307, 1903, par. 5*

Your attitude toward anyone who will not come into perfect agreement with you is a matter which has created of itself discord and strife. The same evils will increase as your mind is not under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is an introduction of the evil leaven which, unless it is cast out, will ruin your soul and the souls of those who have confidence in you unless they shall repent. The triumphing in any wrong action you may undertake is short. You have come into friendship with the enemies of God, and the peculiar and holy elevation of God's people is only for those who come out from the world and are separated from its contaminating influence of your own self. *18LtMs, Lt 307, 1903, par. 6*

There is much to be done, and if the watchmen had not been like men blindfolded we should have been in a far different position than we now are. But God lives and reigns and will teach us as a people lessons that will be of advantage. There is no safety in trusting in any man's wisdom. One man—finite, full of inventions, of schemes and plans, but unconsecrated, unsanctified—becomes the sport of Satan's gratifying temptations. *18LtMs, Lt 307, 1903, par. 7*

Having a clear and decided confidence in the leadings of God that have brought us out step by step from the world upon the platform of Bible truth, and [that He] is our leader still, everyone should be clear to say, "He that keepeth Israel" [*Psalm 121:4*—His individual, personal Israel, that has become grafted into the tame olive tree—will bear fruit of the genuine tree, which is Christ Jesus. His watchcare is continual. His providence embraces all our ways, and looking unto Jesus we shall become like Him. All who will learn of Jesus will have an intelligent faith in the good and perfect government of God. Let no one charge God foolishly, as some are doing, for they will have to give an account, for every deed is written in the books. Let no one man, nor a score of men, dare to take the judgment seat as many have done, and will continue to do, when they lose sight of their own imperfect character and press their own

discontented words on their brethren, passing judgment on the ways and works of Christ in the person of His saints. *18LtMs, Lt 307, 1903, par. 8*

There are many fields that appear to be true golden grain, but when the sickle is put in there is found only pretense, it is worthless—no grain in the cluster, straw without meat in the kernel—and it is cast aside as worthless and obnoxious. The great Husbandman is never deceived. *18LtMs, Lt 307, 1903, par. 9*

“All who will come after Me let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.” [*Mark 8:34.*] We are amid the perils of the last days. *18LtMs, Lt 307, 1903, par. 10*



**Lt 308, 1903**

Belden, Frank

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1903

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Frank Belden

My dear Nephew,

I commenced a letter to you March 1, acknowledging the receipt of your letters, but I was not in a condition health-wise to handle them. I waited to understand better what I should do. I could not understand. If I read any matters in letters, they may refer to standing difficulties, and then the report will be: "Sister White has been informed in regard to these things." The very ones who brought the letters will say many things when they are reproved—that someone has told Sister White. But here is a large amount of matter, and as those who claim to believe the truth have no more faith in the Testimonies than their works and walk and attitude reveal, I am instructed to not take on this burden.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 308, 1903, par. 1*

There have been deep wrongs in business transactions. God is highly displeased. After accepting the job of my two books, *Great Controversy* and *Patriarchs and Prophets*, which were in the field, they issued a book that was gotten up by several writers and cost a meager sum. They consulted together what they would do—put all the influence possible on Bible Readings—and take the position [that] one book shall occupy the field. They let *Patriarchs and Prophets* lie on the shelves when a promise had been made that if I would come down from twenty cents to ten, they would push the books most significantly, and I accepted the proposition.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 308, 1903, par. 2*

Then the remark was made they hoped I would say eight cents in the place of ten. I refused to do this but told them I had not rest day

nor night because the instruction was given me that these two books would make a very great difference with the sentiments of the people in regard to the exalting of the Sunday law and making Sunday to take the place of the Sabbath. I urged, I entreated, that the books must come to the people. *18LtMs, Lt 308, 1903, par. 3*

Then the Lord presented to me I was not to place my publications in the power of the men who could repress the word of the testimony of the Lord as though it was to have no more force than any other productions, that all this was dishonoring to God. There were thousands that had my testimonies in the large gatherings at our camp meetings and had heard me relate the very positive light given me in these Testimonies. *18LtMs, Lt 308, 1903, par. 4*

Those in the Review and Herald Office handling the books with the distinct, important matters that had been revealed to me who came to me and wished me to suppress, cut out, those things that show so plainly they were received in a vision. I said, No; it is that very point that God would have appear. It would restrain the pen of many who have heard me from signing documents that otherwise they would sign, for there were men so deeply impressed with the relation of these things they have heard from me in public, that the angels of God had impressed upon their hearts. Angels of God would be close by their side to impress their needs. *18LtMs, Lt 308, 1903, par. 5*

In having these books come to the people, [and their] reading them, a far greater work would be done for the one reading by the angel who had given me the light and bid me write them out quickly; for the enemy was having an influence upon minds that had not investigated the Bible to see what positive [instruction] the great I AM had given to His people in the Word. *Exodus, chapter 20*. The Lord Himself came upon Sinai's mount and spoke in awful grandeur His law; again He gave directions that Moses should give to the people. *Exodus, chapter 31, verses 12-18*. And what could be more positive? Well, these two books were in vindication and magnifying of the law of God. The attention of the people would be called to this subject, and angels of God would impress the minds just as minds have been impressed with the book, *Christ's Object Lessons*. *18LtMs, Lt 308, 1903, par. 6*

Recently, I could make no more impression on these men than if they were chiseled out of granite. I went to camp meetings and was asked why the canvassing agents had instructed presidents of conferences and churches and canvassers to handle only one book. This was a fraudulent transaction, but men had the power in their hands. When, in agony of soul, I was talking most earnestly and showing Captain Eldridge that they were closing up the way, that the light God had given should not come to the people, he turned from me as Captain, saying, "I will see you when [you] feel better." I considered this language to me an insult against God in the person of one who had been giving light in testimonies to His people. For two or three years this work was done, and meanwhile, the very work was being done in obtaining signatures for a Sunday law. *18LtMs, Lt 308, 1903, par. 7*

If these books had been in the field, many signatures to those documents would never have appeared, because Bible truth, presented in a clear light, would have occupied their due place. Many testimonies were borne how wonderfully the Lord had blessed them in canvassing, presenting the books that had been shut away from the people by the devising of human agencies, putting before human minds their plans against God's plan. At that time some things were opened to me. "Not long," said a voice, "will God permit these officers to handle the books which they do not appreciate and will close their ears and hearts, refusing the precious Testimonies sent of God. They acted the spoiler, and I will spoil them, that they will not practice and prosper. They have an account to settle with God." *18LtMs, Lt 308, 1903, par. 8*

While my books were lying dead upon the shelves, I sent to draw some money from the Review and Herald Office and the messenger came back with a refusal. Brother H. K. Kellogg took a roll of bills and pressed them into my hands, and tears were running down his cheeks. I said no, but afterward consented to receive the loan of money. One night a messenger from heaven came to me and said, "You will have to take your books and cut away from all those who believe not the testimony of the Spirit of God but claim that the voice of the General Conference is as the voice of God. No! Now from henceforth shall it be said, 'The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we.' [*Jeremiah 7:4.*] Wicked works are

carried on, and you will have to remove your books. Take them under your own charge, for there is not strict principle and justice and righteousness.” God sees; God knows. If I had then uncorrupted men to venture, I would have done this work we are now trying to do. *18LtMs, Lt 308, 1903, par. 9*

I was instructed that there were those who made no profession of truth who would do more righteously and justly than the men who claimed to be empowered to act. I did not at that time understand as I now do that had I moved then just as it was presented to me, there would have been a crisis that would have changed all the features of the work, but we kept hoping against hope. The last General Conference in Battle Creek, the Lord presented to me, would be to many an opportunity to discern the movings of the Spirit of God. The Lord’s hand should hold me up, the Lord’s words would be put in the lips of His servant, and decisions would then be made for eternity. *Rev. 2:1-5; Rev. 3:1-5, verse 14*. Never would there be any greater evidence given than on that occasion. All who did not improve that opportunity would be more and more blinded by the enemy to do strange things. And there will be a new order of things. *18LtMs, Lt 308, 1903, par. 10*

“I will turn and overturn. I will prove and I will try the people who have been following their own pernicious ways, by whom the truth has been misrepresented. I will humble those who have falsified principle if they harden their hearts as did Pharaoh. I will come near unto them in judgment and they shall not know what hour I shall come upon them. I require truth in the inward parts—all the phases of experience that have been contrary to My Word, contrary to the Testimonies I have given. Have no controversy with them. Their strong spirit will wax stronger, their blindness will increase.” *18LtMs, Lt 308, 1903, par. 11*

The gospel ministry has been depreciated. Every additional truth which the Holy Spirit has revived and brought to the front is to develop additional principles of the Word and the kingdom of God. It is a fresh air time, increasing light in opening to minds the principles of holiness and fresh elements of virtue. It is the bringing upon the highest platform a power of medical missionary work bound up with the gospel ministry. The pride of physical and medical science will

be bound up in the gospel, and the Holy Spirit will be the subduing agency through the gospel ministry in a variety of methods of healing, which leads those who will be on the Lord's side to separate from sin and sinners. It is the power of God unto all who believe. And this power is not in name, neither is it bound up in companies and written vows and pledges and doctoring. It gathers grapes from thorns, and figs from thistles, because of the transforming power of God's grace. *18LtMs, Lt 308, 1903, par. 12*

The Lord will be revealed, the sick will be healed, and the wrath of man [turned] into a song of praise worthy to awaken the minstrels of heaven. It will pass by the scientist, it will take no notice of the capabilities and arts and skill of man, but it takes the common people and gives them interpretations of principle that closes the mouths of those who have exalted themselves. It is the great power of God unto salvation. The weak shall be as David. The way of obedience is the only path and royal road for the redeemed to travel. There will be those who sit in darkness who will see great light and then the Lord will be magnified by all who have kept the beginning of their confidence firm until the end. The gospel of God unto salvation rescues the wretched from vice and sin and the human agencies who have had the least rays of light become instinct with capabilities and the power of God. The gospel of God unto salvation retains all its original power of development and practical virtue. *18LtMs, Lt 308, 1903, par. 13*

Any soul would understand the word "principle" is no mixture, it is truth, pure and unadulterated, that has been waiting to develop intensity—earnestness—that is of a value above the pure gold of Ophir to fill the world with the wonders of grace. Do you admire the representation, the practical utility of the Holy Spirit's working? *18LtMs, Lt 308, 1903, par. 14*

Christ turns to His humble ones and with deep compassion and love repeats, "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them I will liken him to a wise man who built his house upon a rock and the floods came and the storm beat upon the house and it fell not because it was founded upon the rock." [*Matthew 7:24, 25.*] *18LtMs, Lt 308, 1903, par. 15*

The character of the Christian who practices the truth of the Gospel will be in his simplicity, [representing] monumental truths commemorative of the great saving message for these last days. “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” [*John 14:15.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Lt 308, 1903, par. 16*

**Lt 309, 1903**

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 1, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Pastor Willie C. White,

Your mother wishes you a happy New Year. If we act our part in willing obedience to our Lord's requirements, we can but have his happy assurance in our hearts. What great grief it must have been to our Lord Jesus Christ to be misunderstood, misinterpreted—for often the words had scarce gone out of His lips but that a wrong interpretation was placed upon His words, emphasizing some words and misconstruing others so that there was a wrong impression left upon minds. *18LtMs, Lt 309, 1903, par. 1*

Well, it is for us that Jesus lived and walked on earth; therefore in His human life He knew by experience [what] all who live will have—an experience that was, in our behalf, of exceeding value to us. He did not take the words of men as verity and truth. No lie is of the truth. When the Lord Jesus sees and hears the speeches of even church members in regard to complaints of each other, it is an encouragement to us that not any man's supposition or statements will be received by the One who knows, unless it is clean truth, and that when the truth is spoken, the Lord Jesus endorses the truth. Let, then, no false lips utter falsehoods against the truth and let all be glad that [this is] so. *18LtMs, Lt 309, 1903, par. 2*

Oh, how willing would Christ be to cleanse away from every soul all that shall offend! We are living for time and our endless hereafter. If faithful and true to our Redeemer, our influence will exert for good, not for evil. I am more than ever convinced—I am certain—that we must find rest and peace in Christ Jesus, which, if we all should have more communion with God and less selfishness to carry our own points, we should have greater blessings. *18LtMs, Lt 309, 1903, par. 3*

The Lord Jesus Christ, before leaving His disciples, did not think of Himself, but He thought of the helpless, discouraged, disappointed ones He was leaving. But He knew after all His suffering and the result death, there would be a resurrection to life. When He remained with them for forty days, how tenderly He looked upon them. He was to leave them alone, yet not alone, but now Jesus has assured His disciples that He would be with them in their labors, in their gospel ministry, confirming the word spoken by them.*18LtMs, Lt 309, 1903, par. 4*

Oh, let us think of these things. Even the weakest and most helpless disciple is not friendless. Christ is with them if they will be with Christ. I am glad we are so near home. Our work will soon be ended in this world, and we must wait and watch and pray and trust His living word, saying, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (*Philippians 4:13*). We may claim the promise, and oh, we may have such rich feasting upon His word.*18LtMs, Lt 309, 1903, par. 5*



## Manuscripts

### Ms 1, 1903

An Appeal

NP

January 7, 1903

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We have been made very sad by the news of the terrible loss that has come to the cause in the burning of the Review and Herald office. In one year two of our largest institutions have been destroyed by fire. The news of this recent calamity has made us feel very sad, but it was suffered by the Lord to come upon us, and we feel that we should make no complaints, but learn if possible the lesson that the Lord would teach us. The destruction of this institution should not be passed by as something in which there is no meaning. Every one connected with the Review and Herald office should ask himself, "Wherein do I deserve this lesson? Wherein have I walked contrary to a 'Thus saith the Lord,' that He should send this lesson to me? Have I heeded the warnings and reproofs that He has sent, or have I walked in my own ways?" *18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 1*

Let the heart-searching God reprove the erring, and let each one bow before Him in humility and contrition, casting aside all self-righteousness and self-importance, confessing and forsaking every sin, and asking God, in the name of the Redeemer, for pardon and forgiveness. God declares, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" [*John 6:37*], and those who thus present themselves before Him will be pardoned and justified and will receive power to become the sons of God. *18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 2*

I pray that those who have resisted light and evidence, refusing to listen to God's warnings, will see in the destruction of the Review and Herald office and appeal to them from God to turn to Him with full purpose of heart. Will they not see that God is in earnest with

them. He is not seeking to destroy life, but to save life. In the recent destruction, the lives of the workers were graciously preserved, that all might have opportunity to see that God was correcting them by a message coming not from a human source, but from heaven. God's people have departed from Him; they have not followed His instruction, and He has come near to them in correction, but He has not brought extinction of life. Not one soul has been taken by death. All have been left alive to recognize the Power that no man can gainsay. *18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 3*

Let us praise the Lord that the lives of His children have been so precious in His sight. He might have cut off all the workers in their heedlessness and self-sufficiency, but no! He says, "They shall have another chance. I will let the fire speak to them and will see if they will counterwork the action of My providence. I will try them as by fire, to see if they will learn the lesson that I desire to teach them." *18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 4*

When the Battle Creek Sanitarium was destroyed, Christ gave Himself to defend the lives of men and women. In this destruction God is appealing to His people to return to Him. And in the destruction of the Review and Herald office, and the saving of life, He makes a second appeal to them. He desires them to see that the miracle-working power of the Infinite has been exercised to save life, that every worker shall have opportunity to repent and be converted. God says, "If they turn to Me, I will restore to them the joy of My salvation. But if they continue to walk in their own way, I will come still closer, and affliction shall come upon the families who claim to believe the truth, but who do not practice the truth, who do not make the Lord God of Israel their fear and their dread." *18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 5*

Let every one examine himself, to see whether he be in the faith. Let the people of God repent and be converted, that their sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. Let them ascertain wherein they have failed to walk in the way that God has marked out, wherein they have failed to purify their souls by taking heed to His counsels. *18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 6*

There must be entire conformity to the will of God. There must be less self-measurement and more, very much more, Christlike practice. There must be more earnest, persevering prayer. Prayer is acceptable only when offered in faith and in the name of the Redeemer. Our faith must grasp the glorious fact that God hears and answers the prayers of every sincere seeker. As the believer bows in supplication before God, and in humility and contrition offers his petition from unfeigned lips, keeping his eyes fixed steadily on the Mediator of the new covenant, he loses all thought of self. His mind is filled with the thought of what he must have in order to build up a Christlike character. He prays, "Lord, if I am to be a channel through which Thy love is to flow day by day and hour by hour, I claim by faith the grace and power that Thou hast promised." He fastens his hold firmly on the promise, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering." [*James 1:5, 6.*]*18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 7*

How this dependence pleases the Master! How He delights to hear the steady, earnest pleading! How quickly the sincere, fervent prayer is recognized and honored! How intensely interested the heavenly angels are! "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" [*Hebrews 1:14.*] With wonderful and ennobling grace the Lord sanctifies the humble petitioner, giving him power to perform the most difficult duties. All that is undertaken is done unto the Lord, and this elevates and sanctifies the lowliest calling. It invests with new dignity every word, every act, and links the humblest worker, the poorest of God's servants, with the highest of the angels in the heavenly courts.*18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 8*

The salvation of human beings is a vast enterprise that calls into action every attribute of the divine nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit have pledged themselves to make God's children more than conquerors through Him that has loved them. The Lord is gracious and long-suffering, not willing that any should perish. He has provided power to enable us to be overcomers. How full of comfort and love are the words of Christ to His disciples just before His trial and crucifixion. He was about to leave them, but He did not want them to think that they were to be left helpless orphans. "I go

My way to Him that sent Me,” He said, “and none of you asketh Me, Whither goest Thou? But because I have said these things, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment; of sin, because they believe not on Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and ye see Me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit, when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come. He shall glorify Me; for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you.” [*John 16:5-14.*]18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 9

Then comes the wonderful prayer recorded in the *seventeenth of John*—a prayer that means much more to us than we realize. Let us receive it unto the treasure-house of the soul, and make it the daily lesson of our lives:18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 10

“As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which 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; and 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 18-26.*]18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 11

Satan understands this prayer better than do the members of churches and the heads of families. He does not want the people of God to understand it, lest they should see the advantages God has bestowed on them and know the day of their visitation. He would keep them in discord and strife over little misunderstandings and little differences, which, dwelt upon, grow into variance and hatred. He knows that if he can keep them thus, they will present before the world a showing exactly the opposite of that which God desires them to present. *18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 12*

I urge our people to cease their criticism and evil speaking, and go to God in earnest prayer, asking Him to help them to help the erring. Let them link up with one another and with Christ. Let them study the *seventeenth of John* and learn how to pray and how to live the prayer of Christ. He is the Comforter. He will abide in their hearts, making their joy full. His words will be to them as the bread of life, and in the strength thus gained they will be enabled to develop characters that will be an honor to God. Perfect Christian fellowship will exist among them. There will be seen in their lives the fruit that always appears as the result of obedience to the truth. *18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 13*

Let us make Christ's prayer the rule of our life, that we may form characters that will reveal to the world the power of the grace of God. Let there be less talk about petty differences and a more diligent study of what the prayer of Christ means to those who believe on His name. We are to pray for union and then live in such a way that God can answer our prayers. *18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 14*

Perfect oneness—a union as close as the union existing between the Father and the Son—this is what will give success to the efforts of God's workers. "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me," to bring about this union, this sanctified harmony. "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." [*Verses 21, 23.*] It is this union that convinces the world that God has indeed sent His Son to save sinners. Christ gives to His true disciples the glory of

His character, that His prayer may be answered. Through the impartation of His Spirit, He appears in their lives.*18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 15*

Let us during the year 1903 cast all selfishness out of our lives. Let us live for the Master, striving to help one another. "The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is in the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." [*Romans 8:26, 27.*] Let us in our lifework strive constantly to answer the prayer of Christ, that we may be united with one another and with Him. Let us always before undertaking anything, ask ourselves the question, Will this please my Saviour? Is it in harmony with the will of God? The consciousness that we are bringing the Christ-life into the daily experience will give a sacred dignity to the every-day duties. All that we do will be done with faithfulness, that the Master may be honored. Thus shall we show to the world what Christianity can accomplish for sinful human beings, giving them constantly increasing efficiency for service in this life, preparing them for the higher life in the world to come.*18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 16*

## Manuscripts

### Ms 1, 1903

An Appeal

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We have been made very sad by the news of the terrible loss that has come to the cause in the burning of the Review and Herald office. In one year two of our largest institutions have been destroyed by fire. The news of this recent calamity has made us feel very sad, but it was suffered by the Lord to come upon us, and we feel that we should make no complaints, but learn if possible the lesson that the Lord would teach us. The destruction of this institution should not be passed by as something in which there is no meaning. Every one connected with the Review and Herald office should ask himself, "Wherein do I deserve this lesson? Wherein have I walked contrary to a 'Thus saith the Lord,' that He should send this lesson to me? Have I heeded the warnings and reproofs that He has sent, or have I walked in my own ways?" *18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 1*

Let the heart-searching God reprove the erring, and let each one bow before Him in humility and contrition, casting aside all self-righteousness and self-importance, confessing and forsaking every sin, and asking God, in the name of the Redeemer, for pardon and forgiveness. God declares, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" [*John 6:37*], and those who thus present themselves before Him will be pardoned and justified and will receive power to become the sons of God. *18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 2*

I pray that those who have resisted light and evidence, refusing to listen to God's warnings, will see in the destruction of the Review and Herald office and appeal to them from God to turn to Him with full purpose of heart. Will they not see that God is in earnest with

them. He is not seeking to destroy life, but to save life. In the recent destruction, the lives of the workers were graciously preserved, that all might have opportunity to see that God was correcting them by a message coming not from a human source, but from heaven. God's people have departed from Him; they have not followed His instruction, and He has come near to them in correction, but He has not brought extinction of life. Not one soul has been taken by death. All have been left alive to recognize the Power that no man can gainsay. *18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 3*

Let us praise the Lord that the lives of His children have been so precious in His sight. He might have cut off all the workers in their heedlessness and self-sufficiency, but no! He says, "They shall have another chance. I will let the fire speak to them and will see if they will counterwork the action of My providence. I will try them as by fire, to see if they will learn the lesson that I desire to teach them." *18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 4*

When the Battle Creek Sanitarium was destroyed, Christ gave Himself to defend the lives of men and women. In this destruction God is appealing to His people to return to Him. And in the destruction of the Review and Herald office, and the saving of life, He makes a second appeal to them. He desires them to see that the miracle-working power of the Infinite has been exercised to save life, that every worker shall have opportunity to repent and be converted. God says, "If they turn to Me, I will restore to them the joy of My salvation. But if they continue to walk in their own way, I will come still closer, and affliction shall come upon the families who claim to believe the truth, but who do not practice the truth, who do not make the Lord God of Israel their fear and their dread." *18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 5*

Let every one examine himself, to see whether he be in the faith. Let the people of God repent and be converted, that their sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. Let them ascertain wherein they have failed to walk in the way that God has marked out, wherein they have failed to purify their souls by taking heed to His counsels. *18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 6*



There must be entire conformity to the will of God. There must be less self-measurement and more, very much more, Christlike practice. There must be more earnest, persevering prayer. Prayer is acceptable only when offered in faith and in the name of the Redeemer. Our faith must grasp the glorious fact that God hears and answers the prayers of every sincere seeker. As the believer bows in supplication before God, and in humility and contrition offers his petition from unfeigned lips, keeping his eyes fixed steadily on the Mediator of the new covenant, he loses all thought of self. His mind is filled with the thought of what he must have in order to build up a Christlike character. He prays, "Lord, if I am to be a channel through which Thy love is to flow day by day and hour by hour, I claim by faith the grace and power that Thou hast promised." He fastens his hold firmly on the promise, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering." [*James 1:5, 6.*]*18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 7*

How this dependence pleases the Master! How He delights to hear the steady, earnest pleading! How quickly the sincere, fervent prayer is recognized and honored! How intensely interested the heavenly angels are! "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" [*Hebrews 1:14.*] With wonderful and ennobling grace the Lord sanctifies the humble petitioner, giving him power to perform the most difficult duties. All that is undertaken is done unto the Lord, and this elevates and sanctifies the lowliest calling. It invests with new dignity every word, every act, and links the humblest worker, the poorest of God's servants, with the highest of the angels in the heavenly courts.*18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 8*

The salvation of human beings is a vast enterprise that calls into action every attribute of the divine nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit have pledged themselves to make God's children more than conquerors through Him that has loved them. The Lord is gracious and long-suffering, not willing that any should perish. He has provided power to enable us to be overcomers. How full of comfort and love are the words of Christ to His disciples just before His trial and crucifixion. He was about to leave them, but He did not want them to think that they were to be left helpless orphans. "I go

My way to Him that sent Me,” He said, “and none of you asketh Me, Whither goest Thou? But because I have said these things, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment; of sin, because they believe not on Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and ye see Me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit, when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come. He shall glorify Me; for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you.” [*John 16:5-14.*]18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 9

Then comes the wonderful prayer recorded in the *seventeenth of John*—a prayer that means much more to us than we realize. Let us receive it unto the treasure-house of the soul, and make it the daily lesson of our lives:18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 10

“As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which 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; and 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 18-26.*]18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 11

Satan understands this prayer better than do the members of churches and the heads of families. He does not want the people of God to understand it, lest they should see the advantages God has bestowed on them and know the day of their visitation. He would keep them in discord and strife over little misunderstandings and little differences, which, dwelt upon, grow into variance and hatred. He knows that if he can keep them thus, they will present before the world a showing exactly the opposite of that which God desires them to present. *18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 12*

I urge our people to cease their criticism and evil speaking, and go to God in earnest prayer, asking Him to help them to help the erring. Let them link up with one another and with Christ. Let them study the *seventeenth of John* and learn how to pray and how to live the prayer of Christ. He is the Comforter. He will abide in their hearts, making their joy full. His words will be to them as the bread of life, and in the strength thus gained they will be enabled to develop characters that will be an honor to God. Perfect Christian fellowship will exist among them. There will be seen in their lives the fruit that always appears as the result of obedience to the truth. *18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 13*

Let us make Christ's prayer the rule of our life, that we may form characters that will reveal to the world the power of the grace of God. Let there be less talk about petty differences and a more diligent study of what the prayer of Christ means to those who believe on His name. We are to pray for union and then live in such a way that God can answer our prayers. *18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 14*

Perfect oneness—a union as close as the union existing between the Father and the Son—this is what will give success to the efforts of God's workers. "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me," to bring about this union, this sanctified harmony. "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." [*Verses 21, 23.*] It is this union that convinces the world that God has indeed sent His Son to save sinners. Christ gives to His true disciples the glory of

His character, that His prayer may be answered. Through the impartation of His Spirit, He appears in their lives.*18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 15*

Let us during the year 1903 cast all selfishness out of our lives. Let us live for the Master, striving to help one another. "The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is in the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." [*Romans 8:26, 27.*] Let us in our lifework strive constantly to answer the prayer of Christ, that we may be united with one another and with Him. Let us always before undertaking anything, ask ourselves the question, Will this please my Saviour? Is it in harmony with the will of God? The consciousness that we are bringing the Christ-life into the daily experience will give a sacred dignity to the every-day duties. All that we do will be done with faithfulness, that the Master may be honored. Thus shall we show to the world what Christianity can accomplish for sinful human beings, giving them constantly increasing efficiency for service in this life, preparing them for the higher life in the world to come.*18LtMs, Ms 1, 1903, par. 16*

## Ms 2, 1903

Following Christ

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Christ's true followers will walk in His footsteps. He has left us an example that we should follow where He leads the way. For each one of us there is a live, disordered self to master, or it will master us. There are those who, because they are determined to serve self, will never be able to follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. Christians who live for self dishonor their Redeemer. They may apparently be very active in the service of the Lord, but they weave self into all that they do. Sowing the seeds of selfishness, they must at last reap a harvest of corruption. It cannot but be thus. Eternal life cannot possibly be the result of their lifework, unless they see their mistake and surrender all to God. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 1*

Service for self takes a variety of forms. Some of these forms seem harmless. Apparent goodness gives them the appearance of genuine goodness. But they bring no glory to the Lord. By their service His cause is hindered. Christ says, "He that is not with Me is against Me, and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad." [*Matthew 12:30.*] *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 2*

Those who bring self into their work cannot be trusted. If they would lose sight of self in Christ, their efforts would be of value to His cause. They would then conform the life to His teachings. They would form their plans in harmony with His great plan of love. Selfishness would be banished from their efforts. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 3*

The Lord does not accept the service of those who live an inefficient, do-nothing life. They exert not a high, holy influence, but an influence that leads away from Christ. Self-denial, humility of

mind, nobility of purpose, marked the Saviour's life. He declares that as He lived, so we are to live. He has prepared for us opportunities and has marked out the path in which we may safely follow. His footprints lead along the pathway of self-sacrifice. To His disciples He says, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*]18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 4

From the beginning to the close of His earthly ministry, Christ went about doing good. In His life no sin appeared. No selfishness marred word or act. "Which of you convinceth Me of sin?" He asked the Pharisees, knowing that they would find nothing of which to accuse Him. [*John 8:46.*] And at His trial, Pilate declared emphatically, "I find in Him no fault at all." [*John 18:38.*]18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 5

As we pass through life there come to us many opportunities for service. All around us there are open doors for ministry. By the right use of the talent of speech we may do much for the Master. Words are a power for good when they are weighted with the tenderness and sympathy of Christ. There are those who have been entrusted with the Lord's money, and these are to invest this money in such a way that they can bring returns to the Lord as the result of the investment.18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 6

As we minister to those in need of help, we co-operate with the heavenly angels. "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for those who shall be heirs of salvation?" [*Hebrews 1:14.*] When Christ was born in Bethlehem, an angel appeared to the shepherds keeping watch by night. Through the silent hours they had been talking together of the promised Saviour and praying for the coming of the King to David's throne. "And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." [*Luke 2:9-11.*]18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 7

And suddenly the whole plain was lighted with the bright shining of

the hosts of God. Earth was hushed, and heaven stooped to listen to the song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." [*Verse 14.*]18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 8

Many feel that it would be a great privilege to visit the scenes of Christ's life on earth, to walk where He trod, to look upon the lake where He loved to teach and the valleys and hills on which His eyes so often rested. But we need not go to Palestine in order to walk in the steps of Jesus. We shall find His footprints beside the sickbed, in the hovels of poverty, in the crowded alleys of the great city, and in every place where there are human hearts in need of consolation.18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 9

All may find something to do. "The poor always have ye with you," Jesus said [*John 12:8*], and none need feel that there is no place where they can labor for Him. Millions upon millions of souls ready to perish, bound in chains of ignorance and sin, have never so much as heard of Christ's love for them. Were our condition and theirs reversed, what would we desire them to do for us? All this, so far as lies in our power, we are under the most solemn obligation to do for them. Christ's rule of life, by which every one of us must stand or fall in the judgment, is, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." [*Matthew 7:12.*]18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 10

"If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; if thou sayest, Behold, we knew not; doth not He that pondereth the heart consider it? and He that keepeth the heart, doth not He know it? and shall not He render to ever man according to his works?" [*Proverbs 24:11, 12.*] In the great judgment day, those who have not worked for Christ, who have drifted along thinking of themselves, caring for themselves, will be placed by the Judge of the whole earth with those who did evil. They will receive the same condemnation.18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 11

To every soul a trust is given. Of every one the Chief Shepherd will demand, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" And "what wilt thou say when He shall punish thee?" [*Jeremiah 13:20, 21.*]18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 12

## The Home Life

We have only one life to live, only one probation in which to form characters that God can approve. Let parents take heed, first to themselves and then to their children. Let them learn from the Word of God what their duty is. The work committed to them is a most solemn and important one—a work that they cannot neglect without incurring heavy guilt. They should make all else secondary to the training of their children, remembering that as the twig is bent, the tree is inclined. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 13*

Too much importance cannot be placed on the early training of children. The lessons that the child learns during the first seven years of life have more to do with forming its character than all that it learns in future years. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 14*

To the mother is entrusted an important part in the training of her children. But all the responsibility does not rest on her. Father and mother should unite in this great work. The husband should show his wife that he appreciates her. If he wishes to keep her fresh and gladsome, so that she will be as sunshine in the home, let him help her to bear her burdens. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 15*

Parents, make home happy for your children. By this I do not mean that you are to indulge them. The more they are indulged, the harder they will be to manage, and the more difficult it will be for them to live true, noble lives when they go out into the world. If you allow them to do as they please, their purity and loveliness of character will quickly fade. Teach them to obey. Let them see that your authority must be respected. This may seem to bring them a little unhappiness now, but it will save them from much unhappiness in the future. Let the home government be just and tender, full of love and compassion, yet firm and true. Do not permit one disrespectful word or disobedient act. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 16*

Do not become impatient with your children when they err. When you correct them, do not speak abruptly and harshly. This confuses them, making them afraid to tell the truth. Remember that in them you are meeting your own traits of character—traits that you have given them. Therefore be very kind, very compassionate, very



careful to do nothing that will arouse the worst passions of the human heart. Be so calm, so free from anger, that they will be convinced that you love them, even though you punish them. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 17*

Never forget the words, "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones. For I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven." [*Matthew 18:10.*] *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 18*

Let the mother teach her children to be her willing helpers, gladly assisting her to bear life's burdens. Let cheerfulness reign in the home. The mother should put forth every effort to make home the most pleasant place in the world for her children. Let the long winter evenings be devoted to useful reading or to some other form of self-improvement. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 19*

To the children I would say, Strive in every way possible to lighten your mother's cares. Make home pleasant for her by cultivating a cheerful, happy temper. Be helpful in the home. Thus you are preparing yourselves for greater usefulness. It is your privilege to lighten the burdens that rest heavily on father and mother. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 20*

Do not make your wants many, especially if the income for home expenses is limited. Bring your wants within your parent's means. The Lord will recognize and commend your unselfish efforts. Give your lives to God, to be used by Him as He may see best. Begin in the home to work for Him. Do your part to make the home a place where angels shall love to dwell. Be faithful in that which is least. You will then be in no danger of neglecting greater responsibilities. God's Word declares, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." [*Luke 16:10.*] *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 21*

From the child's earliest years it is to be made acquainted with the things of God. In simple words let the mother tell it about Christ's life on earth. And more than this, let her bring into her daily life the teachings of the Saviour. Let her show her child, by her own example, that this life is a preparation for the life to come, a period granted to human beings in which they may form characters that will win for them entrance into the city of God. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903,*

**Unto You Therefore Which Believe He is Precious**

How marvellous is the love and condescension of our Saviour. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." [*John 1:12.*] By receiving Christ, men give evidence that they are born again and that they are entitled to the privilege of sonship. Because of their faithful adherence to right, Christ is not ashamed to call them brethren. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 23*

The soul that surrenders all to Christ loses sight of self and is filled with confidence in God. By the clear light shining on God's Word, he reads the promises telling of his heavenly Father's love and care. These promises appeal to him with soul-conquering evidence. Assured of God's power and willingness to fulfil His Word, he returns to Him praise and thanksgiving. Peace and joy fill his heart. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 24*

Christ takes us into covenant relation with Himself. He loves us with an everlasting love, but He does not always give us what we desire. When we wander away from Him, He permits trials to come upon us, to cause us to return to Him with full purpose of heart. And when we return, He receives us with loving assurances of pardon. He does not allow us to be tempted above that we are able. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 25*

When He sees His disciples deficient in spiritual power, day by day losing ground, day by day wandering farther and father from the source of strength, He sends to them affliction and adversity. Disappointed hopes cause them to stop and think, and there come to them repentance and a desire to draw near to God. And as they return to Him, He draws near to them, saying, "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me, and he shall make peace with Me." [*Isaiah 27:5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 26*

There is no power in repentance to change the life. But when the helpless soul casts itself on Christ, then comes transformation of character. The Saviour declares, "A new heart also will I give you,

and a new spirit will I put within you.” [Ezekiel 36:26.] *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 27*

No one is ever made better by denunciation and recrimination. To tell a tempted soul of his guilt in no way inspires him with a determination to do better. Point the erring, discouraged one to Him who is able to save to the uttermost all who come to Him. Show him what he may become. Tell him that there is in him nothing that recommends him to God, but that Christ died for him, that he might be accepted in the Beloved. Inspire him with hope, showing him that in Christ’s strength he can do better. Hold up before him the possibilities that are his. Point him to the heights to which he may attain. Help him to take hold upon the mercy of the Lord, to trust in His forgiving power. Jesus is waiting to clasp him by the hand, waiting to give him power to live a noble, virtuous life. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 28*

God often brings men to a crisis to show them their own weakness and to point them to the source of strength. If they pray and watch unto prayer, fighting bravely, their weak points will become their strong points. Jacob’s experience contains many valuable lessons for us. God taught Jacob that in his own strength he could never gain the victory, that he must wrestle with God for strength from above. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 29*

All night Jacob wrestled with the Angel. Finally the strong wrestler was weakened by a touch on his thigh. He was now disabled and suffering the keenest pain, but he would not lose his hold. All penitent and broken, he clung to the Angel; “he wept, and made supplication,” pleading for a blessing. [*Hosea 12:4.*] He must have the assurance that his sin was pardoned. His determination grew stronger, his faith more earnest and persevering, until the very last. The Angel tried to release Himself; He urged, “Let Me go, for the day breaketh;” but Jacob answered, “I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me.” [*Genesis 32:26.*] Had this been a boastful, presumptuous confidence, Jacob would have been instantly destroyed; but his was the assurance of one who confesses his own unworthiness, yet trusts to the faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 30*

Jacob “had power over the Angel, and prevailed.” [*Hosea 12:4.*] Through humiliation, repentance, and self-surrender this sinful, erring mortal prevailed with the Majesty of heaven. He has fastened his trembling grasp on the promises of God, and the heart of infinite love could not turn away the sinner’s plea. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 31*

As an evidence that Jacob had been forgiven, his name was changed from one that was a reminder of his sin to one that commemorated his victory. “Thy name,” said the Angel, “shall be no more Jacob, but Israel; for as a prince hast thou power with God, and hast prevailed.” [*Genesis 32:28.*] *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 32*

Shall we obtain strength from God, and win victory after victory, or shall we try in our own strength, and at last fall back defeated, worn out by vain efforts. Let us, by unreserved surrender to God, obtain the power that every one must have who conquers in the battle against evil. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 33*

Let no one despair of gaining the victory. Victory is sure when self is surrendered to God. The Lord is on the ground. The church is to see of His salvation. God is not slack concerning His promise. He has given His angels charge over His children. Hereafter the witness will be heard, “My feet had well nigh slipped, but the Lord upheld me.” [See *Psalms 73:2.*] The Lord’s way was the best—to come in trial to the one He wished to help. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 34*

Never despair of a brother’s recovery and reformation. Make your requests known to God, and do not let go till the tempted one breaks the cords of unbelief. The conflict will end in victory. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 35*

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Those who watch their fellow workers to find fault with them dishonor their Leader. Let them remember that God reads the heart and that He has not given to any one the work of judging and condemning others. Each one is to examine his own heart. All judgment has been committed to One who cannot err. Cease the work that you have allowed Satan to lead you to do—the work of

finding fault and condemning. You cannot read hearts; therefore be very careful how you judge. *18LtMs, Ms 2, 1903, par. 36*

## Ms 3, 1903

To Every Man His Work

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To brethren E. R. Palmer and A. G. Daniells, I am instructed to say: The Lord has appointed certain men to do a special work. If they give themselves to this work, He will bless them in their efforts to be His helping hand. The Lord has given Brother E. R. Palmer a special and important part to act in the canvassing work. He will give him wisdom that will enable him to teach others how to carry the canvassing work forward successfully. But He has not given Brother Palmer the responsibility of the printing work. This is not his field of labor. *18LtMs, Ms 3, 1903, par. 1*

God will give His chosen workers strength to bear every burden that He lays upon them. He will help Brother Palmer to carry the responsibilities that He has given him in the canvassing work. But Brother Palmer must guard against adding to his work burdens that the Lord has not laid upon him. That which he is fitted to do in the education of canvassers is a large and much-needed work. But if he takes on himself too many burdens, he will surely disqualify himself for his appointed work as general canvassing agent. *18LtMs, Ms 3, 1903, par. 2*

The Lord has given to Elder Daniells a great work. But Elder Daniells must not take upon himself too many responsibilities; for this will disqualify him for doing his appointed work. He is to stand stiffly for the truth for this time. *18LtMs, Ms 3, 1903, par. 3*

When the Lord lays upon His stewards a special work, they should be careful not to increase their responsibilities; for this overtaxes their powers. My brethren, give diligent heed to the business for

which you are fitted. Had Elder Olsen attended to his special line of work in connection with the General Conference, pleading with God for His purifying power and for wisdom to keep the way of the Lord, he would have had victory at every step. *18LtMs, Ms 3, 1903, par. 4*

### **Christ Our King**

Before God's servants take up any work, they are to pray to God in all humility and with a sense of their dependence upon God, realizing that they must be worked by His Spirit. They are to guard against setting themselves up as kings, because if they do this, they will dishonor the Lord and make a failure of their work. "All ye are brethren." [*Matthew 23:8.*] *18LtMs, Ms 3, 1903, par. 5*

Man's ingenuity, his judgment, his power to execute, all come from God. To God's service all should be devoted. The principles of the Bible are to control the Lord's servants. His workers are ever to do justice and judgment, steadfastly keeping the way of the Lord. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." [*Matthew 6:33.*] Make this the point round which your life centers, and then all things needful will be given you. Put the Redeemer's interests before you own or those of any other human being. He has bought you, and all your powers belong to Him. *18LtMs, Ms 3, 1903, par. 6*

Make no man your king. Who is our King?—He who is called, "Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." [*isaiah 9:6.*] He is our Saviour, our King. To Him you may always go with your burdens. However great your sins, you need have no fear of repulse. If you have injured your brother, go to him, and confess the wrong you have done him. When you have done this, you may come to your King, asking Him for pardon. He will never take advantage of your confessions. He will never disappoint you. He has pledged His Word to forgive your transgressions and to cleanse you from all defilement. The names of all His people are written in His book of life. *18LtMs, Ms 3, 1903, par. 7*

Remember that Christ is our only hope, our only refuge. He "bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness." [*1 Peter 2:24.*] "If the blood of bulls

and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause He is the Mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance." [*Hebrews 9:13-15.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 3, 1903, par. 8*



## Ms 3a, 1903

The St. Helena Sanitarium

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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I have been strongly impressed to write something in regard to the St. Helena Sanitarium. This institution was established by the Lord's direction, and it is not to outlive its usefulness. It is to be a living institution, through which the light of truth shall be shed abroad. The same God who works in other places where our medical work is established is ready to work in the St. Helena Sanitarium. Much of His power is to be revealed in this institution. It is to grow to the full stature of what God desires it to be. *18LtMs, Ms 3a, 1903, par. 1*

Lately the number of patients at the Sanitarium has decreased, owing to an array of circumstances that could not be helped. One reason for the lack of patronage is, I think, the stand that those at the head of the institution have taken against serving flesh meat to the patients. Ever since the opening of the Sanitarium, meat has been served in the dining room. We felt that the time had come to take a decided stand against this practice. We knew that it was not pleasing to God for flesh meat to be placed before the patients. *18LtMs, Ms 3a, 1903, par. 2*

Now no tea, coffee, or flesh meat are served in the institution. We are determined to live out the principles of health reform, to walk in the way of truth and righteousness. We shall not, for fear of losing patronage, be half-and-half reformers. We have taken our position, and by God's help we shall stand by it. *18LtMs, Ms 3a, 1903, par. 3*

The food provided for the patients is wholesome and palatable. The diet is composed of fruits and grains and nuts. Here in California there is an abundance of fruit of all kinds. *18LtMs, Ms 3a, 1903, par.*

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If patients come who are so dependent on a diet of flesh meat that

they think that [they] cannot live without it, we shall try to make them look at the matter from an intelligent point of view. And if they will not do this, if they are determined to use that which destroys health, we shall not refuse to provide it for them, if they are willing to eat it in their rooms and willing to risk the consequences. But they must take upon themselves the responsibility of their action. We shall not sanction their course. We dare not dishonor our stewardship by sanctioning the use of that which taints the blood and brings disease. We should be unfaithful to our Master if we did that which we know He does not approve.*18LtMs, Ms 3a, 1903, par. 5*

This is the stand that we have taken. We are resolved to be true to the principles of health reform, and may God help us, is my prayer.*18LtMs, Ms 3a, 1903, par. 6*

Plans must be set in operation that will bring an increase of patronage. But would it be right for us, for the sake of obtaining more patients, to return to the serving of flesh meat? Shall we give the sick that which has made them sick, that which will keep them sick if they continue to use it as food? Shall we not rather take our stand as those who are resolved to carry out the principles of health reform? Shall we not stand as watchful sentinels, encouraging the patients to obey the words of the Holy Spirit through the apostle Paul, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." [*Romans 12:1, 2.*]*18LtMs, Ms 3a, 1903, par. 7*

The Lord desires His people to come into line and to work with all earnestness in faith and love to bring into their lives the fulness of Christ, the efficiency freely bestowed on all who will comply with the condition laid down in the Word of God.*18LtMs, Ms 3a, 1903, par. 8*

Advance moves are to be made. We are not, for the sake of securing a larger patronage, to employ physicians or nurses who are not willing to walk in the full light of health reform. We are to stand on an elevated platform. We do not establish sanitariums that

the patients who come may indulge perverted appetite. We are to bring into our sanitariums as helpers those who stand firmly on the platform of health reform. *18LtMs, Ms 3a, 1903, par. 9*

Study the words of the apostle Paul—“Owe no man anything, but to love one another; for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. ... Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. And [that], knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.” [*Romans 13:8, 10-14.*] *18LtMs, Ms 3a, 1903, par. 10*

I carry a burden for the St. Helena Sanitarium. I greatly desire to see it doing the work that God desires it to do. During the past year many calls have been made for help in different parts of the world, and to all of these calls the Sanitarium church has responded liberally. The Sanitarium itself has always been ready to help where it could, and the amount of work that it has done for those who were not able to pay is not small. It is now placed in adverse circumstances in a trying position. Few understand the difficulties through which this institution has had to pass and is still passing. We have done all that we can to place it on a right basis. For years in the past it should have been conducted as it is now, but those standing at its head had not the moral courage to decide for the right. Changes have had to be made that would not have been necessary if all who had borne responsibilities in the Sanitarium had walked and worked in accordance with the will of God, in the light that the Lord has given upon health reform. *18LtMs, Ms 3a, 1903, par. 11*

We call upon those of our people who have money to help this institution in its pressure for means. The Lord is acquainted with the circumstances that led us to make the decision to be true to principle. I ask those who have means in the Sanitarium whether they will allow a part or all of this means to remain in the institution

free from interest. And I ask those who have means that they can spare to give of this means to help the Lord's institution in its need. We have given so largely to foreign fields that the home field is unworked. Calls are now being made for means to send to foreign fields, while in the Southern states of America there are many thousands of people who have never heard of present truth. We need to arouse, and make earnest, zealous efforts for the unworked fields of America. For years the Southern field has been kept before our people, yet how much has been done for it? What efforts have been put forth for St. Louis, New Orleans, Memphis? If the Lord Jesus were here today, He would say as He said to the disciples, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." [*John 4:35, 36.*]*18LtMs, Ms 3a, 1903, par. 12*

We must now enter the fields in America that have never been worked. From city after city the cry of barrenness is ascending to God. There are in them no memorials for Him. No effort has been made in them to proclaim the message of the gospel. I entreat those who know the truth to take up their neglected work. No longer let the Master look upon fields whose barrenness rebukes your neglect. Every soul who believes the truth is responsible to give to those in darkness the light he has received.*18LtMs, Ms 3a, 1903, par. 13*

This world is our training school. Here we are to learn how to exercise the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. To those who receive Him Christ gives power to become the sons of God. Here we are to prepare for the higher grade, the school above. If we live the life of Christ in this world we shall be ready to unite with the loyal and true in the higher school. I do not want any one to withhold gifts from foreign fields, but I do urge our people no longer to dishonor God by leaving untouched fields such as New York and other large cities. No longer refuse to listen to the call, "Come over and help us." [*Acts 16:9.*] In America thousands of people die every day without having heard the last warning message.*18LtMs, Ms 3a, 1903, par. 14*

Let the workers in the Lord's vineyard show that they realize that they are sons and daughters of God, that their citizenship is in heaven, and that their strength and means are not to be spent on self. God's great vineyard in America needs to be worked. One of the first things to be done is to help the St. Helena Sanitarium to tide over its present difficulties. What will you do to help? I shall certainly urge this matter upon you; for a condition of things that should not have been has made the institution suffer, and it deserves assistance. *18LtMs, Ms 3a, 1903, par. 15*

It requires holy, consistent living to give a man that wisdom that enables him to do the right thing at the right time. Every work is to be brought into judgment, to pass under the scrutiny of the great I Am. O we need to humble our hearts before God. Holiness of character, pure, upright principles, are obtained by diligent watching and earnest, sincere prayer. "If any man will come after Me," Christ declares, "let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*] As we obey this instruction, we walk in the footsteps of the Saviour. *18LtMs, Ms 3a, 1903, par. 16*

I leave these words with you. Do not fold your hands, content to do nothing. Wake up, wake up, brethren and sisters. There is a work to be done in foreign fields, but there is just as important work to be done in America. After you have done something for foreign fields, do not think your duty done. Remember that there is a work to be done in America. A few faithful workers have been toiling in New York. Have you taken an unselfish, practical interest in their work? Have you helped them by your sympathy and your gifts? *18LtMs, Ms 3a, 1903, par. 17*

In the cities of America there are people of almost every language. These need the light that God has given to His church. Our people do not realize the responsibility resting on them to proclaim the truth in the unwarned cities of America. God says to them, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." [*Isaiah 60:1.*] Why, then, do they feel no burden to add new territory to the Lord's kingdom, to plant the standard of truth in new places? Why do they not obey the Word, "Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not"? [*Luke 12:33.*] Why do they not return to

the Lord His own, to be invested in the heavenly merchandise? Why is there not an earnest call made for volunteers to enter the whitening harvest field? Unless more is done in the cities of America, ministers and people will have a heavy account to settle with the One who has appointed to every man his work.*18LtMs, Ms 3a, 1903, par. 18*

**Ms 4, 1903**

Diary/“Nearly the entire day I have...”

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**Ms 5, 1903**

Diary/Circulation of *Great Controversy*

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**Ms 6, 1903**

Diary/Christ Our Righteousness

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## Ms 6a, 1903

### Adonijah's Rebellion

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“Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king; and he prepared his chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? And he also was a very goodly man, and his mother bare him after Absalom. And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruah, and with Abiathar the priest; and they following Adonijah helped him. But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men which belonged to David, were not with Adonijah. ... Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.” [1 Kings 1:5-8, 10.] *18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 1*

The rebellion was ripe; the conspirators had assembled at a great feast just outside the city to proclaim Adonijah king, when their plans were thwarted by the prompt action of a few faithful persons, chief among whom were Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. They represented the state of affairs to the king, reminding him of the divine direction that Solomon should succeed to the throne. David at once abdicated in favor of Solomon, who was immediately anointed and proclaimed king. *18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 2*

David's sons had been a great grief to him. Wayward and rebellious, they had been as a thorn in his flesh. Their conduct was a heavy grief to him; yet in his fondness for them he had not in their childhood reprov'd and restrained them, and now they would not bear reproof. Cause was followed by effect. By indulgence David forfeited the respect and reverence of his children. He had never displeas'd them, but they had often perplexed and worried him by

their misconduct. He had not brought them up in submission to his will, and therefore they did not live in submission to the will of God. He excused their sins and indulged their perverse desires; and they grew up willful and selfish, refusing to honor their father or their God.*18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 3*

In addition to the infirmities of old age, which were resting heavily upon him, David's heart was sorely grieved by the course of his son Adonijah. David was a man who loved and feared God. He fully believed in recognizing and obeying God's commands. Regret and remorse filled his heart as he thought of the course that his sons had followed. He knew that if they had been brought up as they should have been, he would have received the honor that a father should receive, and God would have been revered and obeyed.*18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 4*

Solomon, the son of Bathsheba, kept the love of God before him, and David knew that he alone, of all his sons, was qualified to act as the ruler of his people. And the Lord God of Israel, the ruler of all the world, had chosen Solomon to be king after David's death.*18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 5*

On hearing of Adonijah's rebellion, David at once abdicated in favor of Solomon. Had he shown any hesitancy, the usurper would have gained the advantage, those supporting Solomon would have been slain, and the kingdom would have passed under the rule of a despot, who knew not how to rule himself. War and bloodshed would have filled the land. In this trying hour the Lord strengthened David, giving him vitality that his advisers did not think it possible for him to possess. He was on his deathbed, but he gave his orders clearly and decisively. Solomon must at once be anointed king, and notice must at once be given throughout the kingdom that this had been done.*18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 6*

Adonijah had ever had his own way, and he thought that if he made a demonstration showing his desire to reign, David would yield to his wishes. But David was true to God and to his convictions. "Call me Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king. The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause

Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon; and let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel; and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon. Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; he shall be king in my stead; for I have appointed him to be king over Israel and over Judah. And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen; the Lord God of my lord say so too. As the Lord has been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David. So Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada ... went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon. And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes; and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them." [Verses 32-40.] *18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 7*

Those who bear responsibilities must be wide-awake. It is not the man who drifts with circumstances, and who in an emergency endorses questionable moves, who wins the respect of his fellow men and the approval of heaven. It is the man who, like the rock stemming the tide, stands firm against evil, who commands respect. In a crisis, when many are not fully decided as to the right course, the one who moves steadfastly in the path that God has marked out, with unshaken determination carrying out God's plans, is the one who wins confidence as a man fit to command. Those who occupy positions of responsibility should know what saith the Lord, and they should then stand unflinchingly for the right, stemming the current of evil. *18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 8*

### **Go Forward**

There is a lesson of the greatest importance for us in the experience of the children of Israel as they left Egypt. *18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 9*

More than a million people had been led out of the right course, as many of them thought, into a valley hemmed in by mountains.

Before them lay the Red Sea, and behind them, following fast after in pursuit, was Pharaoh's host. *18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 10*

In the beginning of their march, the children of Israel had been guided by a cloud. Ignorant and superstitious because of their long years of bondage in a land of superstition, the people looked upon this cloud with wonder. Some regarded it with fear, while others declared that it was a favorable omen. *18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 11*

As the people were encamped beside the sea, they saw in the distance the flashing armor and moving chariots of Pharaoh's host. Terror filled their hearts. Some cried unto the Lord, but by far the greater part hastened to Moses with their complaints. "Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? Wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? Is it not the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness." [*Exodus 14:11, 12.*] *18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 12*

Moses was greatly troubled that his people should manifest so little faith in God, notwithstanding they had repeatedly witnessed the manifestation of His power in their behalf. How could they charge upon him the dangers and difficulties of their situation, when he had followed the express command of God? True, there was no possibility of deliverance unless God Himself should interpose for their release; but having been brought into this position in obedience to the divine direction, Moses felt no fear of the consequences. His calm and assuring reply to the people was, "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will show you today; for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever. The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace." [*Verses 13, 14.*] *18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 13*

It was not an easy thing to hold the hosts of Israel in waiting before the Lord. Lacking discipline and self-control, they became violent and unreasonable. They expected speedily to fall into the hands of their oppressors, and their wailings and lamentations were loud and deep. The wonderful pillar of cloud had been followed as the signal

of God to go forward; but now they questioned if it might not foreshadow some great calamity; for had it not led them on the wrong side of the mountain, into an impassable way? Thus the angel of God appeared to their deluded minds as the harbinger of disaster. *18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 14*

But now, as the Egyptian host approached them, expecting to make them an easy prey, the cloudy column arose majestically, passed over the Israelites, and descended between them and the armies of Israel. A wall of darkness interposed between the pursued and their pursuers. The Egyptians could no longer discern the camp of the Hebrews and were forced to halt. But as the darkness of night deepened, the wall of cloud became a great light to the Hebrews, flooding the entire encampment with the radiance of day. That which had been a terror to the people had become their protection. *18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 15*

Hope returned to the hearts of Israel. And Moses lifted up his voice unto the Lord. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto Me? Speak thou unto the children of Israel that they go forward. But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it, and the children of Israel shall go on dry land though the midst of the waters." [*Verses 15, 16.*] *18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 16*

As Moses stretched out his rod, the waters parted, and Israel went down into the midst of the sea upon dry ground, while the waters stood like a wall on each side. "Go forward" was the word given by Moses, and it was echoed by the captains of the different divisions, and in obedience, the host of Israel stepped into the path so strangely and so wonderfully prepared for them. The light from God's pillar of fire shone upon the foam-capped billows and lighted the road that was cut like a mighty furrow through the waters of the sea. *18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 17*

As the cloud moved slowly on, the Egyptian sentinels discovered that the Israelites had moved their encampment, and at once the mighty army was set in readiness for motion. They heard the sound of the marching of the Hebrews, but they could see nothing; for the cloud that gave light to Israel was to the Egyptians a wall of

darkness. Guided by the sound, they followed on, into the miraculous path God had prepared for His people. All night they followed, but they moved slowly; for their chariots drove heavily. Yet still they moved on, expecting soon to break through the cloud and overtake the fugitives. *18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 18*

At last the shadows of the night passed away, the morning dawned, and the pursuing army was almost within reach of the fleeing Hebrews. *18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 19*

“And it came to pass that in the morning watch the Lord looked upon the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire, and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians.” [Verse 24.] Before their astonished eyes the mysterious cloud charged to a pillar of fire reaching from earth to heaven. The thunders pealed, and the lightnings flashed. “The clouds poured out water; the skies sent out a sound; Thine arrows also went abroad. The voice of Thy thunder was in the whirlwind; the lightning lightened the world; the earth trembled and shook.” [*Psalm 77:17, 18.*] *18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 20*

The Egyptians were seized with confusion and dismay. Amidst the wrath of the elements, in which they heard the voice of an angry God, they endeavored to retrace their steps and to flee to the shore they had quitted. But Moses stretched out his rod, and the piled-up waters, hissing, roaring, and eager for their prey, rushed together and swallowed the Egyptian army in their black depths. *18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 21*

As morning broke, it revealed to the multitudes of Israel all that remained of their mighty foe—the mail-clad bodies cast upon the shore. From the most terrible peril one night had brought deliverance. That vast, helpless throng—bondmen unused to battle, women, children, and cattle, with the sea before them, and the mighty armies of Egypt pressing behind—had seen their path opened through the waters and their enemies overwhelmed in the moment of expected triumph. Jehovah alone had brought them deliverance, and to Him their hearts were turned in gratitude and faith. Their emotions found utterance in songs of praise. The Spirit of God rested upon Moses, and he led the people in a triumphant

anthem of thanksgiving: *18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 22*

“I will sing unto Jehovah; for He hath triumphed gloriously;  
The horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my song,  
And He is become my salvation;  
This is my God, and I will praise Him;  
My father’s God, and I will exalt Him, ...  
Who is like unto Thee, O Lord among the gods?  
Who is like unto Thee, glorious in holiness,  
Wonderful in praises, doing wonders? ...  
Thou in Thy mercy hast led the people which Thou hast redeemed;  
Thou hast guided them in Thy holy habitation.”*18LtMs, Ms 6a, 1903, par. 23*

[*Exodus 15:1, 2, 11, 13.*]



## Ms 7, 1903

Words of Counsel to Burden-Bearers

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Men who are already carrying heavy responsibilities must not be urged to accept heavier responsibilities than they can carry, and at the same time preserve their spirituality. Plans must not be laid in regard to this that will create perplexity and difficulty. This is a snare that the enemy would be pleased to see laid for the entanglement of our feet. *18LtMs, Ms 7, 1903, par. 1*

There are those who can successfully carry a certain amount of work, but who become over-wearied, fractious, and impatient, when there is crowded upon them a larger amount of work than they have physical or mental strength to perform. They lose the love of God out of the heart, and then they lose courage and faith, and the blessing of God is not with them. There are physicians who have lost their spiritual power because they have done double the work that they ought to have done. When men are asked or tempted to take more work than they can do, let them say firmly, "I cannot consent to this. I cannot safely do more than I am doing." *18LtMs, Ms 7, 1903, par. 2*

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Extract from *Testimonies for the Church 8:190:18LtMs, Ms 7, 1903, par. 3*

God impresses different men to be laborers together with Him. One man is not authorized to gather too many responsibilities upon himself. The Lord would have the physician upon whom so much depends so closely connected with Him, that his spirit will not be irritated by little things. The Lord desires you to be one of the most efficient workers in the medical profession, slighting nothing,

marring nothing, knowing that you have a Counselor close by your side, to sustain and strengthen you, to impart quietness and calm to your soul. Feverishness of mind and uncertainty of spirit will make the hand unskilful. The touch of Christ upon the Physician's hand brings vitality, restfulness, confidence, and power. *18LtMs, Ms 7, 1903, par. 4*

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Those who bear responsibilities in our institutions should daily seek the way of the Lord. They should not feel qualified to choose their own way; for in so doing they will walk in the light of the sparks of their own kindling. God alone is to be their guide. Those who seek a wider sphere, those who would have greater freedom than God appoints, those who fail to make Him their counselor, their wisdom, their sanctification, and their righteousness, will never win the crown of life. Day by day the soul needs the religion of Christ. Those who drink deeply of His Spirit will not be ambitious for themselves. They will realize that they cannot go beyond the domain of God; for God reigns everywhere. *18LtMs, Ms 7, 1903, par. 5*

He who is fully content to receive his commission from above will be cheered by the promises of God, as he seeks to do justice and judgment. To have unwavering trust in God, to be a doer of His Word, is to pursue a safe course. ... May the Lord help those who are bearing responsibilities to unite with one another in their work and to become laborers together with God. ... *18LtMs, Ms 7, 1903, par. 6*

Large buildings call for large patronage, and large patronage calls for men of education and talent, and for men of deep religious experience, to conduct the institution in the ways of God; and to manage it with tact and skill demands that there shall be a general increase in spiritual experience, that the fear of God shall circulate through the Sanitarium, in order that popular patronage shall not mold and fashion it, and thus cause it to cease to be that which God designed it to be—a refuge for the poor and lowly. Those who are steadfast to the truth should not be set aside in favor of worldlings. Prices should not be set so high to meet current expenses that the poor will, to a large extent, be excluded from the benefits of the

Sanitarium. *18LtMs, Ms 7, 1903, par. 7*

With the present talent and facilities, it is impossible for the physician-in-chief to do all that is essential to be done in the various branches and departments, much as he may desire to do this. It is not possible for him to give personal supervision to all parts of the work. *18LtMs, Ms 7, 1903, par. 8*

This matter has been opened up before me again and again. While there is continual growth in the institution, while the buildings are enlarging and the responsibilities increasing, there is not a corresponding growth in the talent and capability necessary for the management of so large an enterprise. Will our physician-in-chief and the members of the board consider this? My brother, you are not immortal. I thank the Lord that you are as wise concerning your health as you are. But you cannot always do as you are now doing. Your health may fail. Your life is uncertain, and it has been set before me that there ought to be three times as large a working force in the Sanitarium as there is. Even the workers would all have an abundance to do if they did their work well.—*Testimonies for the Church, Vol. VIII, pp. 140-142. 18LtMs, Ms 7, 1903, par. 9*

## Ms 9, 1903

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The book of *Deuteronomy* should be carefully studied by those living on the earth today. It contains a record of the instruction given to Moses to give to the children of Israel. In it the law is repeated. At the time that the instruction that it contains was given, the people of Israel were encamped beside the Jordan. All but two of the adults who had left Egypt had died in the wilderness. Now the generation that had arisen during the forty years of journeying were about to pass over the Jordan to receive their inheritance in the promised land. But they must first hear from the lips of Moses the instruction given him by the Lord for them. The words of the law must be repeated to them, and they must hear again the conditions upon which they were to enter into and take possession of the promised land. *18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 1*

The law of God was often to be repeated to the people. That its precepts might not become a strange thing, they were to be kept before the people and were ever to be exalted and honored by them. Parents were to read the law to their children, teaching it to them line upon line, precept upon precept. And on public occasions, the law was to be read in the hearing of all the people. Upon obedience to this law depended the prosperity of Israel. If the people were obedient, it would bring them life; if disobedient, death. *18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 2*

“These be the words which Moses spoke unto all Israel on this side Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over against the Red Sea. ... The Lord our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount; turn ye, and take your journey, and go into the mount of the Amorites, and unto all the places nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto

Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates. Behold, I have set the land before you; go in, and possess the land which the Lord swore unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them. And I spake unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone; the Lord your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude. ... How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife? Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you. And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken is good for us to do. So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes. And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously; ... but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's; and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it unto me, and I will hear it. And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do." [*Deuteronomy 1:1, 6-10, 12-18.*]18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 3

Moses gave the people to understand that he did not desire to monopolize the honor of government. Of all the men of Israel, he was the best qualified to be the leader of the people. But he realized that he must have counsellors with whom to share the responsibilities of the work. "I cannot bear these burdens alone," he declared. [See *Numbers 11:14.*] Wise, God-fearing men were to be chosen to work with him, and they were to remain in their position of trust as long as they gave evidence that they were loyal and faithful. These men were to show favor to no one and they were not to do one wrong action in order to gain favor. They were never to accept bribes or to allow themselves to be overawed by evil men. In all their decisions equity was to govern. They were to be "able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness." [*Exodus 18:21.*]18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 4

These chosen were appointed rulers over the people—rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, and rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. Speaking of their appointment, Moses declared: "I charged

your judges at that time, saying, Hear the cause between your brethren, and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him. And the cause that is too hard for you, bring it to me, and I will hear it. And I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do.” [*Deuteronomy 1:16-18.*] *18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 5*

And the people had agreed to the plans outlined by Moses and had promised to follow the Lord’s directions. Why then had they worked contrary to their agreement, arousing mutiny and discontent? Why had they murmured and complained, as if they were hardly dealt with? They had complained of Moses, as if he were treating them harshly, when he was seeking in every way to make their journeyings in the wilderness a school of preparation and training. Obedience to God’s commands, co-operation with Him in carrying out His plans, was essential for their present and future good, yea, for their eternal welfare. But they had been rebellious and disobedient. *18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 6*

Speaking of their conduct in the wilderness, Moses said, “And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, [as the Lord our God commanded us; and we came to Kadeshbarnea. And I said unto you, Ye are come unto the mountain of the Amorites,] which the Lord our God doth give us. Behold, the Lord thy God hath set the land before thee; go up, and possess it, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged. *18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 7*

“And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search out the land and bring us word again by what way we must come up, and into what cities we shall come. And the saying pleased me well; and I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe, and they turned, and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Eschol, and searched it out. And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, It is a good land which the Lord God doth give us. Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandments of the Lord your God; and ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the Lord

hated us, He hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us. Whither shall we go up? Our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people is greater and taller than we; the cities are great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there.” [*Verses 19-28.*] *18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 8*

It was upon the very borders of the promised land that the people had broken forth into rebellion. The spies had returned from Canaan with their hearts filled with unbelief, and their wicked murmurings had set the hearts of all the people in rebellion. Disaffection is quickly awakened in hearts that are unsanctified. *18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 9*

“Then said I unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them. The Lord your God, which goeth before you, He shall fight for you, according to all that He did for you in Egypt, before your eyes; and in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the Lord thy God bare thee, as a man doth bare his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place. Yet in this thing ye did not believe the Lord your God, who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, to show you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day. And the Lord heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, and sware, saying, Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the Lord. Also the Lord was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou shalt not go in thither.” [*Verses 29-37.*] *18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 10*

The time to which Moses refers when the Lord was angry with him was when the stream that for so many years had supplied the people with water ceased to flow. It was the Lord’s purpose to test His people. He would prove whether they would trust His providence or imitate the unbelief of their fathers. Before God permitted them to enter Canaan, they must show that they believed His promise. *18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 11*

But no sooner was the cry of water heard in the encampment than the people forgot one who for so many years had supplied their wants, and instead of turning to God for help, they murmured against Him, in their desperation exclaiming, "Would to God we had died when our brethren died before the Lord." [*Numbers 20:3.*]18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 12

Their cries were directed against Moses and Aaron: "Why have ye brought up the congregation of the Lord into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there? And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us unto this evil place? It is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink." [*Verses 4, 5.*]18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 13

The leaders went to the door of the tabernacle and fell upon their faces. Again the glory of the Lord appeared, and Moses was directed, "Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall bring forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock." [*Verse 8.*]18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 14

The two brothers went on before the multitude, Moses with the rod of God in his hand. They were now aged men. Long had they borne with the rebellion and obstinacy of Israel; but now, at last, even the patience of Moses gave way. "Hear now, ye rebels," he cried, "must we bring you water out of this rock?" and instead of speaking to the rock, as God had commanded him, he smote it twice with the rod. [*Verses 10, 11.*]18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 15

Moses had spoken from irritated feeling; his words were an expression of human passion rather than of holy indignation because God had been dishonored. "Hear now, ye rebels," he said. [*Verse 10.*] This accusation was true, but even truth is not to be spoken in passion or impatience. Moses, in taking it upon himself to accuse the people, grieved the Spirit of God, and wrought the people only harm.18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 16

Bitter and deeply humiliating was the judgment immediately pronounced. "The Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed Me not, to sanctify Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I



have given them.” [Verse 12.] With rebellious Israel they must die before crossing the Jordan. Had Moses and Aaron been cherishing self-esteem, or indulging a passionate spirit, their guilt would have been far greater. But they were not chargeable with wilful or deliberate sin; they had been overcome by a sudden temptation, and their contrition was immediate and heartfelt. The Lord accepted their repentance, though because of the harm their sin might do among the people He could not remit punishment. God forgave Moses, but he could not grant him that which he so greatly longed for—a home in the promised land. *18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 17*

Will those who today occupy positions of trust in the Lord’s work stop and think what it means to become angry, to show a spirit unworthy a leader of God’s people? There are those in God’s service who have given way to anger and who do not feel the repentance that Moses felt. These men have long braced themselves to follow their unprincipled course of action and have gone on from one wrong to another. And there are murmurers in the churches who easily lose their self-control. If everything does not move to please them they become irritated and provoke one another to evil. They have not the light and love of God in their souls, and if their track is crossed, they give loose rein to their unsanctified, irritable spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 18*

I have been instructed to present this before our people and to urge them to make diligent work for repentance. *18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 19*

The instruction given to the children of Israel is for us also. Happy will be the church when the members study the directions given to the Israelites during their journeyings in the wilderness. In this instruction are specified the virtues that the church in the wilderness must have in order to be approved of God. The church of today has had far greater light. She should stand on vantage ground, cherishing the pure, holy principles that God declared man must follow in his dealings with his fellow men, if he would grow in grace and wisdom, and [they] be honored as obedient subjects. Only by following these principles can we adorn the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 20*

The importance of the law of God, and Christ's relation to it, are to be presented before those who have placed themselves under Satan's banner, full of self-importance and self-sufficiency. In a wicked world God's servants are to obey the principles of His government—by their righteousness, testifying that fallen man can obey the law of God and, through obedience, become His sons and daughters. *18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 21*

Christ is our Leader. Clothing His divinity with humanity, He humbled Himself, that He might stand in person at the head of the human race. He laid aside His kingly crown and yielded up His high position as Commander of the angels, who loved to do His bidding. For our sakes He became poor that through His humiliation and poverty human beings might be made rich—heirs to an eternal weight of glory. The Saviour came to the world in lowliness and lived as a man among men. On all points except sin, divinity was to touch humanity. Living on this earth as a man among men, Christ answered the question, "Can man keep the law of God?" He was tempted in all points like as man is tempted, "yet without sin." [*Hebrews 4:15.*] He was tempted that He might know how to succor those that should afterward be tempted. He became a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." [*Isaiah 53:5.*] He gave Himself to the world as a spiritual teacher, a genuine medical missionary. O that our medical workers realized what privileges they have. They would know by practical experience what it means to hear and obey the invitation, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:28-30.*]*18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 22*

Christ came to our world to teach men what is meant by genuine religion—the religion that will make men and women lights in the world. He offers all power to form a true, noble character. The converted man rejoices that he has a Saviour who is so mighty. He is a partaker of the divine nature. His repentance is not a farce, but a reality, and the fruit of it appears in Christlike words and deeds. Every day, every hour, he reveals faith in his Sin-bearer. Love,

hope, longsuffering, patience, kindness are revealed in his life. In self-denial he lifts the cross and follows Jesus. He is a representative of the Saviour. *18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 23*

“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 heart; and they have not known My ways. So I swear 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.” [*Hebrews 3:7-13.*] *18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 24*

Mark the words “deceitfulness of sin.” [*Verse 13.*] Satan always presents his temptations under the guise of goodness. Beware that you yield not to them. One violation of straightforward truthfulness prepares the way for the second violation, and wrongs are repeated until the heart of unbelief becomes hardened and the conscience loses its sensitiveness. Let us humble our hearts before God and ask Him to forgive us for speaking words of unbelief, words that cast a reflection on Him who is too wise to err and too good to do harm. *18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 25*

“We are made partakers with God, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast until 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 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. *18LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 26*

“Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them; but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that

heard it. ... Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight; but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. Seeing then that we have an high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." [*Hebrews 3:14-19; 4:1, 2, 11-16.*]18*LtMs, Ms 9, 1903, par. 27*

## Ms 10, 1903

Sermon/Lessons From the Sending Out of the Spies

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“And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them. ... And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan. ... So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath. And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron. ... And they came unto the brook of Eschol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs. The place was called the brook Eschol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence. And they returned from searching of the land after forty days. And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land. And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.” [*Numbers 13:1, 2, 17, 21-27.*]*18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 1*

Thus far their words had been spoken in faith; but see what followed. After describing the beauty and fertility of the land, all but two of the spies enlarged upon the difficulties and dangers that lay before the Israelites, should they undertake the conquest of Canaan.*18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 2*

“The people be strong that dwell in the land,” they said, “and the

cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.” [Verses 28, 29.]*18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 3*

Their unbelief cast a gloomy shadow over the congregation. A wail of agony arose, and mingled with the confused murmur of voices. Caleb comprehended the situation and did all in his power to counteract the evil influence of his unfaithful associates. He did not contradict what had been said. The walls were high and the Canaanites strong. But God had promised the land to Israel.*18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 4*

“Let us go up at once, and possess it,” urged Caleb, “for we are well able to overcome it.” [Verse 30.] But the ten, interrupting him, pictured the obstacles in darker colors than at first. “We be not able to go up against the people,” they declared, “for they are stronger than we. ... And all the people we saw in it are men of great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.” [Verses 31-33.]*18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 5*

It is right that human beings should be considered as grasshoppers, when compared with the Lord God of Israel. But it showed a lack of faith for the spies to speak of the Israelites thus in comparison with the people they had seen in Canaan. The children of Israel had on their side the mighty powers of heaven. The One who, enshrouded in the pillar of cloud, had led them through the wilderness was fighting for them. They had seen His power displayed at the Red Sea, when at His word, the waters parted, leaving a plain path for them through the sea. Nevertheless, when the spies saw the walled cities in the promised land, they allowed unbelief to enter their hearts, and returned to the congregation with a faithless report. By the words they spoke, they leavened the minds of the people with unbelief. The record tells us what effect their murmuring had.*18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 6*

“And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. And all the children of Israel murmured

against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!" [*Numbers 14:1, 2.*]*18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 7*

This shows us to what desperation unbelief will bring people. My brethren and sisters, when thoughts of unbelief and distrust come to you, remember that silence is eloquence. Speak no word of unbelief; for such words are as seeds that will spring up and bear fruit. There is among us altogether too much talking and too little praying. We think and speak of the difficulties that exist and forget to trust the Lord. God's Spirit would work mightily in behalf of His people, if they would give Him opportunity. What they need to do is to open the door of the heart and let Jesus enter.*18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 8*

After the children of Israel had begun to murmur, they began to question God's wisdom. "Wherefore hath the Lord brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey?" they said. "Were it not better for us to return to Egypt?" [*Verse 3.*] So weak was their confidence in God, notwithstanding the miracles He had wrought in their behalf!*18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 9*

As the complaints of the people arose on every side, Caleb and Joshua attempted to quiet the tumult. "The land, which we passed through to search it is an exceeding good land," they cried. "If the Lord delight in us, then He will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. Only rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us; their defense is departed from them, and they are bread for us: fear them not." [*Verses 7-9.*]*18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 10*

"But all the congregation bade stone them with stones." They stood with stones in their hands, ready to throw at Caleb and Joshua as they stood in defense of the truth declaring that the Lord was with them and that with His strength they could go up and possess the land. In a few minutes these faithful men would have been killed. But "the glory of the Lord appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel." God was watching

their plottings, and He delivered His servants from their hands. “And the Lord said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke Me? and how long will it be ere they believe Me, for all the signs which I have showed among them? I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and make of thee a greater nation, and mightier than they.” [*Verses 10-12.*]18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 11

What a temptation this was! But Moses said, “Then the Egyptians shall hear it (for thou broughtest up this people in Thy might from among them;) and they will tell it to the inhabitants of the land; for they have heard that Thou Lord art among this people, that Thou Lord art seen face to face, and that Thy cloud standeth over them, and that Thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 12

“Now if Thou wilt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of Thee will speak, saying, Because the Lord was not able to bring this people into the land which He swore unto them, therefore He hath slain them in the wilderness.18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 13

“And now I beseech Thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as Thou hast spoken, saying”—and then he repeated the Lord’s own words; and this it is our privilege also to do. We can cite His promises. “According as Thou hast spoken, saying, The Lord is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation. Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people, according unto the greatness of Thy mercy, and as Thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now. And the Lord said, I have pardoned according to thy word; but as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord. Because all those men which have seen My glory, and My miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted Me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to My voice; surely, they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked Me see it. ... Tomorrow turn ye you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.” [*Verses 13-23, 25.*]18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 14



The Lord had fulfilled the word that He spoke to Abraham, when He declared that after the children of Israel had been in bondage four hundred years, He would deliver them. He visited Egypt with fearful judgments and brought His people forth. And when the Egyptian host pursued the Israelites, He destroyed Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea. Yet here, on the border of the promised land, they dishonored Him by giving way to unbelief. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 15*

We shall be brought into strait places; but we do not want to wait until then before we learn to trust and obey. Now, just now, in this our day of opportunity and privilege, when the light of truth is shining upon us, we are to learn the lesson. Let us plead with God to give us a true conception of His character and a willingness to obey Him. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 16*

We are to stand in the strength and power of Israel's God. Shall we do it, brethren? Or shall we murmur and complain, looking at the obstacles in the way, and making a mountain out of a molehill? Today God gives His people, to confirm their faith, evidences of His power such as He gave to Israel. Will they make these evidences of no effect? Will they act as if God had not wrought in their behalf? The Lord wants us to acknowledge His power and His grace and His great salvation which He has brought us at an infinite cost—the death of His only begotten Son. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 17*

We are living in a day of trial, a day of probation, a day of test. God is proving His people to see whether He can work in their behalf. He cannot work for them if they open their hearts to the impulses of the enemy. He cannot co-operate with them if they trust in men in the place of looking to Jesus and rejoicing in His goodness and His love. He wants to make of us a people through whom he can reveal His grace, and He will do this if we will only give Him opportunity, if we will open the windows of the soul heavenward and close them earthward against human rabble, against murmuring, complaining, and faultfinding. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 18*

But just as surely as we fail to heed the messages that for the last fifty years the Lord has been giving, just as surely as we turn from these messages to human impulses and human science, framing

laws that are directly opposed to God's Word, so surely will we reap the consequence. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 19*

“And the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel which they murmur against me.” [*Verses 26, 27.*] Those who today murmur against God's appointed agencies, weakening the confidence of the people in them, are doing the same work that the children of Israel did. The Lord hears every murmuring word. He hears every word that detracts from the influence of those whom He is using to proclaim the truth that is to prepare a people to stand in the last days. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 20*

“How long shall I bear with this evil congregation? ... Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do unto you: your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old, and upward, which have murmured against Me, doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I swear unto you to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.” [*Verses 27-30.*] *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 21*

“And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness. After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know My breach of promise. I the Lord have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against Me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die. And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land, even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the Lord. But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still. And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly.” [*Verses 33-39.*] *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 22*

The lesson of this record is for us. The Lord had prepared the way before His people. They were very near the promised land. A little while, and they would have entered Canaan. They themselves delayed the entering. In the first place it was they who requested that spies should be sent up to search the land. Rehearsing to them the history of the unbelief and the trouble that it brought to them, Moses said, "And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search us out the land, and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come." [*Deuteronomy 1:22.*] *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 23*

The request that the spies be sent into Canaan showed a lack of faith; for God had told the people plainly that they were to take possession of the land. Why then did they need to send spies to search it? Had they put their trust in God, they could have gone straight in. God would have gone before them. He knew the best way in which to lead them through their difficulties. But they wanted to know what was before them, and when Moses took their request to the Lord, He told him to let them have their own way. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 24*

Brethren and sisters, from the light given me, I know that if the people of God and preserved a living connection with Him, if they had obeyed His Word, they would today be in the heavenly Canaan. O how sad it makes me to see the way hedging up before us and to know that it is becoming more and more difficult to carry the message to the people. We have not done a hundredth part of the evangelical work that God desires us to do among our neighbors and friends. In every city in this land there are those who know not the truth. There are many new fields, in which we must plough the ground and sow the seed. God says to us: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." [*Isaiah 58:1.*] We are to make known to the men and women of the world what God's test is, that if they will they may refuse to receive the seal of the papacy. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 25*

God told the people that for forty years they were to wander in the wilderness. But they were determined to enter Canaan. "Lo, we be

here,” they said, “and will go up unto the place which the Lord hath promised; for we have sinned.” [*Numbers 14:40.*]18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 26

“And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the Lord? but it shall not prosper. Go not up, for the Lord is not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies. For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword; because ye turned away from the Lord, therefore the Lord will not be with you. But they presumed to go up to the hill top; nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and Moses, departed not out of the camp. Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites, which dwelt in that hill, and discomfited them, even unto Hormah.” [*Verses 41-45.*]18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 27

When we see what God can and will do for us, when we know that His church is the supreme object of His regard in this world, why are we not more willing to believe His Word. The powers of darkness will assail us, but we have a God who is above all. He can take care of His people. He can make a refuge for His people wherever they are. What He wants us to do is to stand where he can reveal His glory through us, that it may be known that there is a God in Israel, and that in behalf of His people He will manifest His power.18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 28

#### **Out of the Cities**

I look at these flowers, and every time I see them, I think of Eden. They are an expression of God’s love for us. Thus He gives us in this world a little taste of Eden. He wants us to delight in the beautiful things of His creation, and to see in them an expression of what He will do for us. He wants us to live where we can have elbow room. His people are not to crowd into the cities. He wants them to take their families out of the cities, that they may better prepare for eternal life. In a little while they will have to leave the cities. These cities are filled with wickedness of every kind—with strikes and murders and suicides. Satan is in them, controlling men in their work of destruction. Under his influence they kill for the sake of killing, and this they will do more and more. Every mind is

controlled either by the power of Satan or the power of God. If God controls our minds, what shall we be?—Christian gentlemen and Christian ladies. God can fill our lives with His peace and gladness and joy. He wants His joy to be in us, that our joy may be full. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 29*

If we place ourselves under objectionable influences, can we expect God to work a miracle to undo the results of our wrong course? No, indeed. Get out of the cities as soon as possible, and purchase a little piece of land, where you can have a garden, where your children can watch the flowers growing and learn from them lessons of simplicity and purity. “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” [*Matthew 6:28, 29.*] Parents, point your children to the beautiful things of God’s creation, and from these things teach them of His love for them. Point them to the lovely flowers—the roses and the lilies and the pinks—and then point them to the living God. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 30*

#### **The Work Before Us**

God wants to work for His people and for His institutions—for every sanitarium, every publishing house, and every school. But He wants no more mammoth buildings erected. For years He has told His people this. He wants plants made in many places. Let the light shine forth. Do not try to show what great things you can do. Let God work through you. Do all in your power to establish a memorial for God in every city where such a memorial has not been established. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 31*

God wants the Southern field worked. He wants this work taken up in earnest. All the means in the treasury is not to be sent into foreign lands. In our own land there is a field and a people needing help. The barrenness of this field, the ignorance and destitution of the people, rise as a reproach against us. And yet we profess to be serving the God of heaven. The Lord calls upon every man to do his appointed work. He calls upon us to stand in the place where He can use us as His instruments. He wants us to go to Him for help. We are not to lean upon human beings, but upon the living God.

Our question is to be, What can I do to proclaim the third angel's message? Christ came to this world to give this message to His servant to give to the churches. It is to be proclaimed to every nation and kindred and tongue and people. How are we to give it? If we cannot gain entrance to the churches, we must give the message in our camp-meetings. The distribution of our literature is another means by which the message is to be proclaimed. Let the workers scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time. We need men who will stand with unswerving faith in Israel's God. We need colporteurs who will go forth to circulate our publications everywhere. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 32*

The Lord needs printing offices. But He has shown us that He is not pleased with the way in which the work has been carried forward. Something is wrong. He wants to bring us into the place where we can understand His will concerning us. He is speaking to us. Let us strive to understand what He wants us to do. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 33*

Brethren and sisters, we have no time to dwell on little differences. For Christ's sake, to your knees in prayer! Go to God, and ask Him to give you a clean heart. Ask Him to help you to stand where He wants you to be. Labor in harmony with one another, even though you are not alike. Do you not know that of the leaves on a tree there are no two exactly alike? From this God would teach us that among His servants there is to be unity in diversity. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 34*

Bring all the pleasantness that you can into your lives. Do not make your mind a depository for the enemy's rubbish. Do not let trifling differences destroy your fellowship with one another. Do not say that because your brethren differ with you in some particular, you cannot stand by their side in service. They do not differ with you any more than you differ with them. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 35*

We are commanded to love one another as Christ has loved us. So great was His love for us that He willingly gave His life for us. And our love for one another is to make us willing to sacrifice our feelings and ideas if by so doing we can help them. *18LtMs, Ms 10,*

1903, par. 36

Are we standing on the platform of eternal truth? Are we giving the message that is to prepare a people to stand in the day of trial before us? God is calling upon every one of us to stand in his lot and place. He is calling upon us to plant the standard of truth in the places that have not heard the message. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 37*

For years the word has been coming to this people telling them what to do. In every city in America the truth is to be proclaimed. In every country of the world the warning message is to be given. Remember that when churches are raised up in America, there are brought into the truth those who can enter God's service as workers. When the work is done that should be done in America, there will be brought into the truth those who will help with their means to carry forward the work for these last days. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 38*

Centralizing in Battle Creek, putting up so many buildings there, has robbed other places of light. Means have been used in this way that should have been used in proclaiming the truth in other cities, thus raising up workers of talent and ability. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 39*

Brethren, shall we have faith in God? Shall we make an individual preparation to meet Him in peace, or shall we spend our time looking for defects in our fellow workers? When self is crucified, when the heart is purified from all dross, the words and actions will be as pure gold. During this meeting, instead of going to one and another and talking unbelief, will you not speak when God tells you to speak, and then hold your peace? Will you not ask as Moses did for a revelation of God's character? "Show me Thy glory," he pleaded. [*Exodus 33:18.*] And God granted his request and made all His goodness pass before him. When you catch a glimpse of the goodness of God, you will have a tongue of wisdom. You will have words to speak in season to those that are weary. You may never have learned the different languages of this earth, but God will teach you the language of heaven. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 40*

My brethren and sisters, humble your hearts before God. You have reason to. His work is hindered. As yet, it has been established in a

few places only, and God declares that it is to extend over the whole world. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 41*

I ask you to do all that you can for the work in America. In this country workers are to be raised up who will help with their means and their talents to carry forward the work of God. I pray that there will be brought into the truth those who will refuse to be molded by the spirit of covetousness and pride and self-sufficiency that has been coming in. God's rebuke is upon this spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 42*

In the church of God there is to be done a work of cementing heart to heart. It is the division among us that stands in the way of our advancement. God calls upon us to come into line. To every man is given his work. But though our work is different, we need the help of one another. No one is to gather round him a party of men who will think as he thinks and say Amen to everything that he says. God uses different minds. What one mind lacks will be made up by what another mind has. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 43*

My brethren and sisters, think of these things. Seek the Lord with the whole heart, that you may find Him. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Humble your hearts before Him, and pray more than you do. Pray for the impartation of the Holy Spirit. When this Spirit fills the heart, the praise of God will be in the congregation, and it will be reflected from your faces. Love for God will be shown by your love for one another, and this will give you power for service. Let your hearts break before God. Repent that you have so poorly glorified Him. Bear witness to the truth. If you had been in the habit of doing this, it would have removed many difficulties. Begin to work in right lines, and God will help you. *18LtMs, Ms 10, 1903, par. 44*



## Ms 11, 1903

Talk/Words of Counsel

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I wish to say that all over the fields there is not among the laborers that humiliation of soul, that sanctification of the Spirit of God that there should be. Of what use is it for us to say that we have the grace of Christ, unless this grace is revealed in the daily life, in the thoughts, the words, and the actions?*18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 1*

Before leaving Australia and since coming to this country, I have been instructed that there is a great work to be done in America. Those who were in the work at the beginning are passing away. Few are left of the pioneers of the cause. The work must fall on the younger brethren. The world is filled with strife for the supremacy. The spirit of pulling apart, of war, of animosity, and disorganization, is in the very air we breathe. Our only hope is to remember that we are little children—God’s little children. “Behold the nations before Him are as a drop of a bucket and are counted as the small dust of the balance.” [*Isaiah 40:15*.] We are inclined to exalt self. But God wants no self-exaltation in His work. He wants us to labor in simplicity and humility, as His little children, learning daily of Him. We must bring His Word into the practical life. We talk the truth, we preach the truth, but we do not live the truth.*18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 2*

The light given me is that we are to study more than we do the instruction given to Moses by God after He had proclaimed the law from Sinai. The ten commandments were spoken by God Himself and were then written on tables of stone, to be preserved till the judgment should take place. After the giving of the law, God gave Moses specifications regarding the law. These specifications are plain and explicit. No one need make a mistake. The directions are as plain as A B C.*18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 3*

In the day of judgment, we shall be asked whether we have lived in harmony with these specifications. It is because we do not carry out these specifications in all our dealings, in our institutions, our families, and in our individual lives, at all times, and in all places, that we do not make greater advancement. It is by the directions that God has given that we shall be judged at the last day. *18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 4*

Have we studied these specifications? I heard them one night some weeks ago. It seemed as if they were being given to Israel, and there was the same solemnity that there was when they were given. I thought, This is given me that I may tell our people that we must study these specifications. When the directions that God has given are followed, our institutions will be pure and clean, free from all selfishness and covetousness. The tenderness of Christ will come in. His love will fill our hearts. A sense of God's goodness will make us weep and sing and praise God. Then we shall be living channels of light, prepared to do His will. *18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 5*

We do not make enough of *Deuteronomy* and *Exodus*. These books record the dealings of God with Israel. God took the Israelites from slavery and led them through the wilderness to the promised land. They had almost reached the end of their journey. Spies were sent over the Jordan to view the land and bring back a report. *18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 6*

God had showed His people what He would be to them and what He would do for them. He had destroyed their enemies before them. Nevertheless, when the spies returned from their search, they came with hearts filled with unbelief. They enlarged upon the difficulties and dangers before the Israelites should they undertake the conquest of Canaan. They saw that the cities were walled and very great, and the people who dwelt there were strong, and it would be impossible to conquer them. "And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night." [*Numbers 14:1.*] They gave way to cruel, wicked unbelief and cried and murmured and found fault. They accused not only Moses, but God Himself, of deception in promising them a land which they are not able to possess, and they went so far as to appoint a captain to lead them back to the land of their suffering and bondage, from

which they had been delivered by the strong arm of Omnipotence.*18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 7*

In their rebellion the people exclaimed, “Would God we had died in the wilderness.” [*Verse 2.*] Their prayer was granted. God declared that for forty years Israel was to wander in the wilderness, and that there all who had left Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, would die.*18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 8*

Moses also had his trial. God chose him to deliver Israel. He had been trained as a general, and he thought that it was by force that he was to deliver the people. One day, seeing an Egyptian smiting an Israelite, he killed the Egyptian. Then he fled to Arabia, and for forty years he kept sheep. There his pride and self-sufficiency were swept away. He became patient, reverent, humble, “very meek, above all men which were upon the face of the earth.” [*Numbers 12:3.*]*18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 9*

We need to learn the lesson of humility and meekness. And we need to learn to help one another all that we possibly can. When we see one whose soul is in peril, let us be very careful that we do not drive him further from Christ. Let us speak and act as God’s little children, not as men who would kill.*18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 10*

Do not cherish self-sufficiency. Walk humbly before God. “Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.” [*Job 28:28.*] “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” [*Matthew 11:28-30.*]*18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 11*

It is because of the experiences through which I passed last night that I am led to say these things. It means everything to us whether we are sanctified to God—body, soul, and spirit; whether we are channels through which He can communicate His life and light.*18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 12*

When, after Moses’ time of preparation and trial was over, he was once more told to go and deliver Israel, he was self-distrustful, slow of speech, timid. “Who am I,” he said, “that I should go unto

Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" [*Exodus 3:11.*] He pleaded as an excuse a lack of ready speech. He had been the general of the armies of Egypt, and he certainly knew how to speak. But he was afraid that he would bring self into his work. *18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 13*

We cannot guard too carefully against self-exaltation. We are to stand where we know that God is speaking to us. Only in this position are we safe. The Lord wants us to stand where we are sanctified and purified, wholly consecrated to His service. Unless we stand in this position, we cannot offer Him acceptable service. We need to realize more fully than we do the preciousness of human souls. *18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 14*

Three nights before the Review office burned, I was in an agony that words cannot describe. I could not sleep. I walked the room, praying to God to have mercy upon His people. Then I seemed to be in the Review office with the men who have the management of the institution. I was trying to speak to them and thus to help them. One of authority arose, and said, "You say, The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we; therefore we have authority to do this thing and that thing and the other thing. But the Word of God forbids many of the things that you propose to do." At His first advent, Christ cleansed the temple. Prior to His second advent, He will again cleanse the temple. He was there, cleansing the temple. Why?—Because commercial work had been brought in, and God had been forgotten. With hurry here and hurry there and hurry somewhere else, there was no time to think of heaven. The principles of God's law were presented, and I heard the question asked, "How much of the law have you obeyed?" Then the word was spoken, "God will cleanse and purify His temple in His displeasure." *18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 15*

In the visions of the night, I saw a sword of fire hung out over Battle Creek. *18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 16*

Brethren, God is in earnest with us. I want to tell you that if after the warnings given in these burnings, the leaders of our people go right on, just as they have done in the past, exalting themselves, God will take the bodies next. Just as surely as He lives, He will speak to

them in language that they cannot fail to understand.*18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 17*

God is watching us to see if we will humble ourselves before Him as little children. I speak these words now that we may come to Him in humility and contrition and find out what He requires of us.*18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 18*

God wants us to learn what it means to be temples of the Lord. When we learn this, His saving grace will come to us, and the terrible dissension that is doing so much to weaken our efforts will no longer be seen among us.*18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 19*

Think of these words; pray over them. Come to the Lord as little children. Plead with Him for His salvation. If we receive His salvation into our hearts, His power will be with us, and success will crown our efforts.*18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 20*

O, there is so much for us to learn. I pray that this meeting shall not go on day after day without our making steady advancement. We must make advancement. God has a controversy with us. Many of us have left our first love. We have grown cold and indifferent. Let us not act in such a way that God will have to manifest the wrath that He is loth to manifest. He restrains Himself. The omnipotent One places Himself under the control of Omnipotence. God watches over His weak, erring, tempted children for their good. He wants them to be saved, and that is why He sends His judgments. He desires them to learn to exercise the compassion that those who are saved must exercise.*18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 21*

Let us co-operate with God. The Word says: Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure. [*Philippians 2:12, 13.*] "Ye are God's husbandry; ye are God's building." [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] He wants to co-operate with you in cleansing the heart of all evil. He says that if we obey Him, He will make us a holy nation, a royal priesthood, and will give us the victory over our enemies. Why then do we not trust God, instead of putting our trust in men? Every one is accountable to God. No man has the right to try to control another man's judgment.*18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 22*

Let us begin to work on correct principles. And when you go home, take your Bibles, and read the law that you must meet in the judgment. Read the specifications given regarding the law. Come near to God, and He will receive you. Exercise the simple faith of a little child. *18LtMs, Ms 11, 1903, par. 23*

## Ms 12, 1903

### Instruction Regarding the Publishing Work

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I cannot sleep past twelve o'clock. I rise and begin writing in a diary that I find close at hand. The most discouraging burden is pressing me down as a cart beneath sheaves. I am in an agony of distress. I have been instructed that God's Holy Spirit has not been working upon the minds of the leading men in the Review and Herald office. The managers do not take time to talk with God; therefore they are not led and guided by justice, integrity, and the love of God. Unsanctified individuality has been displayed. How long will the Lord continue to bear with the perversity and unsanctified working of men who are not following a straightforward, upright course. Soon the Lord will cleanse the publishing house, as He cleansed the temple courts of their defilement. The longer men practice iniquity, the harder and more unimpressible their hearts become.*18LtMs, Ms 12, 1903, par. 1*

God desired the Review and Herald office to be a training school, even as the schools of the prophets. But in this institution unprincipled work has been done. Those entrusted with the stewardship of the Lord's goods have dealt as worldlings deal, and God has been dishonored.*18LtMs, Ms 12, 1903, par. 2*

There are those who have advanced step by step in unrighteousness, notwithstanding that God has sent them continual warnings. They cared for none of these things.*18LtMs, Ms 12, 1903, par. 3*

To be checked or interfered with caused hatred to spring up in their hearts against those who tried to stop them in their course of selfishness and greed. They will gain nothing by their effort. The Lord will not prosper their transactions, but will bring them to naught.*18LtMs, Ms 12, 1903, par. 4*

“Thus saith the Lord, He that being often reprov'd, hardeneth his heart, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. I have spoken by My servants, and they would not; I will now speak by My judgments, by purifying fires, and if they do not then repent, I will speak to them by still greater afflictions. If they will be true to principle, if they will represent Christ in character, if they will put away all fraud and all sharp practices, I will hear their prayer. But the prayers of evil workers will I not hear. I will come close to them in judgment. I will turn and overturn. In no case will those who lend themselves to selfishness see the kingdom of God, unless they repent, and that right early.” *18LtMs, Ms 12, 1903, par. 5*

In clear, distinct rays, light has been shining upon the people of God. But many have not been benefited. They have mingled with sacred things that which God detests. They have violated their baptismal vows. They have not kept their promise to come out from the world and be separate and touch not the unclean thing. They have spoken words of deceit, swearing falsely. They have made idols of themselves. God declares, “Had they adhered steadfastly to My service, I should have co-operated with them, and My peace and grace should have been with them, while they served Me with singleness of purpose. But they turned aside from My counsel, leaving undone the very work that they ought to have done. My work was made second.” Means was spent to obtain facilities for the doing of commercial work. The time and talents of the workers were used in this work. But when it was done, what profit was it to the work of God? *18LtMs, Ms 12, 1903, par. 6*

The commercial work that has been brought in has been corrupting in its influence and has changed the whole atmosphere of the office. God designed that the institution should be a place where angels could preside. But men have defiled it. They have used strange fire instead of the sacred fire of God's kindling. Thus they have co-operated with the enemy of souls. *18LtMs, Ms 12, 1903, par. 7*

God says, I cannot work with iniquitous plans. Your only hope now is to sow to yourselves in righteousness, that you may reap in mercy. “Break up the fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until He come and rain righteousness upon you. Ye have plowed



wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies; because thou didst trust in thy ways, in the multitude of thy mighty men.” [*Hosea 10:12, 13.*]18LtMs, Ms 12, 1903, par. 8

“When Israel was a child then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. ... I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them. I drew them with the cords of a man, with bands of love; and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them. ... The sword shall abide in his cities, and shall consume his branches and devour them, because of their own counsels. And my people are bent to backsliding from Me, though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt Him.” [*Hosea 11:1, 3, 4, 6, 7.*]18LtMs, Ms 12, 1903, par. 9

## Ms 13, 1903

A Division of Responsibilities

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The division of the General Conference into District Union Conferences was God's arrangement. In the work of the Lord in these last days there should be no Jerusalem centers, no kingly power. And the work in the different countries is not to be tied up by contracts to the work centering in Battle Creek; for this is not God's plan. Brethren are to counsel together; for we are just as much under the control of God in one part of His vineyard as another. Brethren are to be one in heart and soul, even as Christ and the Father are one. *18LtMs, Ms 13, 1903, par. 2*

The kingly power formerly exhibited in the General Conference at Battle Creek is not to be perpetuated. The publishing institution is not to be a kingdom of itself. It is essential that the principles that govern in General Conference affairs shall be maintained in the managements of the publishing work and the sanitarium work. No one is to consider that the branch of the work with which he is connected is of vastly more importance than other branches. *18LtMs, Ms 13, 1903, par. 3*

The Lord has declared that there should be publishing plants in various places. Supreme power should not be vested in a few large institutions. At the last General Conference the light was given, Divide the General Conference into Union Conferences. Let there be fewer responsibilities centered in one place. Let the work of printing our publications be divided. The principles that apply to the publishing work apply also to the sanitarium work. Students should not be crowded into Battle Creek to receive an education in medical missionary lines. It is not best to gather together in one institution so

large a company of people as are gathered together in the Battle Creek Sanitarium. Let medical missionary plants be made in many places. *18LtMs, Ms 13, 1903, par. 4*

## Ms 14, 1903

Talk/Lessons From Josiah's Reign

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### Talk by Mrs. E. G. White at General Conference

The night before last, the experiences and the work of Josiah, the king of Israel, as recorded in the *thirty-fourth* and *thirty-fifth chapters of Second Chronicles*, and the *twenty-second* and *twenty-third chapters of Second Kings*, were presented to me as a lesson that I should bring to the attention of this Conference.*18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 1*

“Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. ... And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left. And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of King Josiah, that the Lord sent Shaphan, ... the scribe, to the house of the Lord, saying, Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the Lord, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people; and let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work which is in the house of the Lord, to repair the breaches of the house, unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stones to repair the house. Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.” [*2 Kings 22:1-7.*]*18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 2*

This record contains precious instruction for us. Born of a wicked father, surrounded with temptations to follow in his father's steps, with few counselors to encourage him in the right way, Josiah was true to the God of Israel. He did not repeat his father's sin in walking in the way of unrighteousness. Although he had not the advantage of the Christian parental influences that many of us have had, he determined to climb upward, instead of descending to the low level of sin and degradation to which his father and grandfather had descended. Warned by their errors, he chose to walk in the right way, and though surrounded by wickedness, he pressed on in the upward path. His course of obedience made it possible for God to graft him from a wild olive tree into a good olive tree, giving him grace to do that which was right in the Lord's sight. Thus he became a chosen vessel. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 3*

Josiah "turned not aside to the right hand or to the left." [*Verse 2.*] As one who was to occupy a position of trust, he resolved ever to honor God, to obey the instruction that He had given. The only safety for every one in attendance at this Conference is to determine that he will walk uprightly before God. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 4*

In the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign, God chose him to superintend the repairing of the temple. It was as this work was being done, that the book of the law was found. Through some mismanagement it had been lost, and the people had been deprived of its instruction. Brethren, have any of you lost the book of the law? Have not many of us lost sight of the precepts that are in this holy book? *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 5*

Upon finding this book, "Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. ... And Shaphan the scribe showed the king saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes." [*Verses 8, 10, 11.*] *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 6*

The reading of the book of the law, so long forgotten, made a deep

impression upon the king's mind. He realized that something must be done to bring this law to the attention of the people and to lead them to conform their lives to its teachings. By his own course of action, he desired to show his respect for the law. He humbled himself before God, rending his clothes. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 7*

In his position as king, it was the work of Josiah to carry out in the Jewish nation the principles taught in the book of the law. This he endeavored to do faithfully. In the book of the law itself, he found a treasure of knowledge, a powerful ally in the work of reform. He did not lay this book aside as something too precious to be handled. Realizing that the highest honor that could be placed on God's law was to become a student of its precepts, he diligently studied the ancient writing and resolved to walk in the light that it shed upon his pathway. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 8*

When the law was first read to him, Josiah had rent his clothes to signify to the people that he was much troubled because he had not known of this book before and that he was ashamed and painfully distressed because of the works and ways of the people who had transgressed God's law. As he had in the past seen the idolatry and the impiety existing among them, he had been much troubled. Now as he read in the book of the law of the punishment that would surely follow such practices, great sorrow filled his heart. Never before had he so fully realized God's abhorrence for sin. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 9*

Josiah's sorrow did not end with the expression of words of repentance, with outward demonstrations of grief. He bowed his heart in great humiliation before God, because he knew that the anger of the Lord must be kindled against the people. He rent his heart as well as his garments for the dishonor shown to the Lord God of heaven and earth. He realized what the outcome would be—that God's displeasure would come upon the people. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 10*

The king did not pass the matter by as of little consequence. To the priests and the other men in holy office, he gave the command, "Go ye, inquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found; for great is the

wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that is written concerning us.” [*Verse 13.*]*18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 11*

Josiah did not say, “I knew nothing about this book. These are ancient precepts, and times have changed.” He appointed men to investigate the matter, and these men went to Huldah, the prophetess. “And she said unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Tell the men that sent you unto Me, Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read; because they have forsaken Me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore My wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched. But to the king of Judah, which sent you to inquire of the Lord, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, As touching the word which thou hast heard, because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the Lord, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before Me; I also have heard thee, saith the Lord. Behold, therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered unto thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.” [*Verses 15-20.*]*18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 12*

In Josiah’s day the Word of the Lord was as binding and should have been as strictly enforced as at the time it was spoken. And today it is as binding as it was then. God is always true to His Word. What should we do—we who have had great light? The law has been kept constantly before us. Time and again we have heard it preached. The Lord’s anger is kindled against His people because of their disregard of His Word. Conviction of soul should send us in penitence to the foot of the cross, there to pray with the whole heart, saying, “What shall we do to be saved? Wherewithal shall we come before the Lord?” [*See Acts 16:30; Micah 6:6.*] My brethren, inquire quickly, before it is too late.*18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 13*

Josiah sent as messengers to the prophetess the highest and most honored of the people. He sent the first men of his kingdom—men who occupied high positions of trust in the nation. Thus he conferred honor upon the oracles of God.*18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 14*

God sent Josiah word that Jerusalem's ruin could not be averted. Even if the people should humble themselves before God, they could not escape their punishment. So long had their senses been deadened by sinning against God, that if the judgments had not come upon them, they would soon have swung into the same sinful course. But because the king humbled his heart before God, he received from Huldah the prophetess the word that the Lord would acknowledge his quickness in seeking God for forgiveness and mercy. Still, the king must leave with God the events of the future; for he could not change them. The provocation had been too great for the punishment to be averted.*18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 15*

The king, on his part, left undone nothing that might bring about a reformation. With the hope that something might be done to turn aside the judgment that was to be sent because of the leaven of evil permeating the principles and morals of the whole nation, he summoned a general assembly of the elders of the people, the magistrates, the representatives of Judah and Jerusalem, to meet him in the house of the Lord, with the priests and the prophets, and others engaged in various parts of the Lord's service. All joined in the deliberations of the assembly. In the place of making a speech to the people, Josiah ordered that the book of the law be read to them. So earnest did he feel that he himself read the law aloud. He was deeply affected, and he read with the pathos of a broken heart. His hearers were greatly affected by the intensity of feeling expressed in his countenance. They were impressed by the fact that the king, notwithstanding his high official position, cast himself wholly on the Lord, trusting in the strength and wisdom of the King of kings, rather than in his own human wisdom.*18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 16*

To be a reader of the book of law containing a "Thus saith the Lord" Josiah regarded as the highest position that he could occupy. His congregation was made up of the men of Judah and Jerusalem,



and to these men he read the instruction that God had given for the instruction of His people. The highest work of princes in Israel—of physicians, of teachers in our schools, as well as of ministers and those who are in positions of trust in the Lord’s institutions—is to fulfil the responsibility resting upon them, to fasten the Scriptures in the minds of the people as a nail in a sure place, to use their God-given talent of influence to impress the truth that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” [*Psalm 111:10.*] For the leaders in Israel to extend a knowledge of the Scriptures in all their borders is to promote spiritual health; for God’s Word is a leaf from the tree of life. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 17*

We fall far short of appreciating the value of God’s Word. To be one with the Lord, to eat of His flesh and drink His blood, is life eternal. When the Saviour made this statement, His disciples did not understand His meaning, whereupon He declared, “It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” [*John 6:63.*] *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 18*

When we bring God’s Word into the soul temple, it is eternal life to us. Every day we may have the life of the Son of God. As the physical system is strengthened or weakened by the kind of food we eat, so our spirituality is of the same character as the food we give the mind. If we would appropriate the truth we have, bringing it into the life-service, do you think that there would be so little good done in our world?—No, indeed. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 19*

If those occupying positions of responsibility were as fully resolved to obey God’s law as they are to make laws for governing those in their service, our institutions would be managed along right lines. Those who occupy positions of trust are to make it their highest aim to know God as revealed in His Word; for to know Him aright is life eternal. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 20*

Josiah proposed that those highest in authority unite in solemnly covenanting before the Lord to co-operate with one another in bringing about a reformation. “The king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all their

heart and with all their soul, which affirmed the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant. And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels that were made for Baal and for the grove and for all the host of heaven; and he burned them without Jerusalem, in the fields of Kedron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel.” [2 Kings 23:3, 4.] *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 21*

Like unto Josiah “was there no king before him, that turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him. Notwithstanding the Lord turned not from the fierceness of His great wrath, because of the provocations that Manasseh had provoked Him withal.” [Verses 25, 26.] It was not long before Jerusalem was utterly destroyed. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 22*

#### **Lessons for Us to Learn**

Today God is watching His people. We should seek to find out what He means when He sweeps away our sanitarium and our publishing house. Let us not move along as if there were nothing wrong. King Josiah rent his robe and rent his heart. He wept and mourned because he had not had the book of the law, and knew not of the punishments that it threatened. God wants us to come to our senses. He wants us to seek for the meaning of the calamities that have overtaken us, that we may not tread in the footsteps of Israel, and say, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord are we, when we are not at all. When we reach the mark of our high calling in Christ, the protecting arm of the Lord will be with us. We shall have a covert from the storm. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 23*

We have many lessons to learn. May God help us to learn them. Let us ask ourselves, Am I keeping the law of the Lord? Do I bring its principles into my home? Do I reverence God’s Word? *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 24*

I felt so thankful when the college in Battle Creek was moved from there to Berrien Springs. This was a right move. If there had been a

further carrying out of the principles that God has laid down—the instruction that He has given to make centers in many places—His salvation would have been revealed. A wrong policy has been followed in centering so much in Battle Creek. The Lord has told us that His work is to be established all over America. In every city a memorial for Him is to be established. Are we ready for this work? “Lo,” said Christ, “I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” “Go ye therefore and teach all nations, speaking the things that I have commanded you.” [*Matthew 28:20, 19.*] We are to proclaim to all the world the truths by which every one is to be judged. When this gospel of the kingdom shall have been preached to every nation and kindred and tongue and people, the Saviour will come. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 25*

#### **A Reformation Needed**

In every institution among us there needs to be a reformation. This is the message that at the last General Conference I bore as the word of the Lord. At that meeting I carried a very heavy burden, and I have carried it ever since. We did not gain the victory that we might have gained at that meeting. Why?—Because there were so few who followed the course of Josiah. There were those at that meeting who did not see the work that needed to be done. If they had confessed their sins, if they had made a break, if they had taken their stand on vantage ground, the power of God would have gone through the meeting, and we should have had a Pentecostal season. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 26*

The Lord has shown me what might have been had the work been done that ought to have been done. In the night season I was present in a meeting where brother was confessing to brother. Those present fell upon one another's necks and made heart-broken confessions. The spirit and power of God were revealed. No one seemed too proud to bow before God in humility and contrition. Those who led in this work were the ones who had not before had the courage to confess their sins. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 27*

This might have been. All this the Lord was waiting to do for His people. All heaven was waiting to be gracious. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 28*

God is in earnest with us. If the heart is pure, there will be purity of action and nobility of purpose in all the work done. Every mind is to be cleansed, every heart purified. All are to understand that sin is not to be tolerated by the people who have received the most precious light ever given to mortals. Only a little while, and He who shall come will come, and will not tarry. Those who choose to cleave to their sins must perish. But God will have compassion on all who will make thorough work for eternity. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 29*

I wish to say that the work that is to be carried on by our people is becoming less and less appreciated by many—not by all. Many of us do not realize the covenant relation in which we stand before God as His people. We are under the most solemn obligations to represent God and Christ. We are to guard against dishonoring God by professing to be His people and then going directly contrary to His will. We are getting ready to move. Then let us act as if we were. Let us prepare for the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for those that love Him. Let us stand where we can take hold of eternal realities and bring them into the every day life. We are to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 30*

#### **A Great Work to be Done**

The Lord has a great work to be done. If this meeting is a success, the laborers will go from it to open the work in new places. The salvation of God will be revealed. I am so thankful that during the past year something has been done in Southern California. I praise God for what has been accomplished there. It is hard work to press the battle to the gates, but this must be done. God calls upon every one of us to take hold in earnest. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 31*

Here is the medical missionary work—a wonderful work. God gave us this work thirty-five years ago, and it has been a great blessing. It is to be to the third angel's message as the right hand is to the body. The gospel and the medical missionary work are one. They cannot be divided. They are to be bound together. Medical missionary workers should be encouraged and sustained. And let them remember that they are working for the Master. Unless they

do this, they cannot exert a strong influence for good in the world. And they must ever keep clear and distinct the line of demarcation between worldlings and those who are carrying the gospel of the kingdom to the world. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 32*

In the place of erecting large sanitariums, we should establish smaller sanitariums in many places. A few patients in a small institution can be helped and educated to much greater advantage than a large number gathered together in a large institution. God help us to let the light shine forth. It must shine forth, and God will make us channels of light, if we will let Him. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 33*

The Southern field needs our help. I have carried this field on my heart for many years. I have tried to make known its needs, and yet it has scarcely been touched. God has given me encouragement for the workers there, and I have followed them step by step in their work. There are those who say that mistakes have been made by the workers in the Southern field. Do you ever make mistakes? My husband and I used to grieve when we made mistakes. But often we found that in His providence God had permitted us to do as we had done, that we might understand what He wanted us to understand. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 34*

God does not cast us off because we make mistakes. Of Ephraim He says, "I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms. ... I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love." [*Hosea 11:3, 4.*] *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 35*

#### **The Spirit of Criticism to be Banished**

My brethren, if you stand before God as true Christians, you will do in the year before us a work different from that which has been done in years past. Your criticism is a sin in the sight of God. By it you are weakening the hands of God's servants. This criticism is a root of bitterness, whereby many are defiled. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 36*

Let us come to the Lord in penitence and ask Him to forgive us for not keeping His law, for not obeying the command to love one

another as Christ has loved us. He says to us, You have left your first love, and unless you repent, I will remove your candlestick out of his place. "Be watchful," He pleads, "and strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God." [*Revelation 3:2.*] *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 37*

Speech is a precious talent. It is the means by which we communicate with one another. The man who, though professing to be a Christian, allows himself to speak angrily because his will is crossed needs to go apart and rest awhile. Let him go to God and tell Him that he is sorry for what he said and that he is ashamed of himself. Let him not try to vindicate himself. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 38*

Those who criticize and condemn one another are breaking God's commandments and are an offense to Him. They neither love God nor their fellow beings. Brethren and sisters, let us clear away the rubbish of criticism and suspicion and complaint, and do not wear your nerves on the outside. Some are so sensitive that they cannot be reasoned with. Be very sensitive in regard to what it means to keep the law of God, in regard to whether you are keeping or breaking the law. It is this that God wants us to be sensitive about. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 39*

If it were not for the burdens that rest so heavily upon my soul, I could do tenfold more than I do. But night after night I am unable to sleep, because so many of the people of God act like quarrelsome children. My brother, my sister, when trouble arises between you and another member of God's family, do you follow the Bible directions? *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 40*

Before presenting to God your offering of prayer, do you go to your brother and in the Spirit of Christ talk with him? Christ says, "If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." [*Matthew 5:23, 24.*] Then you can offer it with a clear conscience; for you have cast out the root of bitterness. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 41*

There is much to be done at this meeting. But I do not feel

depressed by the outlook. At times I do feel depressed, but I struggle against the feeling. I know that God wants His joy to be in us, that our joy may be full. He has a heaven full of blessings, and these blessings He will give to us, if we will take them. Our Father has an abundant treasure, but you do not want it. If you did, you would have it. You let so many things come between you and God. Your individuality is spotted and stained. It needs to be cleansed by the blood of the Lamb. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 42*

The judgment is right upon us. We cannot afford to spend our time quarreling over little things. There is a great work before us. My brethren, we must wake up to the issues which face us, and that before this meeting closes. Heart must be cemented to heart. Pray for this; labor for it. Do not, I beg of you, allow differences to come in. May God help you to gather up the divine rays of light, and flash them across the pathway of others. May He help you to love one another as Christ has loved you. "By this," He says, "shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another." [*John 13:35.*] There is power with Christ to heal; there is power with Him to save to the uttermost all who come to Him. But we must be willing to be saved. We must put aside all self-sufficiency. We must be in spirit as little children, or we shall never see the kingdom of heaven. Our measurement of ourselves is too large. We are but little children. We have not attained to the full stature of men and women in Christ. There is much matured intelligence for us yet to gain. We must overcome the pride that leads us to prefer to work by ourselves, rather than with a fellow laborer, lest he rob us of glory. God wants us to press close together, that we may help one another. In Australia a minister was asked by a brother minister to leave the pulpit. "I want the people to see no one but me," he said. And they did indeed see no one but him. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 43*

God calls for volunteers who will say, "I will do the very best I can." God pities us as He sees the wickedness all around us. But He declares that we are not to be wicked. Though we are in the world, we are not to be of the world. The Lord desires His institutions to stand as educational powers in the world. Everything connected with them is to bear the seal of God. Every worker is to be sanctified—body, soul, and spirit. No coarse, rough words are to be

spoken, no action that shows a grasping spirit is to be performed. In thought and word and act the workers are to represent Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 44*

#### The Advent Message to be Given

Those who stand as teachers and leaders in our institutions are to be sound in the faith and in the principles of the third angel's message. God wants His people to know that we have the message as He gave it to us in 1843 and 1844. We knew then what the message meant, and we call upon our people today to obey the Word, "Bind up the law among My disciples." [*Isaiah 8:16.*] In this world there are but two classes—the obedient and the disobedient. To which class do we belong? God wants to make us a peculiar people, a holy nation. He has separated us from the world, and He calls upon us to stand on vantage ground, where He can bestow on us His Holy Spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 45*

Soon will come the time of which John writes: "I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heave fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works." [*Revelation 20:11-13.*] *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 46*

How prone we are to look to human beings for help, to listen to their opinions, to rely on them for sympathy, succor, and counsel. When in trouble we should shut ourselves up with God. How many there are who realize no refreshing because they have forsaken the living waters and have hewn out for themselves broken cisterns, which can hold no water. When men do this, what can we expect but barrenness of soul? *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 47*

"Thus saith the Lord: Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when



good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land, and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit." [*Jeremiah 17:5-8.*] Let us rely on God. He never fails a trusting soul. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 48*

From the moment of our conversion till the close of our earthly history, our lives are to be characterized by a spirit of true, intelligent service. Only thus can we be true to our covenant with God. He who is daily converted has crossed the boundary line that separates the children of light from the children of darkness. But he who professes to believe the truth, and acts as a sinner, will be treated by God as a sinner, and, unless he repents, will be punished as a sinner, only with many stripes, because he was given great light. *18LtMs, Ms 14, 1903, par. 49*

## Ms 15, 1903

Talk/How to Receive God's Blessing

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“Hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you. Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you.” [*Deuteronomy 4:1, 2.*]*18LtMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 1*

In order for the blessing of God to rest upon us, we must not only hear His Word; we must carry it out in the daily life.*18LtMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 2*

“Your eyes have seen what the Lord did because of Baal Peor, the Lord thy God hath destroyed them from among you. But ye that did cleave unto the Lord are alive every one of you unto this day.” [*Verses 3, 4.*]*18LtMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 3*

“Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” [*Verses 5, 6.*] You may think that it shows great wisdom to associate closely with worldlings, that you may receive their favor. But we cannot afford to do this. The world will discern the wisdom and the understanding possessed by those who keep all God's commandments, and will say, Surely this is a wise and understanding people. It is in this position that God

has always wanted us to stand. *18LTMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 4*

“For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon Him for?” [Verse 7.] If we will draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to us, and His glory will go before us. He will indite our petitions, teaching us to ask for the very things that He has pledged Himself to bestow on us. *18LTMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 5*

“And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?” [Verse 8.] Shall we heed this law? Or shall we cover up the message and hide the law of Jehovah? God forbid! *18LTMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 6*

“Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently.” [Verse 9.] I spoke yesterday of the individuality that we must maintain. It must be a sanctified individuality. Take heed to thyself. Do not talk of the faults of others. If you have anything against any one, go to him, and tell him all about it. Pray with him and for him. If all would do this, how many souls would be saved to the work of God! *18LTMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 7*

“Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen.” [Verse 9.] God has sent us reproofs and warnings. Forget not the things that you have seen. Forget not the history of the past, when God revealed His power and His grace, giving victory after victory, when He let His blessing and mercy rest upon us, and when He reproved our errors and our wrongs. Do not repeat the wrongs that He has reproved. Do not wait for Him to tell you every day what you must do. When He commands you once, it is forever. Establish your confidence in God. Come to Him with a living faith. He has said to you, “Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me, and he shall make peace with Me.” [Isaiah 27:5.] *18LTMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 8*

Moses spoke of the day when the people stood before God in Horeb, when He said, “Gather Me the people together, and I will make them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.” [Deuteronomy 4:10.] *18LTMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 9*

My brethren and sisters, what is the matter with your children? Why is it that they do not obey God? It is because you yourselves do not obey Him. You hurry here and you hurry there; and your attention is so taken up with other things that you have no time to pray, no time to train your children. This is the way that it is in our institutions. Those in positions of trust in our publishing houses and our sanitariums have no time to educate the youth connected with these institutions as they should be educated. These youth are to be trained by precept and example to work for God. Do not speak to them harshly. You cannot afford to do this. When you speak harshly or discouragingly, Satan is speaking through you.*18LtMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 10*

Place yourselves in right relation to God. Ask Him to cleanse you from all iniquity and to heal you of your backsliding and your forgetfulness of Him. He says, "Draw nigh to Me, and I will draw nigh to you." [*James 4:8.*] He asks you to teach His lessons to your children. This is your work. Your children are God's property. He sent His Son to die for them. He has redeemed them. He wants you to begin to work for the church in your own house. Teach your children to keep the way of the Lord, to walk humbly before Him. Teach them to be His missionaries in the church and in the world.*18LtMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 11*

**"Confess your faults one to another."** [*James 5:16.*]

Brethren and sisters, do not let this meeting pass by this morning without doing the work that God wants you to do. If there are any differences between you and your brethren, for Christ's sake clear them away. Take up the stumbling blocks. Clear the King's highway. If you have done your neighbor a wrong, go to him, and try to make the matter right. Talk with God, and when you have done this, you will be able to talk in a Christlike manner to your brother.*18LtMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 12*

If you have made mistakes or errors in judgment or in speech, or if you have used the precious talent of speech to proclaim the wrong doings of others, may God help you to make a change. Humble your hearts before the Lord. Do not feel that your brethren will lose confidence in you if you make confession of sin. We are all finite.

We are God's little children. Do not feel that it would lower your dignity to confess your sins. Christ says, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." [*Matthew 18:3.*] We have separated ourselves from God. Let us draw near to Him. Let us confess our sins, and let us be sure that we go to the bottom and make thorough work for repentance. Will you do this? Will you prepare the way for God to bless you? Shall we not see of the salvation of God in this meeting? We may see it; we may have it. Let us not do anything that will hinder it from coming to us. *18LtMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 13*

Do not use the talent of speech to talk of your troubles and difficulties or of the wrong that some one has done you. Live in the confidence and love of Christ. He is with you. He will give you strength. Remember that when you are irritated, silence is eloquence. Keep still. The strongest rebuke that you can give to a faultfinder is to return no answer to his criticism. *18LtMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 14*

May the salvation of God be manifest among us this morning. May the Lord help us all. I felt thankful that God gave me strength to talk to you yesterday. Then I thought, What good has it done? I felt a wave of discouragement coming over me. But I said, No, I cannot afford that. I have done my duty, and I leave the result with God. I slept for about fifteen minutes, and when I awoke, it seemed as if the glory of God was all around me. My heart was filled with praise and thankfulness. And I feel thankful this morning. O shall we not clear away the rubbish that is filling our hearts and invite Christ to enter as an abiding Guest? Then He will richly bless us, and we shall receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 15*

**Prayer Offered by Mrs. E. G. White, Tuesday Morning, March 31**

Our heavenly Father, we come to Thee this morning just as we are, needy and wholly dependent upon Thee. Help us to have a clear knowledge of what we must be, and of the characters that we must form, in order that we may be prepared to unite with the heavenly family in the city of our God. We ask Thee that Thou wilt remove the reproach that has come upon Thee through the neglect of those

who profess to be Thy people, but who have not walked in Thy counsel. Lord, help us to understand our individual responsibilities, that our hearts may be worked by the Holy Spirit. We ask Thee that Thou wilt open blind eyes, that they may see, to enlighten the darkened understanding, that all may understand that there must be a reconversion, that hearts must break before God. Give us hearts of repentance, hearts of humiliation. O my Father, how can we proclaim Thy goodness, and Thy mercy, and Thy love, unless we cherish them in our own hearts and reveal them in our own experiences. Thou knowest how Thou hast presented this matter to Thy servant. Thou knowest what a dishonor it has been to Thee because Thy people have failed to come to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus and to obey Thy commandments.*18LtMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 16*

Let not Thy wrath come upon Thy people while they are in their sins, unconverted and unsaved. Here are Thy ministers whose work it is to proclaim Bible truth. I ask Thee that they may have a clear realization of the responsibilities that rest upon them as guardians and as shepherds of Thy flock. Roll upon them the burden that they should bear for those who are out of the truth. Let them understand their own weakness, and may the sanctification of the Spirit come to them. May there be a purifying of character and a breaking of heart before God. Thou canst show them that while they cherish their own dispositions and temperaments, Thou canst not work through them by the Holy Spirit, because they would become lifted up. Thou canst show them that there is a work to be done in their own hearts.*18LtMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 17*

Here are those who bear responsibilities in our institutions. Thou hast signified that Thou hast been displeased with their ministrations. They have not in their dealings given a right example to the world. They did not realize that men were taking knowledge of them to see whether they were sanctified by the truth.*18LtMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 18*

O pardon our transgressions, and forgive our sins. Show us where we have come short. Let Thy Holy Spirit descend upon us. The world is perishing in sin, and we ask Thee to roll the burden upon us at this meeting. We desire to be weighted down with the Holy

Spirit. We desire to stand where Thou canst reveal Thyself to us. Take away our hardness of heart, and give us softened hearts. I ask Thee, for Christ's sake, that Thou wouldest give understanding, that Thou wouldest give spiritual knowledge, that Thou wouldest give sensitive hearts, that all may see that it is high time to open the door of the heart to Jesus. Thou hast said that Thou hast heard the many words of complaint, and faultfinding, and murmuring, brother against brother, and friend against friend. Thou hast heard these words, and they are written in Thy book. They have stood as a block against the wheel of salvation, hindering its advancement. Convert Thy people in this the day of Thy preparation, that the time may not come when they will say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." [*Jeremiah 8:20.*]*18LtMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 19*

Thou hast opened these things before me, and Thou alone canst prepare minds and hearts to hear the message that, unless those who have left their first love shall return to recognize the work that needs to be done in their individual hearts, Thou wilt come quickly and remove the candlestick out of his place. Open the eyes of Thy people that they may see their deficiencies. We do not want one to be separated from the work. We do not want one to perish. We ask Thee that Thou wilt move upon hearts by the quickening influence of Thy Spirit, that there may be a break in this meeting such as has not been before. O the break must come, if the Spirit of God shall take hold of hearts.*18LtMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 20*

O my Father, shall this meeting close, and we go back to our places with the same hard hearts? We must be reconverted, sanctified, and made fit to bear the message of the Lord. Cleanse the vessel, that the message that shall be given shall have not taste so strongly of the dish that those to whom it is given shall have no appetite to partake of it. Let Thy melting mercy come upon us. Work in the midst of us with Thy power, and with Thy love, and with Thy majesty and glory. Put to shame the listlessness of those who have not come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Sweep back the cloud of darkness and unbelief. Let the Holy Spirit come into our hearts and break down every barrier. Thou King of Glory, look upon Thy people in these closing scenes of this earth's history. It seems as if nothing could arouse many of them to

realize that they are on the very eve of the day of God, that His judgments are in the land. *18LtMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 21*

Wilt Thou hear our petition? Wilt Thou answer our petitions? Wilt Thou reveal Thyself to us? May we behold Thy glory, and be changed into Thine image. We thirst for the waters of Lebanon, and we hunger for the bread of life. We ask Thee to break our hearts today. We ask Thee to help us to put away our sinful thoughts, our disparagement of one another, and to seek the Lord while He may be found. My Father, break down the barriers, that confessions may be made, from heart to heart, from brother to brother. May the Spirit of God come in; and Thy blessed name shall have all the glory. Amen. *18LtMs, Ms 15, 1903, par. 22*



## Ms 16, 1903

Talk/Unity of Effort

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April 1, 1903

Talk by Mrs. E. G. White at General Conference

I know that the Lord means us good. I know that we are our worst enemies when we listen to the suggestions of the enemy. Let us not allow the truth, the precious, sanctifying truth of God, to pass by without our laying hold upon it. We are to be sanctified by the truth. The Lord will help us if we will but humble our hearts before Him and accept Him as our personal Saviour. Only the living, acting power of our Redeemer can save us from the wiles of the enemy. *18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 1*

The Word declares, "Ye are God's husbandry." But can He work upon our hearts unless we are willing to be worked? "Ye are God's building." [*1 Corinthians 3:9*.] He is willing to build up in each one of us a symmetrical character—a character after the divine similitude. But He must have our co-operation. *18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 2*

We do not reach high enough. We do not come to God with the faith that will not be denied. He says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven of the wind, and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord." [*James 1:5-7*.] We must lay hold of the promises, saying, "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me." [*Genesis 32:26*.] And when you receive the blessing, you will carry it to others. The atmosphere of heaven will surround your soul because Christ will be with you. He says, "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me, and he shall make peace with Me." [*Isaiah 27:5*.] *18LtMs, Ms 16,*

Let us not allow the enemy to gain the victory. We are sorry that we are not standing on vantage ground, that we have not been standing there ever since the last General Conference. We are sorry that we did not make diligent work unto repentance; sorry that we did not cease our complaining and faultfinding, and that we did not overcome the inclination to press others to the wall. My brethren, crowd yourselves into as small a compass as you please, but let your brethren alone. Do not try to press them into hard places. Place yourselves where God can give you the presence of His Spirit in your work. If your brethren see from your life that this Spirit is abiding in your heart, they will be led to go for help to the same source that you did. They will be led to obey the Word, "I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich: and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see." [*Revelation 3:18.*]

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My brethren, clear your souls before God. Cease your criticizing and faultfinding. Satan will keep you at this till the Lord comes, if he can. He knows that thus he can most effectually hinder the Lord's work. Backbiting is cannibalism. God calls upon His people to have nothing to do with it, but to come to Him, that they may have light and life and salvation. We need the wisdom that comes from above. Pure this wisdom is, "peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated." [*James 3:17.*] If it were not, the love of the Father would not have been so constantly exercised toward us.

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Again and again God has pardoned our transgressions. Now there are steps that we must take. And what are they?—Let us try to understand. You will remember the time that the news came from Europe regarding the financial embarrassment of the publishing house in Christiania. Some in this country said that we ought to let the institution go; that the managers ought to have known better than to get so heavily in debt; that they had no right to be in such a situation. But had such advice been followed, would it have placed the workers in the publishing house in Norway on vantage ground,

where they could carry on their work for the Master? Light was given me that the institution was to be placed where it could do its work. But the workers there could not do this without help. Their brethren in other lands were to help them, standing with them shoulder to shoulder, making their interests and their loss their own. *18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 6*

And let me say that God does not design that the Sanitarium that has been erected in Battle Creek shall be in vain. He wants His people to understand this. Now that the building has been put up, He wants this institution to be placed on vantage ground. He does not want His people to be looked upon by the enemy as a people that is going out of sight. *18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 7*

We are to see that now, for the second time, something must be done to place the work of God upon its feet. It is to be placed where, as the work of God, it should be. Let no one say, because there is a debt on the Sanitarium, "We will have nothing more to do in helping to build up that institution." The people of God must build that institution up, in the name of the Lord. It is to be placed where its work can be carried on intelligently. One man is not to stand at its head alone. Dr. Kellogg has carried the burden until it has almost killed him. God wants His servants to stand united in carrying that work forward. Because one man is one-sided, and another man is one-sided, this does not show that the work of God is to be one-sided. *18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 8*

God's people are to place the Sanitarium in Battle Creek on vantage ground. How is this to be done?—I cannot tell you. But I know that just as soon as the Holy Spirit shall come upon hearts, there will be unity in voice and understanding; and wisdom will be given us. *18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 9*

I have given you these thoughts as suggestions, trusting that they will have some influence upon you in your councils and in the movements that you will make. It is not only for that little corner in Battle Creek that we are laboring. We must stand on vantage ground before our own people and before the world. *18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 10*

God calls upon us to seek Him with the whole heart, and He

declares that when we do this, He will be found of us. Shall we do it? In order to find Him, we must seek Him with every power of the being. A lawyer came to Christ with the question, "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Knowing that he had been sent by the Pharisees, Christ laid upon him the burden of answering his own question. "What is written in the law? how readest thou?" He asked. And 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." [*Luke 10:25-27.*]*18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 11*

These principles are the foundation of Christian life. When we receive them into our hearts, when we live by them, we shall see the salvation of God. Then will His power rest upon His work as it has not rested since the first days of the message. Then we knew what it meant to see the salvation of God. We understood what God told us. God lives, and He calls upon us to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty powers of darkness. "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." [*Judges 5:23.*] God forbid that these words should be spoken of us!*18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 12*

Because men have made mistakes, they are not to be uprooted. The blessing of God heals; it does not destroy. The Mighty Healer, the great Medical Missionary, will be in the midst of us, to heal and to bless, if we will receive Him. John said of Him, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." [*John 1:29.*] He is waiting to come to us, to take away our sins and fill us with His Spirit.*18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 13*

A mighty host is arrayed against us. But God is on our side, and He has all power. He has separated us from the world for Himself, and He declares that we are a peculiar people, an holy nation, a royal priesthood. He tells us not to rely upon men, but to put our trust in the Lord God of Israel. Then we shall gain the victory.*18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 14*

In the season of prayer following Elder Daniells' remarks during the

devotional service Wednesday morning, April 1, Sister White united, praying as follows:*18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 15*

Heavenly Father, Thou hast said, “Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” [*Matthew 7:7.*] Heavenly Father, we need Thy Holy Spirit. We do not want to work ourselves, only as we work in unity with God. We want to be in a position where the Holy Spirit of God shall be upon us with its reviving, sanctifying power. Wilt Thou manifest Thyself unto us this very morning! Wilt Thou sweep away every mist and every cloud of darkness!*18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 16*

We come to Thee, our compassionate Redeemer; and we ask Thee, for Christ’s sake—for Thine own Son’s sake, my Father, that Thou wilt manifest Thy power unto Thy people here. We want wisdom, we want righteousness, we want truth, we want the Holy Spirit to be with us.*18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 17*

Thou hast presented before us a great work that must be carried forward in behalf of those that are in the truth and in behalf of those that are in ignorance of our faith; and O Lord, as Thou hast given to every man his work, we beseech of Thee that the Holy Spirit may impress the human mind in regard to the burden of work that shall rest upon every individual soul, according to Thine appointment. We want to be proved; we want to be sanctified through and through; we want to be fitted up for the work; and here, right here in this session of the Conference, we want to see a revelation of the Holy Spirit of God. We want light, Lord—Thou art the Light. We want truth, Lord—Thou art the Truth. We want the right way—Thou art the Way.*18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 18*

Lord, I beseech of Thee that we may all be wise enough to discern that we must individually open the heart to Jesus Christ, that through the Holy Spirit He may come in to mold and fashion us anew, in accordance with the divine image. O my Father, my Father! melt and subdue our hearts. We desire this morning to make an entire surrender to Thee; we desire to give up our will, our way, our course of action that has not been in harmony with the way and the will of God; we desire to accept the Lord’s way, the Lord’s will, the Lord’s counsel. Come, O come into the midst of us

this very morning, and move upon hearts, young and old. In a special manner move upon the hearts of those who are handling gospel truths, that they may all be lighted up with the bright beams which Thou dost permit to shine upon Thy Word, in order that Thy instruction may come to the human understanding with the power and the Spirit of the living God. *18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 19*

We acknowledge before Thee that we have not honored Thy name as we should. We acknowledge before Thee that we need to be broken in heart. We desire just now to be reconverted; we desire just now to realize what Christ is to us, and what we are and can be to Him as His co-workers—"laborers together with God." [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] *18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 20*

O my Father, let every soul that is confused, every soul that cannot understand and see the way, have the way presented before him so clearly that the mist will be removed, and that the cloud will pass, so that the Sun of righteousness may shine into the chambers of the mind and into the soul temple. Wash us, and we shall be clean, Lord. Let melting mercy, mercy from Thee, come into every heart; and then, when we realize the melting mercy of a compassionate and loving Saviour, our hearts, once more united, will beat in unison, and all will stand shoulder to shoulder in advancing this great work. *18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 21*

We cannot afford to be indifferent, Lord; we cannot afford to work contrary to one another. We must trust in Thee; and we ask, this very morning, that Thou shalt let the Holy Spirit descend upon us. We are ready to receive the Comforter; we open the door of the heart, and invite the Saviour in. We love Thee, dear Saviour; Thou knowest that we love Thee. We see in Thee matchless charms, and we desire that every soul shall constantly look unto Thee, Thou who art the Author and the Finisher of our faith. *18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 22*

Come, Lord Jesus, come and take us as we are, and put upon us the robe of Thy righteousness. Take away our sins. Our Saviour, Thou didst come to the earth to do this. We repent of wrongdoing; we are sorry for every departure from Thee; and we ask Thee to pardon our transgressions, that we may show to the world that we

have a Saviour who is able to take away our sins and to impute unto us His own righteousness. *18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 23*

Lord, we accept Thee now; we receive Thee now; we believe in Thee now; and we ask Thee to let Thy Holy Spirit rest upon us just now. Just now walk through this house, we pray Thee; and may the angels accompanying Thee go around to every seat and to every heart; and may every person have a realization of what “I” should do. May every one look not to man, but to Christ—to Him who has died to save us. We are saved by Thee, Lord; we look to Thee, Lord. O let Thy power come upon us, to tell us that our sins are pardoned. Thou hast promised, “A new heart will I give thee.” [*Ezekiel 36:26.*] We desire to have our hearts renewed, Lord; we long for this. *18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 24*

Bless our ministering brethren. Bless all those who are in office in our institutions. We do not want Thee to destroy these institutions; we do not want to see their influence wiped away. We want that Thou shouldst simply take away everything that is wrong in the heart, the life, the character of each worker, so that Thou canst use every institution of Thine own planting to glorify Thy name. We need every one of them. *18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 25*

O my Saviour, Thou who hast shown compassion to us all, again we ask Thee to grant unto us a rich portion of Thy mercy, Thy fulness, Thy compassion, Thy everlasting love. Come, Lord Jesus, and make us partakers of Thy divine nature, that we may overcome the corruption that is in the world through lust. O may the Spirit of Christ, the love of God, comfort every heart this morning! Banish darkness, turn away the deceptive powers of the enemy, and let Thy voice and Thy Spirit and Thy love come into our souls, that we may sit together in heavenly places with Christ Jesus; and Thy name shall have all the glory. Amen. *18LtMs, Ms 16, 1903, par. 26*

## Ms 17, 1903

Talk/Unity of Spirit

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“These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee: as Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him. And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.” [*John 17:1-3*.] *18LtMs, Ms 17, 1903, par. 1*

It is only by knowing God and Christ that we can gain eternal life. We must separate from any line of work that hinders us from obtaining this knowledge. We are safe only as we comply with the conditions that God has laid down for us. *18LtMs, Ms 17, 1903, par. 2*

Just as soon as we receive the instruction that Christ has given, and follow it to the letter, we shall be so filled with the spirit and grace of God, that we shall be unable to sit in the congregation of His people without being impressed by a sense of the nearness of His presence. Our minds will be in harmony with the mind of Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 17, 1903, par. 3*

“I have glorified Thee on the earth; I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do. ... I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and they have kept Thy word.” [*Verses 4, 6*.] “They have kept Thy word.” This is what we are to do. *18LtMs, Ms 17, 1903, par. 4*



As the disciples received the words of Christ, so we are to receive them. We are to speak the words that God has given us to speak. Never are we to manufacture theories of our own, which have no foundation in the Scriptures. In the Bible we are given a knowledge of God and of Christ. There are those who think that they have exhausted the treasures of this Word, when they have hardly made a beginning in gaining a knowledge of its wonderful truths. *18LtMs, Ms 17, 1903, par. 5*

Many spend their time seeking for doctrines that are new and strange. They try to find out what is meant by the hundred and forty-four thousand. When we get to heaven we shall know and understand who will be included in this number. We are not to let our imaginations work upon matters that God has not revealed to us. We are to plant our feet upon the Word of the living God, and when we reach the kingdom of heaven, we shall understand the mysteries of that country. Christ will lead us beside the river of life and open to our minds the truths of His Word. He will unfold to us mysteries that we cannot now grasp. In the school above we shall obtain the higher education. Till then we must be content to leave with God the mysteries that we cannot comprehend. *18LtMs, Ms 17, 1903, par. 6*

But this we know—we are to manifest His name unto those with whom we come in contact. On the street, in the cars, wherever we are, we are to speak of Christ, of His work, His goodness, His power. We are not to reveal ourselves, but Christ. As we do this, our lips will be filled with His praise. Our whole being will be drawn out after heavenly things. We shall be in harmony with Christ, and with our brethren. Then the idle talk that hinders us so much will find no place in our lives. *18LtMs, Ms 17, 1903, par. 7*

“I have given unto them the words which thou gavest Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from Thee, and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I pray for them; I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given Me; for they are Thine.” [*Verses 8, 9.*] *18LtMs, Ms 17, 1903, par. 8*

“And now come I to Thee, and these things I speak in the world, that they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves.” [*Verse 13.*]

Christians are not to go with their heads bowed down with sorrow, talking about their trials and difficulties and sorrows. When Christ's joy is fulfilled in us, we shall not be hurt because somebody has said something about us. We shall not cherish thoughts of distrust and evil. We shall think of the promises that God has made, making them our own; and our faces will be lighted up with the glory of God.*18LtMs, Ms 17, 1903, par. 9*

"I have given them thy word, and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." [*Verse 14.*] We are not to follow the customs and practices of the world. "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters." [*2 Corinthians 6:17, 18.*]*18LtMs, Ms 17, 1903, par. 10*

"I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil." [*John 17:15.*] Until the Lord puts His hand upon the cruel power of darkness, saying, "Thus far shalt thou go, and no farther," there will be evil in the world. But in the strength of the Redeemer we can live lives of holiness and purity, uncontaminated by the evil around us. Enoch walked with God in an age as degenerate as the age in which we are living. Did he see God by his side? Only by faith. He knew that the Lord was there, and he adhered steadfastly to the principles of truth. We, too, are to walk with God. When we do this, our faces will be lighted up by the brightness of His presence, and when we meet one another, we shall speak of His power, saying, Praise God. Good is the Lord, and good is the Word of the Lord.*18LtMs, Ms 17, 1903, par. 11*

"As thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their 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." [*Verses 18-21.*]*18LtMs, Ms 17, 1903, par. 12*

The Lord's people, by their unity, are to be the means of convincing the world that God sent His Son to save sinners.*18LtMs, Ms 17,*

1903, par. 13

“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; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me.” [Verses 22, 23.] *18LtMs, Ms 17, 1903, par. 14*

I ask those who have been drawing apart from one another to think of these things. Christ said, “That they may be made perfect in one.” There is no perfection in our being separate, atoms, each one going his own way and following his own judgment. We must be one; we must speak the same things. “That the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me.” [Verse 23.] Think of these words. God loves us as He loves His Son. How it must grieve Him, then, to see us fighting and quarreling like a family of unruly children, offended first with one and then with another. My brethren and sisters, do you not desire to live in the unity for which Christ prayed? Then when some one begins to talk of the faults and wrongdoings of some one else, turn the conversation to the subject of Christ’s power and mercy. Speak of heaven and eternal things. Angels of heaven will be close beside you, and you will be lifted from the lowlands of earth to vantage ground with God. *18LtMs, Ms 17, 1903, par. 15*

We are in a school—God’s lower school. God desires us, while in this world, to learn all that we possibly can of that which will give us strength and nobility of character. We may, if we will, attain to the heights of knowledge and power to which God points us in His Word. By beholding Christ, we shall be changed into His image, His likeness. May God help us to realize that day by day we are given the privileges of learning what God is to us and what we may be to Him. He is saying, “Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me, and he shall make peace with Me.” [*Isaiah 27:5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 17, 1903, par. 16*

Let us confess our faults to one another and pray for one another. Let us act as if we were in earnest. Let us leave the darkness and the gloom and the mist, and stand where the Sun of righteousness can shine upon us. Then we shall be a blessing and a help to one

another. We shall strengthen one another in the most holy faith. Let us cherish the principles that called us out of the world to stand as God's peculiar people—a holy nation, a royal priesthood. If we steadfastly maintain these principles, if we are true to God and to one another, when He comes in the clouds of heaven, He will take us to Himself. We shall be waiting and watching for Him, and when He appears we shall exclaim, "Lo, this is our God, we have waited for Him, and He will save us." [*isaiah 25:9.*]*18LtMs, Ms 17, 1903, par. 17*

Jesus loves us. He gave His life for us. And when He ascended, He took His humanity into heaven, and today He stands before God as our Elder Brother, pleading in our behalf. He holds out to us power to live pure, holy lives. But very few, perhaps none of us, are ready to meet the King in His beauty. Unless we gain a deeper experience in the things of God, we shall never see the King in His beauty. Those who, at Christ's coming, are cherishing sin, cannot be received into heaven. All who are saved will be "without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing." [*Ephesians 5:27.*]*18LtMs, Ms 17, 1903, par. 18*

Those who enter the city of God will enter as His little children, there to be instructed through the eternal ages. O I want to be there, and I want you to be there. I want to see the King in His beauty, and I want you to see Him. But you can never see Him while you are satisfied with your own way and your own disposition. Ask Christ to form in you a character like His own. Come to God in humility and contrition, and His salvation will be seen among us. The lips of every one here will be filled with the praise of God. We shall see of His grace and talk of His power.*18LtMs, Ms 17, 1903, par. 19*

## Ms 18, 1903

### A Call to Repentance

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It is not too late for wrongs to be righted. But the work will be tenfold harder now for those who at the last General Conference had opportunity to repent, but who did not heed the voice of God. They were convinced that He was speaking to them in reproof and warning; but instead of confessing and forsaking their sins, they hardened their hearts. Those who have despised the testimonies are not few in number, and one mind filled with unbelief will leaven other minds. The leaven of evil that was not cast out at the last General Conference has been working and has done a great deal of harm. A strange work has been going on. Deception and falsehood and selfish ambition have been allowed to enter. *18LtMs, Ms 18, 1903, par. 1*

Those who at the last General Conference listened to the testimonies borne, but did not humble themselves before God, and change square about, have done despite to the spirit of grace and have placed themselves in a fortress of unbelief. Great light has shone upon them, but they have opposed the message borne to them and have thus placed themselves in opposition to the Lord Jesus Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 18, 1903, par. 2*

At the last General Conference, God gave men as plain evidence as they will ever have. His Spirit witnessed to the message borne. Christ was in the assembly of His people, and His message of mercy was sufficient to convince all present. But men turned a deaf ear to the Saviour's voice. They would not hear, they would not humble their hearts before God. Refusing the robe of Christ's righteousness, they clothed themselves with their citizen's dress. They were within the very shadow of Christ's uplifted hand, within the circle of His life-giving power. They could have received the Holy Spirit, but they did not, because they would not. Their hearts

have been growing harder and more unimpressible. They have been cultivating unbelief, strengthening themselves in resistance, turning from the light instead of coming to the light. Disloyal to the truth, they have not honored or glorified God. Their effort now is to make it appear that the testimonies which God has given His people are not reliable. *18LtMs, Ms 18, 1903, par. 3*

This work has been ripening, and some of those who have stood in responsible places have resisted the Spirit of grace. A malignant influence has taken possession of the will. The seductive power of Satan will certainly lead them further into unbelief unless they yield the will to God and make thorough work of repentance. In this their day of opportunity they are unblessed and unsaved. *18LtMs, Ms 18, 1903, par. 4*

I have a plea to make of those who at the last General Conference refused to yield the will to Christ's will. The Saviour asks them, "Wilt thou be made whole?" [*John 5:6.*] Will they turn from Him, or will they at the coming Conference surrender themselves to Him who will save to the uttermost all who come to Him? They have been doing a strange work. They have been planning to resist the Spirit of God by unbelief and falsehood. They have cherished opinions that have no foundation in truth. The deceitfulness of sin has been making its mark upon them. But God lives. If they perish it will not be because of His dealings with them, but because they are determined to resist light and evidence. They will never, never have greater evidence than that given them at the last General Conference. The testimony then given was borne in the demonstration of the Spirit and in power. *18LtMs, Ms 18, 1903, par. 5*

The messages that God gave to the churches of Ephesus and Sardis are applicable to those who in this age have had great light but have not opened the door of the heart to the knock of Christ. The Lord has shown plainly that He has a controversy with His people. The fires that have lately raged in New York and other cities were no accident. It was the hand of omnipotent power. The Spirit of God is withdrawing from the world because the warnings of heaven have not been heeded. We need to beware; for a similar condition of things is coming in amongst us as a people. *18LtMs, Ms*

18, 1903, par. 6

At the last General Conference the Lord called upon His people for decided humiliation of soul. But the work that should have been done was not done. The Lord says: "Repent, and do the first works, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove the candlestick out of his place." [*Revelation 2:5.*] If God's people will repent, wholly and entirely, He will save them from so humiliating a rebuke. Those who repent from the heart will have confessions to make before God. He will accept their brokenness of heart, even though they have so long trifled with His grace. Those who stand in positions of trust in the Battle Creek Sanitarium and the Review and Herald Publishing House have dishonored God; yes, they have mocked Him by walking stubbornly in their own way, in unholy independence. His wrath will be exercised toward them unless they fall upon the Rock and are broken. Sin and selfishness have entered into the institutions of which God is the foundation. Let men remember that the God who laid the foundation of these institutions can destroy as well as build up. *18LtMs, Ms 18, 1903, par. 7*

Why should men defy God? Why should they follow a course of which they will be ashamed to meet the record in the books of heaven? God is in earnest with us. If the heart is pure, there will be purity in action and nobility of purpose in all the work done. Among God's people every mind is to be cleansed, every heart purified. All are to understand that sin is not to be tolerated by the people who have received the most precious light ever given to mortals. Only a little while, and He who shall come will come and will not tarry. Those who choose to cleave to their sins must perish. But God will have compassion, even now, on all who will make thorough work for eternity. *18LtMs, Ms 18, 1903, par. 8*

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The Lord has wrought for His people, but they have treated His voice as a strange voice. In proportion as God has multiplied blessings toward them, so have they multiplied rebellion toward Him, moving with masterly self-confidence in their rebellious course, giving men and angels a most painful evidence of the deceitfulness of sin and the evil of refusing to heed God's counsel. *18LtMs, Ms 18,*

1903, par. 9

At the last General Conference God's people were given the precious opportunity of returning to Him. Had they confessed their sins, God would have come in and worked for them in a most wonderful manner. But they did not want to humble their hearts or to make thorough confession, and ever since the Conference many have steadily advanced in strange paths, doing the same work as they did before. *18LtMs, Ms 18, 1903, par. 10*

Merely being members of the church will avail nothing in the controversy before us. God is weighing men and their doings in the golden scales of the sanctuary. The time of trouble will surely search out and try every pretender. Those who claim to be Christians and yet act as sinners will be punished as sinners. Proportionate to the degree to which they have used their opportunities and talents to hinder the cause of God will be the severity of their punishment. *18LtMs, Ms 18, 1903, par. 11*

When those claiming to be the people of God conduct themselves in a way that gives license to selfishness and dishonest practices, they greatly dishonor God. They would do less harm if they were avowed infidels. They have not the fear of God before them or the love of God in their hearts. In order to serve God acceptably, men must honor Him by a well-ordered life and a godly conversation. They must wear the yoke of Christ and learn of Him His meekness and lowliness. They must take the Saviour as their Guide and Leader. They are to be under God's supreme control. The whole being—heart, soul, mind—and strength are to be under His training, that the life may bear witness to what union with Christ will do for human beings. *18LtMs, Ms 18, 1903, par. 12*



## Ms 19, 1903

Unselfishness in Service

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The work that God has pointed out to be done has not been done. City after city has been left unworked. Ministers laboring in the most destitute fields have been left to work as best they could, with insufficient means. A meager sum has been apportioned to them. Some have needed means to obtain food and clothing, and yet men, in their covetousness, have refused to help them. God looks upon the workers who are seeking to preach the gospel and to do true missionary work as more worthy of large means than some others. And they have greater need than some for large wages. Many calls for help are made upon them. They meet those who are in pitifully needy circumstances, and they deny themselves in order to help those needy ones. *18LtMs, Ms 19, 1903, par. 1*

One night I seemed to be in an assembly in which only a small number were present. Arrangements were being made to raise the wages of certain ones. One of authority reached out His hand and, taking the records, examined them critically. Then He said, A change will soon take place. Those who have been in the Review and Herald office as leaders have been unfaithful in their stewardship. They are to be released from their responsibilities, unless they give evidence of thorough conversion. I will not serve with unprincipled devising, neither will My Spirit strive with them unless they repent. The work is no longer to be entrusted to your keeping. The means in the Lord's treasury, which should have been used to enable men to enter new fields, is grasped by selfish, un sanctified hands. Those who are truly converted—body, soul, and spirit—are filled with the spirit of self-sacrifice. *18LtMs, Ms 19, 1903, par. 2*

Men have written to me saying that they must have high wages, and pleading as an excuse an expensive family. And at the same

time the institution with which they were connected was obliged to figure closely to meet running expenses. Why should any one plead an expensive family as a reason for demanding high wages? Is not the lesson that Christ has given sufficient? He says, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*] *18LtMs, Ms 19, 1903, par. 3*

Our institutions were established to serve as an effectual means of advancing the work of soul-saving. Those connected with them are to study how they can help the institution, not how they can take the most out of the treasury. If they grasp more than is their due, they hinder the cause of God. Let every one connected with these institutions say, I will not set my wages at a high figure, because that would rob the treasury, and the proclamation of the message of mercy will be hindered. I must practice economy. Those who are out in the field are doing a work that is as essential as the work that I am doing. I must do all in my power to help them. It is God's means that I am handling, and I will do as Christ would do in my place. I will not spend money for luxuries. I will remember the Lord's workers in mission fields. They have more need of means than I have. In their work they come in contact with much poverty and distress. They must feed the hungry and clothe the naked. I must limit my expenditures, that I may share in their labor of love. *18LtMs, Ms 19, 1903, par. 4*

We are not our own. We have been bought with a price. We are pledged by our baptismal vows to work for God. We are to remember that our money is not to be spent selfishly, but that all we can spare is to be used to advance the work of God. Our every word and act is to be in accordance with the will of God, that we may be enabled to render our account with a conscience void of offense toward God or man. *18LtMs, Ms 19, 1903, par. 5*

Each is to do his appointed work according to his several ability. Christian missions are to be sustained. God's people are to deny self rather than to allow His cause to suffer. They are to use their money to the glory of God, not to please themselves, that in the day of judgment they may know that they have done their part faithfully to proclaim the gospel. *18LtMs, Ms 19, 1903, par. 6*

## Ms 20, 1903

Talk/Our Duty to Leave Battle Creek

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Talk by Mrs. E. G. White at General Conference

It will be impossible for me to do justice to the question before us unless I take some time. The question is one that should be clearly and distinctly understood by us all. Few of our people have any idea of how many times light has been given that it is not in the order of God for so much to be centered in Battle Creek. Much was gathered there; many meetings were called there. A school and a sanitarium and a publishing house were there. These institutions had an influence upon one another. If this influence had always been good, more of a missionary spirit would have been developed. There would have been a clearer understanding of what must be done in the various cities of America. It would have been seen that in every city the standard must be planted and a memorial for God established. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 1*

It is God's design that our people should locate outside the cities and from these outposts warn the cities and raise in them memorials for God. There must be a force of influence in the cities, that the message of warning shall be heard. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 2*

For years the warning had been given to our people: Get out of Battle Creek. But because of the many interests established there, it was convenient to remain, and men could not see why they should move. At last Brother Magan and Brother Sutherland began to think of the advisability of moving the College from Battle Creek. They came to me, asking what they should do. I said, Take the school out of Battle Creek, if you can possibly do so. Go into a

place where there are no people who believe as we do, and there establish the school on a location with plenty of land, that the students who come may be educated in right lines. They obeyed the instruction given. This was the first move made. It has been a success. God has been pleased with it. He endorsed the effort made to get away from the congestion of Battle Creek.*18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 3*

For the last fifteen or twenty years light has been given that our people, by crowding into Battle Creek, have been leaving their home churches in a weak state. Some seemed to think that when they reached Battle Creek, they would not have many temptations. They did not understand the situation; they did not know that it was in Battle Creek that the enemy was working the hardest.*18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 4*

Again and again testimonies were given in regard to the principles that were coming in to leaven the publishing house. And yet, though the messages kept coming that men were working on principles which God could not accept, no decided change was made. The apprentices in the office were not given the advantages that they should have had. They were not being prepared to go as missionaries into various places, as they might be called. They were not being prepared to stand as God's representatives. The influence of the office was not what it should have been. God declared that this institution should be a sacred place, that angels of God were walking up and down through it. The words of contradiction spoken in the office and the general irritation shown were condemned. He designed that it should be a school where workers should be trained to uphold the principles that God had ordained should ever be maintained by His people.*18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 5*

Before the fire came which swept away the Review and Herald factory, I was in distress for many days. I was in distress while the council was in session, laboring to get the right matter before the meeting, hoping, if it were a possible thing, to call our brethren to repentance and avert calamity. It seemed to me that it was almost a life-and-death question. It was then that I saw the representation of danger—a sword of fire turning this way and that way. I was in an

agony of distress. The next news was that the Review and Herald building had been consumed by fire, but that not one life had been lost. In this the Lord spoke mercy with judgment. The mercy of God was mingled with judgment to spare the lives of the workers, that they might do the work which they had neglected to do, and which it seemed impossible to make them see and understand. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 6*

Notwithstanding the condition of things at the publishing house, a suggestion had been made to bring still more of our work to the Review office, still more power into Battle Creek. This greatly alarmed me, and when the fire came, I breathed easier than I had for a long time. We were thankful that no lives were lost. There was a large loss of property. Again and again the Lord had shown me that for every dollar that was accumulated by unjust means, there would be ten times as much lost. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 7*

God desired that every move should be in accordance with Bible principles. There was to be no sharp dealing, and God has been displeased. For the last twenty years God has been sending reproofs and warnings regarding this. The very worst thing that could now be done would be for the Review and Herald office to be once more built up in Battle Creek. The way has been opened for it to break its association there—association with worldly men, which ought to be broken. Unjustifiable commercial business has been carried on, because the money that it brought in was needed. I saw One of undisputed authority go into the office and look over the accounts, with the leading men, noting how much had been taken in for the publication of matter that should have never seen the light of day. He asked, “How much do you gain on this work?” When the answer was given, He said, “The outlay to do this work is larger than you estimate, but were your estimate correct, the loss in spirituality far outweighs the estimated gain.” Pernicious matter has been published right in our office, and if some part of the work had to be delayed, it was the work on the books containing the light of truth. This was greatly displeasing to the Lord. The apprentices were being educated in the false doctrines contained in the matter brought in. And the Review and Herald presses were sending these false doctrines out to the world. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 8*

When the printing office was first established, in a little wooden building, the Lord showed me that its presses were to be used to send forth to the world the bright rays of truth. They were consecrated to the Lord. Light was to shine all through the office, which was to be a training school for workers. But as the result of association with the world, many in the office grew worldly and worked more and more on plans of worldly policy, and neither the discipline nor training of the youth employed in the office were as they should be. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 9*

I must say to our people that the Lord would have that institution established in an entirely new place. He would have the present influences of association broken up. Will those who have collected in Battle Creek hear the voice speaking to them and understand that they are to scatter out into different places where they can spread abroad a knowledge of the truth and where they can gain an experience different from the experience that they have been gaining? *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 10*

In reply to the question that has been asked in regard to settling somewhere else, I answer, Yes. Let the General Conference offices and the publishing work be moved from Battle Creek. I know not where the place will be, whether on the Atlantic Coast or elsewhere. But this I will say, Never lay a stone or a brick in Battle Creek to rebuild the Review office there. God has a better place for it. He wants you to work with a different influence and connected with altogether different associations from what you have had of late in Battle Creek. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 11*

There has been an anxiety to adopt a worldly policy. Warnings and reproofs and entreaties—you would be astonished to know how many—have been sent in regard to this. But they have not been heeded. Many have come to the point where they do not care to follow the directions that the Lord sends. They have walked in their own counsel until the Lord has come near by judgment and swept away the printing plant. Will you build up again in the same place that you were before? I ask you, brethren, shall we, because our books and papers have long borne the imprint of Battle Creek, again lay the foundation in the very place where our work has been destroyed by fire? Will it make a confusion to move? Better to have

a little confusion. Let us have another imprint. Let us see if we cannot make a reformation. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 12*

### **The Sanitarium**

I need not speak any more on this point. I wish to speak now in reference to the Sanitarium in Battle Creek. Our brethren say, "Sister White has confused us. She said that we must not let this Sanitarium go into the hands of worldlings. And she said also, that we must try to place the Sanitarium upon a right foundation." Yes, this I did say. Now, I repeat it. For years light has been coming to me that we should not center so much in one place. I have stated distinctly that an effort should not be made to make Battle Creek the sign and symbol for so much. The Lord is not very well pleased with Battle Creek. He is not pleased with all that has been done in Battle Creek. And when the Sanitarium there was burned, our people should have studied the messages of reproof and warning sent them in former years and taken heed. That the lives of patients and helpers were spared was a providence for which every one of us should praise God with heart and soul and voice. He gave them an opportunity to live and to study what these things mean. I had many things written out, but I thought, I will not say a word to condemn any one. I will keep quiet. When the planning for the new building was taken up, I think there were no questions or propositions sent to me about it from those in charge. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 13*

It has been stated that when the Sanitarium was first established in Battle Creek, my husband and I endorsed it. Certainly we did. I can speak for my husband as well as for myself. We prayed about the matter a great deal. So it was with the printing office, which was first established in a little wooden building. As the work grew, we had to add to it, and later, when ambitious men came in to take part in the management, more additions were made than should have been made, because these men thought that the buildings would give character to the work. That was a mistake. It is not buildings that give character to the work of God, but the faithfulness and integrity of the workers. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 14*

The Sanitarium grew, and in 1887 Dr. Kellogg talked with me in regard to the necessity of having a hospital. I said, "Some months

ago I was shown that we must have a hospital.” Our brethren did not know what had been presented to me about this, and the opposition came hard and strong. They sat right down upon Dr. Kellogg. I took my position close by his side and told them that the light God had given me was that we should have a hospital in Battle Creek. The hospital was erected, and it was soon full of patients.*18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 15*

Understand, brethren, that at that time we had not numerous sanitariums, as in later years we came to have. The Battle Creek Sanitarium was almost our only place for the care of the sick.*18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 16*

After a time the question came, “Shall we build a small, neat chapel in which the patients and helpers can assemble to worship God?” As soon as I possibly could, I sent off a letter, saying, Yes. Wherever there is a sanitarium, there should be a church, to which the patients can go to hear the word of life; and God will soften their hearts, leading many to accept Christ as the Healer of the soul. I was in perfect union with this move.*18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 17*

But of late some things have been brought in that I could not endorse, and one of these is the attaching of many enterprises and lines of medical work to the medical association in Battle Creek. The Lord showed me that this should not be done. Many here know what I said to them—that we must not center so much in Battle Creek; that if we did not take heed, God’s judgments would visit Battle Creek. When I saw such earnestness on the part of the leaders to connect all branches of the medical work with the association at Battle Creek, I told the brethren that the instruction given me was that they should not make the scratch of a pen to bind themselves to the restrictions of the rules and regulations that were arranged for them to come under. God wants His institutions to stand in fellowship with one another, just as brethren in the church should stand in fellowship. But they are never to be bound by written contracts to any one man or any group of men. They are to stand, in their own individuality, accountable to God. The Lord of heaven is to be the Leader and Guide and Counsellor of His people. His institutions are to be managed under His theocracy. His people are to act as a chosen people, a people who are to do a



sacred and an unselfish work. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 18*

When one institution gathers a large amount of responsibility and a large number of guests, the religious part of the work is in danger of being neglected. The managers of the Battle Creek Sanitarium have done nobly in the past in regard to trying to maintain a right religious influence in the Sanitarium. For a long time there were men connected with the institution whose work it was to hold Bible readings with the patients, as the way opened. Dr. Kellogg fully accorded with this. After the meeting at Minneapolis, Dr. Kellogg was a converted man, and we all knew it. We could see the converting power of God working in his heart and life. But as the institution has grown in popularity, there has been danger that the reason for which it was established would be lost sight of. Repeatedly I have given the instruction that was given me—that this institution should not be conducted after the manner in which worldly medical institutions are conducted; that pleasure-loving, card-playing, and theatrical performances should find no place in it. True piety was to be revealed in the lives of physicians and helpers. Everything connected with the institution was to speak in favor of the truth, and then the truth in regard to the Sabbath would come to the patients. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 19*

It was the piety of the workers, not the largeness of the buildings, that was to bring conviction to hearts. Many souls have been converted; many wonderful cures have been wrought. The Lord stood by the side of Dr. Kellogg as he performed difficult operations. When the doctor was overwrought by taxing labor, God understood the situation; and He put His hand on Dr. Kellogg's hand as he operated, and through His power the operations were successful. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 20*

I wish this to be understood. Over and over again I have encouraged Dr. Kellogg, telling him that the Lord God of Israel was at his right hand, to help him, and to give him success as he performed the difficult operations that meant life or death to the ones operated upon. I told the doctor that before he took up his instruments to operate upon patients, he must pray for them. The patients saw that Dr. Kellogg was under the jurisdiction of God, that he understood His power to carry on the work successfully, and

they had more confidence in him than in worldly physicians. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 21*

God has given Dr. Kellogg the success that he has had. I have tried constantly to keep this before him, telling him that it was God who was working with him, and that the truth of God was to be magnified by His physician. God will bless every other physician who will yield himself wholly to God and will be with his hand when he works. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 22*

This was the light given. God worked that the medical missionary work might stand on the highest vantage ground; that it might be known that Seventh-day Adventists have a God working with them, a God who has constant oversight of His work. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 23*

God does not endorse the efforts put forth by different ones to make the work of Dr. Kellogg as hard as possible in order to build themselves up. God gave the light on health reform, and those who rejected it rejected God. One and another who knew better said that it all came from Dr. Kellogg, and they made war upon him. This had a bad influence on the doctor. He put on his coat of irritation and retaliation. God did not want him to stand in the position of warfare, and He does not want you to stand there. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 24*

Those who have turned away from the Battle Creek Sanitarium to get worldly physicians to care for them did not realize what they were doing. God established the Battle Creek Sanitarium. God worked through Dr. Kellogg, but men did not realize this. When they were sick, they sent for worldly physicians to come because of something that the doctor had said or done that did not please them. This God did not approve. We have the authority of the Bible for our instruction in temperance. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 25*

But God has nothing to do with making every institution amenable to the work and workers in Battle Creek. His servants should not be called upon to submit to rules and regulations made there. God's hand must hold every worker and must guide and control every worker. Men are not to make rules and regulations for their fellow men. The Bible has given the rules and regulations that we are to

follow. We are to study the Bible and learn from it the duty of man to his fellow man. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." [Psalm 19:7.] *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 26*

You were surprised to hear me say that we should not let the Battle Creek Sanitarium go into the hands of the world, that we are to make another effort to place our institutions on solid ground. If you will trust in the Lord, this institution can be placed on vantage ground. When the Sanitarium is placed on its proper foundation; when our people can see it as it was when it was first established; when they can understand that the institution belongs to the work of the Lord, and can see that no one man is to have the control of everything in it; then God will help them all to take hold with courage to build it up. Today you do not know just where it is. God wants us to know every timber of the foundation, where it is and what it is; then He wants us all to put shoulder to shoulder and labor understandingly. The Lord wants us to do our duty. He wants us to understand that Dr. Kellogg shall not be pushed out of his place, but that he shall stand acknowledged and supported in his God-given work. This he will be if his feet are planted on the truth of the living God. If they are not planted on this truth, specious temptations will come in through scientific problems and scientific theories regarding God and His Word. Spurious scientific theories are coming in as a thief in the night, stealing away the landmarks and undermining the pillars of our faith. God has shown me that the medical students are not to be educated in such theories, because God will not endorse them. The most specious temptations of the enemy are coming in, and they are coming in on the highest, most elevated plane. These spiritualize the doctrines of present truth, until there is no distinction between the substance and the shadow. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 27*

You know that Satan will come in to deceive if possible the very elect. He claims to be Christ, and he is coming in, pretending to be the great Medical Missionary. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 28*

He will cause fire to come down from heaven in the sight of men to prove that he is God. We must stand barricaded by the truths of the Bible. The canopy of truth is the only canopy under which we can stand safely. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 29*

Our leading brethren, the men in official positions, are to examine the standing of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, to see whether the God of heaven can take control of it. When, by faithful guardians, it is placed in a position where He can control it, let me tell you that God will see that it is sustained. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 30*

God wants His people to place their feet on the eternal Rock. The money that we have is the Lord's money; and the buildings that we erect with this money, for His work, are to stand as His property. He calls upon those who have received the truth not to quarrel with their brethren, but to stand shoulder to shoulder, to build up, not to destroy. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 31*

God would not have let the fire go through our institutions in Battle Creek without a reason. Are we going to pass by the providence of God, without finding out what it means? God wants us to study into this matter and to build upon a foundation in which we all can have the utmost confidence. He wants the interests started to be conducted in such a way that His people can invest their means in them with the assurance that they are part of His work. Let us labor intelligently and understandingly. There is altogether too little humiliation of soul. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 32*

The crisis is coming soon in Battle Creek. The trades unions and confederacies of the world are a snare. Keep out of them and away from them, brethren. Have nothing to do with them. Because of these unions and confederacies, it will soon be very difficult for our institutions to carry on their work in the cities. My warning is: Keep out of the cities. Build no sanitariums in the cities. Educate our people to get out of the cities into the country, where they can obtain a small piece of land and make a home for themselves and their children. When the question arose in regard to the establishment of a sanitarium in Los Angeles, I felt that I must oppose this move. I carried a very heavy burden in regard to the matter, and I could not keep silent. It is time, brethren, that we heeded the testimonies sent us in mercy and love from the God of heaven. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 33*

Our restaurants must be in the cities; for otherwise the workers in these restaurants could not reach the people and teach them the

principles of right living. And for the present, we shall have to occupy meeting houses in the cities. But ere long there will be such strife and confusion in the cities, that those who wish to leave them will not be able. We must be preparing for these issues. This is the light that is given me. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 34*

May God help you to receive the words that I have spoken. Let those who stand as God's watchmen on the walls of Zion be men who can see the dangers before the people—men who can distinguish between truth and error, righteousness and unrighteousness. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 35*

The warning has come. Nothing is to be allowed to come in that will disturb the foundation of the faith upon which we have been building ever since the message came in 1842, 1843, and 1844. I was in this message, and ever since I have been standing before the world, true to the light that God has given me. We do not propose to take our feet off the platform on which they were placed as, day by day, we sought the Lord with earnest prayer, seeking for light. Do you think that I could give up the light that God has given me? It is to me as the Rock of Ages. It has been guiding me ever since it was given. Brethren and sisters, God lives, and works, and reigns, today. His hand is on the wheel, and in His providence He is turning the wheel in accordance with His own will. Let not men fasten themselves to men by documents saying what they will do and what they will not do. Let them fasten themselves to the Lord God of heaven. Then the light of heaven will shine into the soul temple, and we shall see the salvation of God. *18LtMs, Ms 20, 1903, par. 36*

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“Unto the angel of the church in Sardis write, These things saith He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.” [*Revelation 3:1.*] These are the words that Christ gave to John for us. “Be watchful, and strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.” [*Verses 2, 3.*] *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 2*

In view of this instruction, how important it is that we do not devote our time to faultfinding or criticizing, but that we receive the divine truth into our hearts, that they may break before God. The broken heart and the contrite spirit God will receive. We must not base our salvation upon supposition; we must know of a surety that Christ is formed within, the hope of glory. We must know for ourselves that the Spirit of God is abiding in our hearts and that we can hold communion with God. Then if He should come to us quickly, if by any chance our life should suddenly be ended, we should be ready to meet our God. Now, while it is called today, let us set our house in order. “Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts as in the provocation.” [*Hebrews 3:7, 8.*] Because of their unbelief of God’s word, the children of Israel who left Egypt perished in the

wilderness. God grant that we may not through unbelief fail of entering into the promised land. Let us keep step with Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 3*

“Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard.” [*Revelation 3:3.*] You have received something; you have heard something. Do not forget the dealings of God and the light that He has sent you. *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 4*

“Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments.” [*Verse 4.*] Thank God, He can keep His people in a place where they shall not defile their garments. If we submit to Christ, we shall be kept unspotted from the world. “Then we shall know, if we follow on to know the Lord, that His goings forth are prepared as the morning.” [*Hosea 6:3.*] We are to follow on. We are not to rest content with the capabilities and the knowledge of today. All the inhabitants of the universe are watching, as, in these last days, God is preparing a people to stand in the judgment. Let us ask God to clothe us with the robe of Christ’s righteousness, that we may be prepared for the coming of the Son of man. *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 5*

Of those who have not defiled their garments, Christ says, “They shall walk with Me in white; for they are worthy.” [*Revelation 3:4.*] Through the infinite sacrifice made in our behalf, we may have an abundance of grace. God has a whole heaven full for us. All He asks is that by living faith we receive His promises, saying, “I do believe. I do accept the blessings which Thou hast for those who love Thee.” *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 6*

### **A Precious Assurance**

“He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment, and I will not”—O how precious is that “not”—“I will not blot his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.” [*Verse 5.*] When the gates of the city of God swing back on their glittering hinges, and the nations who have kept the truth shall enter in, Christ will be there to welcome us, to call us the blessed of the Father, because we have overcome. He will welcome us before the Father and before His

angels. As we enter the kingdom of God, there to spend eternity, the trials and the difficulties and the perplexities that we have had here will sink into insignificance. Our life will measure with the life of God.*18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 7*

There is before me a large congregation. How many of you are confessing Christ before the world? He will confess before His Father and before the holy angels the names of those who confess Him here. Then confess Him in your words. Do not find fault with one another. God has not put the work of judgment into your hands.*18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 8*

### **Who is ready?**

Suppose that today Christ should appear in the clouds of heaven! Who of this congregation would be ready to meet Him? Suppose that we should be translated into the kingdom of heaven just as we are! Would we be prepared to unite with the saints of God, to live in harmony with the royal family, the children of the heavenly King? What preparation have you made for the judgment? Have you made your peace with God? Are you laboring together with God? Are you seeking to help those around you, those who are ready to die, those in your home, in your neighborhood, that are not keeping the commandments of God? "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." [*Psalm 19:7.*] Then let us receive it into our lives, giving it a willing obedience. Let us honor God by obeying its precepts. But remember that profession is worthless without a practice that enters into the daily life. God knows whether we are keeping His law in truth. He knows just what we are doing, just what we are thinking and saying. Are we getting ready to meet the King? When He comes in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory, will you be able to say, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us"? [*Isaiah 25:9.*] To those who can say this Christ will say, "Come up higher. Upon this earth, you have loved Me. You have loved to do My will. You can now enter the holy city, and receive the crown of everlasting life."*18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 9*

If it were possible for us to be admitted into heaven as we are, how many of us would be able to look upon God? How many of us have



on the wedding garment? How many of us are without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing? How many of us are worthy to receive the crown of life?*18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 10*

Remember that just as you are in your family, so will you be in the church. Just as you treat your children, so will you treat Christ. If you cherish an unchristlike spirit, you are dishonoring God, no matter how high your position, whether you are ministers or presidents of conferences. Position does not make the man. It is Christ formed within that makes a man worthy of receiving the crown of life, that fadeth not away. When you are tempted to speak cross words, pray for grace to resist the temptation. Remember that your children will speak as they hear you speaking. By your example you are educating them. Remember that if you speak cross words to fellow church members, you would speak the same kinds of words in heaven, were you permitted to enter there. But you never will unless you change.*18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 11*

### **Now is the Time**

This is our washing and ironing time—the time when we are to cleanse our robes of character in the blood of the Lamb. John says, “Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.” [*John 1:29.*] I thank Thee, my heavenly Father. I praise Thee that Thou hast given us Jesus to take away our sins. Shall we not let Him take them away? Shall we not let our sins go?*18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 12*

Christ says to us, as He said to Nicodemus, “Ye must be born again.” [*John 3:7.*] It is here in this world of test and trial, not in heaven, that the new birth is to take place.*18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 13*

I entreat you, brethren and sisters, to labor earnestly to secure the crown of everlasting life. The reward will be worth the conflict, worth the effort. Paul compares those in the Christian warfare to the runners in a race. In the races which he uses as an illustration, only one could receive the prize. In the race in which we are running, every one may receive the reward offered—a crown of everlasting life. I want this crown; I mean, by God’s help, to have it. I mean to

hold fast to the truth, that I may see the King in His beauty.*18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 14*

“He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These things saith He that is holy, He that is true: He that hath the key of David; He that openeth and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth.” [*Revelation 3:6, 7.*] Since our Saviour is so powerful, why do you lean so heavily upon human beings? Why do you go to them for help and strength, pouring your troubles into their ears? Take your minds off human beings. They are finite, erring. We are all but little children, in comparison with God. From Him, as little children, we must learn our lessons. He wants us to humble our hearts before Him, in submission and contrition. He wants us to speak kind, tender, compassionate words to one another. Educate yourselves to speak such words. Be polite to God and to one another. Remember that He wants you to have the best of manners, that you may glorify Him before the world. He desires you to live in unity with one another and to love one another. Remember that if you love one another here, you will live with the redeemed through the ceaseless ages of eternity. O think of these things! May God stir your hearts today as they never have been stirred before. May He lead you to heed the words, “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” [*John 3:3.*]*18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 15*

#### **A Ruler, Yet Understood Not**

Nicodemus, to whom these words were spoken, was a ruler of the Jews, a member of the Sanhedrin, a man highly honored in the nation. Yet he could not understand the meaning of the Saviour’s words: “And Christ said unto him, Art thou a master in Israel, and knowest not these things?” [*Verse 10.*] Ministers, presidents of conferences—no matter who you are or what you are—you are under the eye of Jehovah, and it becomes you to find out whether your ways please the Lord. Are you getting ready, preparing for the last change?*18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 16*

“He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth.” [*Revelation 3:7.*] The work is in the hands of God. Let us

be sure that our own souls are receiving the refining of which the Lord speaks when He says, "I will try them as gold is tried. I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir." [*Zechariah 13:9; Isaiah 13:12.*] Since God can thus refine us, let us place ourselves in His hands. Let us stand where we are working for Him, against anything that may come to hinder, and He will give us strength and grace and power, and we shall see the salvation of God. His grace will be given to us, and God will help us to impart it to those around us, in pleasant words and kindly deeds. *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 17*

### **Duties of Parents**

Parents, work for the church in your home. Remember that there the education of your children begins. The father is to be the priest of the household and the mother the teacher. She is to train and educate her children, helping them to form characters that will gain for them admittance into the kingdom of God. Parents, study your children, that you may understand their different dispositions. If you speak to them harshly and cruelly, you will develop in them a harsh and cruel spirit. As you deal with your children, remember that you are dealing with Christ in the person of His little ones. *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 18*

After the family, then comes the church. The influence of the family is to be such that it will be a help and a blessing in the church. Never speak a word of complaint or faultfinding. There are churches in which the spirituality has been almost killed, because the spirit of backbiting has been allowed to enter. Why do we speak words of blame and censure? To be silent is the strongest rebuke that you can give to one who is speaking harsh, discourteous words to you. Keep perfectly silent. Often silence is eloquence. My brethren, you will never enter heaven with such a spirit. I ask you to get rid of this spirit before you leave this meeting. Do not take it back with you to your home churches. *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 19*

"Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will

keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.” [Revelation 3:9, 10.] God has told us of the trials that are coming upon us, and He has told us that He will keep us by His power. Shall we not accept His promise? *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 20*

“Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. He that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall no more go out; and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down from My God; and I will write upon him My new name.” [Verses 11, 12.] *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 21*

When you are tempted to criticize and to make difficulty, let your mind dwell on this Scripture. The melting mercy of God will come into your heart, and you will know how to work for God’s little children. As you work for those around you, setting them an example of righteousness, you will receive the commendation of the Master. But many of us act like quarrelsome children. May God help you to put this spirit away. Do not keep up your quarrelling until you lose out of your lives the Holy Spirit. God wants us to be Christians, and it is time that we were. Let us bring the fragrance of His Spirit into our lives. *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 22*

### **Neither Cold nor Hot**

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. And unto the church of the Laodiceans write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot. I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth.” [Verses 13-16.] *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 23*

When the mercy and love of God are cherished in our hearts, we shall not manifest a cold, hard spirit in the home and in the church toward those who do not agree with us in every idea that we hold. We all believe that the Word of God is true. Then let us, by a careful study of His Word, find out how to remove the differences existing

among us. God will speak to us through His Word and will reveal His salvation to us. May God help us not to be a disturbance in His church. He has never commanded us to carry on a disturbing work. Brethren, I beseech you not to leave Oakland to go to your home churches until you can leave behind all your hardheartedness, all your complaining, all your criticism. These act as the leaven of evil. One man in an institution with an unamiable spirit causes contention that leavens the whole institution with the same spirit. It is God's desire that in all our institutions there shall be perfect harmony and agreement, that from them the light of heaven may be reflected. Open the windows of the soul heavenward and close them earthward, that the bright rays of the glory of God may shine into your hearts. *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 24*

When Jesus was on earth, and saw a scene of contention and strife, He would raise His voice in the notes of a melodious song, praising God. The presence of God would be felt; the hearts of those who have been contending would respond to the influences of the Spirit; and they would unite in the song. When some one comes to you with an evil report of some one else, do not take up the reproach and talk it over, either in the family or in the church. Do not add your complaints to those of others. *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 25*

When I see the work that lies before us, and when I see how poorly we comprehend what God requires of us, I am in an agony of distress. Here is the Word of God. Will you take it? Or will you be rejected by the Lord because, though professing much, your spirit and words and actions are void of the warmth of His Spirit? A lifeless profession is nauseating to God. Christ cannot present before the Father those who are lukewarm. He declares, "So then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked"—are you going to live so that when Christ comes you will be among the number of whom He says, "And knowest not that thou art wretched, and poor, and blind, and naked"? [*Verses 16, 17.*] May God awaken us and break our hearts of stone, is my prayer. We need to feel His converting power. His praise should fill our

hearts and lips. The fragrance of Christ's life is to be brought into our life. Then we can represent the great I AM. The Lord wants to work with us. He wants us to know just where we are standing. *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 26*

"I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed; and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit down with Me on My throne, even as I also overcame, and am sat down with My Father in His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." [*Verses 18-22.*] *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 27*

### **Make a Covenant With God**

My brethren and sisters, you who have heard the heard the words that I have spoken to you today, and who desire to hear the commendation of Christ, will you make a covenant with God, consecrating your lips and your tongue to Him and asking Him to sanctify them? Speech is a precious talent. God wants you to use it in His service. He desires to train your lips so that you can speak to His praise. Then your words and actions will be of that character that by them witness will be borne to the world that God sent His Son to save sinners. *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 28*

I call upon you, in the name of the Lord God of Israel, to stop the work that has placed our churches where they do not know where they are. There has been much talking against one another. Talk about yourselves before God. Tell Him how wicked you are. Tell Him how you are tempted to hurt and wound your brother and to tear him down because you fear that he will have more influence than you have. Who is there here today that will make a covenant before God, that from this time they will seek Him with all the heart, that they may overcome the inclination to think and speak evil and to err on other points, so that they will not leaven the church by a wrong influence? *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 29*

“Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” Do you fear lest by your spirit and your words you shall offend God? “It is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” [*Philippians 2:12, 13.*] “Ye are God’s husbandry; ye are God’s building.” [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] The sanctuary, built by the church in the wilderness, according to the directions given to Moses in the mount, was an object lesson of what their characters should be in simplicity, in beauty, in harmony. Part fitted perfectly to part. *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 30*

When the congregation moved from one place to another, the tabernacle was taken apart and carried with them, and when they encamped, it was erected again. In this work, different tasks were assigned to different ones. Each one had a specified task. There was no discord; for each one had his work. *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 31*

We are to labor in perfect unity with God and with one another. “Ye are God’s building.” [*Verse 9.*] Christ is the foundation upon which we are to build. What are we bringing to the foundation? Are we bringing that which is represented in the Word of God as wood, hay, and stubble—a careless deportment, unchristlike words and actions—or that which is represented as gold, silver, and precious stones—a Christian character, words and acts that God can approve? *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 32*

### **Need to Come to the Saviour**

You cannot afford to speak hasty words or to cherish a harsh, unforgiving spirit. From the light given me of God, you need to come to the Saviour and ask for forgiveness of sin. He will cleanse you and purify you; for He is a loving, compassionate Saviour. He says, “Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me, and he shall make peace with Me.” [*Isaiah 27:5.*] He will accept you. He will lift you up. But if we refuse to come to Him, if we refuse to see that we have defects of character, He cannot help us. *18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 33*

I ask you—those who realize that they have erred; those who realize what they must be in order to see the King in His beauty, in

order to behold the face of God; those who are willing to lay hold of the help that the Lord has given in His Word, and together to wrestle to overcome—to rise to your feet.*18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 34*

(The whole congregation then rose, and while they were standing, Sister White said:)*18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 35*

We have made a covenant with God. And now I want to offer a word of prayer. As I pray, will you send up your petitions to God. I feel an intense desire that you shall begin to work as you never have worked before to bring to the foundation gold, silver, and precious stones. If you will do this, we shall see the salvation of God revealed in all the churches among us.*18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 36*

### **The Prayer**

My heavenly Father, we come to Thee at this time as children dependent upon Thee. We are weakness itself. In us there is no strength, no comeliness. But we come to Thee as Thy little children. We want special help from Thee at this time. Thou hast promised in Thy Word that Thou wilt sanctify those who keep Thy Sabbath. We want the sanctification of the Holy Spirit upon our hearts, upon our characters. O my Father, for Christ's sake, wilt Thou pardon our transgressions and our sins. Wilt Thou give us clear, spiritual eyesight, that we may discern what we should be and what we must be if we are granted entrance into the kingdom of God, if we hear the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." [*Matthew 25:21.*]*18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 37*

Thou hast given us much encouragement, but we have been so earthly, so careless in our words and deportment, that we have become blind to the riches of the glory of God. O my Father, I ask Thee to rebuke every one here who would stand in stubbornness. Let Thy melting mercy fall upon Thy sons and daughters here today. Encircle us with the arms of Thy mercy. Let Thy grace be upon us, and may we see Thy salvation in this Conference. May angels of God walk through our assemblies. Manifest Thy power unto us, as Thou dost not unto the world. Commune with Thy



people. Let their hearts break here today, and let them see how they grieve the Spirit of God.*18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 38*

I ask Thee that Thou wilt keep in the minds of this people the covenant they have made with Thee to put away the sins that have closed the door of the heart against the Spirit of God. In the lips that have uttered words of criticism and faultfinding, I ask Thee to put songs of thanksgiving and rejoicing. Help this people to see that until they put away every sin, they will not be ready for Christ's coming. O my Father, there are here those who are desponding, those who are in trial, who hardly know what to say or do. Deliver them this very hour, I pray Thee. Break the bondage that is upon them, and let the grace of God come into their hearts, that they themselves may realize that a holy hand has been upon them, to sanctify them and prepare them for the courts above.*18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 39*

My Saviour, we open the door of the heart, and we say, Come in and take full possession. Help every one here who is bearing heavy responsibilities. We pray that Thy blessing may be upon Brother Prescott, and upon Brother Daniells, and upon Dr. Kellogg, and upon all the ministering brethren here. Thou knowest the burdens that Dr. Kellogg has borne nearly all his life. We bring him to Thee in the arms of our faith. We ask Thee, O Lord, that Thou wouldest give him the comfort of Thy Holy Spirit today, that Thou wouldest break every yoke of bondage, that he may see that God has an interest in him. God wants him to see the King in His beauty. God wants him to have a crown of everlasting life.*18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 40*

Take us just as we are. Wash us in Thy blood, and put upon us the robe of Thy righteousness. Help the sick and the afflicted ones. Take us all into Thy compassionate arms, and speak pardon to us today. Be with us and help us, and Thy name shall have all the glory.*18LtMs, Ms 21, 1903, par. 41*

## Ms 22, 1903

Talk/The Work Before Us

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Talk by Mrs. E. G. White at General Conference, Sunday morning, April 5, 1903. *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 1*

I have been carrying a very heavy burden. For the last three nights I have slept very little. Many scenes are presented to me. I feel an intense interest in the advancement of the work of God, and I say to our leading brethren, As you consider the questions that shall come before you, you are to look beneath the surface. You are to give careful consideration to every question discussed. *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 2*

There is need of means in foreign missionary work and in missionary work in America. It is a painful fact that although we have had a special message for the world for so many years, there are many, many cities in which we have done nothing to proclaim this message. In the calamities that have befallen our institutions in Battle Creek, we have had an admonition from God. Let us not pass this admonition carelessly by, without trying to understand its meaning. There are those who will say, "Of course the Review office must be rebuilt in Battle Creek." Why did the Lord permit Jerusalem to be destroyed by fire the first time? Why did He permit His people to be overcome by their enemies and carried into heathen lands? It was because they had failed to be His missionaries and had built walls of division between themselves and the people round them. The Lord scattered them, that the knowledge of His truth might be carried to the world. *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 3*

If they were loyal and true and submissive, God would bring them again into their own land. *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 4*

We have a great work before us. The needs of the field demand that there shall be liberality on the part of the people of God. I point you to the city of New York. One hundred workers might be laboring there where now there is but one. How many of you have taken a practical interest in the work in this city? We have scarcely touched this field with the tips of our fingers. A few faithful workers have been trying to do something in this great, wicked city. But their work has been difficult, because they have had so few facilities. Elder Haskell and his wife have labored faithfully. But who has felt the burden of sustaining them in their labors? Who among our leading men have visited them, to learn the needs of the work, and have then gone forth to raise means for its advancement? *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 5*

Who has visited the Southern field to do something to build up the work there? Who has gone there to study its needs. Some have allowed their minds to be leavened by prejudice and distrust. Some have tried to put blocks before the wheels of progress, though again and again our brethren have been warned against doing this. *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 6*

A proposition has been made that our people purchase Sanitarium bonds. But light has been given me that means is not to be thus drawn from our people. Last night, place after place that is still unworked was presented before me. These places are all ripe for the harvest. They are calling for workers, and the means of our people is not to be tied up so that it cannot be used in this work. *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 7*

If all our people paid a faithful tithe, there would be more means in the treasury to support the laborers already in the field, and to send forth still more laborers into the fields that are ripe for the harvest. One of authority, who pointed out these fields to me, asked the question, Who will go forth to proclaim the message in these places? Christ's commission is, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." [*Mark 16:15.*] *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 8*

There is a great and solemn work to be done for Seventh-day Adventists, if they will only be converted. The great trouble is the lack of unity among them. This is a sin in the sight of God—a sin which, unless God’s people repent, will withhold from them His blessing. There are those who are ready to die, those who are without God and without hope in the world. These need to be sought out and labored for. We may endeavor to be faithful in our own little compass, but this is not sufficient. We are to have a faithfulness that goes outside our little compass to the needy fields beyond.*18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 9*

God is not pleased with the present showing. Our means is not to be bound up for years where it is not available for missionary work. This God forbids. He sees the great work to be done in various places throughout the world. He sees the cities in which memorials for Him are to be established to proclaim the truth for this time.*18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 10*

Regarding investment in bonds, I am instructed to say further that if no voice were raised against this arrangement, if our people should tie up their money in such investment, when it became necessary to call for means for aggressive missionary work, it would be found that there was a greater dearth of means among us than there is now. Plans may be started that at the beginning seem very promising, but often the foresight would be much more pleasant than the aftersight, were these plans carried out. I have been commissioned to instruct our people to be economical and always ready to give of their means to the Lord’s work. If you have a thousand dollars to spare, God wants it; it belongs to Him. If you have twenty dollars to spare, God wants it. His vineyard is waiting to be worked.*18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 11*

The light God has given me is that there are proper ways that the Conference shall devise to help the Sanitarium in Battle Creek. I wish that a portion of the work of this institution had been taken elsewhere. But the Sanitarium has been erected in Battle Creek, and it must be helped. God will institute ways and means by which it can be helped. But He does not wish His people to invest their money in bonds.*18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 12*

There is a great field to be worked. God wants us to labor intelligently. We are not to grasp every advantage that we can for the part of the field in which we are laboring. We are to do for those working in hard, needy fields just what we would like our brethren to do for us were we placed in similar circumstances. There are small sanitariums to be established in various places. Medical missionary work is the helping hand of God. This work must be done. It is needed in new fields and in fields where the work was started years ago. Since this work is the helping hand of God and the entering wedge of the gospel, we want you to understand that you are to have a part in it. It is not to be divorced from the gospel. Every soul before me this morning should be filled with the true medical missionary spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 13*

I present this matter before you that you may understand that our people are not to be encouraged to tie up their money for years by the purchase of bonds. I have nothing to say in regard to the sale of these bonds to the people of the world. It is in regard to our people's tying up their money that I speak particularly. It is said that only a few of our people would take the bonds. But how long would it be before the few would increase to many. No; God wants His people to look upon the world as their great harvest field and to use their resources in working this field. *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 14*

More must be done to sustain the work in the Southern field. There are ministers there who are not properly paid, who are suffering for the comforts of life. I know this to be so. The Lord has kept the needs of this field before me all these years. He has shown me what should be done, and I dare not hold my peace. Do not all who have heard the truth belong to God? Did He not purchase all with the blood of His only begotten Son? Did not Christ die for all? Would you wish to come into judgment having done no more than you have for the colored people? Ever since their release from slavery, God has been appealing to you to help them. Yet how little has been done for them! *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 15*

Earnest efforts must be put forth to raise means to sustain our workers. God does not approve of sending men to the most difficult fields and then not giving them enough to sustain them. God calls for equality. The workers in our institutions have no right to grasp

for high wages, while there are those laboring in the field who are suffering because there is not sufficient money in the treasury to sustain them. *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 16*

The question has been asked, "Would it not be well to pay men of ability wages that are in accordance with their experience and ability, so as to secure the very best talent?" The most valuable workers that can be secured for service in the cause of God are those who understand and obey the Word, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*] Justice, mercy, and the love of God are to be brought more decidedly into our work. *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 17*

God bids me say to this people, "You have left your first love. You have left many fields unworked, and yet you appear to feel perfectly at ease." Will you heed the instruction that God is sending you, and will you work upon it? God desires His work to be carried forward on solid lines. He does not want one part of His vineyard to be left destitute of facilities, while to another part many facilities are gathered. *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 18*

All that is done is to be carefully done. The standing of the Sanitarium is to be carefully examined. God's people are to understand just how it is to be conducted. It is to be managed by men whose feet are firmly planted on the platform of eternal truth, so that the helpers connected with the Sanitarium shall be taught how to present the gospel to people in their words and deportment. *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 19*

If the workers believe the truth and are in living connection with the God of heaven, Christ will appear in their lives, and souls will be won to Him. *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 20*

We need to understand what our conferences are held for, whether to talk over a few preliminaries or to set our souls in order before God, that when we return to the work, we may carry right principles into our churches and institutions. When we remember constantly that God has taken us into covenant relation with Himself, our work in connection with His churches and institutions will be of such a character that He can say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant." [*Matthew 25:23.*] Do we not all want to hear these

words?*18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 21*

We are not to tie up our means so that it cannot be used in missionary enterprises. We are to help the fields in which the people know nothing of the truth. Those who go to these fields are to be missionaries in every sense of the word. No one man is to carry the work by himself. The different workers with their varied gifts are to be linked together. Let none say, We cannot do anything, because a certain brother is determined to do a special work. We are not all to take hold of the same lever. There are many different levers to be worked.*18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 22*

God wants us to receive the holy oil from the two anointed ones, “which through the two golden branches empty the golden oil out of themselves.” [*Zechariah 4:12.*] And as we receive the holy oil, we are to go forth for the saving of those who are ready to die. But let us not forget that different methods are to be employed to save different ones. “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.” [*Jude 22, 23.*]*18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 23*

When the work is done that should be done in our cities, we shall not have to present the needs of this work before every conference that assembles. You will have a wonderful testimony to bear regarding the way the Lord has blessed you as you have tried to follow His instructions.*18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 24*

These things are before me day and night. I pray that our conference presidents shall be very careful how they sanction this move or that move until they are sure that it is according to the will of the Lord. If you are not sure whether by sanctioning these moves you are helping or hindering the work of God, I beg of you to fall on your knees before God in prayer, and seek Him until you find out.*18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 25*

Do not cut off any man’s hands. I once read of a drowning man who was making desperate efforts to get into a boat close beside him. But the boat was full, and as he grasped the side, those in the boat cut off his hand. Then he grasped the boat with the other hand, and that hand was cut off. Then he grasped it with his teeth, and those

inside had mercy on him, and lifted him in. But how much better it would have been if they had taken him in before they had cut off his hands. *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 26*

My brethren, do not cut a man to pieces before you do anything to help him. God wants us to have hearts of pity. He wants us to have reason and judgment and the sanctification of His Spirit. He is in earnest with us. We are but His little children, and we should ever be learning of Him. Do not stand in the way of others. Do not lose your first love. You may have much knowledge and much intelligence, but if the love of God is lacking, you are not prepared to enter heaven. *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 27*

I have given you the instruction that has been presented to me. I felt constrained to speak those words this morning. I beg of you, for Christ's sake, to remember the words, "Ye are laborers together with God." [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] Alone, you can do no good thing. Let the Spirit of God guide and control you, and you will be rich in thoughts and suggestions. You will know how to plan and work intelligently. "Ye are God's husbandry; ye are God's building." [*Verse 9.*] Then act as if you were. *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 28*

These are the words that last night I was speaking to the people. May God give us a fresh baptism of His Holy Spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 22, 1903, par. 29*



## Ms 23, 1903

“Prove All Things”

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“There shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.” [*Daniel 12:1-3.*]*18LtMs, Ms 23, 1903, par. 1*

There are battles to be fought. The church militant is not the church triumphant. Let not those who teach the Word of God rest their faith upon any human being.*18LtMs, Ms 23, 1903, par. 2*

“Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write: These things saith He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks. I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil, and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles and are not, and hast found them liars; and hast borne, and hast patience, and for My name’s sake hast labored, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly; and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.” [*Revelation 2:1-5.*]*18LtMs, Ms 23, 1903, par. 3*

This is the message that God sends to His people. Do not flippantly turn from it. It is given by One who has authority. John writes of Him: “And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; and in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the

paps with a golden girdle. His head and His hair were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire; and His feet like unto fine brass, as if they were burned in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters. And He had in His hand seven stars; and out of His mouth went a sharp twoedged sword." [Revelation 1:12-16.] *18LtMs, Ms 23, 1903, par. 4*

"He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand." [Revelation 2:1.] The ministers of Christ are under His special care and protection. It is the honor of God that He knows the number of the stars, His ministers, and calls them by name. The ministers of the gospel are a greater blessing to the church than the stars are to the world. It is through His ministers that God makes known His will. He directs them in their work; for He declares, They are laborers together with Me. Christ has given them their commission, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:19, 20.] They are to carry to the world the last message of mercy. *18LtMs, Ms 23, 1903, par. 5*

We need to study at this time the *tenth chapter of First Corinthians*. Speaking of the Israelites, Paul says, "But with many of them God was not well pleased; for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted." [Verses 5, 6.] After an enumeration of the sins of Israel and the results of these sins, the statement is made, "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." [Verses 11, 12.] *18LtMs, Ms 23, 1903, par. 6*

Let us guard against self-sufficiency and unbelief. Most wonderfully had the Israelites been preserved in their journeyings through the wilderness. Most wonderfully had God manifested His power in their behalf. This crude, undisciplined army was very precious in God's sight. *18LtMs, Ms 23, 1903, par. 7*

At the Red Sea they were placed in what seemed to them a hopeless position. Their experience at this place was ordered by the Lord, to lead them to trust Him, even when brought into trying places. *18LtMs, Ms 23, 1903, par. 8*

“But with some of them God was not pleased.” [Verse 5.] Notwithstanding the miracles God had wrought in their behalf, they lost faith in His leading. They forgot the great things He had done for them and murmured and complained when brought into strait places. *18LtMs, Ms 23, 1903, par. 9*

## Ms 24, 1903

The Trial Volume of the *Review*

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I fear that our ministering brethren are not doing the work that the time demands. Special efforts are being made in the trial volume of the *Review* to present our faith in a condensed form before its readers. Every number of the paper going to so many people should correctly represent our faith. Articles are needed that will place before the readers a comprehensive view of our position. The different points of faith are to be clearly defined. *18LtMs, Ms 24, 1903, par. 1*

The publication of this trial volume is an important enterprise. The most should be made of the opportunity to awaken in the minds of the readers of the *Review* an interest in the truths we hold essential and sacred. Many numbers of the trial volume have been published. There are not many more to be issued. Soon the golden opportunity to present important truths at the right time will have passed. The most should be made of this opportunity. Articles right to the point should be published, clearly and correctly defining our position. Impressions, either favorable or unfavorable, are being made upon the readers. How anxious all should be who contribute to the *Review* to have every article interesting and right to the point. *18LtMs, Ms 24, 1903, par. 2*

My husband has worked with intense interest through the day and frequently far into the night, writing articles for the *Review*, *The Reformer*, preparing articles for translation into other languages, and answering numerous letters that come to him in regard to the work and cause of God. *18LtMs, Ms 24, 1903, par. 3*

We have walked to the post office after dark for our mail, and after reading it, my husband would that same night answer the letters he

had received which required immediate attention. This prolonged his work far into the night. And then before breakfast, while it was yet scarcely light, we would take the letters through the rain to the post office. The weeks seemed to us to be not more than three days long. *18LtMs, Ms 24, 1903, par. 4*

I have hoped and prayed that our ministering brethren would awake to the needs of the cause of God and work to the point, co-operating with my husband and feeling the same interest in the work that he feels. I do not advise them to put forth the intense, continuous effort that he has put forth, but I do plead for co-operation. *18LtMs, Ms 24, 1903, par. 5*

We are pained to see the time passing and so little done. Many of our brethren seem to be overlooking the needs of the present time. Our ministers should work as if they had on their hands the interest and responsibilities of a large camp-meeting, each doing his part to make the best impression on the people, placing our views before them in such a way as to commend our faith to their good judgment. *18LtMs, Ms 24, 1903, par. 6*

We see with pain some of the columns of the *Review* filled with common matter that may be found in almost any religious paper. Brother Smith is doing all that he can, and he should not be so heavily taxed. God is co-operating with him. He needs the co-operation of his brethren. He has responsibilities to bear that they have not. *18LtMs, Ms 24, 1903, par. 7*

We need just now articles from the pens of our most experienced brethren—the best articles that they can produce. If enough of these articles are sent in for publication, there will be less room for common articles, which do not give any instruction regarding our faith. Some of our ministering brethren are doing enough work for two, but they are not working directly to the point. Deep, studied articles, which require considerable time for preparation, will be too late for the present need. *18LtMs, Ms 24, 1903, par. 8*

### **Working as Christ Worked**

We may do much in a short time if we will work as Christ worked.

We may reflect with profit upon His manner of teaching. He sought to meet the minds of the common people. His style was plain, simple, comprehensive. He took His illustrations from the scenes with which His hearers were most familiar. By the things of nature He illustrated truths of eternal importance, thus connecting heaven and earth. *18LtMs, Ms 24, 1903, par. 9*

If we had firm faith in God, if we appropriated His promises to ourselves, mingling faith with our prayers and efforts, we would surely see the salvation of God. "All things are possible to him that believeth." [*Mark 9:23.*]*18LtMs, Ms 24, 1903, par. 10*

In the work for this time, it is not money or talent or learning or eloquence that are needed so much as faith graced with humility. No opposition can prevail against truth presented in faith and humility, by workers who willingly bear toil and sacrifice and reproach for the Master's sake. We must be co-workers with Christ if we would see our efforts crowned with success. We must weep as He wept for those who will not weep for themselves, and plead as He pleaded for those who will not plead for themselves. *18LtMs, Ms 24, 1903, par. 11*

In giving His commission to the disciples, Christ said: "As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." [*John 20:21.*] "In My name I send you forth, and by My Spirit I will qualify you for service." And as He sent His disciples forth, so today He sends forth His ministers. They are His shepherds! It is their work to feed the flock of God with meat in due season. They may feel weak, inefficient, powerless; but if they make God their strength, He will work with them, and they will not labor in vain. They should feel that it is not a deceptive, unreal work in which they are engaged. It is not a work in which they will never know whether or not they have gained success. God said to Jeremiah: "Say not, I am a child; for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee, thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces; for I am with thee to deliver thee." Then the Lord put forth His hand, and touched His servant's mouth, and said to him, "Behold, I have put My words in thy mouth." [*Jeremiah 1:7-9.*] Let us thank God for such encouragement. *18LtMs, Ms 24, 1903, par. 12*

The closest and most lofty of all friendship is participation with Christ in His work for the uplifting of humanity. We are not to go forth in our own strength. Not in our own ability, but in the wisdom of God are we to trust. We are to speak the words that God gives us, feeling His holy touch upon our lips. *18LtMs, Ms 24, 1903, par. 13*

Christ said to His disciples, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." [*John 14:15.*] He desired to make His disciples understand that mere attachment to His person is not enough. They must have faith in the work that He came to do. "If ye indeed love Me," He says to them and to us, "show your love by keeping My commandments, by doing the work you have seen Me do, by putting into practice the lessons I have taught you. Then your love will not be merely emotional; it will be a permanent principle of action. It will bring forth fruit unto life eternal. The loving will make the doing easy." *18LtMs, Ms 24, 1903, par. 14*

"Ye are My friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." [*John 15:14.*] This is the test of friendship with Christ. It is not enough for us to know His will; we must obey. *18LtMs, Ms 24, 1903, par. 15*

Christ's last words to His disciples were: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." [*Matthew 28:20, 19.*] "Go to the farthest bounds of the habitable globe, and know that wherever you go, My presence will attend you." No more valuable legacy could He have left them than the promise of His abiding presence. *18LtMs, Ms 24, 1903, par. 16*

To us also the commission is given. We are bidden to go forth as Christ's messengers, to teach, instruct, and persuade men and women, to urge upon their attention the Word of life. And to us also the assurance of Christ's abiding presence is given. Whatever the difficulties with which we may have to contend, whatever the trials we may have to endure, the gracious promise is always ours, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [*Verse 20.*] *18LtMs, Ms 24, 1903, par. 17*

So great is the value of the human soul that Christ paid an infinite price for the redemption of the race. God gave His Son up to shame and reproach and to an ignominious death that man might have eternal life. In view of this, why are we not working more earnestly

to save sinners? Why are we so indifferent, so careless? Where is our faith, where our works?*18LtMs, Ms 24, 1903, par. 18*



## Ms 25, 1903

Words of Counsel

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“Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily; therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.” [*Ecclesiastes 8:11*.] Why does not the long forbearance of God soften the heart of the evil worker? The evil worker knows better than any one but himself how much guilt of the soul is still retained, how much evil is still practiced. In many ways the guilty soul builds itself up in assurance. In the *second chapter of Revelation* we read of first love forsaken. “Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write: These things saith He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil; and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: and hast borne, and hast patience, and for My name’s sake hast labored, and hast not fainted.” Here are good qualities that Christ accredits to the ones whom He reproveth. He adds, “Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou hast fallen, and repent, and do the first works, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.” [*Verses 1-5*.] *18LtMs, Ms 25, 1903, par. 1*

This is a decided message, bearing upon those who are in the church, acknowledged as believers, yet have left their first love. *18LtMs, Ms 25, 1903, par. 2*

“I have many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.” [*John 16:12*.] These were the words of Christ to His disciples on one occasion. I repeat the same to you, my brethren. The time has now come when I must speak to the people with my pen, and this will concern all decidedly. *18LtMs, Ms 25, 1903, par. 3*

Dr. Kellogg has been warned that he was weakening his physical and mental capabilities by embracing so much. As the Sanitarium is now located in Battle Creek, there is presented to me a very clear picture of the result of gathering students to a school in Battle Creek. By His judgments, God has revealed His displeasure at the way in which matters have been carried in the Sanitarium and in the general management. There has not been a pure, fragrant, wholesome religious influence. The Lord does not design that the Sanitarium at Battle Creek shall be the center of education, drawing students to a place where He has evidenced that His judgments will be executed. *18LtMs, Ms 25, 1903, par. 4*

No arrangements should be made to gather a large number of students at any one place. For just as surely as this is done, the stamp of the educator's mold will be imparted to the students' mind and character. If the mind of the teacher is radical, or if it is not complete, where it ought to be perfect through Christ Jesus, the students will show the defective stamp. *18LtMs, Ms 25, 1903, par. 5*

There should be companies organized and educated most thoroughly to work as nurses, as evangelists, as ministers, as canvassers, as gospel students, to perfect a character after the divine similitude. To prepare to receive the higher education in the school above is now to be our purpose. *18LtMs, Ms 25, 1903, par. 6*

As far as his relation to the present truth is concerned, Brother John Kellogg is not now standing correctly. "I have overthrown some of you as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning; yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord." [*Amos 4:11.*] *18LtMs, Ms 25, 1903, par. 7*

I have been under a great burden for many months. I see that since the General Conference of 1901, the people of God have not heeded the appeals and the testimony given at that Conference. The Lord presented before all the people assembled the word of reproof and counsel. The Lord says to the managers of our conferences, and especially to the managers of our sanitariums and publishing houses: Why did you not heed the cautions and counsels I sent you? Why did you dismiss from your minds the subjects which required from you thoughtful consideration, much contrition of

soul, deep repentance, and much earnest prayer? Why did you not take these serious matters and make application of them to your own souls? Why were all these demonstrations of the Lord in your behalf passed by as if they had been idle tales?*18LtMs, Ms 25, 1903, par. 8*

Christ, standing at the head of the human family, His divinity clothed with humanity, bids us, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." [*Matthew 5:48.*] How can we attain to such a high elevation? Our Saviour does not ask us to do impossibilities. He never gives a command without furnishing the power to obey. "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even as many as believe on His name." [*John 1:11, 12.*]*18LtMs, Ms 25, 1903, par. 9*

God knows that every lesson He has given us it is possible for us to bring into our life practice. And He confers upon us the most holy privilege and invests us with a high dignity. "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." [*2 Peter 1:4-8.*]*18LtMs, Ms 25, 1903, par. 10*

The charge given in (*Matthew 5:43-48*) is presented to us as a phase of Christian perfection to be manifest in our course of action. In the principles of our words and spirit and all our works we are to be imitators of God as dear children. Will our brethren search and see if they are clean and refined in spirit, as gold tried in the fire? The Word of God is our standard of Christian perfection.*18LtMs, Ms 25, 1903, par. 11*

I must leave much unsaid; but I am distinctly instructed that unless there is a thorough change, answering to the true conversion that is

a demonstrated fact, your influence will be null and void in the service of God. It is a fearful position, to be misrepresenting Christ's character. He is our Pattern, and if we fail of representing Him—if we reason and argue and threaten and intimidate—we are far, very far, from being worked by the Holy Spirit. We deprive ourselves of the transforming power of the true, perfect Model and deprive others of the benefit of seeing in us a perfect example. *18LtMs, Ms 25, 1903, par. 12*

We shall be judged for failing to be the light of the world, failing to avail ourselves of the precious power that Christ has promised us. If we would believe in Him, He would bestow upon us power to become the sons of God. It is perfect submission that puts us in possession of the power to represent the character of Christ in correct principles. We are, every one, called to be His representatives, His children by spiritual regeneration. We are to be His sons by the assimilation of His character, by practical conformity to His words and His works. It is thus that Christ's purpose for us is fulfilled, "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven." [*Verse 45.*] *18LtMs, Ms 25, 1903, par. 13*

I have words to say that it is my duty to speak before Dr. Kellogg, face to face. You are not accepted of God as an instructor of youth in Bible doctrines. Your feet are not on solid rock. Your faith is introduced into your teachings; and while it may be done in such a way as not to be clearly discerned, the true faith of our people is not understood and maintained by you. You do not understand Bible truth. You are departing from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits. Our youth would not receive from you that soul-saving education which would prepare them for admission into the kingdom of God. *18LtMs, Ms 25, 1903, par. 14*

Your being Dr. Kellogg does not insure your salvation. Saith God, "Them that honor Me, I will honor." [*1 Samuel 2:30.*] An open-hearted avowal of your faith would not place you in a favorable position. I must state that in spirit, your life practice is not Christian. Your denouncing power God does not sanction. *18LtMs, Ms 25, 1903, par. 15*

## Ms 26, 1903

Regarding Work of General Conference

Oakland, California

April 3, 1903

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There is need of a most earnest, thorough work to be now carried forward in all our churches. We are now to understand whether all our printing plants and all our sanitariums are to be under the control of the General Conference. I answer, Nay. It has been a necessity to organize Union Conferences, that the General Conference shall not exercise dictation over all the separate Conferences. The power vested in the Conference is not to be centered in one man, or two men, or six men; there is to be a council of men over the separate divisions. *18LtMs, Ms 26, 1903, par. 1*

The showing by the past leadership of the Conference is not after God's order. There has been a work done of a character that has not been approved of God. The result we have before us in the ruins where once stood that large printing plant with its expensive facilities. *18LtMs, Ms 26, 1903, par. 2*

The divine statutes have been set aside. The time will soon come when God will vindicate His insulted authority. "The Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity, and the earth shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." [*Isaiah 26:21.*] "But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth?" [*Malachi 3:2.*]*18LtMs, Ms 26, 1903, par. 3*

In the work of God no kingly authority is to be exercised by any human being, or by two or three. The representatives of the Conference, as it has been carried with authority for the last twenty years, shall be no longer justified in saying, "The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we." [*Jeremiah 7:4.*] The men in positions of trust have not been carrying the work wisely. *18LtMs, Ms 26,*

*1903, par. 4*

The Lord calls for wise men to preside over His work and to be faithful shepherds of His flock. He has a work to be done in every city. The General Conference has fallen into strange ways, and we have reason to marvel that judgment has not fallen, showing, “by terrible things in righteousness,” that God is not a man that He should lie. [*Psalm 65:5.*]18*LtMs, Ms 26, 1903, par. 5*

## Ms 27, 1903

Talk/Our Helper

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Wednesday, March 25, 1903

Talk in Pacific Press Chapel

What we need at the beginning of this Conference is to know that we are standing on vantage ground, that we believe every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. By a word God can clear away all difficulties. When we approach Him, asking for a new heart, how quickly the response comes, "A new heart will I give you." [*Ezekiel 36:26.*] Let us at the very beginning of this meeting ask God to give us clean hearts. *18LtMs, Ms 27, 1903, par. 1*

Just as soon as we come together in unity, just as soon as we are willing to do the will of God, to lie passive in His hands, just so soon shall we have the life and light that comes from heaven. Heaven is full of this light and life, and what is it for if it is not for us? A whole heaven of blessing is ours if we will place ourselves in right relation with God. *18LtMs, Ms 27, 1903, par. 2*

"Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." [*1 Peter 2:1, 2.*] *18LtMs, Ms 27, 1903, par. 3*

What good are we unless we grow? We are dwarfed and stunted. We ought to know more tomorrow than we know today, and more the day after that than we shall know tomorrow. Day by day we are to gather up every ray of light that comes to us, because day by day we have to meet the powers of darkness. The enemy comes against us with tremendous force. In every possible way he tries to bring us into confusion, so that we shall not understand the will of

God. *18LtMs, Ms 27, 1903, par. 4*

“Laying aside all malice and all guile.” [*Verse 1.*] Let men think what they will of you. Do not allow their accusations to turn you from the path of duty. You have a mark to reach—the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ. Press on, turning not to the right hand or the left. The enemy will assail you, but remember that One mightier than Satan is with you and will fight for you. Christ has “all power,” and that power is for us. [*Matthew 28:18.*] *18LtMs, Ms 27, 1903, par. 5*

What a wonderful lesson there is in these words for teachers and leaders. It is necessary for them to lay aside all malice and all guile in order that they may receive the precious things of the Word of God. *18LtMs, Ms 27, 1903, par. 6*

“If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.” [*1 Peter 2:3.*] Have you tasted that He is gracious? I believe that every one present this morning has and that we can all say, “He is my strength and my crown of rejoicing.” *18LtMs, Ms 27, 1903, par. 7*

I often think of something I once read about an eagle. The eagle was in a thick fog and flew hither and thither in the effort to escape. Suddenly, with a loud scream it darted upward through the fog to the light beyond. This is a lesson for us. We are not to dwell in the darkness, talking of our difficulties and troubles. There is light beyond. Let us rise to where it is; for it is for us. *18LtMs, Ms 27, 1903, par. 8*

“If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious” [*verse 3*]—not by having all your desires gratified, but perhaps by passing through affliction. And not only are we to taste; we are to feast on the Lord’s goodness. Do you hold constant communion with Him? Then you will find that He is gracious. Cast your helpless soul upon Him. Come to Him just as you are. Give up trying to help yourself. He is the great Helper. He will help us just as surely as we trust Him. *18LtMs, Ms 27, 1903, par. 9*

I have to pray and trust constantly. For hours in the night season I plead with God, walking the floor, and stretching my hands to heaven, crying for help. Affliction comes to me like a man armed,



and it seems as if the powers of darkness would take my life, but God preserves me and brings me out of trouble.*18LtMs, Ms 27, 1903, par. 10*

Let us never forget that God has every day some “better thing” for us. [*Hebrews 11:40.*] He will help us if we will help ourselves; but “we are laborers together with God.” [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] O how this assurance has cheered my heart in time of difficulty and perplexity!*18LtMs, Ms 27, 1903, par. 11*

## Ms 28, 1903

The Southern Work

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We must work up the fields in the South. The people from the cold climates must not confine their labors long at a time in the most malarious districts. *18LtMs, Ms 28, 1903, par. 1*

In Nashville there should be established as soon as possible a printing plant and a sanitarium and a school out of the city. These will have to be small at the start, and facilities added as means shall be received from donations, but in no case run into debt. Do your work on a sure basis. There must be small books published at little cost and larger as the needs of the field may demand. *18LtMs, Ms 28, 1903, par. 2*

In the publishing work in the South it will be well not to depend on the Tract Societies in the circulation and sale of books. Every time others come into the handling of books it cuts away the profits that you need to use in making more books. Handle the books yourselves and obtain your canvassers yourselves. *18LtMs, Ms 28, 1903, par. 3*

I understand that you intend that the colored work in the South will be your first interest. Well, work away. But you must get out a class of books with many object lessons, for the colored people must see a thing before they understand it. Small books must be distributed freely. Many must be given away, but sell all you can at a small price, and then create a fund from those who will give to help the work. *18LtMs, Ms 28, 1903, par. 4*

When once started, the Lord will open many methods for securing means that are now unseen. You must move by faith, and work by faith, and plan by faith. The Lord will increase the talents of those who are disposed to work. *18LtMs, Ms 28, 1903, par. 5*

The publishing at Nashville will have to be done in a way to meet the needs of the very ones for whom you are laboring. Everything must be plain, simple, and illustrated. Inexpensive illustrations are as good for this field as the more expensive work. Cheap, simple books must be issued, and a fund must be raised by donations so that small books may be given away where needed. *18LtMs, Ms 28, 1903, par. 6*

The South is a world of its own, and publishing should be done in the field. Without proper books to put into the hands of the people, talking and preaching will lose the hold on the mind. But if proper reading matter can be placed in their hands, so that they can read the truth and see the pictures accompanying the reading matter, it will stay in the mind and have convincing power. Then other and larger books should be issued to meet the needs of the better-educated classes. Our people should take hold to raise a fund to establish and equip this office at Nashville, just as they did for the office at Oakland, California, and as they have done for so many of the other institutions in the North. *18LtMs, Ms 28, 1903, par. 7*

There is a vast amount of work to be done in Nashville and vicinity. Workers can go into the suburbs and do excellent work. *18LtMs, Ms 28, 1903, par. 8*

There must be sanitariums in Nashville, one for the whites and one for the colored people. This will make the work more expensive, but its importance cannot be estimated. *18LtMs, Ms 28, 1903, par. 9*

## Ms 29, 1903

The Southern Work

NP

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When Edson's letters presented the work that he was doing in the Southern field by his boat, used as a meeting house; and when he told of the gathering of the children for Sunday school, and of the invitations he received to hold meetings, and of the souls who were becoming interested in these meetings, and of the naked to be clothed and the sick to be helped, and nothing in the way of means to carry forward the work, the work that should be done was presented to me in the night season. Not only was the field presented to me, in which he was at work, but several places where he would be called in the providence of God to work. The eager faces, the earnest desire, the hunger of soul expressed were before me, and I said, "What can we do for this people that are now so interested, when the situation is so discouraging?" *18LtMs, Ms 29, 1903, par. 1*

My Guide said, "This work will be sowing seed for time and for eternity." And then the instruction was given, "The angels of the Lord will go before him. He will be accounted out of line. But many ought to be out of the lines that have been maintained to be the regular routine, and unless they themselves come into line, they will say, 'The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we.' [*Jeremiah 7:4.*] Unless that temple is purified, cleansed, sanctified, God will not give them His presence in the temple of which they boast. The whole world needs to be worked, but not after the present principles. Fear not. Speak encouragingly. I have put it into the hearts of those who will come to the aid of your son. Behold, the possessions of the world are Mine. There are no territorial lines; there are no boundaries to be made. Present to the churches the true state of the long-neglected field, the long-neglected portion of My vineyard. There are hearts that will be touched and will respond. Call for means to come directly to the workers in the Southern field.

I will impress hearts. Say to the workers there and to the leader J. E. White, he will be sorely tried, he will be sorely tried, but he must speak cautiously, and silence is eloquence. When there is not heed given to My words, how will they heed or respect his words? Contempt, envy, jealousy, and a great lack of principle have been the coin that have been laid out with interest; but My words have been neglected and despised.”*18LtMs, Ms 29, 1903, par. 2*

I then wrote the first appeal that was published in the *Review*, and the result is made known. I have inquired again and again what became of that more than eleven thousand dollars raised. I had been directed to make the appeal; I ought to know. But it was out of sight and touch. The very portion of the field where there was a mind to begin to work were the very places that means were to be appropriated.*18LtMs, Ms 29, 1903, par. 3*

I was directed to speak in behalf of the places presented before, where nothing had been done or would be done unless the field had begun to be worked as it has been. At later date I was in great perplexity. The situation was again presented, and the urgency of occupying the fields that were presented to me, then being worked under the supervision of God, using Edson White as His agency to open the field. But there were no others that would think of touching that portion of the field or would engage in working it. Those who should have rejoiced to see something done were determined to give no recognition to Edson White or the work, because he did not work in the regular lines. God has presented before you how He regarded the regular lines. The regular lines had need to be broken as a potter’s vessel is broken and reconstructed, and the men in responsible positions converted heart, soul, and body. In short, the words spoken to Nicodemus were spoken to those who were handling sacred things. Nicodemus spoke words of praise and appreciation of Christ, but Christ answered, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” [*John 3:3.*] “That which is born of flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto you, Ye must be born again.” [*Verses 6, 7.*] “Nicodemus answered and said unto Him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?” [*Verses 9, 10.*]*18LtMs, Ms 29, 1903, par. 4*

These are the words that Christ has spoken positively of those who have been standing in the most responsible positions in the management of the Review and Herald office. The men who have been voice and authority for years have been putting a misshapen mold upon the working of the cause, and the principles have been perverted. The words unto Nicodemus, I declare unto you today, is the Word of God for me to give unto the men in the Review and Herald office, as managers and directors and those who have been misshaping the work in supplying the means that should be carefully and appropriately supplied to opening of new fields. There has been such unbelief, such a fear to advance for the opening of new territory and uplifting the standard in new places. The call for the appropriation of money was to develop and carry on the work where it was so much needed. And when more than eleven thousand dollars was raised by the people all over the land in answer to the appeal that I made for the necessities of that part of the vineyard presented, the men who misappropriated that money for various places, leaving out the very field for which that money was raised, leave the records of unfaithful stewards in the books of heaven.*18LtMs, Ms 29, 1903, par. 5*

The Lord was doing a work with those engaged in the very portion of the field in which nothing has been done. Those who thought themselves wise said, "That is Edson White's work and we do not encourage it." Some mistakes were made in placing confidence in men who seemed worthy to be trusted, but who were not prepared to do as they would be done by. This is the trial that is to be met in all parts of the field that is to be worked. But the ignoring of a good work and treating with marked indifference for so long a time the work being done by J. E. White, which God approves and which bears His endorsement, was treating the Saviour with contempt. The disposing of means raised upon entirely different objects than that for which the means was raised stands registered in the books of heaven as a fraudulent action, and the principle that prompted such action needs to be wholly eradicated; the men who advised and acted a part in such transaction should not be trusted; they have put out their own spiritual eyesight and have become blind. The Lord would have every part of His work done with exactitude and fidelity. Had there been no other means or ways whereby Edson White could have managed, if it had not been for his book

interest and the help I gave him in his necessity, utter discouragement would have come on him and he would have had to leave the field. But the Lord said, "I will go before him," and as we look upon the field the results may be seen. But others have complained and sent their spirit of misrepresentation to imbue others, and it has grown to large proportions until one of the missionaries chosen of God was treated in a manner that was not after the principle of "do unto others as you would that they shall do unto you." [*Matthew 7:12.*] *18LtMs, Ms 29, 1903, par. 6*

The matter of the *Gospel Primer* needs to be healed. Those concerned in this transaction should cleanse away from the soul the impurities of sentiment and principle that should never have existed. The spirit that led to such actions needs to be repented of then forever forsaken before the sin will be blotted out. It is not money value that I refer to in the matter of healing, but it is also the matter of conversion of heart and soul and spirit; it is the principle to deal justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God. *18LtMs, Ms 29, 1903, par. 7*

## Ms 30, 1903

### Instruction Regarding the Establishment of Institutions

NP

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Some matters have been presented to me which I regard of great importance. I wish to place this matter before the managers of our sanitariums and schools. *18LtMs, Ms 30, 1903, par. 1*

Our institutions should not be located in the cities. The influences of the city are of a demoralizing character. Our institutions should be established in places where land can be secured and beautified. Especially is this true in regard to our schools. The students should be removed from the evil sights and sounds of the cities. If possible, properties on which there already are suitable buildings or on which there are orchards in bearing should be purchased on which to establish schools. Then let vegetables and fruit be cultivated, that the tables may be supplied with food which is fresh and free from decay. The culture of strawberries and other small fruits should be carried on. *18LtMs, Ms 30, 1903, par. 2*

Our sanitariums also should be located in the country, and the grounds around the buildings should be beautified by ornamental trees, which will invite the patients to sit in their shade. *18LtMs, Ms 30, 1903, par. 3*

It is impossible to overrate the influence for good that these advantages exert. It is not pleasing to the Lord for those who believe present truth to establish themselves in the cities. The wise God is working on minds, leading people to see the advantage of leaving these congested centers and settling in the country. *18LtMs, Ms 30, 1903, par. 4*



Many properties have been presented to me on which buildings are already erected, and on which some improvements have already been made on the land. Although these may not in every particular be such as we would desire, yet the advisability of their purchase should be considered. Sometimes they may be so reduced in price, that we should take advantage of the opportunity to secure them.*18LtMs, Ms 30, 1903, par. 5*

It may sometimes be necessary to purchase a location in which there are no buildings or improvements. But we must guard against purchasing properties which may seem to be cheap, but on which the erection of buildings and the improvements that would have to be made would cost two or perhaps three times as much as was estimated. Thus through ignorance and miscalculation, a large debt would be contracted.*18LtMs, Ms 30, 1903, par. 6*

We are seeking to do something to advance the cause of present truth, and it is better for us, when possible, to purchase places—that can readily be prepared for work—on which buildings are already erected, rather than to purchase the bare land.*18LtMs, Ms 30, 1903, par. 7*

Often the money spent for the traveling expenses of men who are looking for favorable locations would better be saved and invested in the purchase of some place. Some are led too much by their own ideas and desires in regard to location.*18LtMs, Ms 30, 1903, par. 8*

In Los Angeles, capable men are needed who will carefully count the cost and use sound judgment in their calculations. The lack of experienced men has been a great disadvantage there. The work should not be managed by one man's mind or by one man's ideas. The Lord Himself has told how His work should be established, and all this hindrance need not have arisen.*18LtMs, Ms 30, 1903, par. 9*

It would be a mistake to build or purchase large buildings in the cities of Southern California. Those who seem to see such great advantages in so doing are without understanding.*18LtMs, Ms 30, 1903, par. 10*

There is a great work to be done in sounding the gospel message for this time in these large cities, but the fitting up of large buildings

for some apparently wonderful work has been a mistake. The Lord would have men walk humbly with Him. The message of warning should be sounded in the large, wicked cities, such as San Francisco. Well-equipped tent meetings should be held. San Francisco and Oakland are becoming as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the Lord will visit them. Nor far hence they will suffer under His judgments. *18LtMs, Ms 30, 1903, par. 11*

### **The Establishment of Restaurants**

God would have restaurants established in the cities. If properly managed, these will become missionary centers. In these restaurants, publications should be kept at hand, ready to present to those who patronize the restaurant. *18LtMs, Ms 30, 1903, par. 12*

The question often arises, Should these restaurants be kept open on the Sabbath? The answer is, "No, no." The Sabbath is our mark and sign and should not become obliterated. I have recently had special light upon this subject. Efforts will be made to keep the restaurants open on Sabbath, but this should not be done. *18LtMs, Ms 30, 1903, par. 13*

I saw that some who patronize the restaurants have not proper self-control. On Sabbaths they will go to other restaurants and eat largely of meat and a great variety of other food and thereby receive injury. *18LtMs, Ms 30, 1903, par. 14*

Recently a scene was presented before me. I was in our restaurant in San Francisco. It was Friday, and the workers were busily engaged in putting up packages of such foods as could well be transported. A number of people stood waiting to receive these packages. I asked the meaning of this, and the workers said, Some of our patrons were much troubled because they could not get their meals here on the Sabbath. They told us of the injury their health would suffer, if they could not do this. They felt the benefit of the wholesome meals that they received here during the week and were loud in protest against being denied them on the Sabbath. The result you see. For those who desire it, we put up on Friday a simple lunch, enough to serve over the Sabbath, and this they take with them. *18LtMs, Ms 30, 1903, par. 15*

Should the work continue on the Sabbath, the same as on the other days of the week, when would the workers receive time for spiritual refreshing and physical rest? These things should be considered in the light of God's commandments. The Lord has said, "Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath through their generations, for it is a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed." [*Exodus 31:13-17.*]*18LtMs, Ms 30, 1903, par. 16*

We must hold to a plain, Thus saith the Lord, even though it cause great inconvenience to some who have no respect for the Sabbath. On one side is man's supposed necessity and opposition; on the other, God's commandment. Which will have the greatest force on our minds? Our restaurants are not to be opened on the Sabbath to all who shall come, or to a few. Every one who is employed is to be assured that he will have the Sabbath as a day of rest on which to honor and serve God. The closed doors of our restaurants on the Sabbath are to stand as a memorial, that all may know that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord, and that in it no unnecessary work is to be done. The Lord has commanded that the baking and seething be done on the sixth day. Food for the Sabbath should be prepared the day before.*18LtMs, Ms 30, 1903, par. 17*

On the Sabbath, God rested from the work of creation and was refreshed. He blessed the day of His rest and has made it obligatory upon man to keep the Sabbath. This command of God should be sacredly observed.*18LtMs, Ms 30, 1903, par. 18*

Not all who profess to be followers of Christ are exemplary Sabbath keepers, but may God help us to reform! All should read the

commandments of God and plant their feet firmly upon the platform of obedience. *18LtMs, Ms 30, 1903, par. 19*

## Ms 31, 1903

Lessons From the *Third Chapter of First John*

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I awake at half-past eleven, unable to sleep longer. I have been deeply impressed to write to our people who have received such great light. I entreat them to heed the admonition, "Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you." "He that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth." [*John 12:35.*]18LtMs, Ms 31, 1903, par. 1

The *third chapter of First John* means much to every human being. It contains instruction that all should comprehend. John says, "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not; whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him neither known Him. Little children, let no man deceive you; he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous." [*Verses 1-7.*]18LtMs, Ms 31, 1903, par. 2

In these words the truth is plainly stated. If it were not possible for us to live without sin, these words would not have been written. They are recorded that we may not carelessly allow ourselves to continue in sin. Let us walk in the light of the living God.18LtMs, Ms

“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him, and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil; whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother’s righteous. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer; and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.” [*Verses 8-15.*]18LtMs, Ms 31, 1903, par. 4

Shall we not receive this instruction, and profit by the statements that it contains? What wonderful love the Lord has revealed in behalf of the sinful race!18LtMs, Ms 31, 1903, par. 5

“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world’s goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment, That we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment. And he that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him, and He in him. And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us.” [*Verses 16-24.*]18LtMs, Ms 31, 1903, par. 6

If we should commit these words to memory so that we could always think of them, would it not bring great blessing to us? We shall be without excuse if we continue in sin. It is possible for us to be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Let us think of the greatness of the privilege presented to us, the privilege of being sons and daughters of God. Let us seize the possibility held out before us. In our behalf Christ laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown and stepped down from His high command. He clothed His divinity with humanity, that, standing at the head of humanity, He might reveal what human beings could become by receiving the power that He came to give. John declares, "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name; which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, ... full of grace and truth." [*John 1:12-14.*] *18LtMs, Ms 31, 1903, par. 7*

Christ is the light of the world. Those who do not receive and honor Him, acknowledging Him as their Saviour, their Redeemer, able to save to the uttermost all who come to Him, lose their hope of restoration to God's favor. They lose the precious advantage which they might have by receiving the knowledge that Christ came to give. He is the light of the world, shining amidst moral darkness. He came to give men a representation of God. He presented to them new motives, laying them under new obligations. *18LtMs, Ms 31, 1903, par. 8*

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Let our youth, the students in our schools and sanitariums, and the workers in our printing offices study the *third chapter of First John*. The instructors in our schools and sanitariums and those in charge of our publishing houses need its instruction. I am instructed to present it to them and to say to them, Take heed to yourselves. Show your faith in this chapter. Practice its teachings. Show to the youth in your care the wonderful possibility before them, the possibility of becoming sons and daughters of God, the possibility of walking uprightly in a crooked and perverse generation, showing the contrast between the principles of Christ and the principles of

Satan. Remember that the teaching you give these youth has much to do with their present and future happiness. Show them that you are learning of Christ His meekness and lowliness, and that this makes His yoke easy to bear and His burden easy to carry. Thus you can be witnesses for God, testifying in the daily life to the power of His grace, showing that every moment of your life you have the Saviour's keeping power, because you faithfully perform your service to God, as a pleasure, not as a task. Place in your censers the sacred fire of God's own kindling. Beware that you use not common fire. Never speak one harsh, passionate word. One rash, ill-advised word may prove the ruin of a soul. By such words the worst passions of the quick-tempered are stirred into resistance. Speak as Christ spoke. This will have a strong influence on the youth, leading them to speak courteously and respectfully. Remember that you have hereditary and cultivated tendencies that must be kept under control. The character must daily be refined, sanctified, purified. *18LtMs, Ms 31, 1903, par. 9*

Love for God should lead us to find true enjoyment in learning and doing His will. Thus we become every day better prepared to be overcomers, examples of the power that heavenly grace has to uplift and ennoble human beings. Christ was tempted in all points like as we are, yet He overcome. And today He waits to hear and answer the earnest requests of His children for the grace that will enable them to overcome. *18LtMs, Ms 31, 1903, par. 10*

Be polite to those with whom you come in contact. Thus you will be polite to God. Praise Him for His goodness. Thus you are witnesses for Him, and you are preparing for the society of the angels. You are learning <in this world> how to conduct yourselves in the family of Christ in heaven. *18LtMs, Ms 31, 1903, par. 11*

Lose no time in becoming acquainted with the principles that the children of God must follow. We are here to copy the character of Christ, to become familiar with His gentleness, His lowliness. This will place us where our record will be, "Ye are complete in Him." [*Colossians 2:10.*] By patience, kindness, forbearance, we are to show that we are not of the world, that day by day we are learning the lessons that will fit us to enter the higher school. When God's redeemed ones are called to heaven, they will not leave behind the



advancement they have made in this life by beholding Christ. They will go on, learning more and still more of God. They will carry their spiritual attainments into the courts above, leaving nothing of heavenly origin in this world. As the books of heaven are opened, each overcomer is assigned his lot and place in heaven, in accordance with the advancement he has made in this life. *18LtMs, Ms 31, 1903, par. 12*

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The sons and daughters of God are led to persevere in the work of overcoming by the daily realization that they need to be taught by the Holy Spirit the good and righteous way. No sham work enters into their service. Every day they realize that they must hold fast the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end. When one deviates from the right way, the Holy Spirit, working on his mind, leads him to confess his error, so that others will be warned against the same mistake. No one is to feel that his position is so exalted that he must not acknowledge his faults, lest others place a low estimate upon him. If a mistake has been made, it must be corrected. The higher the office of trust occupied by him who has made a mistake, the more deeply should he feel his obligation to confess his error, that others may not be led astray. *18LtMs, Ms 31, 1903, par. 13*

It is for this reason that the Lord caused the history of patriarchs and prophets—their mistakes and failures, as well as their victories over sin—to be recorded. He would show us that errors and mistakes are not to be passed over as something not to be noticed. The best of men have erred, under great provocation. Provoked by the unbelief of the children of Israel, Moses lost his self-control, and smiting the rock in anger and impatience, said, “Shall we bring you water out of this rock?” [*Numbers 20:10.*] It was God’s design that Moses should represent His character to the people, that through Moses His name should be glorified. It was a sad departure from right for Moses thus to give way to impatience. He repented, and confessed his sin, and the Lord forgave him; but he was not permitted to enter the promised land. *18LtMs, Ms 31, 1903, par. 14*

This sorrowful experience has been recorded for our admonition. Will the leaders of God’s people study the lesson that it contains?

Will they realize that God wants them to stand before the world unspotted and unstained by sin, that others may not be led astray by regarding their faults as virtues?*18LtMs, Ms 31, 1903, par. 15*

Of all men, those who have been trusted and honored by the Lord, those who have been given special service, should be circumspect in word and deed. Every word, every action, should reveal the purity of truth and equity. When men become lifted up with pride because the Lord has favored them, when they say and do that which is unworthy of their high position, when they pass on without showing repentance, without confessing their wrong, they dishonor God. Never should a man in a position of trust be too proud to make the acknowledgment, "I have erred." The least he can do, after he has sinned, is to show his sorrow and repentance. Men who do this will be honored by God, even though they make mistakes.*18LtMs, Ms 31, 1903, par. 16*

## Ms 32, 1903

Found Wanting

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Our position in the world is not what it should be. We are far from what we would have been had our Christian experience been in harmony with the light and the opportunities given us, had we from the beginning constantly pressed onward and upward. Had we walked in the light that has been given us, had we followed on to know the Lord, our path would have grown brighter and brighter. But many of those who have had special light are so conformed to the world that they can scarcely be distinguished from worldlings. They do not stand forth as God's peculiar people, chosen and precious. It is difficult to discern between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not. *18LtMs, Ms 32, 1903, par. 1*

In the balances of the sanctuary the Seventh-day Adventist church must be weighed. She will be judged by the privileges and advantages that she has had. If her spiritual experience does not correspond to the advantages that Christ, at an infinite cost, has bestowed on her; if the blessings conferred have not qualified her to do the work entrusted to her, on her will be pronounced the sentence, "found wanting." [*Daniel 5:27.*] By the light bestowed, the opportunities given, will she be judged. *18LtMs, Ms 32, 1903, par. 2*

God has prepared joy, peace, love, and glorious triumph for all who serve Him in spirit and in truth. His commandment-keeping people are called and chosen to be in readiness every moment, to receive increased grace and power and increased knowledge of the Holy Spirit's working. Many are not now able to receive the precious gifts of the Spirit, which God is waiting to communicate to them. They are not reaching higher and still higher for power from on high, that, through the gifts bestowed, they may be recognized as God's peculiar people, zealous of good works. *18LtMs, Ms 32, 1903, par. 3*

It is God's design that His people shall be a sanctified, purified, holy people, communicating light to all around them. It is His design that by exemplifying the truth in their lives, they shall be a praise in the earth. The grace of Christ is sufficient to bring this about. But let God's people remember that only as they believe and work out the grand principles of the gospel of Christ can He make them a praise in the earth. Only as they use their God-given capabilities in His service will they enjoy the fulness and power of the promise whereon the church has been called to stand. If those who claim to believe in Christ as their Saviour reach only the low standard of worldly measurement, the church fails to bear the rich harvest that God expects. "Found wanting," is written upon her record. [*Verse 27.*] *18LtMs, Ms 32, 1903, par. 4*

Solemn admonitions of warning, manifest in the destruction of dearly cherished facilities for service, say to us, "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works"—be converted and reformed, even as new converts are. [*Revelation 2:5.*] Why is there so dim a perception of the true spiritual condition of the church? Are there not standing on the walls of Zion blind watchmen who do not perceive? Are not many unconcerned and well satisfied, as if the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night rested upon the sanctuary? Are there not those in positions of leadership, claiming to know God, who in life and character deny Him? Are there not many who count themselves as His chosen, peculiar people, yet are satisfied to live without the evidence that of a truth God is among them, to save them from Satan's snares and attacks? Would we not now have much greater light if in the past we had received His admonitions, walked in the light as Christ is in the light, acknowledged His presence, and turned away from all dishonest practices? Then the light of heaven would have shone into the soul-temple, enabling us to comprehend the truth and to love God supremely and our neighbor as ourselves. O how Christ is dishonored by those who, professing to be Christians, disgrace the name they bear by failing to make their lives correspond with their profession, by failing to treat one another with the love and respect that God expects them to reveal in kind words and courteous actions. *18LtMs, Ms 32, 1903, par. 5*

The powers from beneath are stirred with deep intensity. War and bloodshed are the result. The moral atmosphere is poisoned with cruelty and horrible satanic doings. The spirit of strife is spreading; it abounds in every place. Many souls are being taken possession of by the spirit of fraud, of underhand dealing. Many will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. They do not discern what spirit has taken possession of them. *18LtMs, Ms 32, 1903, par. 6*

One who sees beneath the surface, who reads the hearts of all men, says of those who have had great light, "They are not afflicted and astonished because of their moral and spiritual condition." The prophet says, "Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them." [*Isaiah 66:3, 4.*] "For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie," "because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved," "but had pleasure in unrighteousness." [*2 Thessalonians 2:11, 10, 12.*]*18LtMs, Ms 32, 1903, par. 7*

The heavenly Teacher inquired, "What stronger delusion can beguile the mind, than the pretense that you are building on the right foundation, and that God accepts your works, when in reality you are working out many things on a worldly policy, and, regardless of the Bible standard, are sinning against the law of Jehovah, which guards the interests of every being for whom Christ has given His life? O, it is a great deception, a fascinating delusion, that takes possession of minds when men who have once known the truth mistake the form of godliness for the spirit and power thereof; when they suppose that they are rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing, when they are poor and in need of everything." *18LtMs, Ms 32, 1903, par. 8*

God has not changed toward His faithful servants who are keeping their garments spotless. But many are crying, "Peace and safety," while sudden destruction is coming upon them. [*1 Thessalonians 5:3.*] Unless there is thorough repentance, unless men humble their hearts by confession, and receive the truth as it is in Jesus, they will never enter heaven. When purification shall take place in our ranks,

we shall no longer rest at ease and boast of being rich and increased with goods and in need of nothing. *18LtMs, Ms 32, 1903, par. 9*

Who can truthfully say, "Our gold is tried in the fire; our garments are unspotted from the world"? [See *Revelation 3:18; James 1:27.*] I saw our great Instructor pointing to the garments of so-called righteousness. Stripping them off, He laid bare the spotted, defiled garments beneath. The corruption was unbearable. Then He said to me, "Can you not see how they have pretentiously covered up their defilement and rottenness of character?" "How is the faithful city become an harlot!" [*Isaiah 1:21.*] "My Father's house" made "an house of merchandise," a place whence the divine Presence and glory have departed! [*John 2:16.*] For this cause there is weakness, and strength is lacking. *18LtMs, Ms 32, 1903, par. 10*

Unless the church, which is now being leavened with her own backsliding, repents and is converted, she will eat the fruit of her own doings, until she shall abhor herself. When she refuses the evil and chooses the good; when she seeks God with all humility of mind and reaches her high calling in Christ, standing on the platform of eternal truth and by faith laying hold upon the attainments prepared for her, she will be healed. Then she will appear in her God-given simplicity and purity, separate from earthly entanglements and showing that the truth has made her free indeed. Then the men and women composing the church will be the chosen of God, His pleasant portion, His representatives, precious in His sight. *18LtMs, Ms 32, 1903, par. 11*

The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place. When this reformation begins, a spirit of prayer will actuate every member of the church; and this spirit of intercession will cleanse from the church the spirit of discord and strife. Members who have not been living in Christian fellowship will draw close to one another. One member working in right lines will lead other members to unite with him in making intercession for the revelation of the Holy Spirit. There will be no confusion, because all the members will be in harmony with the mind of the Holy Spirit, which imbues the whole being and impresses the mind to pray in accordance with the will of God. *18LtMs, Ms 32, 1903, par. 12*

All barriers separating mind from mind will be broken down, and God's servants will speak the same things. This unity is a gift of the Holy Spirit, a gift that belongs to God's children. The Lord will cooperate with His servants. All will pray understandingly the prayer that Christ taught His disciples: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." [*Matthew 6:10.*] The groanings and the longings of the Spirit are the expression of the intercession of Christ in behalf of His people, according to the will of God. They come from God and are returned to Him in silent and in audible prayer. *18LtMs, Ms 32, 1903, par. 13*

### **The Power of Prayer**

Moses said, "I beseech Thee, Show me Thy glory." "And He said, I will make all My goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ...*18LtMs, Ms 32, 1903, par. 14*

"And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. And Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped." [*Exodus 33:18, 19; 34:6-8.*]*18LtMs, Ms 32, 1903, par. 15*

Those who through the enlightenment of God's Spirit receive a correct idea of their sinfulness will feel a deep abasement and humility of soul. They will not vindicate their course, nor will they strive to belittle the wrongs they have done, making light of their departure from right principles by evasion or by falsehood. So long as a man has no sense of God's presence, so long he will seek to excuse and vindicate his course. But the moment that a man sees God as He is, that moment, in the reflected light, he sees himself as he is. In the light of God's presence the erring and sinful see their peril and their sin. Realizing the fulness of God's love, they humble themselves and accept mercy and pardon through Christ

Jesus. *18LtMs, Ms 32, 1903, par. 16*

Listen to Daniel's confession. The Lord had spoken of him as a man greatly beloved of God; and yet what does Daniel say?—"I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplication, with fasting and sackcloth, and ashes: and I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love Him, and to them that keep His commandments; we have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from Thy precepts and from Thy judgments: neither have we hearkened unto Thy servants the prophets, which spake in Thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land." [*Daniel 9:3-6.*] *18LtMs, Ms 32, 1903, par. 17*

The Lord heard this prayer. Its intensity and earnestness drew Daniel nearer and still nearer to God. The assurance came to him that God would answer his prayer. The simple petitions of a child of God may be uttered in broken sentences, as in the fulness of his heart, he unloads his burdened mind, casting his helpless soul upon the Burden-bearer. To every such a one Christ says, "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me." [*Isaiah 27:5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 32, 1903, par. 18*

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great Prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." [*Daniel 12:1-3.*] *18LtMs, Ms 32, 1903, par. 19*



## Ms 33, 1903

### Instruction for Men in Positions of Responsibility

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Although a man may be entrusted with great responsibilities, his high position may not be the measure of his character. The responsibilities accepted do not make him perfect or trustworthy. His acceptance with God depends upon his fear to offend and his obedience to God's requirements. If he depart from the counsel of God, he is no longer under the influence of the Holy Spirit.*18LtMs, Ms 33, 1903, par. 1*

When men who profess to keep God's commandments, often dwelling on the importance of obeying the law of God, fail to work righteousness and walk against the law of God, He sends messengers to warn them and turn them to the paths of righteousness. But many who have not that faith that works by love and purifies the soul will refuse to heed God's warnings.*18LtMs, Ms 33, 1903, par. 2*

To all who seek Him, God will grant special manifestations of His presence and favor. But to those who forsake Him He gives the warning, I also will forsake them. At times the Lord sends His messengers to warn His servants not to do the things that they think are best. God sees the end from the beginning, and He would save them from the difficulties and entanglements that would come as a result of their own planning. He would have their influence kept clean, and powerful for good, not injured by human errors.*18LtMs, Ms 33, 1903, par. 3*

A man may make plans that as far as he can discern appear to him to be faultless. How merciful God is to reach forth a restraining hand, saying, Follow not that course; for it will bring trouble to your own soul, and confusion and perplexity to other minds, leading them to wrong conclusions. If, after the Lord has said, Do not

advance in that direction, the man disregards the warning, the evil results from which God wished to save him will certainly follow. *18LtMs, Ms 33, 1903, par. 4*

The Lord would have all men walk humbly with God. If men will engage in His service and with much prayer persevere in well-doing, the Lord will abundantly reward them. Their confidence in the wisdom of God's leading will increase. They will not be left in uncertainty, but, walking in the way of the Lord, they become steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. God is well pleased with their obedience to all His requirements. *18LtMs, Ms 33, 1903, par. 5*

If a man will walk in the fear of the Lord, with perfect respect for all His counsels, the Lord will cause his influence to be felt. If, notwithstanding a dark outlook, man will choose the right instead of the wrong, the Lord will make multitudes to be at peace with him. As he sees the goodness of God in barring the way which would have led to embarrassment, he will give God the honor and glory due to His holy name. *18LtMs, Ms 33, 1903, par. 6*

Our natural affection for relatives and friends should not lead us to connive in the least at their sins, nor prevent us, when they are in the wrong, from taking decided measures to change their course and prevent the evil influence of their mistakes from being felt. When men, following their own course, become involved in perplexity thereby, they often rely upon men to relieve the situation and feel aggrieved if their expectations are not realized. But God would not be pleased to have them relieved, because they are to be chastened for their disobedience. *18LtMs, Ms 33, 1903, par. 7*

“The Lord was with Jehoshaphat because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim; but sought to the Lord God of his father, and walked in His commandments, and not after the doings of Israel. Therefore the Lord established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honor in abundance. And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the Lord; moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah. Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, ... and with them he sent Levites. ...

And they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of the Lord with them, and went about through all the cities of Judah, and taught the people. And the fear of the Lord fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.” [2 *Chronicles 17:3-10.*] *18LtMs, Ms 33, 1903, par. 8*

Obedience to the Lord always brings favor, and a faithful discharge of righteous principles will bear the divine credentials; but the Lord is dishonored when those who are placed as stewards, guardians of God’s flock, sustain and sanction an evil work. *18LtMs, Ms 33, 1903, par. 9*

The outward signs of fasting and prayer, without a broken and contrite spirit, are of no value in God’s sight. The inward work of grace is needed. Humiliation of soul is essential. God looks upon this. He will graciously receive those who will humble their hearts before Him. He will hear their petitions and heal their backslidings. *18LtMs, Ms 33, 1903, par. 10*

Ministers and people need the work of purification in their souls, that God’s judgments may be turned away from them. God is waiting, waiting for humiliation and repentance. He will receive all who will turn unto Him with their whole heart. *18LtMs, Ms 33, 1903, par. 11*

### **God’s Purpose for His Church**

God gives men the light, but many are filled with a self-sufficient, masterly spirit; and they strive, by carrying out their own ideas, to reach a height where they will be as God. They place their mind first, as if God must serve with them. Herein lies the danger in this. Unless God shall in some way make these men understand that He is God, and that they are to serve Him, human inventions will be brought in that will lead away from Bible truth, notwithstanding all the cautions that have been given. *18LtMs, Ms 33, 1903, par. 12*

The Lord Jesus will always have a chosen people to serve Him. When the Jewish people rejected Christ, the Prince of life, He took from them the kingdom of God and gave it unto the Gentiles. God

will continue to work on this principle with every branch of His work. When a church proves unfaithful to the Word of the Lord, whatever their position may be, however high and sacred their calling, the Lord can no longer work with them. Others are then chosen to bear important responsibilities. But if these in turn do not purify their lives from every wrong action; if they do not establish pure and holy principles in all their borders, then the Lord will grievously afflict and humble them and, unless they repent, will remove them from their place and make them a reproach. *18LtMs, Ms 33, 1903, par. 13*

When parents sanction and thus perpetuate the wrongs in their children, as did Eli, God will surely bring them to the place where they will see that they have not only ruined their own influence, but also the influence of the youth whom they should have restrained. And when children sanction and perpetuate the sins of their fathers, the Lord will recompense them both together. They will have bitter lessons to learn. *18LtMs, Ms 33, 1903, par. 14*

God is not “worshipped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything.” [*Acts 17:25.*] No magnificence of outward display can please God, when the heart is serving idols and the hands are polluted with iniquity. The Holy Spirit will unite with those in the church who with contrition of heart will walk humbly with God. To all who look to Him and walk in the footsteps of Christ, He gives sanctification, comfort, and victory over the world. The people of God, His chosen kingdom, are not as a stagnant pool. They are as a river, constantly flowing, and as it advances becoming deeper and wider, until its life-giving waters are spread over all the earth. Whenever the gospel of God is received, its grace heals the maladies that sin has produced. The Sun of righteousness arises with healing in His beams. Light, strength, and refreshing come from the Lord, and the good fruit borne bears witness to a work of righteousness. *18LtMs, Ms 33, 1903, par. 15*

## Ms 34, 1903

### The Two Great Principles of the Law

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A certain lawyer once came to Jesus with the question, "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" [*Luke 10:25.*] This is a very important question, one in which every soul should be deeply interested. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 1*

The lawyer had questioned Jesus for the purpose of calling forth from Him some expression whereby accusation might be brought against Him. He sought to entangle Him in His words. Surrounding Christ, waiting with bated breath to hear His reply, were the Pharisees, the scribes, and the rulers, eager to catch some word with which they might find fault. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 2*

But Jesus replied to the question by asking the lawyer, "What is written in the law? How readest thou?" Being well acquainted with the Scriptures, he replied, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength; and thy neighbor as thyself." [*Verses 26, 27.*] *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 3*

These words had been given to Moses to give to the children of Israel. We read in Deuteronomy, "Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." [*Deuteronomy 6:4, 5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 4*

Of the words of the law, Moses said further, "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." [*Verse 7.*] Parents need to realize fully the responsibility resting upon them to teach their children to obey and reverence God's law. Through the obedience of parents to this law, united with careful and thorough instruction,

the children will be led to become loyal subjects of God's kingdom. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 5*

Christ replied to the lawyer, "Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live." [*Luke 10:28.*] By the very words of Scripture which he had quoted, the man stood condemned. His profession made it necessary for him to have a knowledge of the Scriptures. That knowledge if put into practice would be to him a pledge that he would not come short of eternal life. This is God's covenant with man. Eternal life in the kingdom of God is only granted to those who observe the precepts of God. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 6*

"These words the Lord spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and He added no more. And He wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me." [*Deuteronomy 5:22.*] This law was binding before Israel went down into Egypt. God's commandments are not a yoke of bondage. Obedience brings a great blessing. The principles of God's law, carried out in practical life, will bring men into harmony with his Maker, qualifying him to be received as a member of the heavenly family. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 7*

The first four commandments reveal the obligations of man to his God. The last six point out his duty to his fellow men. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 8*

## **Prayer**

All should study carefully the prayer given by Christ in the *sixth chapter of Matthew*. This prayer is just as valuable to Christ's followers in these last days of earth's history as it was to His disciples at that time. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 9*

"Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." [*Verses 9-13.*] *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 10*

Many of the human family know not what they should ask for as they ought. The Lord is kind and tender. He helps infirmities by giving words to speak. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 11*

Parents should teach their children what this prayer means. Mere form, God does not accept. Only as we offer this prayer, fully understanding its meaning and realizing our need, will it be acceptable to God. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 12*

“Our Father which art in heaven.” [*Verse 9.*] As adopted children, we have a right to ask our Father for the things that we need. I wish that we could all understand the value that there is in an acknowledgement of our relationship and our loyalty to Him whom we claim as “Our Father.” Before we enter upon our daily work we should draw near to God, to talk with Him whom we reverence and love, and to pray not only for ourselves, but for others. The Lord is well pleased when we come to Him in full confidence, asking for grace to overcome the world. He will not be to us as an offended Judge, but as a loving gracious Father. God has not told us to pray to saints or to angels. He alone is the Author and Finisher of our faith. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 13*

Our prayers are as letters sent from earth, directed to our Father in heaven. The petitions that are sent from sincere hearts will surely reach Him. He can discern the sincerity of His adopted children. He pities our weakness and strengthens our infirmities. He has said, “Ask, and ye shall receive.” [*John 16:24.*] He who comes with sanctified desire has access through Christ to the Father. Christ is our Intercessor. But we must come, not in a spirit of self-justification, but with humility, repenting of our sins. He is able to help us, willing to do more than we ask or think. He has the abundance of heaven where with to supply our necessities. “Every good gift, and every perfect gift is from above.” [*James 1:17.*] God is holy, and we must pray, “lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.” [*1 Timothy 2:8.*]*18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 14*

“Hallowed be Thy name.” [*Matthew 6:9.*] Many corruptions had crept into the religious service of the Jewish people. Among the scribes and Pharisees, prayer had become a round of self-praise, a proclamation of their own righteousness. Instead of worshiping

God, they glorified themselves. They prayed to be seen and heard of men. God would have us seek for those things that will honor His name. In no case are we to glorify ourselves; we should seek God for grace and spiritual blessings, that we may glorify His name in our characters. God is glorified, His name is hallowed, when His children give in their lives a representation of Christ's character. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 15*

“Thy kingdom come.” [*Verse 10.*] Christ sent His disciples forth with the message, “The kingdom of God is at hand.” [*Matthew 10:7.*] John the Baptist had given this message, and today the proclamation of this message is our work. When this gospel shall be preached in all the world, then shall the end come. Upon all who receive and believe in Christ rests a great responsibility. All are to work for the enlargement of His church on earth. Let us hold up before the world the “Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” [*John 1:29.*] This will hasten the coming of our Lord and Saviour. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 16*

God is our King, and we are His subjects. By obeying His law, we co-operate with God to answer our prayers, and His kingdom is established in our hearts. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 17*

“Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.” [*Matthew 6:10.*] The offering of this prayer lays upon us the responsibility of striving daily to be obedient subjects of His kingdom. Every one who professes to be His child should live in harmony with the rule of His government. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 18*

The homes of God's people on this earth should be a representation, as far as possible, of the heavenly home, where God has His throne. We are His subjects, His little children, whom He wants to make happy. Every family circle should seek to carry out the methods of God, which are revealed in His Word. As they endeavor to bring their lives into harmony with the prayer Christ has given them, they will be sanctified through the truth. Then what a blessed representation they will show to the world. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 19*

Make a daily offering of yourselves and your children to the Lord. Say, “Lord do what Thou wilt with me and mine. Let all that I do be



done to Thine honor and glory. Enable me to do what is pleasing to Thee. Give me power to become Thy child. Grant me an obedient knowledge of Thy will. Let Thy pleasure be fulfilled in my family.” *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 20*

“Give us this day our daily bread.” [*Verse 11.*] Food is essential to life. “Feed me with food convenient for me,” said Solomon, “lest I be full, and deny Thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.” [*Proverbs 30:8, 9.*] *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 21*

“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.” “For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” [*Matthew 6:12, 14, 15.*] *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 22*

When our Saviour reproved His disciples, and pointed out to them their dangers, He did it for their instruction and their safety. He desired that by reformation, they might escape the evil results of transgression. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 23*

“Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory.” [*Verse 13.*] In this prayer are found no vain repetitions, no swelling words of vanity. To God is ascribed all the glory. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 24*

“Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, and call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.” [*Isaiah 55:6, 7.*] This shows us that we must “seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.” [*Matthew 6:33.*] Then we must enlarge our desires, and be ready to receive the blessing which God will bestow upon those who seek Him with the whole heart, in sincerity and truth. We must keep the heart open, that the grace of Christ may enter. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 25*

When the church has become corrupted; when it has united with the world in self-indulgence, grasping for the things of the world,

and seeking for worldly honor and exaltation, God has allowed affliction to come upon it. Christ Himself, the Majesty of heaven, humbled Himself, that He might save perishing humanity from eternal ruin. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 26*

God has a continual care for His people. His love for them is infinite. For them He has suffered affliction and death. God will purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. All He asks is obedience to His Word. *18LtMs, Ms 34, 1903, par. 27*

## Ms 35, 1903

False Repentance: What is It?

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One who is truly penitent does not forget his past failures and sins as soon as he obtains a sense of pardon. He does not go on as before, unconcerned about his mistakes and errors. The more clearly he sees and realizes the merciful compassion of God, and the divine favor manifested to him, the more grievous and abhorrent do his sins appear to him. As he realizes how terrible sin really is, he loathes and condemns himself. He sees wherein he has been striving for recognition and self-exaltation. He recognizes pride as a deadly foe, producing in him frequent exhibitions of a corrupt human nature and revealing a carnal spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 35, 1903, par. 1*

With many these evil traits of character are intermingled with their religious services, and they become hypocrites, puffed up with ideas of their own righteousness. Again and again have these poor souls gone over the same ground, until they have lost their power to discern between the evil and the good. They need to experience a genuine repentance, which needeth not to be repented of. *18LtMs, Ms 35, 1903, par. 2*

Repentance is a daily, continuous exercise and must be so until mortality is swallowed up of immortality. Repentance, and humiliation, and sorrow of soul must be our daily meat and drink, until we cease to carry with us so many imperfections and failures. But this experience cannot be ours while the mind and will are subject to satanic influences, and we are the sport of Satan's temptations. *18LtMs, Ms 35, 1903, par. 3*

Ambitious pride, a desire for self-exaltation, caused Satan's downfall. Every soul should humble himself, striving for perfect mastery over the desire for self- uplifting. By forgetting his

repentance and walking again in the paths of pride and self-worship, a man becomes further and further separated from God. If he would learn to walk humbly with God, his proud spirit would be abased, and he would realize his need of a daily conversion. Unless he receives daily a fresh supply of grace, he will frequently stumble and fall, and finally it will be said of him, He "is joined to his idols; let him alone." [*Hosea 4:17.*] *18LtMs, Ms 35, 1903, par. 4*

A false repentance carries with it grief of mind, but only for a short time. Those who have this repentance are humiliated only by their most grievous and glaring sins. When they think themselves pardoned, they cease to feel their need of humiliation and walk once more in crooked paths, forgetting that they were purged from their old sins. True repentance would give them a constant realization of the wickedness of their past course. But they soon forget their falsehoods and their prevarications, and sin no longer appears to them so grievous. *18LtMs, Ms 35, 1903, par. 5*

False repentance produces only a false reformation. True repentance brings a complete change of heart, a turning away from sin to God. When men retain fondly cherished sins, which may have become as the right hand or the eye, Satan uses them as snares. Fired by a zeal which is not according to knowledge, while professing to be inspired by the Holy Spirit, they dishonor God by manifesting a proud, ambitious spirit. The secret sins of the heart they do not regard. By a great outward show of grief, they seek to obtain sympathy. Apparently their souls are deeply burdened with sorrow and repentance. Yet envy, secret pride, self-preference, and unbelief are cherished in the heart. Whatever progress they may seem to make in the religious life, their hearts are strangers to the power of true godliness. While they rise to a state of assumed ecstasy, they are no more imbued with the Spirit of God than was Satan in his rebellion. For a time they may deceive those whom God has chosen, but time will reveal them in their true light. Like the Laodicean church they are neither cold nor hot. *18LtMs, Ms 35, 1903, par. 6*

One who truly repents lies low at the feet of Jesus. Christ is magnified in his life. His grief is not a pretense, but a reality. His heart is sad as he sees the evil in his nature. Then Christ can enter

his life. "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." [*isaiah 57:15.*] *18LtMs, Ms 35, 1903, par. 7*

The Lord understands the heart. He can discern between true repentance and that which is assumed. The root of idolatry with all its abominations is an evil heart of unbelief. He who has such a heart daily acts a lie, because his thoughts and motives are not pure. *18LtMs, Ms 35, 1903, par. 8*

A true penitent will be constantly on guard against the wiles of a corrupt heart. Though not having already attained, he presses on toward the perfection of a Christian character. He will be tempted to glorify self; but if as he is tried, the fruits of humility appear in his life, he will endure the test. He will manifest heavenly kindness, charity, patience, forgiveness of supposed injuries. God calls for contrition of soul. *18LtMs, Ms 35, 1903, par. 9*

The language of the truly penitent will be: "I desire my feet to be kept from every evil way. I would walk in Thy house with a perfect heart. I know that my God trieth the heart and hath pleasure in uprightness; therefore would I set the Lord always before me. I know that the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; therefore I am humbled in my own eyes. Yet my desire is before the Lord, and my groaning is not hid from Him. I can say in truth, I hate my thoughts; but God's law do I love. O that God would give me understanding that I might keep His law with my whole heart. I would serve God without reserve. I esteem His precepts above all things; therefore I have inclined my heart to keep His statutes always, even unto the end." *18LtMs, Ms 35, 1903, par. 10*

**Ms 36, 1903**

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## Ms 37, 1903

Directions for Work

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I cannot sleep past two o'clock. My mind is drawn out in most earnest prayer. I feel an intense desire that those who are present at this Conference shall see the need of humbling their hearts before God, that they may be closely connected with their great Teacher. In all our dealings with one another we are to reveal Christ. Thus we shall show that we have a genuine connection with the Saviour. God is to receive all honor, all glory. When Christ shall appear, those who are united with Him by living faith will be acknowledged by Him. He will not be ashamed to call them brethren.*18LtMs, Ms 37, 1903, par. 1*

What can be done to prevent men from thinking, as soon as they are placed in positions of responsibility, that they must begin to exercise authority? Those who think thus sin against God. They may do many excellent things, but He cannot accept their services unless they are converted. Position does not make the man. But a man may honor his position by a faithful performance of the duties resting upon him, ever remembering that he is finite.*18LtMs, Ms 37, 1903, par. 2*

“Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.” [*Ephesians 6:14, 15.*]*18LtMs, Ms 37, 1903, par. 3*

Will our brethren consider these words and walk softly before God, treading in the footprints of Jesus?*18LtMs, Ms 37, 1903, par. 4*

“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called; with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore He saith, when He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men." [*Ephesians 4:1-8.*]18LtMs, Ms 37, 1903, par. 5

"And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." [*Verses 11-14.*]18LtMs, Ms 37, 1903, par. 6

The Lord, He is God, and beside Him there is none else. When Satan can bring his craftiness to bear on human minds, deceptive influences are received [as coming] from heaven. If his deceptions are allowed to enter, many souls will be ensnared by them before it is seen that they are not from God, but from the enemy of all righteousness.18LtMs, Ms 37, 1903, par. 7

I assure [you] that it will be one of our perplexities to distinguish the genuine from the spurious. Deception steals in unawares, just as it stole into the heavenly courts. Satan sought to undermine the confidence of the angels in God's government. He desired the place occupied by Christ, having it in his mind, if he gained this position, to make an effort to take the place of God. Adroitly he presented his suggestions to the angels, and many of them received these suggestions. He left his insinuations in their minds to develop. They, not as cautious as their leader, began to communicate their new theories. Satan was the originator of the doubts that they expressed, but he presented them as the opinions of a large number of the angels, and as such, something that should be considered.18LtMs, Ms 37, 1903, par. 8



Today Satan works with deceptive guile to captivate human beings by his deceptive theories. The warning to beware of allowing him to enter comes sounding down along the line to our time. *18LtMs, Ms 37, 1903, par. 9*

Let none suppose, because they have been used as the Lord's instrumentalities, that they are all sufficient. The Lord uses men and honors them by giving them His wisdom, as long as they are true to Him and do not gather glory to themselves. Those who take themselves out of the Lord's hands, and think themselves capable of managing the work, are not led by His Spirit, but by "another spirit." [2 *Corinthians 11:4.*] Satan steps in, and they change leaders. Then comes the crookedness and subtlety of the serpent's guile. *18LtMs, Ms 37, 1903, par. 10*

## Ms 38, 1903

Talk/The Southern Work

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Talk at General Conference

### “Nashville as a Center

“Many have asked the question, Why did our brethren select Nashville as a center for work? I answer, Because the Lord in His wisdom directed them to this place. It is His purpose that light shall shine forth from memorials established for Him in and near Nashville. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 1*

“There is no place in the South better suited than Nashville for the carrying forward of the publishing work. It is the best place in which to do the work that has been started there. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 2*

“There is not in Nashville the bitter opposition to the work for the uplifting of the down-trodden colored race that exists in many other cities of the South. Much work is being done there to uplift the colored people, and the sentiment in favor of these efforts will be a security to our people in their work. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 3*

“There are in Nashville large educational institutions for the colored people. In these institutions much excellent work has been done and is being done. The teachers and students in these institutions are to be given the privilege of hearing the message of present truth. It is for this reason that God directed that different interests for

the advancement of our work should be established in Nashville. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 4*

“The truth is also to be brought before those who have given of their means and influence for the benefit of the colored race. Some have taken a noble stand for the uplifting of this people. Their efforts put to shame the efforts made by Seventh-day Adventists. They should be put in possession of the most valuable truth ever given to mortals. We are to do all we can to remove the prejudice that exists in their minds against our work and against the Bible Sabbath. If the efforts that we put forth are in accordance with God’s will, if we move under the Holy Spirit’s guidance, many among them will be converted. The Lord causes light to shine on the pathway of those who seek for light.” *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 5*

We must try to remove their prejudice against the Bible Sabbath. And never must we say to them, “You must work on Sunday.” At one time while I was in Australia, those in charge of our school at Avondale came to me, saying: “What shall we do? The officers of the law have been commissioned to arrest those working on Sunday.” I said: “It will be very easy to avoid that difficulty. Give Sunday to the Lord as a day for doing missionary work. Take the students out to hold meetings in different places and to do medical missionary work. They will find the people at home and will have a splendid opportunity to present the truth. This way of spending Sunday is always acceptable to the Lord.” *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 6*

I wish to say that it is necessary to use the greatest caution in working for the colored people. The efforts put forth must be such as will not arouse the prejudice of the white people. By the work of the steamer *Morning Star*, much has been accomplished that otherwise could not have been done. Thus the workers have been enabled to reach places that otherwise they could not have reached. The boat served as a home for them and as a place to which to invite those interested in the truth. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 7*

In writing in regard to the Southern field, I have said, “The Southern work,” supposing that our people would certainly understand that I

meant especially the work for the colored people. I wish it now to be understood that this is what I have meant.*18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 8*

Let families settle in the South and work on the land, at the same time becoming acquainted with the people and the field. Thus real advancement will be made. Those who go to the South must be very careful of what they say. Let them not criticize the white people in regard to the way in which the colored people have been treated.*18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 9*

Many, many years during which we ought to have been working for the colored people have passed into eternity, and now the field, in all its barrenness, stands before the world as an open rebuke to those who could have helped. When the children of Israel were in bondage in Egypt, their cry of suffering came up to God, and He delivered them with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm. He delivered the colored people from slavery, and then He placed upon the people of this nation the responsibility of uplifting them, of placing them in a position where they could help themselves.*18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 10*

You say that the colored people are depraved and wicked, that their standard of morality is very low. Who made them wicked? Who spoiled their morals? I want you to think of this and of the burden that rests upon the white people to help the colored people.*18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 11*

Few realize how difficult is the work for the colored people and how greatly they need help. My heart has been made sick and sore as I have seen the situation. Why do not our people take hold of the work? Why do they find fault and criticize the laborers there, because they do not work just as they think they ought to? Why do they, when mistakes are made, make a mountain out of a molehill? Why do not those who find fault go themselves to some unworked portion of the field, and there demonstrate how much better they can do than those whom they criticize?*18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 12*

The Lord has a great work to be done in the Southern states of America. It was in accordance with God's purpose that the

publishing work was started in Nashville. In His providence, He has brought together in this place a company of workers who are to act their respective parts in the publishing house, standing as representatives of Christianity. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 13*

“A sanitarium should be established in a favorable location outside the city of Nashville. A school for colored people should be established outside the city, on land that can be utilized for industrial purposes. These institutions will give character to our work in the South. They will be instrumental in establishing the faith of many in Bible truth. God Himself has wrought to bring together in Nashville workers who are especially fitted to reach the colored people and raise them from their degradation. This He will help them to do if the work is not hindered and blocked by ministers and workers in other places. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 14*

“In every place those who accept the truth are to be a light to those around them. The Lord says to us: ‘Ye are the light of the world. ... Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.’ [*Matthew 5:14, 16.*]*18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 15*

#### **“The Work in Graysville and Huntsville**

“Nashville is within easy access of Graysville and Huntsville, where a beginning of great value to the work in the South has been made. God has answered the many prayers offered in behalf of these two places. By the work in Nashville, the work in Graysville and Huntsville is to be confirmed, strengthened, and settled. Graysville and Huntsville are near enough to Nashville to strengthen the work there and to be strengthened by it. But it must be understood that we are to put forth special efforts to help the colored people. No longer is our indifference in respect to this work to continue. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 16*

“The schools in Graysville and Huntsville were established in the order of God. They are to do a work for Him. They are to become self-supporting, by making the best use of their land, by raising those products best suited to the climate and soil of their locality. Various industries are to be established. The Lord will greatly bless

these industries if the workers will walk in His counsel. If they will look to Him, He will be their wisdom and their righteousness. His wisdom will be seen in the works of those who follow His directions. He will teach all who will learn of Him His meekness and lowliness.”*18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 17*

The workers in the school at Huntsville are to have our tender sympathy and our practical aid. Do not let them suffer for the lack of facilities, for they are trying to educate the colored people. The school at Huntsville is in positive need of our care and our donations.*18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 18*

“The interests in Graysville and Huntsville will grow into usefulness, if the believers there will do their very best in the Lord’s way. Let each one connected with the schools in these places remember that on him rests the responsibility of reflecting light to those in darkness.*18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 19*

#### **“A Call to Our Publishing Houses and Sanitariums**

“God has given our publishing houses opportunity to co-operate with Him by assisting the newly established publishing house at Nashville.*18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 20*

“When a publishing plant is established in a new field, it must receive help and encouragement from the various plants already in operation, that it may develop into a strong, influential institution. Every new institution is to be regarded as a sister-helper in the great work of proclaiming the third angel’s message.*18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 21*

“The publishing house in Nashville is now in need of several thousand dollars to establish its business on a firm basis, and to enable it to do without delay the work that is to be done in its territory. We are instructed by the Lord to call upon the long-established houses to favor the Nashville publishing house as they were favored years ago when in straitened circumstances. They are to act toward the Nashville institution the same part that was acted toward them in their early history. God expects them to help their sister institutions by gifts and offerings. They now have opportunity

to show their repentance for past neglect.”*18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 22*

My husband and myself, under the direction of God, established the publishing houses in Battle Creek and in Oakland, and I know how we worked. God instructed me that I must go to the camp-meetings and ask for means, and I went, just as He told me. I went along for my husband was sick. I went from camp-meeting to camp-meeting, calling for means; and I feel that I now have a right to call upon these publishing houses to help in establishing similar institutions.*18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 23*

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“God has given our sanitariums an opportunity to set in operation a work that would be as a stone instinct with life, growing as it is moved by an invisible hand. Let this mystic stone be set in operation. If ever a place needed medical missionary work, it is the Southern field. Had this work been done for the colored people immediately after the proclamation of freedom, how different would be the conditions of the Southern states today! Medical missionary work has not yet been done as God requires it to be done in this needy field. Sanitariums should have been established in many places. This would have opened doors for the entrance of Bible truth. It would have removed much of the prejudice existing against those who look upon the colored people as having souls as well as the white people.*18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 24*

“To many of the colored people God has given rare and precious talents. Many will be brought to a knowledge of present truth. But it will take untiring effort and God-given wisdom to break down the barriers that have been erected against the education of the colored race—barriers that for years have been growing stronger.*18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 25*

#### **“The Work Before Us**

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature,’ is the commission Christ has given us. [*Mark 16:15.*] This is our great missionary charter, and the Saviour has declared: ‘Lo, I am

with you alway, even unto the end of the world.’ ‘All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.’ [*Matthew 28:18-20.*] Success will reward obedience to this command. Go just where the Lord sends you to bear His message and do His work. Souls are to be saved. How?—By being brought to a knowledge of the truth. ‘Sanctify them through Thy truth,’ the Saviour prayed. [*John 17:17.*] Acquaintance with God’s truth is the only means of sanctification. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 26*

“During the time of the end the activity of Satan’s servants will greatly increase. The activity of God’s servants is to increase proportionately. Christian is to unite with Christian, church with church, in the accomplishment of God’s work, and all are to be under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 27*

“Angels are ascending and descending the ladder of shining brightness, arrayed for the defense of God’s people. They are commissioned to draw nearer and still nearer to those who are fighting in defense of their faith. Will you seek to pull the weapons out of the hands of those who are fighting in the warfare? Will you hinder them because they are not doing just exactly what you think they ought to be doing? *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 28*

“A good beginning has been made in the Southern field. Impressions favorable to the truth have been made, and prejudice has been removed. In the forward march of events, the Lord has wrought wonderfully for the advancement of this work. Battles have been fought, and victories won. The work is to be supported and vindicated, for God is in it. By His blessing many will see that it is being done in fulfilment of His purpose and will say, It is of God. Let us not be found fighting against Him. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 29*

“When God’s people are willing to follow the path of providence where Christ leads the way, their numbers will increase and their boundaries will be greatly enlarged. But as yet the reformation that God requires has not taken place. The Lord has gone before His people, but unbelief has pressed in on every side. Not one-thousandth part of the work has been done that should have been done for the colored people, who need help more than any other people in America. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 30*



“What excuse can be given to God for the awful condition of the colored race? God asks, Why are those living in this part of My vineyard left to become the sport of Satan’s temptations? He calls for united action. But no blind zeal is to be shown. Nothing is to be done in defiance of law; but the truth is to be proclaimed and lived. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 31*

“Angels have hushed the music of their harps as they have looked upon a people unable, because of their past slavery, to help themselves. And yet those who have the torch of truth kindled from the divine altar have not carried the light to this sin-darkened field. There are those who have turned from the work of rescuing the down-trodden and degraded, refusing to help the helpless. Let the servants of God begin at once to redeem their neglect, that the dark stain on their record may be wiped out. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 32*

“Let the work in the Southern field go forward. Let no one say; ‘Money is not needed in this field. It is needed more in my part of the vineyard.’ Let God’s people begin at once to redeem their neglect. Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action. Let no one look upon the work that has been done for the colored people as of no account, for the Lord has said, I accept it. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 33*

“Those who place themselves under God’s control, to be guided and controlled by Him, will catch the steady tread of the events ordained by Him to take place. A holy, consuming emulation will take possession of them. Let the church have increased faith, catching zeal from their unseen, heavenly allies, from the knowledge of their exhaustless resources, from the greatness of the enterprise in which they are engaged, and from the power of their Leader. Let them gain from God strength for the accomplishment of the great work to be done for the most needy people in this Christian nation. Let no man lay his hands upon the means and resources, saying, ‘They are more needed somewhere else.’ *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 34*

“When God’s people heed a ‘Thus saith the Lord,’ the dearth of means brought about by transactions that do not bear the stamp of

divine approval will be removed. When they catch the Spirit of Him who gave His life for the world, they will no longer stand still in impotency, pointing to what they cannot do and forbidding others to work. Putting on the armor of Christ's righteousness, they will go forth into the warfare, willing to do and dare for God, knowing that in His Omnipotence He will supply their need."*18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 35*

Brethren, shall not the work for the colored people go forward? Will you say, "Amen," to this? (Congregation, Amen.) When my son Edson has written to me about the difficulties that the workers had to meet, I have written back to him over and over again: "Do not fail or become discouraged. Hold fast to the work." And his reply has been, "We are doing it, but it seems sometimes as if the work would slip out of our hands."*18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 36*

The Lord has put His approval upon the work done in the Southern field. Mistakes have been made; but have not mistakes been made in every field where the work has been started? When you watch for mistakes, and put out your hand to discourage where God approves, you are working and talking against the Master. God is very much displeased with every one who has placed any hindrance in the way of the advancement of the work for the colored race.*18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 37*

Let us take hold of the work in the Southern states intelligently. I rejoice that Brother Butler is with us in this work. I have known that the time would come when he would again take his place with us in the work. I want you to appreciate the trials that he has passed through and to help him all you can. God desires the gray-haired pioneers, the men who acted a part in the work when the first, second, and third angels' messages were first given, to stand in their places in His work today. They are not to drop out of sight. We commit Brother Butler to you in the name of the God of Israel, asking you to help him all you can. And Elder Butler must plan to have others share his burdens.*18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 38*

I commit my son James Edson White to you. He has nearly lost his life in trying to bring the work in the South to its present point of advancement. How little some appreciate the effort he has put forth!

But God knows the work that has been done. He knows of the struggles and the sacrifices of the workers and of their attempts to accomplish something for the Lord. Brethren, do not do anything to weaken Edson White's hands. There is enough in the work itself to distress his soul and to wear him out. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 39*

I have felt reluctant to have Edson stay in the South, fearing that he would lose his health and perhaps his life. Christ said, If they receive you not in one place, go into another. He was referring to the persecution that would come. But His words would apply also to a worker whose health was breaking down under labor in an unhealthful climate. Brother Butler should have periods of rest, and Edson White should have an occasional rest. And the other workers in the field must guard their health carefully. God is jealous of His servants. He desires that they shall place themselves where they can best preserve their mental and physical powers, because if these are not preserved, the spiritual powers will be so weakened that the work will suffer much. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 40*

I have said to my son, "Come to us, and help me to get out books for the people." But he has always answered, "No, I cannot come. I cannot leave my work." *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 41*

I have tried to help him. He has written to me, saying: "People are coming into the truth, but they are in need of food and clothing. What shall we do?" I have sent him help from time to time as I could. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 42*

God lives and reigns, and if you take hold of His work cheerfully and willingly, He will bless and sustain you. When you are tempted to murmur and complain, keep your mouth closed. Remember that at such times silence is eloquence. Speak no words that you will not be willing to meet in the judgment. And remember that when God sends His servants to do a hard work in a hard field, He does not want you to make their work harder by criticism and faultfinding. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 43*

The Southern work is before you, as it has been presented to you this morning. A good work has been done, and it has been done in the face of the most trying circumstances. The Lord calls upon us to come up to His help in this needy field. You remember the words,

“Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.” [*Judges 5:23.*] *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 44*

Christ loved us so much that He gave His life for us. He died on the cross to give us an opportunity to gain eternal life. Shall we allow those around us to perish in their sins without making an effort to help them? Shall we try to hinder the workers who are trying to save souls? We want you to help in the Lord’s work, that God may not be disappointed in you. We want you to have hearts that are sensitive to others’ needs, hearts that are tender, full of pity for the infirmities of those around you. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 45*

The Lord is good. He is merciful and tender hearted. He is acquainted with every one of His children. He knows just what each one of us is doing. He knows just how much credit to give to each one. Will you not lay down your credit list and your condemnation list, and leave God to do His own work? You will be given the crown of glory if you will attend to the work that God has given you. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 46*

Let us help one another all we can. Let us speak words of kindness, words that will be a blessing, not a curse. We are living in the great day of atonement. We are now to confess and forsake our sins that we may be saved. Let us humble our hearts before God, that we may go from this meeting shoulder to shoulder, full of faith and confidence. The lives of many have been filled with talk and doubt and suspicion. There is hardly a brother who has confidence in a brother, or a brother who has the confidence of the members of the church. My brethren, clear away the rubbish from the door of your heart, and let Jesus come in and talk with you. Let Him sit upon the throne of the heart. If ever a people needed the purifying, sanctifying influence of the truth of the living God, it is the Seventh-day Adventists. I pray that we may all be found in the kingdom of God. But in order to be there, we must here below sit together in heavenly places in Christ. May God help us so to live that we may sing the song of triumph in the city of God. *18LtMs, Ms 38, 1903, par. 47*

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### Perseverance in the Work of God

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Luke, the writer of the book of *Acts*, and Theophilus, to whom it is addressed, had been pleasantly associated. From Luke, Theophilus had received much instruction and great light. Luke had been Theophilus' teacher, and he still felt a responsibility to direct and instruct him and to sustain and protect him in his work. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 1*

At that time it was customary for a writer to send his manuscript to some one for examination and criticism. Luke chose Theophilus, as a man in whom he had confidence, to perform this important work. He first directs the attention of Theophilus to the record of Christ's life as given in the book of *Luke* which had also been addressed by the same writer to Theophilus. He says: *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 2*

"The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after that He through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom He had chosen: to whom also He showed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: and being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of Me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." [*Acts 1:1-5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 3*

But though addressed by name to one person, this book, written by

the dictation of the Holy Spirit, is designed for all who desire to understand its truths. Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 4*

He who is taught of God will advance step by step in the divine life. His path will grow brighter and brighter even unto the perfect day. His heart will be filled with a desire to make known the truths that he has received. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 5*

“Moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs. The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth. The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd. And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.” [*Ecclesiastes 12:9-14.*] *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 6*

When those upon whom the Lord has once laid the burden of His work have labored faithfully for a time, they are not to feel that their work is finished. As the light increases, they are to continue to walk and work in the light. Their broader experience and the encouragement they receive as they see the results of their efforts will better fit them for work. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 7*

Though Luke had already given precious light, he was still to work under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In his former treatise, he had laid a foundation; under the direction of the Spirit of God, he must continue to build a structure of truth. His later writings were not to take the place of what he had previously written: they contained truths in advance of what he had known at the time of his former writing. If from a sermon or a book we receive new light and knowledge, we are not to reject truth which we have already received. Advanced knowledge will establish and strengthen that which has preceded it and cause it to be more highly

appreciated. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 8*

The teachings of Christ were to be preserved in manuscripts and books. The duties He taught were to be written out in plain, simple language, presented so clearly that the gracious words of instruction could be cherished and heeded. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 9*

### **Christ Our Pattern**

In the Gospels are to be found the history and instruction of Christ, "all that Jesus began both to do and to teach." [*Acts 1:1.*] The doctrines He taught were confirmed by the miraculous works which He performed, proving Him to be commissioned of God. Nicodemus "came to Jesus by night, and said unto Him, Rabbi, we know that Thou art a Teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that Thou doest, except God be with him." [*John 3:2.*] *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 10*

The life of Christ is the pattern for every one who would labor for God, whether he be a minister or engaged in some other branch of the Lord's work. Those who, in handling the sacred truths, imitate the self-denial of Jesus, exemplifying His spirit of kindness, forbearance, and love, prove by their lives that Christ was a Teacher sent from God. Though only human beings, they reflect the beams of light and power from the mighty Worker. "By their fruits, ye shall know them." [*Matthew 7:20.*] The lives of those who bear responsibilities in the work of God should be a continual sermon, ever manifesting a spirit of consecration. They should be producers as well as consumers. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 11*

In His words and works, Christ laid the foundation of all that is essential to the saving of the soul. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Christ Jesus." [*1 Corinthians 3:11.*] His followers should be more careful to confine themselves to those doctrines that He taught and to follow the example that He set. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 12*

Christ left a work to be done and truths to be taught by His disciples. He sent His Holy Spirit to them to give them power for



service. Before the world they were to hold up Christ as the perfect Pattern, declaring that those who enter the church above must represent Christ in the church below. Those who do as Christ did and teach as He taught will be workers whom the heavenly universe can endorse. They are doers of the Word, watching for souls as they that must give an account; and their lives are a continual sermon. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 13*

The Holy Spirit will co-operate with those whose lives are in harmony with the life of Christ on the earth. When ministers realize as they should the importance of Christ's ministry, they will speak less upon subjects that have not been revealed and dwell more upon His life and character. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 14*

### **Evidences of Christ's Resurrection**

Before the death of Christ, there were many things connected with His work which His disciples could not understand. On one occasion when they were perplexed by His words, He said, "Doth this offend you? What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where He was before? It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." [*John 6:61-63.*] *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 15*

There is abundant evidence of Christ's resurrection. For forty days He remained upon the earth, often revealing Himself to His disciples. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 16*

Late in the afternoon of the day of the resurrection, two of the disciples were on their way to Emmaus, when Christ appeared to them as a fellow traveller. He listened to their conversation as they talked of the events that had taken place in connection with the death of Him whom they had supposed to be the Christ. Absorbed in their gloom and disappointment, they did not observe their companion closely and failed to recognize in Him their beloved Master. Then beginning at Moses, the very alpha of Bible history, Christ expounded in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. He showed them that though the Messiah would die for sin, yet all this would not end in defeat, but in glorious, eternal victory. When they reached the place of their abode, they pressed

Him to abide with them. Christ yielded to this entreaty and went in “to tarry with them.” [*Luke 24:29.*] *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 17*

The simple evening meal of bread is soon prepared. It is placed before the guest who has taken His seat at the head of the table. Now He puts forth His hands to bless the food. The disciples start back in astonishment. Their companion spreads forth His hands in exactly the same way as their Master used to do. They look again, and lo, they see in His hands the print of the nails. Both exclaim at once, It is the Lord Jesus! He has risen from the dead! They rise to cast themselves at His feet and worship Him, but He has vanished out of their sight. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 18*

Full of joy they immediately set out again, hurrying to tell the tidings to the disciples in the city. They carry the greatest message ever given to the world, a message of glad tidings upon which the hopes of the human family for time and for eternity depend. They found others were before them with the report that Jesus had indeed risen and had been seen alive that day. But in the sorrow and trial of the disciples, the news seemed too good to be believed. Then Jesus, who had entered unseen, stood in the midst of them. He showed them the marks of the cruel nails in His hands and His feet and the wound of the spear which pierced His side. He asked for food, and having received it, ate and drank before them. Then they knew that it was indeed their Saviour. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 19*

This was all the evidence they needed. He was not with them continually in visible form, but though they saw Him not, He abode with them and frequently manifested Himself to them. He remained on the earth forty days that He might further instruct His disciples and make them acquainted with His future office and work as a High Priest who could be touched with the feelings of their infirmities. After He had breathed on them, and the quickening influence of the Holy Spirit had opened their understanding, they could see to the end of that which was abolished. They understood that in the death of Christ on the cross, type had met antitype. As they saw Christ as the one great Offering for the sin of the world, they understood more clearly the meaning of the sacrificial offerings which, having in Christ met their fulfillment, were no longer of value. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 20*

Christ instructed them in regard to the work they were to carry on in the earth, according to the example He had set them in His ministry. He said unto them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; in My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." [*Mark 16:15-20.*]*18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 21*

"The Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left His house and gave authority to His servants, and to every man his work." [*Mark 13:34.*]*18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 22*

### **The Work of the Holy Spirit**

Christ Himself, our Redeemer and Mediator, was filled with the Holy Spirit. In giving the commission to His servants, He promised them the Holy Spirit, to act as their Counsellor and to give them the power necessary for the successful accomplishment of their work. The reception of the Holy Spirit would seal them for their work of preaching the gospel.*18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 23*

Christ's commission is, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:19, 20.*]*18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 24*

Shall we not, as believers in Christ, show that we do not disregard His express commands? The eternal truths that mean so much to us are ours to give to those who are still in the bondage of sin. God expects His people living in this period of earth's history to proclaim with voice and with pen the last message of mercy to the world, working with the power of the Holy Spirit. There are many places in which the voice of the minister cannot be heard, places which can

be reached only by our publications—the books, papers, and tracts filled with the Bible truths that the people need. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 25*

We are living in the closing days of earth's history. Many in the world are careless; to them the most momentous truths have become as idle tales, making no impression on their mind and heart, no change in the character. But there are some who will give heed to God's message and who will not rest until they understand His Word. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 26*

The most solemn warnings, the testing truths for this time, are linked with the glad tidings of the abundant mercy and grace brought to our world by Christ. The fountain of God's love is deep and broad and full. Philosophy has never made men moral, nor has abstract doctrine made them holy. Faith in the incarnation of Christ, obedience to His commandments are the means whereby man is sanctified. In God's law, men are restricted only in those things which, if indulged, would prove their eternal ruin. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 27*

The human family is God's property, bought with a price—and what a price! As owner of the human family, Christ will redeem and sanctify them, if they will but receive Him. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." [*John 1:12.*] At infinite cost, all have been granted a time of probation. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 28*

Christ desires to rule in our hearts without a rival. He has purchased us, and we belong to Him alone. He has delegated to no one His right of authority. We must place ourselves wholly under His control. He said to His disciples, "Ye call Me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am." "Neither be ye called masters; for one is your Master, even Christ." [*John 13:13; Matthew 23:10.*] In these words He affirms His claims and calls for the allegiance of mind, will, soul, and strength. When man recognizes the authority of the Majesty of Heaven, he will make a determined effort rightly to represent Him. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 29*

## **Our Publishing Houses**

The Lord has been looking over our institutions, and He is not pleased with their showing. A great deal of commercial work has been brought into our printing offices. This has produced an order of things which God cannot accept. He gives those responsible for this warning that He will bring upon them loss, many times exceeding that which has been brought in by worldly, ambitious practices. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 30*

“Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.” [*Hosea 4:1.*] *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 31*

Now is the time to redeem the past. Those who believe the words of Christ and keep the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end will be saved with an everlasting salvation. But God is displeased with those whose spirituality is so far deteriorated that they have become involved in worldly speculations, and have even used the facilities of the office to publish literature containing the heresies of the last days. While our churches have supposed that the presses in our offices were printing books and papers containing the living truths for this time, these presses have been sending forth a mass of corrupting theories opposed to the truths of heavenly origin. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 32*

So much work has been brought into the Review and Herald office, that but little time is left for religious instruction. The apprentices give but little evidence of being fitted to become all-round workers, consecrated to God, able rightly to represent the truth, and to educate others. God, the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, who dwelleth in the high and holy place, gave to the children of Israel His covenant, the ten commandments. He declared Himself the only true and living God and pledged Himself to be their guardian, if they would not mix the common with the sacred. They were to keep His commandments and worship no strange god. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 33*

## **Manual Labor in the Schools**

I have received instruction in regard to the college at Berrien Springs. The Lord said, If these, My servants, will walk humbly with contrite hearts, and will obey My voice, heeding the light I have given, I will grant them favor in the sight of men. I will not endorse the words of discouragement uttered by some of our leading men. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 34*

The Lord instructed me that some connected with the institution would not see the necessity of uniting agricultural work with the instruction given in the school. In all our educational institutions, physical and mental work should have been combined. In vigorous physical exercise, the animal passions find a healthy outlet and are kept in proper bounds. Healthful exercise in the open air will strengthen the muscles, encourage a proper circulation of blood, help to preserve the body from disease, and will be a great help in spirituality. For many years it has been presented to me that teachers and students should unite in this work. This was done anciently in the schools of the prophets. *18LtMs, Ms 40, 1903, par. 35*

## Ms 41, 1903

Less Preaching; More Teaching

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God's servants have a great work to do in addition to preaching in the pulpit. In the work of the ministry there is altogether too much preaching and too little real teaching the lessons of the Bible. Our ministers should visit the members of the church more than they do, to talk and pray with them. Their hearts need to be drawn out to those in their charge. *18LtMs, Ms 41, 1903, par. 1*

When our ministers are visiting in a family, let them seek to make the hour of worship a great blessing, and let them, when at the meal table, seek to make the conversation a source of spiritual refreshing. Let them talk on Bible subjects and relate their experiences in holding meetings and in visiting among the people. The parents will be benefited, the children will be impressed, and as the warmth and grace of Christ are felt, the spiritual pulse will be quickened. *18LtMs, Ms 41, 1903, par. 2*

Often a minister is obliged to speak in a crowded, overheated room. The listeners become drowsy, their senses are half paralyzed, and it is almost impossible for them to grasp the subjects presented. If instead of preaching to them the speaker would try to teach them, asking them questions, and speaking in a conversational tone, their minds would be aroused to activity, and they would be able more clearly to comprehend the truths opened before them. Their understanding would take hold of the living reality of the truths necessary for the quickening of the perception and for growth in knowledge. As he goes over his discourse, point by point, allowing his hearers to ask questions and make suggestions, he will himself

obtain a better idea of his subject. Unless the great truths of God's Word are clearly opened before the understanding, they can not be comprehended by the mind or put into practice in the life. *18LtMs, Ms 41, 1903, par. 3*

One occupies a responsible position who is supported as a minister in the field. Every laborer should feel the burden of his work and consider if more effective methods cannot be devised to bring the truth to the mind of the people. To all who desire and seek to improve in their manner of teaching, God will reveal methods by which their minister shall be productive of more fruit. *18LtMs, Ms 41, 1903, par. 4*

Let it not be said of our ministers, "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracle of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even to those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." [*Hebrews 5:12-14.*] *18LtMs, Ms 41, 1903, par. 5*

#### **"Take Heed How Ye Hear"**

Ministers are engaged in a sacred, solemn work, but upon those who hear rests just as sacred a responsibility. They are to hear with a determination to follow the instruction that all must practice who gain eternal life. Each hearer should strive to understand each presentation of Bible truth as God's message to him, to be received by faith and put into practice in the daily life. Parents should explain to their children the words spoken from the pulpit, that they also may understand and have that knowledge which if put into practice brings abundant grace and peace. *18LtMs, Ms 41, 1903, par. 6*

There are many who do not mix faith with their hearing of God's Word, and they receive no benefit from what is presented to them. Their minds are so filled with their temporal interests, that spiritual truths have no influence upon them. Those who have the privilege of hearing the most precious truths ever given to mortals need to arouse their minds and to be more enthusiastic in seeking to



comprehend the Word of God. Unless the truths of the discourse are brought into the home life; unless the mind is growing in the knowledge of God, no advancement will be made in understanding the Scriptures, “which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” [2 *Timothy 3:15.*] There will be a continual backsliding from God. *18LtMs, Ms 41, 1903, par. 7*

A careful study of the *seventeenth chapter of John* would be of inestimable value to us. It is important that in every family the lessons here given should be taught understandingly; for “this is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.” [*Verse 3.*] *18LtMs, Ms 41, 1903, par. 8*

Growth in grace is dependent upon a knowledge of spiritual things. Some are so situated that they cannot obtain the knowledge that others are privileged to receive. The Lord judges every case by His own standard. Those who have an opportunity to hear and understand God’s truth, yet refuse to listen, will be condemned as if, having heard, they refused to obey and practice the truth. *18LtMs, Ms 41, 1903, par. 9*

### **Hospitality Among Brethren**

When God’s servants are called to go to Battle Creek, or to other churches, they should be made to feel that they are welcome, and comfortable places should be provided in which they may stay. There may be many ministers passing through Battle Creek, but they should always find the homes open to them. They should be entertained gladly, cheerfully, and made to feel that their brethren and sisters esteem it a privilege to be able to provide for them. When the spirit of hospitality dies, the heart becomes palsied with selfishness. *18LtMs, Ms 41, 1903, par. 10*

Parents who practice true health reform will realize that it is their duty to provide wholesome, nourishing food for their household. This is necessary for the preservation of the health of those near and dear to them. In the end, the best food is the cheapest. The regular diet of the family should be such that the mother will not feel that she cannot entertain ministers or other guests unless she prepares something extra for them. *18LtMs, Ms 41, 1903, par. 11*

## Ms 42, 1903

### The Training of Children

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In the home, unselfishness should ever be revealed in temporal and spiritual matters. *18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 1*

The parents are responsible to God to appreciate His gifts to them. They should be very careful lest an evil character reveal itself in some word or act that brings unpleasantness, discord, or strife, alienating their children from them. *18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 2*

The father is the priest of the family. The souls of his wife and children, as God's property, should be to him of the highest value, and he should faithfully guide the formation of their characters. The care of his children from their infancy should be his first consideration; for it is for their present and eternal good that they develop right characters. He should carefully weigh his words and actions, considering their influence and the results they may produce. *18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 3*

He who is engaged in the work of the gospel ministry must be faithful in his family life. It is as essential that, as a father, he should improve the talents God has given him for the purpose of making the home a symbol of the heavenly family as that in the work of the ministry he should make use of his God-given powers to win souls for the church. As the priest in the home, and as the ambassador of Christ in the church, he should exemplify in his life the character of Christ. He must be faithful in watching for souls as one that must give an account. In his service there must be seen no carelessness and inattentive work. God will not serve with the sins of men who have not a clear sense of the sacred responsibility involved in

accepting a position as pastor of a church. He who fails to be a faithful, discerning shepherd in the home will surely fail of being a faithful shepherd to the flock of God in the church. *18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 4*

Fathers and mothers, to you God has entrusted children, and upon you rests a great responsibility, that of patiently and faithfully educating them. To fit your children to become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King, is your first duty. You are responsible to God carefully to educate them, from their earliest years, to be kind and helpful, patient and forbearing. By your own faithfulness in this missionary service, you will encourage them to seek for the same qualifications that you possess, and in later years they will be fitted to stand as faithful educators in the home. *18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 5*

Remember that your children are God's property. You are His stewards, and He has appointed you as their guardians. Parents who are not Christians will fail to give their children a proper training, but you who claim to be Christians must not fail to represent the tender forbearance and patience of Jesus Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 6*

Diligent, faithful instruction in the home is the best preparation children can receive for their school life. The teachers in the school and the teachers in the home should have a complete understanding of each other's work. They should co-operate harmoniously, imbued with the same missionary spirit, together striving to benefit the children temporally and spiritually. The aim of both parent and teacher should be to develop in those under their care characters that will stand the test of temptation. *18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 7*

The knowledge of useful trades and of spiritual truths should enter into the education of youth. They are called to the service of God, to reveal the impress of His character and, in true missionary lines, to advance the knowledge of God in the earth. Their training should be of a character that will fit them for this work. *18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 8*

Let parents, in the fear of God, require perfect obedience in the

home. They are to be firm and decided in manner, and at the same time they are to manifest a kindly and affectionate spirit. Such parents will have the favor of God, for they are educating in the way that God has ordained. If taught obedience to their parents at home, children will be led to obey their heavenly Father. *18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 9*

How seldom do parents realize that with much prayer they must carefully instruct their children in the things of God, that they may be kept from eating the fruit of the forbidden tree. Parents, keep your children unspotted from evil, that when the gates of the city of God shall be thrown open to all who love the truth, you may say, Here am I and the children Thou hast given me. *18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 10*

Christ gave His life for them, that through belief in Him, they might come into possession of the heavenly inheritance, having been educated by their parents to submit to the discipline and control of God. *18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 11*

Fathers, mothers, deal kindly and tenderly with each other. Let the husband respect the mother of his children, and let the wife show respect for the father of her children, and study to meet his requirements. Never utter one word of censure for the other. Never disagree before your children regarding your management of them. Talk over between yourselves your course of dealing with them, and then work in perfect harmony. You must do this, if you wish to give the right mold to their characters. *18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 12*

Angels of God will co-operate with human instrumentalities, giving success and eternal victory for the truth through obedience to the law of Jehovah. *18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 13*

In order to gain this success, parents must never exercise a passionate spirit; for if they do, they will educate their children in evil. Through unwise discipline, they stir up the objectionable traits of character in their children. When parents show a rough, severe, masterly spirit, a spirit of obstinacy and stubbornness is aroused in the children. Thus the parents fail to exert over their children the softening influence that they might. *18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 14*

Parents, can you not see that harsh words provoke resistance? What would you do if treated as inconsiderately as you treat your little ones? It is your duty to study from cause to effect. When you scolded your children, when with angry blows you struck those who were too small to defend themselves, did you ask yourself what effect such treatment would have upon you? Have you thought how sensitive you are in regard to words of censure or blame? how quickly you feel hurt if you think that some one fails to recognize your capabilities? You are but grown up children. Then think how your children must feel when you speak harsh, cutting words to them, severely punishing them for faults that are not half so grievous in the sight of God as is your treatment of them. By your harsh treatment you are ruining their souls and, taking from them the desire to become Christians, are building up barriers that it will be difficult for you to remove. *18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 15*

Some parents, when angry, correct their children before visitors in a harsh, abusive manner. This causes the children to lose their self-respect, and a spirit of sullen defiance takes possession of them. They say, "I do not care. I am blamed and severely used for things that I did not regard as sin." This I have heard from the lips of many children. If their parents had not become angry, if in a calm voice they had explained to the children the inconsistency of their ways and words, they would have won their love. *18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 16*

Parents, do not discipline your children in a harsh, authoritative manner. If you do, your children will surely act in the same way in their treatment of one another and later in the discipline of their own children. Remember that as teachers you are to carry out Christ's directions, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." [*Luke 18:16.*] *18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 17*

Parents who have not put away their harsh, disagreeable traits of character transmit to their children the unchristlike dispositions they have cherished. In many cases parents are accountable for the unruly traits of character that the children reveal. Often the children are wayward because they cannot see any kindness or justice or love in the treatment that they receive from their parents. Their

minds are filled with the poison of retaliation, and with clenched hands, they tell what they purpose to do when they are older.*18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 18*

Could the eyes of the parents have been opened, they would have seen angels with grieved countenances watching them and their children. These ministers of heaven have been made sad as they have seen the discord and heard the harsh, stinging words. Had they stopped to consider, would they have allowed such scenes to take place in their home?*18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 19*

But they have not discerned their own cruelty. They have reached the full stature of men and women, but they have not put away childish things. They have mortified their children, aroused their violent tempers, and deformed their characters. Would it not be well for them to put away their childishness and to ask themselves what example they are setting before those whose lives will be a copy of their own?*18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 20*

Parents, you have been buried with Christ in baptism. Have you the evidence that you have been cleansed from sin? You have been buried in the likeness of Christ's death and raised in the likeness of His resurrection to walk in newness of life. Has your old life, the harsh, arbitrary life set in action by passion and governed by carnal feeling, passed away? Are you living the new life in Christ?*18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 21*

Parents, when you are converted, your children will be able to see a great change in the home life. They will participate in the blessings that the parents have received. Faultfinding and scolding will have gone, and in its place will be seen forbearance, compassion, and love. You will remember that your children are very young, very inexperienced, and that they have the dispositions that you parents have transmitted to them. You will remember that you have made your children what they are, that from you they inherited a spirit of insubordination and harshness. You will beware lest self with its unchristlikeness shall again come into your life, giving sharpness to your tone and making your words sharp and irritating.*18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 22*

“Take heed,” said Christ, “that ye despise not one of these little

ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven.” [*Matthew 18:10.*]18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 23

Parents, mingle love with your instructions, taking notice of the good actions and words of your children and commending them. Do not discourage them. Let them see that you desire to make them happy, and even now you may be able to revive in their hearts the love that you thoughtlessly killed. Let not the Lord Jesus witness in your house any more exhibitions of that masterly authority of which you should ever be ashamed.18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 24

Be just what you wish your children to be when they shall have charge of families of their own. Speak as you would have them speak. Would you be pleased to have them use the same arbitrary spirit that you have shown to them?18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 25

“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.” [*Colossians 3:12-14.*] “And ye, fathers, provoke not your children to wrath.” [*Ephesians 6:4.*]18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 26

“In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the God of peace which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” [*Philippians 4:6, 7.*] “In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.” [*Isaiah 30:15.*]18LtMs, Ms 42, 1903, par. 27

## Ms 43, 1903

### The Result of Self-Denying Effort

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Let not self-denial be so rare as it has been in the past among the people of God. The Lord will co-operate with ever one who is truly in earnest. What may be accomplished by self-denying effort is shown by the result of the sale of *Christ's Object Lessons*. In giving us this book, the Lord gave us a great blessing. I praise Him with heart and soul that He put it into my mind to give this book for the relief of the schools. I praise Him that our publishing houses acted so generous a part in the work of preparing this book for sale. And I praise Him that our people have put their hand so nobly to the work of its circulation. The Lord has greatly blessed them. In the effort to sell this book, they have learned by practical experience what they can do for the advancement of the work. And they have learned also how to speak to strangers about the truth. *18LtMs, Ms 43, 1903, par. 1*

While the men of the world are idolizing money and making it their trust, the Lord in His providence has brought forth from His treasure house a precious treasure and has placed it within the reach of all. He has given His people an opportunity to take to their friends and neighbors, and to strangers, a book containing the precious lessons of Christ. As those who have never tried to sell books have thought of going out with this book, a dread has come into their hearts. But the Lord has led and guided them as His little children. He has taught young and old, men and women, how to give the light of truth to those who know it not. *18LtMs, Ms 43, 1903, par. 2*

And the purchases have been blessed. Their hearts have softened



as they have listened to the story of the self-denying effort to free our schools from debt. By the sale of this book many sermons have been preached. Those in the highways as well as those in the hedges have been reached. As men and women and youth have gone forth to sell *Object Lessons*, and in simple words have told what they were trying to do, a deep impression has been made on minds. Hearts have been touched. Sinners have been convicted and converted. *18LtMs, Ms 43, 1903, par. 3*

How grateful we should be that the Lord devised this means of bringing hope and comfort to starving souls. He makes this book a leaf from the tree of life to those who turn to Him. Through it He will change the hearts of men and women living in worldliness and self-indulgence. As a result of the effort to circulate it, some—yes, many—will be converted, brought to a knowledge of the truth. Many who might never have had an opportunity to hear a discourse from the living preacher will be fed with the bread of life. *18LtMs, Ms 43, 1903, par. 4*

Christ's command is, "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." [*Luke 14:23.*] The effort to sell *Object Lessons* has taken to many the invitation to the feast that God has prepared. The circulation of this book is the Lord's missionary work, and it will make joyful the hearts of all who engage in it. To some the cross at first seemed heavy, but they found that as they lifted it, it lifted them and brought peace and joy to their souls. Their testimony has been, "His yoke is easy, and His burden is light." [*Matthew 11:30.*] In willing, unselfish service they have found rest to their souls. *18LtMs, Ms 43, 1903, par. 5*

Christ has placed upon His church a sacred charge, the fulfilling of which calls for self-denial at every step. When those who believe in Him are seen lifting the cross and bearing it after Him in the paths of self-denial, willingly doing all in their power to bring blessing to those for whom Christ died, witness will be borne to the power of Christianity, and in the hearts of many who are now unbelievers will spring up faith in Him who gave His life to save a guilty world from eternal ruin. *18LtMs, Ms 43, 1903, par. 6*

## Ms 44, 1903

### Dangers in the Health Food Business

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On the night of April 26, scene after scene passed before me. I was talking to our people in Battle Creek, warning them most earnestly in regard to the dangers that would come upon us.*18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 1*

The next night I was again in meeting with my brethren, laboring most earnestly. One of authority was among us, and He said, “You rejoice that you have gained great victories. But you will certainly have severe conflicts.”*18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 2*

I thought that propositions were being made by our brethren in Battle Creek to establish food stores in many places. I was instructed that there was great danger that in this matter grave mistakes would be made. There is danger that this work will be treated as commercial business and that it will be carried to an extreme. There is danger that men who are greatly needed just where they are will be encouraged to enter this business because of the wages offered.*18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 3*

The end of all things is at hand. The Lord is looking upon the plans that are being made, and He says, “Beware lest men shall be induced to enter business enterprises who ought to be serving the Master as evangelists and canvassers and ministers.”*18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 4*

The worldly plans made in the past in regard to the food business may change somewhat; but there is danger that in many respects the same wood, hay, and stubble will be piled upon the foundation

and that the work, that Christ ordained should be done in the food work, will be left undone for work in which more financial gain will be secured. *18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 5*

My brethren, watch unto prayer. Then men who have obtained an experience that enables them to labor successfully for the Master, and who are doing good work in their various positions of trust, should not be encouraged to leave their present work for some other line of work. If they should follow the policy that will be advocated by some, leaving the place in which they are now working, to enter the health food work, the cause of the Lord, at the end of the year, would be far behind where it ought to be. *18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 6*

Our Instructor addressed the leaders in the health food work at Battle Creek, telling them that they must make straight paths for their feet. Should the plans for health food stores and hygienic restaurants be carried out just as they have been outlined, many souls would fall into snares and pitfalls. There are those who view in a favorable light the establishment of health food stores and restaurants. But they should understand that like some other lines of work, this line may become altogether too absorbing. There may be brought into it too much business and too little principle. Thus the work which, if rightly handled, might be a blessing would become a curse. *18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 7*

Great care must be shown in regard to the extension of the food work. I have been instructed that this work will prove a snare unless right plans are laid and unless caution is exercised. There is danger that worldly business plans will be brought into the food work, and that the minds of the workers will become absorbed by business cares and will thus become dead to religious things. Bribes, in the form of high wages, must not be offered to men, to tempt them to leave positions where they are doing successful work for the Master, to enter the food work. *18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 8*

Men who are already carrying heavy responsibilities must not be urged to accept heavier responsibilities than they can carry and, at the same time, preserve their spirituality. Plans must not be laid in regard to this that will create perplexity and difficulty. This is a snare

that the enemy would be pleased to see laid for the entanglement of our feet. *18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 9*

There are those who can successfully carry a certain amount of work, but who become overwheated, fractious, and impatient when there is crowded upon them a larger amount of work than they have physical or mental strength to perform. They lose the love of God out of the heart, and then they lose courage and faith, and the blessing of God is not with them. There are physicians who have lost their spiritual power because they have done double the work that they ought to have done. When men are asked or tempted to take more work than they can do, let them say firmly, I cannot consent to do this. I cannot safely do more than I am doing. *18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 10*

The food business is not to be so managed that it will absorb in it the talent needed elsewhere. No plans are to be followed that tend to make a great whole of the food work, and thus deprive other branches of the cause of God of their workers. Men and women must not be led to engage in a commercial line of work which will not help them to perfect a Christian character. *18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 11*

We need canvassers, evangelists, ministers who have received the Holy Spirit and who are partakers of the divine nature. We need workers who are able to talk with God, and then with the people. I am alarmed as I see how many obstructions are coming in to divert men from evangelistic work, and thus hinder the work of God. As our restaurants are presented to me, they are not doing the work that they should be doing to bring souls into the truth. I warn those who should be in the canvassing work, circulating the books so much needed everywhere, to be careful not to turn from the work that the Lord has called them to. Let not the men that God has called to do gospel work become entangled with business perplexities. Let them keep their souls in the atmosphere most favorable to spirituality. Let them not place themselves where they will find many temptations, where they will be absorbed in cares that will lead them to be regardless of the preparation necessary for the courts above. God wants every worker who claims to believe the present truth to consecrate himself, body, soul, and spirit, to the

work of seeking to save the perishing souls around him. *18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 12*

I have been given a presentation of how the food work, if conducted as a commercial enterprise, will ever spread and will become a dangerous element in our work. I am bidden to say to men and women, Keep your conscience clear before God. Do not place yourselves where you will be tempted and tried by the sight of your eyes and the hearing of your ears, so that you will lose your spiritual perception of what it means to be a Christian. Hold the standard firmly, and raise it high. Let no one talk you into engaging in work that will hinder you from making the preparation that you must make in order to meet Christ in peace. *18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 13*

Many things will come up to divert the minds of God's people from the great work to which they are called. May the Lord help them to labor in such a way that they will win the crown of immortal life. "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." [*Hebrews 3:12-15.*]*18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 14*

"Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached as well as unto them; but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." [*Hebrews 4:1, 2.*]*18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 15*

There is a great and special work to be carried on in these last days, and the work is to be carried on in right lines. The Lord would have us understand that minds that are not daily enlightened by the Holy Spirit have not wisdom even concerning the carrying forward of the business enterprises which, if properly managed, would tell for the advancement of God's cause. In these days of peril we must avoid anything that has a tendency to divert the mind from the great work to be done. To gain means for the accomplishment of certain results, we may make plans that appear to be wise and just and

rational; but were these plans carried out, the future might show that they had accomplished little or nothing for the saving of souls. *18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 16*

The Lord has not given orders that the food business be exalted to large proportions. It will take something more than food stores and factories, with their perplexities and their commercial business, to make an impression that will convert souls. Unless the standard of godliness is raised, unless the principles of heaven are manifest in all business dealings, more souls will be lost by connecting with the food stores than will be saved by the work of these stores. *18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 17*

When the large food factory was erected in Los Angeles, the question was asked by One who knows the end from the beginning, Who will furnish the facilities necessary for the running of the business in this large building? Where is the talent necessary to operate such a plant? Where is the talent necessary to carry forward spiritual lines of work as they would have to be carried forward in order to produce the best results? There is danger that if this work is carried on as planned, workers, young and old, would be called in who would not maintain their spirituality. With the present clouded perception of righteousness, the way is open for injustice and selfishness to be shown, and this would provoke the wrath of God. *18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 18*

It will not be wise to erect large food factories anywhere. Should this be done, there would be danger that they would be destroyed by those who are carrying out Satan's plans, unless there is a compliance with these plans. I have received light on the subject of large food factories, and the outlook is not favorable. If the food work is carried forward as many have planned, the final result will be the destruction of property and the destruction of souls. *18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 19*

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It is a mistake to start enterprises that will draw Seventh-day Adventists into the cities. In their corruption the cities are as Sodom and Gomorrah. And their corruption is increasing. Satan is stirred with a power from beneath to gather in his harvest, and every

capability and power of the people of God is needed now to enlighten men and women as to what is truth. Let our schools and sanitariums be established out of the cities, where they can stand alone. And let them be furnished with the very best talent—teachers and managers who are wise, God-fearing, consecrated. Mammoth sanitariums are not to be erected in any place. But in many places provision is to be made for the care of the sick.*18LtMs, Ms 44, 1903, par. 20*

## Ms 45, 1903

Make the Health Food Work a Blessing

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For all who are engaged in the health food business I have words of counsel. I have said that food stores and hygienic restaurants should be established in cities, and that they should be so conducted that they will be the means of reaching people with the gospel message for this time. All our restaurants are to be so conducted that there will not be an accumulation of debt. If debts accumulate, even though the patronage is large, there needs to be a careful, thorough investigation of the business, and such changes should be made as will put it on a paying basis. A restaurant should not be maintained at a continual financial loss. *18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 1*

Recently in the night season we seemed to be in a council meeting. One of authority stood among us, and questioned the workers who were bearing responsibilities in the food work. He asked, "Have you made this work merely a commercial matter? Are you carrying out the instruction that restaurants should be established to teach the people how to prepare wholesome food and to bring them to a knowledge of the present truth? To those whom you have met from day to day, have you spoken of the Christian's hope? Have meetings been appointed and talks given on Bible subjects?" *18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 2*

The workers in our restaurants are to hunt and fish for souls. Meetings should be appointed at some convenient place, and notice of these meetings should be given to those coming to the restaurants for their meals. Some will attend and will thus be led to study the Bible and to ask questions regarding the truths which they have heard. *18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 3*

Seek the Lord in prayer, asking Him to show you the best way in



which to reach the people with whom you come in contact. Remember the words of the Saviour, "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." [*Matthew 9:13.*] Remember that different methods must be followed in dealing with different people. To some you can give a tract. To others, you can put the question, "Do you love the Lord Jesus?" In the meetings that are held, talk in a way that will interest them. Deal with the subject on which you are speaking in so simple and practical a way that they cannot fail to understand. There are many so ignorant of the terms used by those who speak on spiritual subjects that they do not understand what they hear. Many who hear have so little interest in spiritual things that much of the effort put forth to give them religious instruction is like beating the air. *18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 4*

If in your restaurant work you make no advancement in religious lines, what have you gained? Daily you are brought into association with many who perhaps all their lifetimes have continued in sin. Some means of arresting their attention must be devised. They must be warned of their danger. If this work cannot be done in our restaurants, let them be discontinued; for what use is it to expend means and talent in a work that consumes without producing? Or what use is it for workers to spend their time preparing temporal food for men and women, while they neglect to offer them the bread of life and the water of salvation? Merely to provide temporal food is not a savor of life unto life. *18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 5*

The servants of God are to watch for souls as they that must give an account. If in the restaurant work more is not done to advance the work of soul-saving than has been done in the past, the workers in the restaurants would better use their talents in lines of work that will do more to draw souls to Christ. The interests of Christ's kingdom are paramount to all else. We are not to bend our energies to the establishment of food stores and food factories merely to supply people with temporal food and to make money. Thousands are perishing in sin, and the energies of God's people are to be put forth to arouse souls to a sense of their danger. *18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 6*

We cannot afford to call our young men and young women into a work where they are brought in contact with the worldly element, if,

instead of exerting an influence that will win souls to Christ, they are leavened by the worldliness. In every work to which the people of God put their hands, soul-saving is to be made of the first importance. Let not those engaged in the food work think that their efforts can bear the approval of God unless they do all they possibly can to reach with the truth those whom they supply with temporal food.*18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 7*

### **A Decided Warning**

A most decided warning was given by our Instructor. He repeated the following words, found in the *eighth chapter of Isaiah*:*18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 8*

“Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself; and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread. And He shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling, and for a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many of them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.” [*Verses 12-15.*]*18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 9*

“The food business may be so conducted as to be an injury instead of a blessing to the people of God. This line of work must be jealously guarded, else we shall find ourselves on the losing instead of the gaining side. The workers must be guarded. The barriers that I have placed between them and the world must not be taken down, lest they become leavened with worldliness. Unless great care is taken, some will fall into Satan’s snares, seduced by the spirit of the world, and led to corrupt their ways.*18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 10*

“Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.” Let this be your safeguard. “And I will wait upon the Lord, that hideth His face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for Him. Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in Mount Zion.” [*Verses 16-18.*] “Fear ye not, neither be ye afraid; have I not told you from that time, and have declared it? Ye are even My witnesses. Is there a God beside Me? Yea, there is no God: I know

not any.” [Isaiah 44:8.] *18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 11*

“And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter; should not a people seek unto their God, for the living to the dead? 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 8:19, 20.] Satan will bring in many devices to draw men from the truth. Let God’s people take warning. Let them refuse to mingle with the world in a way that will endanger their spiritual interests. Let not too many cares and responsibilities be placed on one man; for if this is done, that man will lose his balance and will follow a course that will defeat the purpose he desires to fulfil. *18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 12*

In the food business there is a snare for all who engage in it without realizing their danger. The Lord is not pleased with the way in which this business has been carried on. No overburdening commercialism is to be brought into it. Those connected with this work need to heed the invitation to come to Christ and learn of Him His meekness and His lowliness. *18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 13*

I desire to place this warning before God’s people. The time has come when we need to see in a clearer light that diligent care must be taken to preserve pure, holy principles in the work of God. There are those who have been warned not to pervert principle and who with strong emphasis say that they would do anything rather than yield principle. But for years these very men have mingled false principles with their work, and they are not proper judges of what true, sanctified, ennobling principles are. Counterfeit principles have been accepted for the genuine principles of right. This God sees. Will men see it, and will they exchange the counterfeit for the real? *18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 14*

### **Words of Instruction**

I was instructed to bring the following Scriptures to the notice of the people of God: *18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 15*

“There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots; and the Spirit of the Lord shall

rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and shall make Him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord; and He shall not judge after the sight of His eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of His ears; but with righteousness shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth; and He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins, and faithfulness the girdle of His reins." [Isaiah 11:1-5.] *18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 16*

"In that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise Thee; Thou wast angry; Thine anger is turned away, and Thou comfortest 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. ... And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon His name, declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord; for He hath done excellent things; this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion; for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee." [Isaiah 12:1, 2, 4-6.] *18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 17*

There is a great work to be done in the world, and the Lord's servants are not to start enterprises of a commercial character, which will absorb the ability and tact and skill that God calls for in other lines of work. Just as soon as God's people lay off the burdens that He has not placed on them, and obtain the robe of Christ's righteousness; just as soon as they begin to answer the prayer of Christ, and to serve the Lord with all humility, the words of the *twelfth chapter of Isaiah* will be fulfilled to them. *18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 18*

I am instructed to speak to our ministers, who are dealing in Bible truth, and to tell them to preach the gospel to all nations, teaching the things that Christ has commanded. I am instructed to tell our physicians to give themselves unreservedly to their appointed work, to ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of the afflicted, and to be partakers of the divine nature, that they may escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. *18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 19*

Please read the *forty-fifth* and *forty-ninth chapters of Isaiah*. The Lord calls upon all to make diligent work for repentance. He calls upon our physicians to see the importance of establishing small sanitariums in connection with our schools. True medical missionary workers, laboring under the direction of God to fulfil His purpose, will do a hundredfold more good than it is possible for food stores or restaurants to do, as they are now conducted. The Lord's workers in every line are to cherish pure, clean principles free from any taint of selfishness. It is such principles only that are acceptable to God. "Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." [*Isaiah 57:15.*] *18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 20*

Let us in the name of the Lord advance in His work, doing His will, cherishing the principles of righteousness and equity, bound together in Christian unity. *18LtMs, Ms 45, 1903, par. 21*

## Ms 46, 1903

### *Christ's Object Lessons*

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#### **How This Book Should be Handled in the Future**

The use which should be made of the book *Christ's Object Lessons* in the future has been made clear to me, and I must write to my brethren in regard to it. Letters have been received from our canvassing agents saying that they think it would be a good plan for *Christ's Object Lessons* to be handled as a regular subscription book as soon as the relief of the schools campaign is finished. They believe that this book would have as ready a sale in the hands of the regular canvassers as any that could be produced. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 1*

As my son read me one of these letters, the thought came to me, "Here is an opportunity for me to get out of debt. Is not this the right thing to do?" I told my son that I thought that perhaps it would be best to do as the letter had suggested. Then I sent to heaven the prayer, "Lord, teach me to speak right words." Quickly the answer came. In an instant the light given me at the first regarding *Object Lessons* flashed into my mind, and the instruction then given was repeated. I seemed to hear the words, "God signified that this book should be given to our schools, to be to them a continual blessing. Would you exchange His plan for human devising? This book is to be treated as a sacred offering made to God; and as His plan regarding it is unselfishly carried out, the result will be wholly satisfactory." *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 2*

I immediately told my son that I would not make any change

regarding the handling of *Object Lessons* unless God gave me plain instruction that this should be done. As I told him this, I felt the blessing of God resting upon me. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 3*

The plan for the circulation of *Christ's Object Lessons* is not of human devising, but it is God's plan. He signified that this book should be a gift to the schools. Thus far it has done its work, and God has set His approval on the self-sacrificing efforts of His people. Shall we mar His plan? No, no! *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 4*

### **A Perpetual Gift**

Until the Lord shall come and our present system of school work is ended by our entering the higher school, *Christ's Object Lessons* is to stand as a gift to our education institutions. Several reasons why this book should continue to be handled as it has been have been presented to me. In many places small schools are to be established, and the building up of these schools is one purpose for which the proceeds from the sale of *Christ's Object Lessons* are to be used. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 5*

Another purpose is for the education of workers for the Master's service. Part of the proceeds from the sale of this book should be devoted to helping worthy young men and young women to obtain an education that will fit them to be missionaries for the Lord. There are among us many young men and women of precious talents who should be in school, but because they have no means of paying the expense of tuition are unable to attend. These should be given the privilege of attending school. The expense of their tuition should be met from a fund raised by the sale of *Object Lessons*. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 6*

In the past I have not dwelt much upon this point, but the time has come for it to be considered, and I wish to state it so plainly that there will be no possibility for a misunderstanding. Worthy young men and women who desire to attend school but who are without means are to be helped. They may be sent to school, and their expenses may be paid by their friends, their churches, or their conferences from the income received from the sale of *Object Lessons*. Let our leading brethren take hold of this matter. God will

bless His people in the work of helping the youth to obtain an education that will fit them to enter His service as Christian workers. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 7*

If the students will do their part faithfully, seeking with earnest endeavor to advance, and to help others, they will gain knowledge that will fit them to serve the Master acceptably. They will be producers as well as consumers. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 8*

There will be in our schools students who are apparently dull, who see things slowly. Yet many of these students, when once they comprehend a subject will hold fast that which they have gained. They may be slow and unpromising, but if they will follow closely in the footsteps of Christ, they will become most successful workers in the cause of God. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 9*

#### **Progression, the Law of Heaven**

Progression, not stagnation, is the law of heaven. Progression is the law of every faculty of mind and body. The things of nature obey this law. There is seen first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear. In the spiritual life, as in the physical life, there is to be growth. Step by step we are to advance, ever receiving and imparting, ever gaining a more complete knowledge of Christ, daily approaching more nearly and measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 10*

The Christian is first a babe in Christ. Then he becomes a child. Constantly he is to make an advancement proportionate to the opportunities and privileges granted him. Ever he is to remember that he is not his own, that he has been bought with a price, and that he must make the best use possible of the talents entrusted to him. Even in the infancy of his spiritual understanding the student is to do his best, making steady advancement toward the higher, holier life. He is to realize that Christ is co-operating with him. He is to know that he is a laborer together with God. He is to notice the way in which God works, and then strive to attain to the possibilities held out before him, saying, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." [*Philippians 4:13.*] He is never to become self-inflated, but is to "count all things but loss for the excellency of the



knowledge of Christ Jesus his Lord.” [*Philippians 3:8.*] He is to accept for the companionship of the Master-worker who will plan and devise for him. As he walks in the Saviour’s companionship, his faith will increase. Over and over again he is to repeat the words, “Ye are laborers together with God; ye are God’s husbandry; ye are God’s building.” [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*]*18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 11*

### **The Result of Unselfish Service**

In the work for the relief of our schools, the Lord has bestowed on us a gift of great value and has marked out for us the pathway of blessing. He called upon me to give our schools the manuscript of the book *Christ’s Object Lessons*. He called upon our publishing houses to make liberal gifts of labor in preparing the book for sale. In response to this call, they acted their part nobly. Our people gave generously of their means to raise a material fund and then went forth willingly to sell the book for the help of the schools.*18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 12*

As a result of this effort far more has been accomplished than at first we dared expect. Angels of God co-operated with those who went out to circulate the book. Men, women, and children took part in the effort and labored earnestly and unselfishly. The Lord gave them His approval and with it His grace and joy and peace. Read in our papers the results of their work. Testimony after testimony has been borne witnessing to the blessing found in selling this book. How good these testimonies are. As we read them, refreshing streams of salvation seemed to flow from the very throne of God into our hearts.*18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 13*

I have been shown many praying to God for help as they have gone forth to sell *Christ’s Object Lessons*. They have asked the Lord to give them success. Then, as they have succeeded, they have felt that they have received evidence that the Lord has answered their prayers. Thus they have obtained a deeper experience in heavenly things; for they have felt that they were following in the footsteps of Christ.*18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 14*

With many, to go out and sell *Object Lessons* meant to take up a heavy cross, but they have been rewarded by God’s approval. The

thought “We are doing something for the Master” has filled their hearts with peace and gladness. Church members who never before had courage to sell books took hold of this work. Very timidly they began. But they did not turn back; and as they labored on, courage came, and success attended their efforts. Many gained an experience more valuable than gold or silver. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 15*

The hearts of God’s people have been made light and joyful in Him as they have offered Him the sweet incense of unselfish service. Many of our churches have been quickened and refreshed as some of their number have engaged in this work. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 16*

Our brethren were just as surely in the service of the Lord when selling this book as they were when bearing testimony for the Lord in a camp-meeting. They received the refreshing grace of God; for they were carrying out His purpose, and He has bestowed upon them His commendation. Their minds have been freed from the malaria of unselfishness and complaint and discouragement. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 17*

By the effort to sell *Object Lessons*, much has been accomplished to bring the precious light of present truth to those in darkness. Thus many have been saved from sin. For every spring of influence touched, for every train of thought set in motion with a sincere desire to glorify God, the Holy Spirit has worked on hearts, bringing wisdom, courage, and strength. Those who have bought the book bear testimony to the blessing they have received in reading it. Many will shine in the kingdom of God whose conversion was the result of the efforts of our brethren and sisters to sell *Object Lessons*. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 18*

The men who have taken a leading part in this enterprise have done a good work. Their labors have brought about most excellent results. They are not to become discouraged, but are to look to God in faith, and go forward, walking humbly before Him. Our brethren connected with the school at Berrien Springs should be encouraged to advance as the way may open before them. We are to help them all we can. Christ stands at the helm, and to Him is to be ascribed

the praise and glory for the work accomplished by *Object Lessons!* This work bears the stamp of unselfishness, and it will produce good fruit. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 19*

### **A Call for Canvassers**

The canvassing work should no longer be neglected. Many times I have been shown that there should be a more general interest in our canvassing work. The circulation of our literature is one very important means of placing before men and women the light that the Lord has committed to His church to be given to the world. The books sold by our canvassers open to many minds the unsearchable riches of Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 20*

In the service of God there is work of many kinds to be performed. In the service of the temple there were hewers of wood as well as priests of various orders bearing various degrees of responsibility. Our church members are to arise and shine because their light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon them. Let those who know the truth arouse out of sleep and make every effort to reach the people where they are. The work of the Lord must no longer be neglected by us and made secondary to worldly interests. We have no time to be idle or discouraged. The gospel is to be proclaimed to all the world. The publications containing the light of present truth are to go forth to all places. Canvassing campaigns are to be organized for the sale of our literature, that the world may be enlightened as to what is just before us. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 21*

Why are we not more wide-awake? Each worker may now understand his special work and receive strength to take hold of it anew. Distinct and peculiar development of the boundless glory of God will bring tributary offerings of varied kinds to the feet of Jesus. Every new disclosure of the Saviour's love turns the balance for some soul in one direction or the other; for the end of all things is at hand. The men of the world are rushing on to their ruin. Their schemes, their confederacies are many. New devices will continually be brought in to make of no effect the counsel of God. Men are heaping up treasures of gold and silver to be consumed by the fires of the last days. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 22*

Canvasser-evangelists are needed to hunt and fish for souls. The canvassing work should now be earnestly and decidedly taken up. The canvasser whose heart is meek and lowly and humble can accomplish much good. Going out two and two, canvassers can reach a class that cannot be reached by our camp-meetings. From family to family they carry the message of truth. Thus they come into close touch with the people and find many opportunities to speak of the Saviour. Let them sing and pray with those who become interested in the truths they have to give. Let them speak to families the words of Christ. They may expect success; for theirs is the promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:20.*] Canvassers who go forth in the spirit of the Master have the companionship of heavenly beings. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 23*

I beg those bearing responsibilities in God's cause to let no commercial enterprises interpose between them and the work of soul-saving. Let no business enterprises be allowed to absorb the time and talents of workers who ought to be engaged in preparing a people for the coming of the Lord. The truth is to go forth as a lamp that burneth. Time is short; the enemy will make every effort to magnify in our minds matters of lesser consequence and lead us to regard lightly the very work that needs most to be done. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 24*

The things of this world are soon to perish. This is not discerned by those who have not been divinely enlightened, who have not kept pace with the work of God. Consecrated men and women must go forth to sound the warning in the highways and the byways. I urge my brethren and sisters not to engage in work that will hinder them from proclaiming the gospel of Christ. You are God's spokesmen. You are to speak the truth in love to perishing souls. "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled," Christ says. [*Luke 14:23.*] Do not these words plainly outline the work of the canvasser? With Christ in his heart he is to go out into the highways and byways of life, giving the invitation to the marriage supper. Men of wealth and influence will come in if they are invited. Some will refuse, but thank God, not all. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 25*

O that thousands more of our people had a realization of the time in which we are living and of the work to be done in field service, in house to house labor. There are many, many who know not the truth. They need to hear the call to come to Jesus. The sorrowing are to be cheered, the weak strengthened, the mourners comforted. The poor are to have the gospel preached to them.*18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 26*

The Master knows and watches over His workers in whatever part of His vineyard they are laboring. He calls upon His church to arouse and become acquainted with the situation. He calls upon those in our institutions to awake and set in operation influences that will advance His kingdom. Let them send forth laborers into the field and then see that the interest of these laborers does not flag for lack of sympathy and of opportunities for development.*18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 27*

My brethren and sisters, remember that one day you will stand before the Lord of all the earth to give an account of the deeds done in the body. Then your work will appear as it really is. The vineyard is large, and the Lord is calling for laborers. Do not allow anything to keep you from the work of soul-saving. The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls. Will you not try it?*18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 28*

Those in the darkness of error are the purchase of the blood of Christ. They are the fruit of His suffering, and they are to be labored for. Let our canvassers know that it is for the advancement of Christ's kingdom that they are laboring. He will teach them as they go forth to their God-appointed work, to warn the world of a soon-coming judgment. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, the evangelist's work will not, cannot be without fruit. Think of the interest that the Father and the Son have in this work. As the Father loves the Son, so the Son loves those that are His, those who work as He worked to save perishing souls. None need feel that they are powerless; for Christ declares, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." [*Matthew 28:18.*] He has promised that He will give this power to His workers. His power is to become their power. They are to link their souls with God. Christ desires all to enjoy the wealth of His

grace, which is beyond all computation. It is limitless, exhaustless. It is ours by eternal covenant if we will be workers together with God. It is ours if we will unite with Him to bring many sons and daughters to God. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 29*

Christ's interests are the first and the highest of all interests. He has a property in this world that He wishes secured, saved for His everlasting kingdom. It is for His Father's glory and His own glory that His messengers shall go forth in His name; for they and He are one. They are to reveal Him to the world. His interests are their interests. If they will be co-laborers with Him, they will be made heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ to an immortal inheritance. *18LtMs, Ms 46, 1903, par. 30*

**Ms 47, 1903**

Talk/The Student's Privilege

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## Ms 48, 1903

A Call for Repentance

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I awake at half-past eleven p.m. and lift my heart to God in prayer and thanksgiving, grateful that I have been able to sleep since seven o'clock. My heart is filled with sorrow.*18LtMs, Ms 48, 1903, par. 1*

For months I have had premonition of some coming disaster. I have seen what appeared to be a flaming sword of fire stretched over Battle Creek. Now a telegram has come from Battle Creek, stating that the Review and Herald office has been destroyed by fire.*18LtMs, Ms 48, 1903, par. 2*

For many years I have carried a heavy burden for our institutions. I have borne many messages from God. Yet I knew that those for whom these messages were intended were not heeding them. Sometimes I have thought I would attend no more large gatherings of our people, for my messages seem to leave little impression on the minds of our leading brethren after the meetings have closed, although I bear a heavy burden, and go from the meeting pressed down as a cart beneath sheaves.*18LtMs, Ms 48, 1903, par. 3*

At this time when God's people should be bearing a plain, clear message, filled with earnestness and power, many who have been appointed to teach the truth are departing from the faith. The enemy with his evil angels has come down in great power, bringing in delusions and false theories. He is working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness that he may, if possible, “deceive the very elect.” [*Matthew 24:24.*] Our people are in danger of being drawn away from the important, definite truths for this time. A message of Bible truth is called for today and should come from hearts imbued with the Holy Spirit and lips that have been touched with live coals from the divine altar.*18LtMs, Ms 48, 1903, par. 4*



“In the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of Him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin is purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.” [*isaiah 6:1-8.*]18LtMs, Ms 48, 1903, par. 5

“For the Lord spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ye not, A confederacy, to all to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fears, nor be afraid. Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself, and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread. And He shall be for a sanctuary; but He shall be for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel; for a gin and for a snare to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken. Bind up the testimony, seal the law among My disciples. And I will wait upon the Lord that hideth His face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for Him. Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.” [*isaiah 8:11-18.*]18LtMs, Ms 48, 1903, par. 6

The Lord sees not as man sees. When earnest labor is put forth, souls will be converted, and new life will be brought into the churches. Many have left their first love. They need to heed the warning given by God.18LtMs, Ms 48, 1903, par. 7

“Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write: These things saith

He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: and hast borne, and hast patience, and for My name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do thy first works; or else I will come upon thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." [*Revelation 2:1-5.*]*18LtMs, Ms 48, 1903, par. 8*

Because the teachers of the Word have left their first love, the candlestick is being removed from its place. The Lord has not forsaken His church. But many have made light of the warnings that He has sent them. They have refused to repent and return to their first love. Therefore they have lost the power of spiritual discernment. They call darkness light, and light darkness. They have followed their own human wisdom, and their judgment has become confused. They have lost interest in the saving truth and will not receive it. Their candlestick has been removed out of its place.*18LtMs, Ms 48, 1903, par. 9*

Recently a large meeting convened at Battle Creek, the place from which so many evil plans had been set in operation. It was a solemn, momentous time for those assembled there who had left their first love. Heavenly beings waited anxiously to see if these men would discern the wiles of the enemy. A crisis had come in their lives and in the work of God.*18LtMs, Ms 48, 1903, par. 10*

Opportunity was then given for a work of repentance to be wrought, not in an obscure corner, but at the center of influence. But many failed to improve the opportunity given them to repent and do the first works. The work so essential to spiritual life and power was neglected. Had they followed their convictions they would have been reconverted; and when the enemy came in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord would have lifted up a standard against him. From the place whence so many evil influences had gone forth, divine rays of light would have shone afar if those gathered there had returned to their first love. A far-reaching influence for good would

have been the result. If the leaders had led the way, the people also would have fallen on the Rock and been broken. All would have received spiritual strength and would have been enabled clearly to discern the truth. The Holy Spirit would have filled the place where they were assembled with bright beams of light. The deep springs of the heart would have been broken up. Life and salvation would have been revealed. The evils that have so long leavened the work of God would have been discerned and put away, instead of being cherished as a precious treasure. *18LtMs, Ms 48, 1903, par. 11*

But because men did not then return to their first love, the candlestick has been taken away. The rebuke of God has been seen in the ruins of our publishing house. Will this calamity bring souls to repentance? *18LtMs, Ms 48, 1903, par. 12*

## Ms 49, 1903

A Prayer

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### Prayer

We need to understand how to pray aright. Many do not realize what prayer means. In the family and in the church the true character of prayer should be taught as it was taught by Christ. A careful study of the prayer that Jesus gave His disciples would be of benefit to us.*18LtMs, Ms 49, 1903, par. 1*

In our prayers we are not to preach a sermon to the Lord. We need not tell Him the history of our lives. We can tell Him nothing with which He is not acquainted. He knows our inmost thoughts. Every secret is open before Him. Nothing can be hid from Him.*18LtMs, Ms 49, 1903, par. 2*

High-flown language is inappropriate in prayer, whether the prayer be offered in the pulpit, in the family circle, or in secret. The one who offers prayer in public should use simple language, that others may understand what he says and unite with his petition.*18LtMs, Ms 49, 1903, par. 3*

The effectiveness of prayer is not determined by its length. A prayer indited by the Spirit of God will not be drawn out to a great length by vain repetitions, but will be short, simple, and pointed. To God, the most eloquent prayer is the silent, earnest, heart-felt petition that comes from a broken and contrite heart. Such is the language of the soul who feels its destitution and recognizes the merits of Jesus.*18LtMs, Ms 49, 1903, par. 4*

The Pharisees, standing in conspicuous places, made long prayers, but God did not accept these prayers. Christ declared that those who offered them were hypocrites. *18LtMs, Ms 49, 1903, par. 5*

Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them." [*Matthew 18:20.*] God hears the prayers offered in the family circle if they come from devoted hearts. *18LtMs, Ms 49, 1903, par. 6*

Do not neglect secret prayer. "Enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." [*Matthew 6:6.*] *18LtMs, Ms 49, 1903, par. 7*

We are not to be so overwhelmed by the thought of our sins and errors that we shall cease to pray. Some realize their great weakness and sin, and become discouraged. Satan casts his dark shadow between them and the Lord Jesus, their atoning Sacrifice. They say, "It is useless for me to pray. My prayers are so mingled with evil thoughts that the Lord will not hear them." These suggestions are from Satan. In His humanity, Christ met and resisted this temptation, and He knows how to succor those who are thus tempted. In our behalf "He offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears." [*Hebrews 5:7.*] Many, not understanding that their doubts come from Satan, become faint-hearted and are defeated in the conflict. Because your thoughts are evil, do not cease to pray. If we could in our own wisdom and strength pray aright, we could also live aright and would need no atoning sacrifice. But imperfection is upon all humanity. Educate and train the mind, that you may in simplicity tell the Lord what you need. As you offer your petitions to God seeking for forgiveness and pardon, a purer, holier atmosphere will surround your soul. *18LtMs, Ms 49, 1903, par. 8*

All prayer is to be addressed to God. Christ has told us distinctly to whom we are to pray. He points us to God, our heavenly Father. We are to ask of Him those things that we need, as a child asks bread of its parents. Jesus says, "If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?"

[*Matthew 7:11.*] *18LtMs, Ms 49, 1903, par. 9*

We are not to offer prayer to any human being. Human beings are finite and erring like ourselves. Christ has given nobility and grandeur to the human soul by the infinite price He paid for it. No human being is to interpose between God and the purchase of Christ's blood. No human being is to pray to any other human being. Christ has brought the souls for whom He has died in close contact with God Himself. Then let the needy soul come to God, addressing Him in the words, Our Father, which art in heaven. *18LtMs, Ms 49, 1903, par. 10*

We are to pray in the name of Christ, our Mediator. Our petitions are of value only as they are offered in His name. He has bridged the gulf that sin has made. By His atoning sacrifice, He has bound to Himself and to His Father those who believe in Him. His is the only name given under heaven whereby we must be saved. *18LtMs, Ms 49, 1903, par. 11*

Prayer is not an expiation for sin. It is not a penance. We need not come to God as condemned criminals; for Christ has paid the penalty of our transgression. He has made an atonement for us. His blood can cleanse from sin. *18LtMs, Ms 49, 1903, par. 12*

The prayers that come from sincere, humble hearts are heard by God, wherever they may be uttered. If placed in the golden censer of the Saviour's merits and breathed by the Spirit of Christ, they will surely be answered. *18LtMs, Ms 49, 1903, par. 13*

Every blessing we enjoy, the air we breathe, the water we drink, the bread we eat to sustain life are as surely purchased for us by the Saviour's sacrifice as is the crown of life that will be bestowed upon the overcomer. *18LtMs, Ms 49, 1903, par. 14*

When you pray for temporal blessings, remember that the Lord may see that it is not for your good or for His glory to give you just what you desire. But He will answer your prayer, giving you just what is best for you. When Paul prayed that the thorn in his flesh might be removed, the Lord answered the prayer, not by removing the thorn, but by giving him strength to bear the trial. "My grace," said He, "is sufficient for thee." Paul rejoiced at this answer to his prayer,

declaring, “Most gladly therefore, will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” [2 *Corinthians* 12:7-9.] When the sick pray for recovery to health, the Lord does not always answer their prayer in just the way they desire. But even though they may not immediately be healed, He will give them that which is of more value—grace to bear their sickness. *18LtMs, Ms 49, 1903, par. 15*

Every promise in the Word of God is for us. In your prayers, present the pledged Word of Jehovah, and by faith claim His promises. His Word is the assurance that if you ask in faith, you will receive all spiritual blessings. God has given you this promise. Continue to ask, and you will receive exceeding abundantly above all that ye ask or think. Educate yourself to have unlimited confidence in God. Cast all your care upon Him. Wait patiently for Him, and He will bring it to pass. *18LtMs, Ms 49, 1903, par. 16*

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.” [*James* 1:5, 6.] *18LtMs, Ms 49, 1903, par. 17*

## Ms 50, 1903

A Sermon, by Paul

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A study of the *twelfth chapter of Romans* would be of profit to us. It is a sermon by the apostle Paul, written for our instruction.*18LtMs, Ms 50, 1903, par. 1*

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” [*Verse 1.*] Here Paul most earnestly beseeches us to fulfil the obligations resting on us.*18LtMs, Ms 50, 1903, par. 2*

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.” [*Verse 2.*] We are warned against being conformed to this world and are assured that, if we will prove God’s faithfulness by being transformed by the renewing of our mind, we shall know the “good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.” We may be brought into close relationship with God. But in order for this to be, we must co-operate with Him.*18LtMs, Ms 50, 1903, par. 3*

“For I say through the grace given to me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.” [*Verse 3.*] Self-sufficiency places man where he is unable to discern the goodness and mercy and love of God.*18LtMs, Ms 50, 1903, par. 4*

“For as we have many members in one body, and all members



have not the same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness. *18LtMs, Ms 50, 1903, par. 5*

“Let love be without dissimulation.” [*Verses 4-9.*] In order to have this love, we must cherish that faith that works by love and purifies the soul from all emulation, all strife. *18LtMs, Ms 50, 1903, par. 6*

“Abhor that which is evil.” [*Verse 9.*] Then you will have nothing to do with worldly, underhand, sharp schemes that would seemingly benefit yourself, but would injure another. You will remember the words, “All ye are brethren.” [*Matthew 23:8.*]*18LtMs, Ms 50, 1903, par. 7*

“Cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.” [*Romans 12:9, 10.*] Guard carefully your own heart, lest you become selfish and covetous, and you weave into the web the threads that Satan provides, threads of the same kind as those that form the texture of his own character. Christ will not accept any service into which selfishness is introduced. *18LtMs, Ms 50, 1903, par. 8*

### **The Blessings of Giving**

“Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer. Distributing to the necessities of the saints; given to hospitality.” [*Verses 11-13.*]*18LtMs, Ms 50, 1903, par. 9*

These words outline genuine medical missionary work. Every worker connected with our institutions should have control of the means that he has earned to use in this work. No one has a right to keep back any part of their wages to use where he may think best. Those laboring in our institutions should be made to feel that no one claims the right to deprive them of their individuality. Many will use

their money as wisely as the managers would use it. Every one has a right to what he has earned. Every one has a right to use his earnings where ever he sees fit in the cause of God, in response to the many calls for help that come from different parts of the Lord's vineyard. *18LtMs, Ms 50, 1903, par. 10*

The workers in our institutions should have an opportunity of realizing the blessings that come from giving. They should have the privilege of keeping a bank account of their own from which they may draw when they wish to help any enterprise. They need the education this will give them. They may make mistakes: but have not those with long experience made similar mistakes? By practice all can learn how to use their means wisely. *18LtMs, Ms 50, 1903, par. 11*

Let every one practice economy that he may be able to act his part when calls come from needy fields. The nurses and other workers should carefully save what they receive for their services; for calls will come for help from places whose necessity is urgent. *18LtMs, Ms 50, 1903, par. 12*

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The time has come, when, as God opens the way, families should move out of the cities. The children should be taken into the country. The parents should get as suitable a place as their means will allow. Though the dwelling may be small, yet there should be land in connection with it that may be cultivated. Some families who have been separated may be united in such places. *18LtMs, Ms 50, 1903, par. 13*

## Ms 51, 1903

### Our Duty to Needy Fields

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“Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek Me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another. ... By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.” [*John 13:33-35.*] *18LtMs, Ms 51, 1903, par. 1*

For fallen man, the Lord Jesus gave His life. Toward His sheep and lambs, He manifested great tenderness. The heart of the Majesty of heaven was full of kindness and sympathy for the human race. With Christ the heavenly attributes of true politeness, deference, and respect for others were natural graces. The Lord would have all His believing children copy His example of Christian politeness. This is the fragrance of the gospel in action. *18LtMs, Ms 51, 1903, par. 2*

Christ encourages every one to do his best. The work of God is to go forward in a decided manner. Workers for the Master are to labor with an eye single to the glory of God. When the vision is obscured by selfishness, the work will be faulty. God will not sanction selfish dealing. He will not accept the work of stewards who afflict the souls of His heritage, and by selfishness and greed made the work of His laborers doubly hard. The record of many of Christ's professed followers is spoiled by these sins. Because of this, the work of God is languishing. Because of the selfishness inwrought in the souls of men, the labor of those in difficult fields is made doubly hard. *18LtMs, Ms 51, 1903, par. 3*

Christ's righteousness goes before those of His followers who do true medical missionary work. The work of God is a solemn work. It is not to be carried on in harmony with worldly customs. Divine and human powers must blend. By the co-operation of God, the medical

missionary work may be His helping hand. The medical missionary work is not the head, but the hand. The right hand is a leading member of the body. It may open doors for the entrance of the body, but it is not the whole body. Its work is to help others. *18LtMs, Ms 51, 1903, par. 4*

The action taken that none of the profits of the Sanitarium in Battle Creek shall be used outside the state of Michigan does not meet the mind of the Lord. This should be changed, even though it cost thousands of dollars. By this worldly policy money is kept in one field that should be used in establishing memorials in many places, to stand as witnesses of God's tender love and compassion for a fallen race. God desires that the workers in difficult places should have facilities where with to make their work a success. No time should be lost in supplying their necessities. *18LtMs, Ms 51, 1903, par. 5*

Angels of God will co-operate with those who render assistance to the needy parts of the Lord's vineyard. By the co-operation of divine with human agencies, the weakest parts are to be strengthened. When the men who have the oversight of the work see with sanctified discernment, because their eyes are anointed with the heavenly eyesalve, when their hearts are free from selfishness, they will impartially consider all parts of the Lord's vineyard. *18LtMs, Ms 51, 1903, par. 6*

True happiness may be found in unselfishly striving to help those who need help. God helps the feeble and strengthens those who have no strength. In the fields where the trials and the conflicts and poverty are the greatest, God's workmen must have increased protection. To those laboring in the heat of the conflict, God says, "The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand." [*Psalm 121:5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 51, 1903, par. 7*

Our Lord adapts Himself to our special needs. He is a shade on our right hand. He walks close by our side, ready to supply all our necessities. He comes very near to those who are engaged in willing service for Him. He knows every one by name. O what assurances we have of the tender love of Christ! When our minds, purified from sin, are enabled better to comprehend the depth of

God's grace, we shall exclaim, "Thy gentleness hath enlarged my understanding, and hath made me great." *18LtMs, Ms 51, 1903, par. 8*

The Lord sees the needy portions of His vineyard. To one worker is given opportunity to supply what another lacks. If that worker fails to respond to the call of God for what has been entrusted to him, he is regarded in heaven as an unfaithful steward. Then let those to whom God has entrusted means carry out His purposes by helping those who are in need of facilities for doing His work. Many have selfishly closed their eyes to the needs of destitute portions of the vineyard. Lacking clear, sanctified discernment, they have failed to help those toiling in hard fields, where help is most needed. *18LtMs, Ms 51, 1903, par. 9*

Not all who claim to be medical missionaries are doing a work that honors and glorifies God. Self is striving for recognition. Christ's character is not revealed. Those who are laborers together with God will bear holy fire. But many who are supposed to be doing medical missionary work are handling common fire. Their work should represent God, but His holiness is not a prominent feature of it. *18LtMs, Ms 51, 1903, par. 10*

The great Medical Missionary was exalted because He humbled Himself. He gave himself as an entire holy sacrifice for man. He descended to the very lowest depths of humiliation, that man, when obeying the commands of God, may realize that Christ has trodden the path of self-denial and cross-bearing. The Saviour took upon Himself the infirmities of humanity, and on this earth lived a sinless life that men should have no fear that because of the weakness of human nature they would not be able to overcome. He ascended to heaven to plead for us, that we might be raised to sit together with Him in the heavenly places "far above all principality and power." [*Ephesians 1:21.*] *18LtMs, Ms 51, 1903, par. 11*

Through the power imparted to us by Christ, we may be "laborers together with God." [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] For our example, He lived a life filled with grace and sympathy. He united with others in labor, ever treating them with kindness and courtesy. Then should not His followers guard carefully the spirit they manifest toward their fellow

laborers? Should they not remember that by cherishing a bitter spirit and speaking harsh words, they co-operate with Satan to make the temptations of others harder to resist?*18LtMs, Ms 51, 1903, par. 12*

Christ lived a life of true humility. When men in responsible positions in the Lord's work show a dictatorial spirit, speaking harsh words, they make it plain that Christ is not abiding in their hearts, but that they are prompted by Satan. Christ's little flock is very dear to His heart. He gave His life to save the souls perishing under the shadow of sin and sorrow. He does not always permit His children to have their own way. That we may have fellowship with Him in His sufferings, He permits trials to come to us. If we yield ourselves to Him, our trials will work out for our good. Brethren, if you are in trying circumstances and feel that others fail to help you as they should in the work of God, do your best and do not murmur. The Lord is our exceeding great reward. He will judge with equity. It is not your work to reproach those who hinder the fulfilment of God's purposes. The time will come when their neglect of duty and the consequences of every selfish action they have performed will stand out vividly before them.*18LtMs, Ms 51, 1903, par. 13*

O how can we cherish sin, when we are standing on the borders of the eternal world? The injunction comes, "Work while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work." [*John 9:4.*]*18LtMs, Ms 51, 1903, par. 14*

There is much to be done in new places. Our ministers have spent too much time with the churches, doing that which the church members would do themselves if they were in working order. God will hold the churches responsible for the neglect of the work that might have been done in new fields, had they not kept the ministers from the work they should have done.*18LtMs, Ms 51, 1903, par. 15*

## Ms 52, 1903

Diary

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This morning, I feel thankful that I have slept peacefully through the night. I feared that I should be wakeful. I have daily reason to praise the Lord that I am blessed with health. I feel anxious that the strength of my mind and body may be preserved.*18LtMs, Ms 52, 1903, par. 1*

In the St. Helena Sanitarium, there are only a few patients, and it has been thought necessary to cut down expenses by lessening the staff of workers. It is to be regretted that Mr. Decker, the plumber, who has done excellent, faithful work in the institution, has been discharged. This man's wife is a member of our church. He has been connected with the Sanitarium for nine years and has done excellent work. He is not a church member, but he is a faithful, well-principled man. His family is well ordered and well disciplined. He has one daughter about sixteen years of age and twin boys of ten who are sturdy and active and willing to work. This family bears an excellent reputation, and it is needed on the hillside as an example of a well-regulated home.*18LtMs, Ms 52, 1903, par. 2*

A well-regulated family is a blessing to the whole neighborhood. Every child should be taught to be orderly and obedient.*18LtMs, Ms 52, 1903, par. 3*

Religion is more than a mere theory. It is more than a passive acquiescence to truth. It is a living principle brought into the life, manifested in the daily occupation. True love in the home requires sacrifice, especially in the humble home. God values and commends hard, honest work. Let all remember that they belong to Christ, that they are bought with a price, and that God will be honored by their lives, as they faithfully perform their daily duties. Christ says to all, "Ye are My witnesses. Honor Me, and I will honor

you. I will confess you before My Father, if you will confess Me by dealing justly and walking humbly with God.” [See *Isaiah 43:10*; *1 Samuel 2:30*; *Matthew 10:32*; *Micah 6:8*.] A man may not be eloquent; he may not put himself forward in religious services, yet if he does his best, the Lord will help him as he lays his foundation upon the Rock and strives to carry out correct principles. Such a man will not betray sacred trusts. *18LtMs, Ms 52, 1903, par. 4*

Last night I seemed to be addressing a company of people in regard to our attitude to such individuals as Mr. Decker. I referred to the experience of Peter. While he was praying, “he fell into a trance, and saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth; wherein were all manners of four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill and eat. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean. And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.” [*Acts 10:10-16*.] *18LtMs, Ms 52, 1903, par. 5*

As Peter went with the men who came for him and pointed Cornelius to Jesus as the sinner’s only hope, he understood the meaning of the vision he had seen. In this narrative there are valuable lessons for those who are trying to live the Christian life. One man should not measure another by his human standard, passing judgment upon him for not taking part in religious services. By judgment of this kind, a brother may be discouraged and his soul imperilled. Let us learn from the lesson given to Peter not to call common and unclean those for whom God cares. He is watching over some who today are not actively engaged in His work, but who will some time take up the work to which He calls them and will become faithful, reliable workers. Their voices may not be heard in religious meetings, but in the great day when rewards are given to the faithful, the good example they have set will be recognized by God, and crowns of glory will be placed upon their brow. It is impossible for a man to live an unselfish life, to pursue a course of honesty and integrity, without the keeping power of God. *18LtMs, Ms 52, 1903, par. 6*



If every one would do his best, looking to Jesus for instruction, he would receive the fulfilment of the promise, "Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." [*Matthew 7:7.*] *18LtMs, Ms 52, 1903, par. 7*

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The Bible is our textbook. It deals with most minute details as well as the greatest affairs of life. The same divine Instructor that guided the pencil portraying the prophetic records of Revelation and the history of the life of Christ, and of His condemnation and crucifixion, guided also the pencil that traced the story of the anxious mother who sought to save her child from the cruel death that Pharaoh had decreed should be suffered by all the male children of the Hebrews. The heavenly host watched with interest as the babe Moses was placed in the little ark of bulrushes, watched by Miriam. They watched as Pharaoh's daughter came to the river and discovered the babe; and as Miriam, having received permission to find a nurse for the child, brought its own mother, who could then without fear care for it. The Lord God guided in all these transactions. He placed the history on record that we may realize that all our actions are seen by Him, and by the heavenly angels. *18LtMs, Ms 52, 1903, par. 8*

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In ancient times, the Lord instructed Moses to build Him a sanctuary. The people were to provide the material, and skilful men must be found to handle the precious material. Among the multitude were Egyptians who had acted as overseers for such work and thoroughly understood how it should be done. But the work was not dependent upon them. The Lord united with human agencies, giving them wisdom to work skilfully. *18LtMs, Ms 52, 1903, par. 9*

"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, See, I have called by name, Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to devise cunning works, to work in gold and silver, and in brass, and in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship. And I, behold, I have

given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee; the tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is there upon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle.” [*Exodus 31:1-7.*]18*LtMs, Ms 52, 1903, par. 10*

Let the workmen in the service of God today pray to Him for wisdom and keen foresight, that they may do their work perfectly. 18*LtMs, Ms 52, 1903, par. 11*

## Ms 53, 1903

### Memorials in Many Places

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“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body is full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness.” [*Matthew 6:19-23*.] “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when He shall return from the wedding: that when He cometh and knocketh, they may open unto Him immediately.” [*Luke 12:32-36*.] *18LtMs, Ms 53, 1903, par. 1*

Now, just now, a great work is to be done without delay. The Lord calls upon His stewards for that which is His own. God’s people are not to tie up their money by placing it in banks. They should put it in circulation by investing it in the work in missionary fields. Let those of our people who have money in banks withdraw it and invest it in the great work of God while they have opportunity. *18LtMs, Ms 53, 1903, par. 2*

No one is to make an urgent appeal for means with which to erect

large and expensive buildings for sanitariums, colleges, or publishing houses, so absorbing means that the work in other places is crippled. Let our brethren be careful lest by drawing largely from our people for the erection of buildings in one place, they rob other parts of the Lord's vineyard. Unduly to exalt the work in one part of the field is selfishness and covetousness. The Lord specially condemns such a manifestation; for by it His sacred work is misrepresented before the world. He would have His work controlled and guided by equity, justice, and judgment. He does not call for the erection of immense institutions. One corner of the vineyard is not the whole world. In many places throughout the world memorials for God are to be established to represent His truth. *18LtMs, Ms 53, 1903, par. 3*

Every dollar that we have belongs to God. "The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, saith the Lord of hosts." [*Haggai 2:8.*] Yet some do not recognize His ownership. Though the work in the part of the field where they are laboring already possesses an abundance of facilities, they continue to draw from the Lord's <treasury>. They do not think of the needy portions of the field, which require such facilities as they already have. Would they work as zealously to provide for some other place the facilities they think are required in their fields? *18LtMs, Ms 53, 1903, par. 4*

Every worker must labor with an eye single to the glory of God. If the work in all parts of the field bore the signature of heaven, there would be means enough to carry it forward. Those who have the money in God's treasury are to economize in the use of means, and they are to consider carefully the needs of the work in the home field and in the regions beyond. If they did this, they would not erect mammoth institutions contrary to the instructions of God. The Lord has plainly told us that instead of erecting a mammoth institution in any one place, we should establish plants in many places. *18LtMs, Ms 53, 1903, par. 5*

The question is sometimes asked, "Why build schoolhouses, sanitariums, food stores, or churches when time is so short?" The Lord's money is to be invested wisely. In many places where the work has been shamefully neglected, plants must be established that will be producers as well as consumers. Memorials for God

should be established in every place, as an aid in the proclamation of the last message of mercy. Missionary work should be done in every city. *18LtMs, Ms 53, 1903, par. 6*

### **Qualifications of Workers**

I have repeatedly been given instruction in regard to the characters that should be possessed by the men who occupy responsible positions in the work of God. If those engaged in the work of God cherish evil traits of character, the truths they present will taste too strongly of the dish to be palatable. The great work of redemption is to be carried steadily forward. On every hand are seen covetousness, selfishness, and self-exaltation. Unless our leading men are freed from these sins, their characters will be warped and they will hinder the work of God. *18LtMs, Ms 53, 1903, par. 7*

Many of the leading men have dishonored the Lord. They have been false shepherds and have led the flock of God astray. Teachers and rulers must be disciplined by disappointment, hardship, and affliction. Unless they are willing to learn of Christ His meekness and lowliness, they are not fitted to teach. Their example of self-righteousness will do nothing to advance the work of God. *18LtMs, Ms 53, 1903, par. 8*

Lest the enemies of God should triumph over backsliding Israel, God bears long with the waywardness of their leaders, who though grown to the stature of men and women have not put away their childish faults and imperfections; who after having had years of experience still reveal that they are deficient in love, in grace, in purity. For the glory of His own name, not because of the righteousness of His church, or because of their obedience to His commandments, God has borne long with His people. *18LtMs, Ms 53, 1903, par. 9*

“For My name’s sake will I defer Mine anger, and for My praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off. Behold I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. For Mine own sake, even for Mine own sake will I do it: for how should My name be polluted? and I will not give My glory unto another. Hearken unto Me, O Jacob and Israel, My called; I am He;

I am the first, I also am the last. Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and My right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.” [*Isaiah 48:9-13.*]18LtMs, Ms 53, 1903, par. 10

“Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadest thee by the way that thou shouldest go. O that thou hadst hearkened to My commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea.” [*Verses 17, 18.*]18LtMs, Ms 53, 1903, par. 11

The time will come when all must stand before angels and before men revealed in their true light. As the artist reproduces upon the polished plate the features of the human countenance, so their characters are being transferred to the books of heaven. The great Master-artist faithfully delineates every phase of the character. Every manifestation of selfishness or greed is noted by Him. In the judgment every man will stand revealed just as he is, either fashioned after the divine similitude, or disfigured by the idolatrous sins of selfishness and covetousness.18LtMs, Ms 53, 1903, par. 12

## **Ms 54, 1903**

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I read from the second epistle of Peter: "Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." [2 *Peter 1:1-4.*] *18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 1*

This Scripture is full of instruction for those who are engaged in educational work for our youth. Our brethren in positions of responsibility should give special study to the management of matters in connection with the establishment of new schools for the training of our children, in order that the youth may be surrounded by circumstances the most favorable for the formation of a character strong enough to withstand the evils of this world. *18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 2*

### **A Lesson From Israel**

After the descendants of Abraham had spent many years in Egyptian servitude, God raised up Moses to deliver them from their oppressors. In order to induce the Egyptians to heed the message given to them through Moses, God brought upon them many

plagues. But they continued to harden their hearts. Because of their stubborn resistance, Moses was at last directed to say to Pharaoh, "Thus saith the Lord, Israel is My son, even My firstborn; and I say unto thee, Let My son go, that he may serve Me. And if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn." [*Exodus 4:22, 23.*]18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 3

Before Egypt was visited by this terrible judgment, the word of the Lord came to the fathers and mothers among the Israelites, directing them to gather their children with them into the house, there to remain until the destroying angel had passed over the land. "Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two sideposts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians, and when He seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two sideposts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you." [*Exodus 12:21-23.*]18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 4

"The children of Israel ... did as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron." [*Verse 28.*]18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 5

"It came to pass, that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle." [*Verse 29.*] God passed over the homes of the Israelites. Upon the children of the parents who were faithful in gathering their little ones within the circle of the home, no judgment fell.18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 6

This experience of the Israelites is a wonderful lesson for us today. In this time of peril, God-fearing parents, like the fathers and mothers of ancient Israel, should understand the will of the Lord concerning themselves and their children. In planning for the education of their children outside the home, they should realize that it is not safe now to send them to public schools. Parents should endeavor to send their children to schools where they can



obtain an education based on a scriptural foundation—an education to be gained gradually, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, and there a little. *18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 7*

### **The Establishment of Christian Schools**

Some may ask, “How are such schools to be established?” We are not a rich people, but if we pray in faith, and let the Lord work in our behalf, He will open ways before us to establish small schools in retired places for the education of our youth not only in the Scriptures and in book learning, but in many lines of manual labor. *18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 8*

The necessity for establishing such schools is urged upon me very strongly because of the cruel neglect of many parents properly to educate their children in the home school. Multitudes of fathers and mothers have seemed to think that if the lines of control were put into the hands of their children, they would develop into useful young men and young women. But the Lord has instructed me in regard to this matter. In the visions of the night I saw standing by the side of these neglected children the one who was cast out of the heavenly courts because he originated sin. He, the enemy of souls, was standing by, watching for opportunities to gain control of the mind of every child whose parents had not given faithful instruction in regard to Satan’s snares. *18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 9*

### **The Home School**

Upon every Christian parent there rests the solemn obligation of giving to his children an education that will lead them to gain a knowledge of the Lord and to become partakers of the divine nature through obedience to God’s will and way. A child’s first school should be his home. His first instructors should be his father and his mother. His first lessons should be the lessons of respect, obedience, reverence, and self-control. If he is not instructed aright by his parents, Satan will instruct him in evil through agencies that are most objectionable. How important, then, is the school in the home! Here the character is first shaped. Here the destiny of souls is often largely influenced. Even the parents who are endeavoring to do their best have not a hundredth part of the realization they

should have of the value of a human soul.*18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 10*

The school in the home should be a place where children are taught that the eye of God is upon them, observing all that they do. If this thought were deeply impressed upon the mind, the work of governing children would be made much easier. In the home school our boys and girls are being prepared to attend a church school when they reach a proper age to associate more intimately with other children. Constantly parents should keep this in view, realizing that their children are God's purchased little ones to be trained for lives of usefulness in the Master's service and for a home in the future, eternal world. The father and the mother, as teachers in the home school, should consecrate hands, tongue, brain, and every power of the being to God, in order that they may fulfil their high and holy mission.*18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 11*

To shield their children from contaminating influences, parents should instruct them in principles of purity. Those who form the habit of obedience and self-control in the home life will have but little difficulty in school life and, if surrounded by Christian influences, will escape many temptations that usually beset the youth. Let us train our children so that they will remain true to God under all circumstances and in all places. In their tender years let us surround them with influences that will tend to strengthen character.*18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 12*

### **The Fernando School**

Parents who give their children proper instruction at home will train them to obey their teachers at school. And, unless surrounded by unusual circumstances, they will, in time, see the necessity of sending their children to some school outside the home. This school may be simply a church school, or it may be an intermediate school or a large training school. I am pleased to learn that here in Southern California you have established a school at Fernando, and that it will be opened in about a week. I am glad that the Lord has wrought for you in providing a place for the education of your children.*18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 13*

A few days ago I had the privilege of seeing the buildings and the surroundings of the Fernando school. My time was very limited, but I was thankful for the opportunity of visiting the school grounds. I am glad that you are several miles away from the city of Los Angeles. You have good buildings and are in a favorable place for school work. I greatly desire that you shall make a right beginning. In planning for the erection of cottages for our brethren and sisters who may move there, be careful not to allow buildings to be put up too near the school property. Try to secure the land lying near the school, so that it will be impossible for houses to be built close to the campus. The land may be used for agricultural purposes. Later on, you may find it advisable to introduce various trades for the employment and training of the students; but at present about all that you can do is to teach them how to cultivate the land so that it shall yield its fruit. *18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 14*

### **The Subjects to be Taught**

The question has been asked, "What shall we teach in the Fernando school?" Teach the very simplest lessons. You should not make a great parade before the world, showing what you expect to do, as if you were planning to do something wonderful. No, indeed. Take hold of this school with meekness. Tell your brethren and friends that you are planning to conduct an industrial school, a school in which practical instruction in agriculture and various trades will be connected with instruction in book learning. Boast neither of the branches of study you expect to teach nor of the industrial work you hope to do; but tell every one who inquires that you intend to do the best you can to give your students a physical, mental, and spiritual training that will fit them for usefulness in this life and prepare them for the future, immortal life. *18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 15*

What influence do you think it would have to publish, in your announcement of the school, that you would endeavor to give to the students a training that would prepare them for the future, immortal life, because you desire to see them live throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity? I believe such a statement would have a far greater influence upon the brethren and sisters of this Conference, and upon the community in the midst of which the school is located,

than would the display of any number of courses of study in ancient and modern languages and other higher branches of learning. *18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 16*

Let the school prove itself. Then the patrons will not be disappointed, and the students will not claim that they were promised instruction in certain studies which, after entering the school, they were not permitted to take up. Let it be understood at the beginning that the Bible lies at the foundation of all education. *18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 17*

An earnest study of God's Word, resulting in transformation of character and in a fitness for service, will make the Fernando school a power for good. My brethren who are to be connected with this school, your strength lies not in the number of languages you may teach or in telling how large a "college" you have. Keep silent on these points. Silence in regard to the great things you plan to do will help you more than all the positive assertions, and the promises, that you might publish in your announcements. You need to publish nothing of the kind. By faithfulness in the school, you should demonstrate that you are working on foundation principles, principles that will prepare the students for entrance through the pearly gates into the heavenly city. The saving of souls is worth far more than mere intellectual training. A pretentious display of human learning, the manifestation of pride of personal appearance, is worthless. The Lord values obedience to His will; for only by walking humbly and obediently before Him, can man glorify God. *18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 18*

In giving us the privilege of studying His Word, the Lord has set before us a rich banquet. Many are the benefits derived from feasting on His Word, which is represented by Him as being His flesh and blood—His spirit and life. By partaking of this Word, our spiritual strength is increased; we grow in grace and in a knowledge of the truth; habits of self-control are formed and strengthened; the infirmities of childhood—fretfulness, wilfulness, selfishness, hasty words, passionate acts—disappear, and in their place are developed the graces of Christian manhood and womanhood. *18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 19*

If your students, besides studying God's Word, learn no more than how to use correctly the English language in reading, writing, spelling, and speaking, a great work for humanity will have been accomplished. Those who are trained for service in the Lord's work should be taught how to talk properly in ordinary conversation and before congregations. Many a laborer's usefulness is marred by his ignorance in regard to correct breathing and clear, forcible speaking. Many have not learned to give the right emphasis to the words they read and speak. Often the enunciation is indistinct. A thorough training in the use of the English language is of far more value to a youth than is a superficial study of foreign languages to the neglect of his mother tongue. *18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 20*

Let the Fernando school be conducted along the lines of the ancient schools of the prophets, the Word of God lying at the foundation of all. Let not the students attempt to grasp the higher rounds of the ladder first. There are those who have attended other schools, thinking that they could obtain an advanced education; but they have been so intent on reaching the higher rounds of the ladder that they have never been humble enough to learn of Christ. Had they placed their feet on the lower rounds first, they could have made progress, learning more and still more of the Great Teacher. *18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 21*

The instructors will find it greatly to their advantage to take hold interestedly with the students in manual labor, showing them how to work. By co-operating with the youth in this practical way, the teachers can bind the hearts of the students to themselves by the cords of sympathy and brotherly love. Christian kindness and sociability are powerful factors in the winning of the affections of the youth. *18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 22*

Teachers, take hold of the school work with diligence and patience. Realize that yours is not a common work. You are laboring for time and for eternity, molding the minds of the students for entrance into the higher school—the school above. Every right principle, every truth, learned in an earthly school, will advance us just that much in the heavenly school. As Christ walked and talked with His disciples during His ministry on this earth, so He will teach us in the school above, leading us by the side of the river of living waters and

revealing to us truths that in this life must remain hidden mysteries because of the limitations of the human mind so marred by sin. In the heavenly school we shall have opportunity to attain, step by step, to the greatest heights of learning. There, as children of the heavenly King, we shall ever dwell with the members of the royal family; there we shall see the King in His beauty and behold His matchless charms. *18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 23*

### **The Training of Missionaries**

It is important that we should have such schools as the one soon to be opened at Fernando. To us has been committed a great work—the work of proclaiming the third angel’s message to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. We have but few missionaries. From home and abroad are coming many urgent calls for workers. Young men and young women, the middle aged, and, in fact, all who are able to engage in the Master’s service, should be putting their minds to the stretch in an effort to prepare to meet these calls. From the light God has given me, I know we do not use the faculties of the mind half as diligently as we should in an effort to fit ourselves for greater usefulness. If we consecrate mind and body to God’s service, obeying His law, He will give us sanctified moral power for every undertaking. *18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 24*

Every man and every woman in our ranks, whether a parent or not, ought to be intensely interested in the work of educating our youth for active service in the Lord’s vineyard. We cannot afford to allow our children to drift away into the world and to fall under the control of the enemy. Let us come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Let us do all in our power to make the Fernando school a blessing to our youth. Teachers and students, you can do much to bring this about by wearing the yoke of Christ, daily learning of Him His meekness and lowliness. Those who are not directly connected with the school can help to make it a blessing by giving it their hearty support. Thus we shall all be “laborers together with God” [1 *Corinthians 3:9*], and receive the reward of the faithful, even an entrance into the school above. *18LtMs, Ms 54, 1903, par. 25*

**Ms 55, 1903**

A Cause of Spiritual Weakness

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The servants of Jesus Christ are to carry forward His work solidly and unitedly. Never are they to cherish a criticizing, faultfinding spirit. When such a spirit is cherished, a door is opened for the powers of darkness, and there comes into the work darkness that kills Christian activity. The Holy Spirit is grieved because of the disregard of the prayer that Christ offered just before His trial and crucifixion, that His disciples might be one. Men often act as if God had made them judges, instead of fellow helpers. The time that might be spent in encouraging one another, in suggesting ways and means for advancing the work of God in hard and difficult places, is spent in judging and condemning. Why are we not more spiritually minded? Why do we so readily yield to the temptation to bite and devour one another? It is because Satan is allowed to enter the heart with his temptations. His suggestions are received and acted upon, and hearts are grieved and wounded. The time and energy that should be wholly on the Lord's side is used for the enemy. God's working forces are robbed of strength and courage, and their burdens are increased. Precious time is worse than wasted, and minds are filled with sadness and distrust. All this, when every jot of strength, every power of mind and body, should be employed in a concerted action against the enemy of God and man.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 55, 1903, par. 1*

The only safe course for God's servants to pursue is to work with an eye single to His glory, that the whole body may be full of light. To do this means to keep Christ's lessons ever in mind and to do all in

a way that He can approve, revealing the spirit that he revealed for those He calls His little children. *18LtMs, Ms 55, 1903, par. 2*

“A new commandment I give unto you,” Christ said, “That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.” [*John 13:34, 35.*]*18LtMs, Ms 55, 1903, par. 3*

If it is by the manifestation of this love that we are to convince the world that we are Christ’s disciples, is it not time that we changed our course of action? Is it not time that we gave the world proof that we are Bible Christians, that we are keeping God’s commandments? Shall we not cease to judge and despise and condemn one another?*18LtMs, Ms 55, 1903, par. 4*

We have our Bibles. Why, then, do we not practice the teachings of Christ? He says, “He that hath My commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me; and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him. Judas saith unto Him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My words; and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him. He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings; and the word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father’s which sent Me.” [*John 14:21-24.*]*18LtMs, Ms 55, 1903, par. 5*

Again we read: “Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on Me, believeth not on Me, but on Him that sent Me. ... I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on Me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear My words and believe not, I judge him not; for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth Me and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of Myself, but the Father which sent Me, He gave Me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that His commandment is life everlasting; whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto Me, so I speak.” [*John 12:44, 46-50.*]*18LtMs, Ms 55, 1903, par. 6*

I entreat those who claim to believe that Christ is their personal



Saviour to practice His teachings. Shall we not, from this time, believe in Christ, and show our faith by obeying His words? Will not those who proclaim the gospel to sinners believe the gospel, and by their obedience to every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, testify to its power? Will not those who preach Christ live the Christ life? God calls upon those who have the light to walk in the light. Then their souls will be all light in the Lord. True Christians find their happiness in obeying the words of the Saviour. They place no dependence upon worldly maxims. Their whole dependence is placed upon the Source of all power. By beholding Christ, they become changed. Of what character, then, will be their speech? The following Scripture shows: “And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.” [*Philippians 1:9-11.*]18LtMs, Ms 55, 1903, par. 7

Shall we not unite with the prayer of Christ and the prayer of Paul, and, in such holy companionship, make our experience rich in precious words of love and true courtesy and Christian politeness, “being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ unto the praise and glory of God.” [*Verse 11.*]18LtMs, Ms 55, 1903, par. 8

Bear in mind, my brethren, that here in this world we are being tested and tried. God calls upon the presidents of our conferences, upon our ministers, and upon those in positions of trust in our institutions to reveal clearly to the world the miracle-working power of God, to show that they are true followers of Christ, “filled with the fruits of righteousness.” [*Verse 11.*]18LtMs, Ms 55, 1903, par. 9

#### **Instruction From Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians**

Study the *first chapter of Ephesians*, and unite with the prayer of the great apostle, “That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and

what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in heavenly places.” [Verses 17-20.] *18LtMs, Ms 55, 1903, par. 10*

Let none be zealous to exalt self and find fault with others. This has been done, and it has brought in coldness and indifference and hardheartedness and dissension. Let us pray for reconversion. Let us show sincere repentance, and the Lord will pardon our transgressions and forgive our sins. Power will come to us through connection with Christ. The conscience will find rest in Christ. He is “the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” [John 1:29.] As we believe in Him, we are changed into His likeness, His image is engraven on the heart. His love is reflected to the world in our words and deeds. Thus is revealed to the world the power that the truth has to sanctify the receiver. Under the bright, glorious beams of Christ’s righteousness, the human soul is made pure and holy. *18LtMs, Ms 55, 1903, par. 11*

I point you to the words of the apostle Paul in the *fourth chapter of Ephesians*. This whole chapter is a lesson that God desires us to learn and practice. The apostle beseeches us to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, “that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ; from whom the whole body, fitly joined together, and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” [Verses 14-16.] *18LtMs, Ms 55, 1903, par. 12*

Study the closing words of the chapter: “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice;

and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." [*Verses 29-32.*] *18LtMs, Ms 55, 1903, par. 13*

"Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient; but rather giving of thanks. ... Let no man deceive you with vain words; for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be ye not therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of light; ... proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." [*Ephesians 5:1-4, 6-8, 10, 11.*] *18LtMs, Ms 55, 1903, par. 14*

"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." [*Verses 15-17.*] Too often those claiming to be Christians allow the enemy to gain access to their minds. They readily receive his suggestions, and this causes a dearth of spiritual power and a great and lamentable confusion. Mistakes are made, and precious, golden moments are taken to remove the results of Satan's working. Shall we not confess the sins that have dishonored God, imperilled souls, and wasted the hours that ought to have been devoted to proclaiming present truth. *18LtMs, Ms 55, 1903, par. 15*

## Ms 56, 1903

A Present Help

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“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, and that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them as Thou hast loved Me.” [*John 17:22, 23.*]*18LtMs, Ms 56, 1903, par. 1*

These words seem almost beyond the grasp of our faith, yet we are to believe them and act in accordance with them. But we must remember that Christ does not promise to hide with Himself in God the humanity of the one who clings to his sinful ways or his self-righteousness. We must take time to pray, and then we must live lives that are in harmony with our prayers, believing that the Lord will answer us. The answer may not come in just the way that we expect, but we may rest assured that the Master knows our every necessity. We are to meet every trial with the words, “Not my will, but God’s be done.” [*Luke 22:42.*]*18LtMs, Ms 56, 1903, par. 2*

“Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” [*Matthew 7:7.*] To place ourselves in close connection with Christ, by fervent, believing prayer—this is our duty. For our part of the contract we are responsible. For the rest we are to trust the One who knows and understands what will best help us in our endeavors to do His will.*18LtMs, Ms 56, 1903, par. 3*

Let us place ourselves in the line of co-operation with God, making it possible for Him to answer our prayers. He has issued His promissory notes, declaring, “A new heart will I give you.” [*Ezekiel*

36:26.] He says that He will be found of those who seek Him with the whole heart. When you lose your hold on Christ, the bank of heaven has not failed, but you have broken your covenant with God. He cannot cover your sin while you continue in sin, refusing to let Him take away your transgression, because you suppose that in disobeying the commands of God, you have placed yourself beyond help. The Lord says, "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me, and he shall make peace with Me." [*Isaiah 27:5.*] Then stop worrying over the troubles that you so often bring upon yourself, and come like a penitent child to Jesus, confessing your sins. "Thus saith the high and holy One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." [*Isaiah 57:15.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 56, 1903, par. 4*

## Ms 57, 1903

### An Appeal for Consecration and Service

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“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” [*Matthew 28:18-20.*] *18LtMs, Ms 57, 1903, par. 1*

These words of Christ mark out our work for today. We are to preach the gospel in all parts of the world. By putting to use in the service of God every capability we possess, we may honor Him. Sanctified by God, we are to do our part in fulfilling the commission that Christ gave to His disciples. We should study the life of Christ, as recorded in the Bible, and seek to follow His methods of labor. If we follow our human plans, we shall hinder instead of help the work. “He that is not with Me,” said Christ, “is against Me, and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad.” [*Matthew 12:30.*] Our will must be in subjection to the divine will. Our ways must be patterned after Christ’s ways. We are to wear His yoke, and learn of Him meekness and lowliness of heart. *18LtMs, Ms 57, 1903, par. 2*

Men who have not submitted themselves to the yoke of Christ, who have not learned His meekness and lowliness, are not to be exalted to high positions in the work of God. “Come unto Me,” says Christ, “all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy,

and My burden is light.” [Matthew 11:28-30.] All who would work for the Master must submit to the yoke of Christ. This submission involves self-sacrifice and entire consecration of body, soul, and spirit. As they learn of Christ His meekness and lowliness, they will find that His yoke is easy and His burden light. They will not become weary in His service. *18LtMs, Ms 57, 1903, par. 3*

A thousand times more work for God might be accomplished if all His children would fully consecrate themselves to Him, using their talents aright. If they would improve every opportunity for doing good, doors for service would be opened before them. They would be called to bear greater responsibilities. Let all ask of God, and they will receive wisdom to carry on His work under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. As they receive God’s blessing, they will rejoice in the work. *18LtMs, Ms 57, 1903, par. 4*

Time is precious. The destiny of souls is in the balance. At infinite cost a way of salvation has been provided. Shall Christ’s great sacrifice be in vain? Shall the earth be entirely controlled by satanic agencies? The salvation of souls is dependent upon the consecration and activity of God’s church. The Lord calls all who believe in Him to be workers together with Him. While their life shall last, they are not to feel that their work is done. Until the time comes when Christ shall say, “It is finished,” His work for the saving of souls will not decrease, but will grow in importance. [See *Revelation 16:17.*] *18LtMs, Ms 57, 1903, par. 5*

The mercy of God is shown by His long forbearance. He is holding back His judgments, waiting for the message of warning to be sounded to all. There are many who have not yet heard the testing truths for this time. The last call of mercy is to be given more fully to our world. The truths of the *eighteenth* and *nineteenth chapters of Revelation* should be read and understood by all. *18LtMs, Ms 57, 1903, par. 6*

The terrible condition of the world today would indicate that apparently the death of Christ has been almost in vain; that Satan has triumphed. The great majority of the earth’s inhabitants belong to Satan’s kingdom. The satanic agencies are not yet subdued. Christ has not yet set up His kingdom. “We see not yet all things put

under Him.” [*Hebrews 2:8.*]18*LtMs, Ms 57, 1903, par. 7*

But we have not been deceived. Notwithstanding the apparent triumph of Satan on the earth, Christ is carrying forward His mediatorial work in the heavenly sanctuary. The Word of God portrays the wickedness and corruption that should exist in the world in the last days. As we see the fulfilment of prophecy, our faith in the final triumph of Christ’s kingdom should be increased. We should go forth with courage to do our appointed work. 18*LtMs, Ms 57, 1903, par. 8*

By the fragrance of our speech and the nobility of our characters, let us make it clear that in the great conflict between good and evil we are on the side of Christ. Let us express our faith in the triumph of the cross of Calvary. Let every one decide that in his life, truth and righteousness shall be magnified. 18*LtMs, Ms 57, 1903, par. 9*

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Every family is a church over which the parents preside. The first consideration of the parents should be to work for the salvation of their children. When the father and mother as priest and teacher of the family take their position fully on the side of Christ, a good influence will be exerted in the home. And this sanctified influence will be felt in the church and will be recognized by every believer. Because of the great lack of piety and sanctification in the home, the work of God is greatly hindered. No man can bring into the church an influence that he does not exert in his home life and in his business relations. He who is not faithful in the home will not be faithful in the church. Let all who claim to be preparing for translation sanctify themselves by applying to their own lives the principles of Bible truth. 18*LtMs, Ms 57, 1903, par. 10*



## Ms 58, 1903

### Nehemiah's Prayer

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Nehemiah, the Hebrew exile, occupied a position of influence and honor in the Persian court. As cupbearer of the king, he was admitted to the royal presence; and by virtue of this intimacy and his own high abilities and tried fidelity, he became the monarch's counselor. He was a man of high principle, unbending integrity, and great sagacity. *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 1*

In that heathen land, surrounded by royal pomp and splendor, Nehemiah did not forget the God of his fathers or the people who had been entrusted with the holy oracles. The dignity of his position did not rob him of his piety or his love for his brethren. His heart was tender toward them. He was not ashamed to own his relationship to them and to the truth. He felt that he must honor the truth in all places. He did not make any apology for holding a faith distinct from the faith of those in the Persian court. *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 2*

By his residence in the Persian court, Nehemiah was being prepared for the work to which he was to be called. He was gaining advantages that were to enable him to be a great help to his people. When God has a work to do, He has His instruments in preparation for this work. He has His chosen ones whom He can call into action when the right moment comes. Courts of princes are sometimes used by God as a training school for the education of the men He is fitting to bear important responsibilities. *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 3*

Days of peculiar trial and affliction had come to the chosen city. Messengers from Judah described to Nehemiah its condition. The second temple had been reared, and portions of the city rebuilt, but

its prosperity was impeded, the temple service disturbed, and the people kept in constant alarm, by the fact that its walls were still in ruins, and its gates burned with fire. The capital of Judah was fast becoming a desolate place, and the few inhabitants remaining were deeply embittered by the taunts of their idolatrous assailants, "Where is your God?" *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 4*

The soul of the Hebrew patriot was overwhelmed by these evil tidings. So great was his sorrow that he could not eat or drink; he "wept and mourned certain days, and fasted." But when the first outburst of his grief was over, he turned in his affliction to the sure Helper. The record says that he "prayed before the Lord God of heaven." [*Nehemiah 1:4.*] He unburdened his heart to God. He knew that the affliction that had come upon Israel was the result of her transgression; and with deep humiliation he came before God to ask for pardon and a renewal of the divine favor. Faithfully he makes confession of his sins and the sins of his people. *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 5*

Taking hold by faith of the divine promise, Nehemiah lays down at the footstool of heavenly mercy his petition that God would maintain the cause of his penitent people, restore their strength, and build up their waste places. "I beseech Thee, O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love Him and observe His commandments; let Thine ear be attentive, and Thine eye open, that Thou mayest hear the prayer of Thy servant, which I pray before Thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel Thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against Thee; both I and my father's house have sinned." [*Verses 5, 6.*] *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 6*

Not only did Nehemiah say that Israel had sinned. He acknowledged with penitence that he and his father's house had sinned. "We have dealt corruptly against Thee," he says, placing himself among those who had dishonored God by not standing stiffly for the truth. [*Verse 7.*] *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 7*

He presents before the Lord His own terms. He had said that if they broke the covenant that He had made with them, He would scatter

them among the nations, and this He had done. But He had said also that if they turned to Him, He would gather them together again to the place that He had chosen. He had been faithful to His threatenings when His people had separated from Him; He had scattered them abroad among the nations, according to His word. And Nehemiah finds in this very fact an assurance that He will be equally faithful to fulfil His promises. His people had now returned in penitence and faith to keep His commandments; and God had said that if they would do this, even though they were cast out to the uttermost parts of the earth, He would gather them thence again, and would cause the light of His countenance to shine upon them. This promise had been given more than a thousand years before; but it stood unchanged through all the centuries. God's word cannot fail. *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 8*

Nehemiah's faith and courage strengthen as he grasps the promises. His mouth is filled with holy arguments. He points out the dishonor that would be cast upon God were His people, now that they have returned to Him, to be left in their state of weakness and oppression. "We have dealt very corruptly against Thee," he says, "and have not kept Thy commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which Thou commandedst Thy servant Moses. Remember, I beseech Thee, the word that Thou commandedst Thy servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations; but if ye turn unto Me, and keep My commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather thee from thence, and will bring thee unto the place that I have chosen to set My name there. Now these are Thy servants and Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed by Thy great power, and by Thy strong hand." [*Verses 7-10.*] *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 9*

"O Lord, I beseech Thee, let now Thine ear be attentive to the prayer of Thy servant, and to the prayers of Thy servants, who desire to fear Thy name; and prosper, I pray Thee, Thy servant this day and grant him mercy in the sight of this man." [*Verse 11.*] *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 10*

Nehemiah had often poured out his soul before God in behalf of his people. Day and night he had offered this prayer. And as he prayed,

a holy purpose had been forming in his mind, that if he could obtain the consent of the king, and the necessary aid in procuring implements and material, he would himself undertake the arduous task of rebuilding the ruined walls of Jerusalem and seeking to restore the national strength. And now in closing his prayer, he entreats the Lord to grant him favor in the sight of the king, that this cherished plan may be carried out. *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 11*

Nehemiah humbled himself before God, giving Him the glory due unto His name. Thus also did Daniel in Babylon. Let us study the prayers of these men. They teach us that we are to humble ourselves, but that we are never to obliterate the line of demarcation between God's commandment-keeping people and those who have no respect for His law. *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 12*

We all need to draw near to God. He will draw near to those who approach Him in humility, filled with a holy awe for His sacred majesty, and standing before Him separate from the world. *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 13*

### **Praying With Holy Confidence**

God is Lord over all. Compared with the infinite One, man is nothing. "What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him?" the psalmist asks. [*Psalm 8:4.*] And yet, "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.*] Everything depends on the quality of our faith. Those who eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God become one with Christ. They accept the word of truth that Christ came from heaven to bring to the world. *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 14*

"The flesh profiteth nothing," Christ said; "the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." [*John 6:63.*] With holy confidence we may approach the throne of grace. Through obedience to the Word of the living God, we may obtain eternal life. We may in this world be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. *18LtMs, Ms*

58, 1903, par. 15

The Lord is faithful. He will keep His covenant with those who love Him and keep His commandments. He will bestow on them mercy and grace “exceeding abundantly, above all that they ask or think.” [*Ephesians 3:20.*] Nothing will be thought of too great worth to bestow on those who have loved Him and exalted His name.*18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 16*

The sincere, earnest petitioner will receive a decided answer. Indifferent, wordy prayers bring no returns. But the prayer coming from a broken, contrite heart is heard in the heavenly courts. He who made man, He who formed the eye and planted the ear, will listen attentively to the earnest, heartfelt prayers that come from unfeigned lips.*18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 17*

#### **Nehemiah Asks the King’s Support**

Nehemiah was compelled to wait for four months for a favorable opportunity to present his request to the king. During this period, while his heart was oppressed with grief, he constantly endeavored to carry a cheerful and happy countenance.*18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 18*

In his seasons of retirement many were the prayers, the penitential confessions, and the tears of anguish witnessed by God and the angels; but this was concealed from human sight. The regulations of Eastern courts forbade any manifestation of sorrow within them. All must appear gay and happy in those halls of luxury and splendor. The distress without was not to cast its shadow in the presence of royalty.*18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 19*

But at last the sorrow that burdened Nehemiah’s heart could no longer be concealed. Sleepless nights devoted to earnest prayer, care-filled days, dark with the shadow of hope deferred, leave their trace upon his countenance. The keen eye of the monarch, accustomed jealously to guard his own safety, is accustomed to read countenances and to penetrate disguises. Seeing that some secret trouble is preying upon his servant, he suddenly enquires, “Why is thy countenance sad, seeing that thou art not sick? this is

nothing else but sorrow of heart.” [*Nehemiah 2:2.*]18*LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 20*

The question fills the listener with apprehension. Will not the king be angry to hear that while outwardly engaged in his service, the courtier’s thoughts have been far away with his afflicted people? Will not the offender’s life be forfeited? And his cherished plan for restoring Jerusalem—is it not about to be overthrown? “Then,” he says, “I was very sore afraid.” [*Verse 2.*] With trembling lips and tearful eyes he reveals the cause of his sorrow—the city, which is the place of his father’s sepulcher, lying waste, and its gates consumed with fire. The touching recital awakens the sympathy of the monarch without arousing his idolatrous prejudices; another question gives the opportunity for which Nehemiah has long sought: “For what dost thou make request?” [*Verse 4.*]18*LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 21*

### **Asking Help From God**

But the man of God does not reply until he has first asked the support of one higher than Artaxerxes. “I prayed,” he says, “to the God of heaven.” [*Verse 4.*] The silent petition then sent to God was the same that he had offered for many weeks, that God would prosper his request. And now, taking courage at the thought that he has a Friend, omniscient and all-powerful, to work in his behalf, the man of God calmly makes known to the king his desire to be released for a time from his office at the court and be authorized to build up the waste places of Jerusalem and to make it once more a strong and defended city. Momentous results to the Jewish city and nation hung upon this request. “And,” says Nehemiah, “the king granted me according to the good hand of my God upon me.” [*Verse 8.*]18*LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 22*

### **Diligence in Business**

While Nehemiah implored the help of God, he did not fold his own hands, feeling that he had no more care or responsibility in the matter. With admirable prudence and forethought, he proceeded to make all the arrangements necessary to ensure the success of the enterprise. Every movement was marked with great caution. He did

not reveal his purpose even to his own countrymen; for while they would rejoice in his success, he feared that they might, by some indiscretion, greatly hinder his work. Some would be likely to manifest a spirit of exultation which would arouse the jealousy of their enemies and perhaps cause the defeat of the undertaking. *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 23*

As his request to the king had been so favorably received, he was encouraged to ask for such assistance as was necessary to carry out his plans. To give dignity and authority to his mission, as well as to provide for protection on the journey, he secured a military escort. He obtained royal letters to the governors of the provinces beyond the Euphrates, the territory through which he must pass on his way to Judea; and he obtained also a letter to the keeper of the king's forest in the mountains of Lebanon, directing him to furnish such timber as was needed for the wall of Jerusalem and such buildings as Nehemiah proposed to erect. *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 24*

### **An Example for Us**

The example of this holy man should be a lesson to all the people of God, that they are not only to pray in faith, but to work with wise diligence and fidelity. How many difficulties we encounter, and how we hinder the working of Providence, on our behalf, because prudence, forethought, and painstaking are regarded as having little to do with religion. This is a grave mistake. It is a religious duty to cultivate and to exercise every power which will render us to be more efficient workers in the cause of God. Careful consideration and well-matured plans are as essential to the success of sacred enterprises today as in the time of Nehemiah. If all who are engaged in the work of God would realize how much depends upon their fidelity and wise forethought, we would see far greater prosperity attending their efforts. Through diffidence and backwardness we often fail to secure that which is attainable as a right from the powers that be. God will work for us when we are ready to do what we can and should do on our part. *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 25*

Men of prayer should be men of action. Those who are ready and

willing will find ways and means of working. Nehemiah does not depend upon uncertainties. The means which he has not he solicits from those who are able to bestow. All the world, with its riches and treasures, belongs to god, although it is now in the possession of wicked men. If His servants take a wise and prudent course, so that the good hand of the Lord may be with them, they can obtain the means that they need to advance His cause.*18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 26*

### **Be Strong in the Lord**

Nehemiah's experience in connection with the rebuilding of Jerusalem teaches lessons that will be needed by God's people as long as time shall last. The times call for men of strength and decision of character. Paul says, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." [*Ephesians 6:10, 11.*] The enemy will mingle his evil with every good work that is done, if the workers are not on guard. Thus he seeks to spoil God's purposes. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplications in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." [*Verses 12-18.*]*18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 27*

### **Nehemiah Rebukes Extortion**

The walls of Jerusalem had not been completed when Nehemiah's attention was called to the unhappy condition of the poorer classes of the people. In the unsettled state of the country, tillage had been, to some extent, neglected. Furthermore, because of their



separation from God, His blessing had not rested upon their lands. A scarcity of grain resulted. To obtain food for their families, the poor were obliged to buy on credit, and at exorbitant prices. They were also compelled to raise money by borrowing on interest, to pay the tribute to the king of Persia. The people of Israel were not now enjoying prosperity as when the Lord blessed them for their obedience. Because of their sins, their defense had been removed, and the Lord had allowed other nations to overcome them. Under the rule of idolatrous kings, heavy taxes were imposed upon them; property, liberty, and life seemed at the mercy of these godless powers. *18Lts, Ms 58, 1903, par. 28*

While they had no thought of revolting against the king of Persia, they had hoped, by repentance and reformation, to regain the favor of God and to be restored to their former liberty. As yet their hopes were not realized. The tribute money for the king must be forthcoming in its season. To add to the distress of the poor, the more wealthy took advantage of their necessity, obtaining mortgages of their lands, and adding them to their own large possessions. They also required usury for all money loaned. This course soon reduced the unfortunate debtors to the deepest poverty, and many were forced to sell their sons and daughters to servitude. There appeared no hope of improving their condition, no way to regain either their lands or their children, no prospect before them but that of perpetual slavery. And yet they were of the same nation, children of the covenant equally with their more favored brethren. They had the same affection for their children as had the others. Their distress had not been caused by indolence or prodigality. They had been compelled to contract debts because of the failure of crops and to pay heavy taxes. *18Lts, Ms 58, 1903, par. 29*

As a last resort, they presented their case before Nehemiah. The soul of this man of God was filled with indignation as he heard of the cruel oppression that existed among his own people. He resolved to see that justice was done; yet he did not move rashly in the matter. He felt that God had laid upon him grave responsibilities, and he must be faithful to his trust. "I was very angry," he says, "when I heard their cry and these words. Then I consulted with myself." [*Nehemiah 5:6, 7.*] He took time to weigh

the whole matter and to form his plans. Then with characteristic energy and determination, he exerted his influence and authority for the relief of his oppressed brethren. *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 30*

The fact that the oppressors were men of wealth, whose support was greatly needed in the work of restoring the city and its defenses did not for a moment turn him from his purpose. Having first sharply rebuked the nobles and rulers, he presented the matter in an assembly of the people, clearly showing what were the requirements of God touching the case and urging them upon the attention of his hearers. *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 31*

He cited the people to events that occurred in the reign of the apostate Ahab and to the message which God sent to Israel rebuking their cruelty and oppression. The children of Judah, because of their idolatry, had been delivered into the hands of their more idolatrous brethren, the people of Israel. The latter had indulged their cruel enmity by slaying in battle many thousands of the men of Judah and seizing all the women and children, intending to keep them as slaves or sell them into bondage to the heathen. Because of the sins of Judah, the Lord had not interposed to prevent the battle; but by the mouth of the prophet Oded he rebuked the cruel design of the victorious army: "Ye purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen unto you; but are there not with you, even with you, sins against the Lord your God?" [*2 Chronicles 28:10.*] And the prophet assured them that the fierce anger of the Lord was upon them and that their course of injustice and oppression would call down His judgments. Upon hearing these words, the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes of the congregation. Then certain leading men of the tribe of Ephraim "took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brethren." [*Verse 15.*]*18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 32*

After relating these facts of history, Nehemiah proceeded to the case under consideration. He wished to bring the offenders to see the real character of their oppressive work and to be ashamed of it.

He said, “We after our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, which were sold unto the heathen; and will ye even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us?” [*Nehemiah 5:8.*] Nehemiah and others had ransomed certain of the Jews who had been sold to the heathen, and he now placed this course in contrast with the conduct of those who for worldly gain were enslaving their brethren. The fear of God should restrain them from such injustice. Nehemiah declared to the Jewish rulers—some of whom had been guilty of these practices—that instead of judging and punishing other criminals, they should investigate their own work, lest they should become a reproach, even among the heathen.*18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 33*

He showed them that he himself, being invested with authority from the Persian king, might have demanded large contributions for his personal benefit. Instead of this, he had not taken that which justly belonged to him, but had liberally contributed to relieve the people in their great necessity. These extortioners had no more reason than he had to pursue the course they were pursuing. He urged them to cease their oppression at once and restore the lands of the poor, and also the increase of money and provision which they had exacted from them and to lend to them without security or usury.*18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 34*

“Then they said, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest.” “Then,” Nehemiah says, “I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to their promise.” [*Verse 12.*]*18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 35*

These portions of sacred history teach an important lesson. Nehemiah is a true example of religious integrity. In the course that he followed there was no swerving from correct principles. He refused to countenance the least oppression. He was determined to stand true to God and the principles of His law.*18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 36*

Those who profess to love and fear God should cherish sympathy and love for one another and should guard the interests of others as their own. Christians should not regulate their conduct by the

world's standard. In all ages the people of God are as distinct from worldlings as their profession is higher than that of the ungodly. From the beginning to the end of time, God's people are to be one body. *18LtMs, Ms 58, 1903, par. 37*

## Ms 59, 1903

### A Call to Repentance

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How wonderful is the thought that God became flesh and dwelt among us. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. ... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, ... full of grace and truth." [*John 1:1-5, 14.*] How can men claim to believe these words, and to be followers of Christ, and yet go on in their blind selfishness, following their perverted ideas. I call upon those connected with our institutions to repent and be converted, that Christ may unite His power with their humanity, and give them strength to live out the principles of God's law. True faith in Christ is invincible. *18LtMs, Ms 59, 1903, par. 1*

God will not serve with men's sins. With Him, human wisdom is foolishness. He condemns the worldly principles that, to a large extent, have become current in the institutions established to reveal the principles of heaven to a world dead in trespasses and sins. He says, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." [*1 Peter 1:16.*] Every institution established among us needs to cherish principles of a higher order than have been cherished for years. The Lord's institutions are to be conducted in His wisdom, not in the wisdom of men. *18LtMs, Ms 59, 1903, par. 2*

By the judgments that have come upon our two largest institutions, God has spoken to the workers employed in them and to all in our other institutions, declaring that there is to be a reformation among them. He has declared that He will cleanse the institutions into which corruption has been brought, as Christ, when upon this earth, cleansed the temple. We need to tremble for the future, unless

men's ideas of right and wrong are entirely changed. *18LtMs, Ms 59, 1903, par. 3*

Those who have been blessed with great opportunities and privileges are not to act as worldlings, but as children of the light, subjects of Christ's kingdom. Worldly policy is never to be introduced into their work. In the habits and practices of many of the members of our churches, worldliness and earthliness predominate. There has been a turning aside from the commands of God. But many of those in God's service, who ought to stand forth faithful and just, as true as steel to principle, are governed by the same spirit that governs worldlings. They carry into their work the principles of the world and then attempt to justify their course of action. Maxims and principles born in the natural heart have been polluting the places where God's Spirit should love to dwell. Deceived by their own hearts, men are teaching for doctrine the commandments of men. They are measuring themselves by themselves. They make a profession of godliness while in their lives much ungodliness exists. The world, lynx-eyed, sees that their practice is not in harmony with their profession, and it scorns the pretense of those who claim to believe that the day of the Lord is near, and hasteth greatly, while, by ungodly lives, they are preparing for their own destruction. *18LtMs, Ms 59, 1903, par. 4*

Words are spoken and deeds done, under the cloak of righteousness, which are registered in the books of heaven as grievous sins. *18LtMs, Ms 59, 1903, par. 5*

Men barter for worldly gain things of eternal importance. They betray sacred trusts to gain some advantage, and they will at last sell their Lord, even as Judas sold Him. *18LtMs, Ms 59, 1903, par. 6*

Men say, "The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we." [*Jeremiah 7:4.*] Let them remember that God expects those who make this claim to bring true religion into the home, into the church, and into their business transactions. Do their dealings stand out pure and clean and fragrant? Do they in all places and under all circumstances give Christ the honor due Him in righteous works because they bear His name? To all in responsible positions in the Lord's work I am instructed to say, Beware lest you lay the least

stumbling block in the way of those who are watching for flaws in the lives of Seventh-day Adventists. When God's professing people halt between two opinions, and then go over to the side of the world, Satan and his angels hold a jubilee. *18LtMs, Ms 59, 1903, par. 7*

The condition of things in the world shows the result of following Satan's principles. The result of following the principles of heaven is to be as plainly revealed as the directions that the Lord has given His people are plain and explicit. Christ came to show men and women that there is a God to be honored and a heaven to be won. He came to show them how to develop the character that God requires His children to develop—a character not formed after earthly principles, but after divine similitude. God will at last wither and blight all that has been carried on in opposition to His will. *18LtMs, Ms 59, 1903, par. 8*

Let us not drag down the truth of heavenly origin to make it minister to unconsecrated plans and methods. Let us remember that calamity has been allowed to come upon two of our institutions because there has been a departure from God and a bringing in of worldly principles. Men have conducted their business transactions in a way that has brought them under the condemnation of the law of God. *18LtMs, Ms 59, 1903, par. 9*

The Lord calls His people to a repentance that needs not to be repented of. My brethren, amidst all your business cares, remember that you have taken upon you the name of Christ. Say, I am a Christian, and therefore I cannot act upon the maxim that the end justifies the means. I must love my neighbor as myself. I must do to others as, under similar circumstances, I should wish them to do to me. I must not benefit myself at the expense of my neighbor. Never must I connive at the sins that nailed my Saviour to the cross of Calvary. I must not "crucify the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame." [*Hebrews 6:6.*] Those who take the name of Christians must live lives free from the least taint of impurity. In all they do they are to make Christ's principles their guide. He who makes plans to benefit himself at the expense of another is charged in the books of heaven with disloyalty to the principles of a pure, holy gospel. *18LtMs, Ms 59, 1903, par. 10*

It is because our churches are not what they should be that the work of God does not make more rapid advancement. Many of those professing godliness are treasuring up to themselves wrath against the day of wrath. God's family of children on this earth is still small because the professed followers of Christ continue to grieve His heart of love by their schemes and contrivances, by unchristlike words and deeds, closing the door of the heart against Him. *18LtMs, Ms 59, 1903, par. 11*

I beseech those connected with the work of God to take no advantage of those connected with them. A reformation is indeed greatly needed. Let each one be determined to guard carefully every phase of his character, so that he shall not dishonor God by following perverted principles. Let all place themselves under the discipline of God, that, should their lives be suddenly taken from them, their record will be such that in the day of God they can meet it with joy and not with shame. *18LtMs, Ms 59, 1903, par. 12*



## Ms 60, 1903

Unity in the Home and in the Church

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Let those who have heard the truth for these last days study carefully the *fourth chapter of Deuteronomy* and take heed to the warnings contained therein. *18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 1*

Many who have heard the truth treat it as a garment which they may put on at certain times and lay off again at will. *18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 2*

In the Word of God a high standard is presented for our attainment. If our natural temperaments are under control, if we are guided by the Holy Spirit, we shall follow a plain "Thus saith the Lord." We shall seek diligently to live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. We have no time to spend in trifling and frivolous matters. *18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 3*

Let all heed the invitation of Christ: "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [*Matthew 11:29.*] *18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 4*

Do not strive to have your own way. If other people do not agree with you, do not make a mountain of a molehill and feel that you can no longer be united with them in the Lord Jesus. Do not lose your affection and love for those who do not wholly agree with you. Let not the little differences that arise be made an occasion to break up the unity that should exist among brethren. This is the work of Satan. When you quarrel with your brethren, when you are selfish and are jealous if you do not get your own way, you show that you are not meek and lowly. *18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 5*

Do not allow your individuality to become prominent. If differences arise, do not insist on having your own way, thereby creating strife.

Let your individual preferences be unexpressed when you see that they would create discord. *18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 6*

Unless some question of vital importance is involved, be ready to yield your own opinion rather than to create a dispute. Even though you may by argument gain your point, yet you may place a burden upon some one else far outweighing the advantage you think you will gain. It is hard to heal the wounds caused by harsh words. *18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 7*

Often you may preserve peace by guarding the tongue. Never introduce into your conversation matters that will create strife, hurting your own soul and the souls of others. Keep your differences to yourself. Tell them only to God. *18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 8*

Do not let Satan mold and fashion you. He ever stands ready to put evil insinuations into your mind. He seeks to justify himself in his course of rebellion against God by demonstrating that human beings upon the earth can no more keep the law of God than could he and his angels in heaven. *18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 9*

“Ye are not your own.” The Lord Jesus has a right to your wholehearted and faithful, persevering energies. “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.*] *18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 10*

### **The Home School**

The home is a school where all may learn how they are to act in the church. When all are members of the royal family, there will be true politeness in the home life. Each member of the family will seek to make it pleasant for every other member. The angels of God, who minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation, will help you to make your family a model of the heavenly family. Let there be peace in the home, and there will be peace in the church. This precious experience brought into the church will be the means of creating a kindly affection one for another. Quarrels will cease. True Christian courtesy will be seen among church members. The world

will take knowledge of them that they have been with Jesus and have learned of Him. What an impression the church would make upon the world, if all the members would live Christian lives.*18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 11*

Much may be gained by self-discipline in the home life. If the husband and wife show respect for each other, a healthful, wholesome atmosphere will pervade the home. Let each make life as pleasant as possible for the other. Cultivate respect in the speech. Preserve unity and love. Satan will have no power over those who fully control themselves in the home.*18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 12*

Parents, be kind and conciliating to your children. Consider their present and future happiness and the health of both body and soul. As by precept and example you seek to preserve the happiness of the home, you become witnesses for God. Angels look with approval upon the meek and lowly ones who are looking to Christ as their example.*18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 13*

The home is to be a school where the children will be educated and fitted for the higher grade—the school above. Ever keep this object in view. Teach your children to obey you and to obey God. If parents or children are ever welcomed into the mansions above, it will be because they have in this world learned to obey the commands of God.*18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 14*

In dealing with your children, teach them that you are Christ's representative in the home. Then show them that the love of Jesus pervades your soul. Love for Christ will lead parents to cherish and tenderly care for the lambs of their flock. The love of Christ in their heart will flow out in healthful, sanctified love and care for their little flock, that they may become lambs in Christ's fold.*18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 15*

Let not worldly business be allowed to take the place of this work of preparation for the higher life. The enemy of all righteousness stands ready to act his wicked part in hindering the work. He seeks to bring parents and children under his control. He would shut them out from the future, immortal life.*18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 16*

Unhappiness is often caused by an unwise use of the talent of speech. The Word of God does not authorize any one to speak harshly, thereby creating disagreeable feelings and unhappiness in the family. The other members of the family lose their respect for the one who speaks thus, when if he would restrain his feelings, he might win the confidence and affection of all.*18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 17*

Parents, will you make an effort to be kind, cultivating Christian politeness in your association with the members of your family here below. Do not allow the tongue to speak unadvisedly in the home. Educate yourself to speak pleasant words in the family. Let there be in the home an atmosphere of peace and love. Be pure in speech. Cultivate a soft and persuasive, not a harsh and dictatorial, tone of voice. Give the children lessons in voice culture. Train their habits of speech until no coarse or rough words will come spontaneously from their lips when any trial comes to them.*18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 18*

Love God with your whole heart, mind, and soul, that angels of God, though unseen, may be in your home, co-operating with parents and children.*18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 19*

Let us, as Christians for whom Christ has given His life, do our duty to our children. Let us fit them for the heavenly mansions. "I go," said Christ, "to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." [*John 14:2, 3.*] Let this ever be kept before their minds, while you yourselves are improving in every way possible. God forbid that Christ should say of any of us, "I cannot acknowledge you as members of My family. Your traits of character are such that you would spoil your own pleasure and that of others in heaven."*18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 20*

Fathers, spend as much time as possible with your children. Seek to become acquainted with their various dispositions, that you may know how to train them in harmony with the Word of God. Never should a word of discouragement pass your lips. Do not bring darkness into the home. Be pleasant, kind, and affectionate toward your children, but not foolishly indulgent. Let them bear their little

disappointments, as every one must. Do not encourage them to come to you with their petty complaints of one another. Teach them to bear with one another and to seek to maintain each other's confidence and respect. *18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 21*

Mothers, do not allow yourselves to be so laden down with cares and responsibilities in the church that you will be unable to fill your rightful place in the home. Your first and most sacred responsibility is so to live in the home life that both you and your children may win the crown of everlasting life. In the fear of God, you are to be the educator of your children. Allow them to help you in every way they can, and show them that you appreciate their help. Let them feel that they are a part of the family firm. Teach them to use their minds as much as possible, so to plan their work that they may do it quickly and thoroughly. Teach them to be prompt and energetic in their work, to economize time so that no minutes may be lost in their allotted hours of work. Teach them neatness and order. If possible, teach both boys and girls how to cook and how to make themselves useful in every department of the home work. Encourage neatness and order. It is your duty so to fit them, that they will be capable in after years of caring for their own homes. *18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 22*

All this takes time. It requires patience. The mind of the mother must be clear, not wearied and burdened with many other responsibilities. You cannot afford to so devote your energies to outside work that you are unfitted for the duty of training your little flock at home. Remember that they are Christ's property. Learn of Christ daily, that you may be able to impart the knowledge of Him to your children. *18LtMs, Ms 60, 1903, par. 23*

## Ms 61, 1903

“Learn of Me”

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Our perplexities and anxieties will be lightened when we heed the invitation, “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] *18LtMs, Ms 61, 1903, par. 1*

These words are of the highest value to those who desire to walk in the narrow path that leads to everlasting life. The Word of God puts faith at the entrance gate and lines the whole way with the light and peace and joy of willing obedience. The things that appear to be crosses are found by experience to be crowns. The prize is ever in sight. The travelers keep before them the mark of their high calling in Christ. His commands are righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 61, 1903, par. 2*

Professing Christians need a decided reconversion. When they obey the Word of God, practicing the teachings of Christ, they will find that His gentleness has made them great. “Learn of Me” is the Saviour’s command. [*Verse 29.*] Yea, learn how to present truth under the divine influence of the Holy Spirit. There is power for those who receive Christ; for we read, “As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.” [*John 1:12.*] His promise is that if we accept His invitation, we shall be anointed with the oil of gladness, which is emptied from the two anointed ones into the hearts prepared to receive it. Shall we not receive the anointing of the holy oil? *18LtMs, Ms 61, 1903, par. 3*

**Unreserved Surrender**

God will accept nothing less than unreserved surrender. Half-hearted, sinful, professing Christians would spoil heaven were they permitted to enter. They would stir up a second rebellion there. Those who know the truth, yet do not exalt the Author of truth, will never enter the city of God. Heaven would be purgatory to them, because they know nothing of the high, holy principles that govern the members of the royal family above. *18LtMs, Ms 61, 1903, par. 4*

The directions that Christ has given are so distinct and so definite that no one need take a false step. Let us not please and glorify Satan by showing that he has power over our churches, our ministers, our medical missionaries. Let us have confidence in one another. Let us not think that because we have made crooked paths for our feet, every other professing Christian has done the same thing. Let the one who in the past has been a fault-finder begin to climb the ladder heavenward, keeping his eyes fixed on the light above. *18LtMs, Ms 61, 1903, par. 5*

The true Christian keeps the windows of the soul open heavenward. He lives in fellowship with Christ. His will is conformed to the will of God. The Lord calls for workers who have been transformed by the renewing of the mind, workers who have gained an individual experience in proving “what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” [*Romans 12:2*.] Shall we not, in the few days of probation that remain to us, act like men and women seeking for life in the kingdom of God, even an eternity of bliss? *18LtMs, Ms 61, 1903, par. 6*

We are to strive earnestly to reach the standard set before us. Not as a penance are we to do this, but as the only means of gaining true happiness. The only way to gain peace and joy is to have a living connection with Him who gave His life for us, who died that we might live, and who lives to unite His power with the efforts of those who in this life are striving to overcome. *18LtMs, Ms 61, 1903, par. 7*

Holiness is constant agreement with God. Shall we not be that which Christ so greatly desires us to be—Christians in deed and in truth—that the world may see in our lives a revelation of the saving power of truth. This world is our preparatory school, and while here

we shall meet with trials and difficulties. But we are safe while we cleave to Him who gave His life as an offering for us. The whole world was gathered in the embrace of Christ. He died on the cross to give the death-stroke to Satan and to take away the sin of every believing soul. He calls upon us to offer ourselves on the altar of service, a living, consuming sacrifice. We are to make an unreserved consecration to God of all that we have and are. *18LtMs, Ms 61, 1903, par. 8*

In the lower school of earth we are to learn the lessons that will prepare us to enter the higher school, where our education will continue under the personal instruction of Christ. Then He will open to us the meaning of His Word. We cannot afford to miss the privilege of seeing His face and of hearing the gospel from His lips. Shall we not put our whole souls into the work of preparing for admission into the higher school, where we shall see Christ face to face? Shall we not be determined to obey the Word of God? Or shall we choose our own wisdom, and trifle away the day of gracious opportunity, wasting the years and months so rapidly passing into eternity? *18LtMs, Ms 61, 1903, par. 9*



## Ms 62, 1903

Diary/"That They All May Be One"

NP

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I have slept from seven till one o'clock. I praise the Lord, the giver of all blessings, for this precious sleep. *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 1*

All who believe the Word are to be doers of the Word. The prayer of Christ recorded in the *seventeenth chapter of John* is full of encouragement for us. It is given as a lesson to be studied by His disciples. *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 2*

"They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." [*Verse 14.*] Let us then keep ourselves separate from the spirit and practices of the world. *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 3*

"Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth. As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." [*Verses 17, 18.*] The servants of the Lord Jesus have been commissioned to go forth into places nigh and afar off, proclaiming the gospel, that to the church may be added all who believe the truth. *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 4*

"And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word." [*Verses 19, 20.*] This embraces every one who will ever hear and accept the message of truth. *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 5*

"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." [*Verse 21.*] *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 6*

When believers in Christ so adorn Bible truth that they are brought into union with Christ, the world will understand that they bear the

divine credentials. They will see the influence of Bible truth upon the mind and character. They will recognize that those who receive the truth become partakers of the divine nature. They do not quarrel among themselves, because the love of Christ is in their hearts. *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 7*

“As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” [*John 1:12-14.*] *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 8*

### **The Fulfilment of Prophecy**

In the night season I seem to be addressing large congregations, both of believers and unbelievers. *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 9*

The *twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew* is presented again and again by the great Teacher to be studied and brought to the attention of all. We are today living in the time when these predictions are being fulfilled. *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 10*

Let our ministers and teachers present the prophecies of this chapter to those whom they instruct. Let them leave matters of lesser consequence and present the truths that will decide the eternal destiny of souls. *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 11*

Questions of eternal importance are before us. The Lord calls upon His church to arouse, as they see the unmistakable fulfilment of prophecy, showing that Christ’s coming is at hand. *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 12*

Jesus made plain statements of the conditions in the world in the last days. He said: “For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for My name’s

sake.” [Verses 7-9.] *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 13*

“Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, He is in the desert; go not forth: behold, He is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” [Verses 23-27.] *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 14*

The church that will take heed to these signs will not be among those that have left their first love. To those who in their self-importance have separated themselves from Christ, who have left their first love, the Lord sends the warning, “Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.” [Revelation 2:5.] The candlestick of many is now being removed, because they have failed to take heed to this warning. *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 15*

Let no one turn away from another because he does not fully agree with him. The performance of God’s work is given to human agencies. God has given to every man his work. His servants are to carry the light to those who sit in darkness. Those who engage in dissension and strife are working against God. They show that they have left their first love. They are of those of whom Christ says, many shall “be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.” [Matthew 24:10.] He does not here refer to the world. He pictures the conditions existing in the church. Is not this spirit now being revealed among us? *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 16*

“And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.” [Verses 11, 12.] In our churches today, the love of many is waxing cold. Many are being worked by satanic agencies. *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 17*

In view of these things, what shall we do? Shall our ministers take part in the fulfilment of this prophecy? Shall our physicians seek to

act the part of leaders and gain the confidence of the people when they themselves are not worked by the Holy Spirit of God?*18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 18*

A great work is to be done. I am moved by the Spirit of God to say to those engaged in the Lord's work, that the favorable time for our message to be carried to the cities has passed by; and this work has not been done. I feel a heavy burden that we shall now redeem the time.*18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 19*

### **Unity in the Church**

"For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office; so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." [*Romans 12:4, 5.*]*18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 20*

By a beautiful illustration, Paul shows the harmony that the Spirit of God will bring into the church. He is here addressing both Jews and Gentiles. He presents the gospel of Christ as the plan of salvation for the whole world. He would have all understand that both Jews and Gentiles are to be harmonious members of one body, with Jesus as the head. Both Jews and Gentiles have sinned. Both need the Saviour's grace. As members of Christ's body, by faith and obedience, both Jew and Gentile are one. Christ is the head; and the body is composed of all who accept Him as their Saviour, who confess their sins, and who are transformed by the renewing of the mind.*18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 21*

The Gentiles may, by faith, become true children of Abraham and partakers of the promises made to him. By repentance, and faith in the glorious hope of the gospel, all will be brought into harmonious action, as they continue to obey the requirements of God.*18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 22*

Let all labor for unity and love. "By this," said Christ, "shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another." [*John 13:35.*] The manifestation of love for one another will be the most convincing argument to the world of the power of Christ. Let us do as Christ has said. Love is the golden chain that binds hearts

together and unites them to the eternal center, the Son of God, and to God Himself. *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 23*

“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; instant in prayer.” [*Romans 12:6-12.*] Pray at all times—when walking in the streets or engaged in the daily labor. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. He may be found of every sincere believer, and He will shield his soul from the temptations of Satan. *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 24*

If all who profess to be Christians would heed this instruction, a great transformation would be seen in the church. *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 25*

### **An Example of Humble Ministry**

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled of the word of life; (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.” [*1 John 1:1-4.*] *18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 26*

John, who lived on the earth as one who had seen Him who was invisible, wrote these words. He had had the privilege of being with Christ, and he always regarded this as a most blessed experience. He loved to relate it often. But he does not here once mention his

own name. He wishes the mind of the reader to be centered upon the comprehensive truths that he presents. Self is kept out of sight. Christ, our Mediator, is the center of John's gospel. He is the all and in all, the foundation and object of our faith and hope.*18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 27*

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Both the ministry and the church school work, when united with the Holy Spirit, are living agencies to prepare human hearts for the higher school in the kingdom of God. What a wonderful work might be done now, just now, if all who know the truth would obey it!*18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 28*

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I am grateful to my heavenly Father. He has relieved me of infirmities with which I have been afflicted. I awake at twelve o'clock. My mind is exercised upon many subjects. Scene after scene passes before me—some of a pleasant nature, revealing the glory of God.*18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 29*

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"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." [*Romans 12:1, 2.*]*18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 30*

"For I say through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you"—No one is left out. Every one is here addressed—"not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." [*Verse 3.*] Let no man think that he is superior to others, and that he must rule over any one whom the Lord has called.*18LtMs, Ms 62, 1903, par. 31*

## Ms 63, 1903

Diary

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Feeding Upon the Word of God *18LtMs, Ms 63, 1903, par. 1*

I am grateful to my heavenly Father for the precious sleep that I have had. I retired at eight o'clock, but for about two hours I could not sleep. My heart was drawn out to God in most earnest prayer for His blessing, that He would give me a sensitive conscience, a clear mind, spiritual power, and physical strength for my old age. *18LtMs, Ms 63, 1903, par. 2*

The condition of the health has its influence upon the spiritual life and may be discerned by the words, the tone of voice, and by the pleasant or unpleasant atmosphere that surrounds each soul. The Christian should carefully guard himself against spiritual or physical disease. It is our duty to co-operate with the Life-giver in caring for our bodies. *18LtMs, Ms 63, 1903, par. 3*

We have a work to do for ourselves. God will hold us responsible for the health of our souls. Our spiritual life is sustained by that which we give to the soul. The health of the soul depends upon our eating the Word of God, which is as the leaves of the tree of life. All who eat and assimilate the Word of God will receive from it eternal life. *18LtMs, Ms 63, 1903, par. 4*

The Christian must realize the need of the working of the Holy Spirit upon mind and heart, to prepare him for the immortal life. Unless he lives by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God, the heart becomes diseased, and his service will not be acceptable to God. The Lord will say of him, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot. ... So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth." [*Revelation 3:15, 16.*] *18LtMs, Ms 63, 1903, par. 5*

If we are active in obeying God's Word, the appetite of the soul will not become so depraved that it will crave unlawful food, which will cause us to lose our spiritual discernment. *18LtMs, Ms 63, 1903, par. 6*

The gospel is to be assimilated. Its teachings are to be believed and practiced. It is food for every soul. If received, it will transform the character, refining and purifying the whole being. "Whoever eats the flesh and drinks the blood of the Son of God has eternal life." [See *John 6:54.*] *18LtMs, Ms 63, 1903, par. 7*

Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, 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 that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us His flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me." [Verses 47-57.] He further explains this language by saying, "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." [Verse 63.] *18LtMs, Ms 63, 1903, par. 8*

He further said, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me." [*John 5:39.*] But though you diligently read and search the Word of God, if you fail to bring its vital principles into your life, if you fail to obey its precepts, it will be to you a savor of death instead of a savor of life. *18LtMs, Ms 63, 1903, par. 9*

I would ask those who claim to believe that the Word of God is the



Word of life, Has this Word been received by you? Has it changed the impulses of your heart? Are you still thinking evil, speaking evil, and opposing your brother in the work God has given him to do? Do you realize that as you seek to weaken your brother's influence, you are working against Christ in the person of His saints? God has never given you any such work. You are co-operating with Satan to make of no account your brother's influence for good. You have a constant supply of evil leaven that is agreeable to the perverted appetite, but that will work in the hearts and minds of those to whom you impart your evil insinuations. *18LtMs, Ms 63, 1903, par. 10*

You yourself become hardened in sin as you transgress God's law. You neither love God supremely, nor your neighbor as yourself. You make yourself spiritually sick by your unwise course of action. You live in self-indulgence and seek for the first place. Having left your first love, you seek to weaken and discourage those connected with you. *18LtMs, Ms 63, 1903, par. 11*

When Christ abides in your heart, you will have that faith that is sanctified, that works by love and purifies the soul from evil surmising and false accusing. No man loves God who does not love his fellow men. *18LtMs, Ms 63, 1903, par. 12*

A fragrant atmosphere will surround every true Christian. If men wish to become Christ's disciples, He will receive them gladly, but they must daily take up their cross and follow Him. They cannot carry with them their pride of heart, their envy, and their hatred. Those who engage in dissension, tearing down one another's work, thereby give evidence that they are not eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God. To every man God gives a work, and to those who would hinder him in that work, God says, "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." *[Revelation 2:4, 5.]18LtMs, Ms 63, 1903, par. 13*

He who has lost his first love will reveal by his unbecoming words and actions that he is spiritually diseased. Others will see that he is not walking in the light, that he is not obeying the Word of

### **The Great Commandment**

“And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that He had answered them well, asked of Him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. And the scribe said unto Him, Well, Master, Thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but He: and to love Him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices. And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, He said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.” [*Mark 12:28-34.*]*18LtMs, Ms 63, 1903, par. 15*

Let us remember that the commandments of God will stand fast forever. They are binding upon us as Christians today. Every one will be tested on the point of obedience to God’s commandments. Faith, love, hope, patience, Christian courtesy must be seen in the lives of those who are children of God. They need the quickening of the Holy Spirit, that they may reveal the Christ abiding in them.*18LtMs, Ms 63, 1903, par. 16*

Christ was sent as a perfect example to all the world. “As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.” [*John 1:12.*]*18LtMs, Ms 63, 1903, par. 17*

### **Paul’s Prayer in Our Behalf**

“For this cause we also, ... do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the

knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins.” [*Colossians 1:9-14.*] This is the privilege of every Christian.*18LtMs, Ms 63, 1903, par. 18*

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Let us take heed to the counsel of God to the Laodicean church: “I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.” [*Revelation 3:18.*]*18LtMs, Ms 63, 1903, par. 19*

## Ms 64, 1903

God's Covenant With Israel

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“In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount. And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine: and ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.”  
[*Exodus 19:1-6*.] *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 1*

Here are found the terms of a covenant that God desired to make with the children of Israel. If they would fulfil the pledge He asked of them, he would greatly bless them. He promised to honor them, to manifest His love and power upon them, and constantly to care for them, if they would comply with the conditions He asked of them. They were not merely to profess to worship God, but were to obey His voice indeed. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 2*

The wonderful love of God for the human race is here revealed. The fulfilment of the promises of this covenant involved the humiliation and death of Christ for a world perishing in sin. But for man to receive these blessings, it is necessary for him to obey the law of God. Only those who keep His commandments can enter in through the gates into the city of God. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 3*

This covenant is a revelation of God's goodness. The people had

not sought for it. They were not reaching out their hands after God; but He Himself graciously extended His almighty arm, inviting them to link their arm with His, that He might be their defense. He voluntarily chose as His heritage a nation that had just come from Egyptian slavery, a people who must be educated and trained at every step. What an expression of omnipotent goodness and love!*18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 4*

God's people are precious in His sight, and He desires them to be honored among the nations. "For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God 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; for ye were the fewest of all people: but because the Lord loved you, and because He would keep the oath which He had sworn 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. ... 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 will keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which He sware unto thy fathers. ... Thou shalt be blessed above all people. ... And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee." [*Deuteronomy 7:6-8, 11, 12, 14, 15.*]*18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 5*

The Lord recounts what He has already done for His people. "Ye have seen," He says, "what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself." [*Exodus 19:4.*] God had delivered His people gloriously. He had given them marked evidences of His power, that their faith in Him might be increased.*18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 6*

Over and over again, the Lord permitted His people to be brought into strait places, that in their deliverance, He might reveal His mercy and His goodness. If they now chose to disbelieve Him, they must doubt the evidence of their own eyes. They had had

unmistakable proof that He was a living God, “merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.” [*Exodus 34:6.*] He had honored Israel in the sight of all the heavenly intelligences. He brought them unto Himself—into covenant relation and communion with Him. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 7*

The children of Israel had been three months on their journey from Egypt and were now camped before Mount Sinai where in awful grandeur the Lord spoke His law. He did not manifest Himself in grand buildings made with men’s hands, the structures of human device. He revealed His glory in a high mountain, a temple of His own creation. The top of Mount Sinai rose above all others, in a range of mountains in the barren desert. This mountain God chose as the place where He would make Himself known to His people. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 8*

He appeared to them in awful grandeur and spoke in audible voice. He there revealed Himself to His people, as He never has at any other time, thereby showing the importance of the law for all ages. God is particular today that we keep His commandments. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 9*

To Moses, as His mouthpiece, God gave His message; and Moses faithfully showed the children of Israel the advantages that they would receive by following the instruction that God had given them. He carefully pointed out to them the difference between right and wrong. Then He left it with them to decide whether they would comply with the conditions of God’s promises. They accepted the words of God, and said, “All that the Lord hath spoken, we will do.” [*Exodus 19:8; 24:3, 7.*] *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 10*

“Thus saith the Lord God of Israel; Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant, which I commanded your fathers in the day that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey My voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be My people, and I will be your God: that I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. ... I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day, rising

early and protesting, saying, Obey My voice. Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart.” [*Jeremiah 11:3-5, 7, 8.*]*18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 11*

The people did not fulfil their promise, and they therefore did not receive the blessings God wished to bestow on them. By following their own impulses, they pursued a course that disqualified them for being recognized as God’s peculiar treasure.*18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 12*

“But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be My people; and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they harkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imaginations of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward. Since the day that your fathers went forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all My servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them.” [*Jeremiah 7:23-25.*]*18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 13*

Why did God send them so many messages and warnings? Because He knew that the enemy was wide awake, and active in his efforts to deceive men, and to lead them away from the law of God into his deceptions. Satan ever seeks to cause men to swerve from their obedience to God.*18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 14*

### **The Covenant With Us**

The covenant God made at Sinai is for the Israel of God for all time. Herein is revealed God’s purpose for us, if we will only co-operate with Him. The Lord Jesus today will gather His people as a hen gathers her chickens beneath her wings, if they will only come to Him.*18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 15*

If we comply with the conditions God laid down for Israel, if we come before God in the beauty of holiness, and worship Him in Spirit and in truth, we shall receive the blessings that God promised to them. God sends His word to assure us that if we will be obedient to Him, He will acknowledge us as members of His royal family. He

will honor His peculiar people above all nations. “This honor have all His saints.” [*Psalm 149:9.*]*18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 16*

### **God’s Messengers**

Moses was chosen by God as the messenger of His covenant. The Lord called him up into the mountain, to receive the words of God to Israel. Today God chooses men, as He chose Moses, to be His messengers. They are not to be mediators. They are to point to Christ as the all-sufficient Mediator. They must first receive instruction from the living oracles of God, then they are to impart the knowledge they have received, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. Every word they speak must be spoken in truth. God will require the lives of those who turn the truth of God into a lie and teach falsehood. Their example will lead others to falsify, but those who thus pervert God’s truth will never become members of the royal family. It is dangerous now to be unable to discern the truth. Those who would minister the Word of God must be men who know His will. They must be careful lest they misunderstand the Word of God and make mistakes which will need to be rectified.*18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 17*

They must be men of knowledge, able to instruct others. How can they speak clearly and intelligently if they have no time nor opportunity to commune with God, to seek Him in earnest prayer? They must obtain their wisdom from God. They are to be “instant in season and out of season,” always prepared for whatever they may be called to do. [*2 Timothy 4:2.*]*18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 18*

“The priest’s lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.” [*Malachi 2:7.*] The people should counsel with him, as God’s appointed messenger. They should not only hear, but they should ask questions, that they may have a clear knowledge of truth. He is not to withhold his knowledge from the people, but he is to keep it as a sacred trust, to be imparted to others.*18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 19*

The priest must keep knowledge, not only in the mind, but the “lips should keep knowledge;” he is to have it at his tongue’s end. [*Verse*



7.] He must be ready always to speak of the good and beautiful things of God. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 20*

God's messengers must make their minds a treasure house of good things, from which they may be able to draw a "Thus saith the Lord" whenever occasion demands. They are to present things new and old. They must continually hold up the covenant of peace between God and man, that He made with His people Israel. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 21*

God's ministers are not to be diverted from their work of soul-saving, to settle difficulties which may arise in board meetings or councils, for this injures their influence. They must not be called from the special work to which they have been ordained to engage in secular matters. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 22*

No man is to call the attention of others to himself. All men are finite and erring. All are subject to temptation. Then let no one set himself up as a supreme authority and deal with others as if they were inferior to him, and as if he were qualified to govern the minds and consciences of others. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 23*

Unless God is exalted in the heart, selfishness and pride will be manifested. No one can truly love his fellow men unless his own heart is filled with the love of Christ. He may make an idol of some one, but he will thereby imperil the soul of the one he thinks he loves. Those who love God supremely will also love their fellow men and will treat them as they should be treated. They will love their neighbor as themselves. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 24*

#### **"Murmur Not Among Yourselves"**

After the children of Israel left the Red Sea, "They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 25*

"And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink? And he cried unto the Lord; and the Lord shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were

made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them, and said, if thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.” [Exodus 15:22-26.] The Lord reveals Himself as the great Medical Missionary. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 26*

The Lord permitted His people to pass through unpleasant experiences. After traveling for three days without water, they came to Marah. But the water here was bitter and could not be used. Instead of quenching their thirst, it increased it. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 27*

These experiences were hard for the children of Israel to bear. But these trials were in the purpose of God to prove them, to see if they had learned lessons of trust and obedience from the deliverances God had wrought for them in Egypt and at the Red Sea. God sometimes brings His people into strait places that He may reveal His power and His glory in working out their deliverance. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 28*

The Lord allowed this difficulty to come to them to see if they would turn to the Lord in prayer. But they did not trust in God. In their disappointment, they murmured against Moses. They reproached the man whom God had chosen as their leader. Though he had followed the counsel of God, yet they accused him of acting unwisely and blamed him for their disappointments. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 29*

By their murmuring the children of Israel brought discouragement and dissension into the whole camp. They quarreled among themselves. One had some plan he thought should be followed, and others who had plans of their own opposed him. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 30*

Moses prayed to God. He showed them that he himself was dependent upon the great Leader. He would teach them that God was the only one who could deliver them out of their difficulties. The undershepherds should always carry all their perplexities to the

Chief Shepherd. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 31*

“And Moses cried unto the Lord; and the Lord shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet.” [*Verse 25.*] A remedy was close at hand. God gave them a lesson in nature, showing them how to remove the bitterness from the water. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 32*

### **This History Repeated Today**

“Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.” [*1 Corinthians 10:11.*] *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 33*

This history is being repeated in our day. There are many murmurers, but only a few can be found who will put their shoulders to the wheel and help just where they are needed. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 34*

A man may be led by God into unworked fields, into places where he may meet obstacles and difficulties. Having earnestly sought the Lord in prayer, he is unselfishly endeavoring to do the work that should have been done by those who, when they should be speaking words of encouragement, are finding fault. His brethren, if they have the right spirit, will then stand by him and pray to God to help him. But often he is left to stand alone in his trial, and his burden is made heavier by the criticism and murmuring of his brethren. His difficulties are increased because others, who should assist him, refuse to stand in their lot and place, seeking rather to discourage than to encourage him. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 35*

We should pray for those who by hard labor and sacrifice have accomplished a work that was necessary to be done, and we should seek to hold up their hands. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 36*

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In the *twenty-first, twenty-second, and twenty-third chapters of Exodus* are found commandments that the Lord gave to Moses for the children of Israel to regulate their dealings one with another. If all had read these carefully, and would obey them, would there be

such a condition of things as is now seen in our world? *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 37*

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If the people of God realized as they should that the prophecies are being fulfilled in our world today, would they be so indifferent? Every soul who has heard the truth for this time must be holy in spirit, in word, and in action. *18LtMs, Ms 64, 1903, par. 38*

## Ms 65, 1903

Diary

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November 8, 1902

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### The Need of Repentance

I have earnestly prayed that the Holy Spirit may open the minds of those who, though claiming to believe the truth, have lost their first love, that they may realize their condition. Their first work is to repent and to clear away the fog of dissension and misunderstanding. They think that they are rich and increased with goods and know not that they are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. They are not convinced that they are in the condition in which Christ declares them to be. Jesus does not leave them to perish in their sins. He says to them, "I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am sat down with My Father on His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." [*Revelation 3:18-22.*]*18LtMs, Ms 65, 1903, par. 1*

The ear must be alert to hear the voice of the Spirit. If we hear aright, we will plainly understand the meaning of this parable.*18LtMs, Ms 65, 1903, par. 2*

I am very anxious that all those connected with our sanitariums and publishing houses shall be men whose lives are wholly devoted to God, free from all evil works. I greatly fear that the Lord in His providence will send judgments to check the works of iniquity that are being carried on in the world, and to impress the minds of the people, that they may repent. *18LtMs, Ms 65, 1903, par. 3*

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November 9, 1902

### **A Message to Church Members**

I have had a few hours of precious sleep. Many things are upon my mind that I must repeat to others. I am entrusted with a message to the churches everywhere. Stern trials are to be met. *18LtMs, Ms 65, 1903, par. 4*

I entreat of every one who shall read these words, Come to Christ; He is your only hope. Receive Him. "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." [*John 1:11, 12.*] What an inducement to believe on Him! Lay open your inmost soul to Him to whom you belong by right of creation and by redemption. Have faith in the pardoning love of Christ your Saviour. *18LtMs, Ms 65, 1903, par. 5*

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. ... And of His fulness have we all received, and grace for grace." [*Verses 14, 16.*] *18LtMs, Ms 65, 1903, par. 6*

I inquire of our church members, Are you receiving precious beams of light that you may reflect them to others? Open the windows of the soul to the Sun of righteousness, that you may be enlightened, warned, and renovated by His glorious beams. Will you be satisfied with lip service only, while your hearts are far from God? Can you serve God while you are carrying out selfish ideas for your own exaltation? It is a positive denial of Christ for us to leave the path that Christ marks out and follow our own plans. You cannot obtain

satisfaction until you surrender the whole mind, soul, and strength, to serve the Lord with meekness and humility, yet with a joyfulness that will bear witness to the grace that is renewed to you day by day. Having surrendered your whole being to the service of Christ, to be worked by His Holy Spirit, realizing that you have been bought with a price, you will seek to “glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are His.” [*1 Corinthians 6:20.*] You are His blood-bought possession. *18LtMs, Ms 65, 1903, par. 7*

I speak to church members. Be always ready gladly and cheerfully to serve one another. “Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of love.” [See *Galatians 6:2.*] Do not allow your minds to remain in a state of doubt and uncertainty. Believe the words of Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 65, 1903, par. 8*

“All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me. And this is the Father’s will which hath sent Me, that of all which He hath given Me, I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.” [*John 6:37-39.*] Mark these words, for they have a deep meaning and should inspire every heart with an earnest desire to conform his will to the will of God. “And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.” [*Verse 40.*] *18LtMs, Ms 65, 1903, par. 9*

Satan was ever ready to put unbelief into the hearts of the Jews in Christ’s day. “And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that He saith, I came down from heaven? Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. No man can come to Me, except the Father which hath sent Me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall all be taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto Me. Not that any man hath seen the Father, save He which is of God, He hath seen the Father.” [*Verses 42-46.*] *18LtMs, Ms 65, 1903, par. 10*

Those are great truths, but in this day also unbelief is manifested to

resist the evidence of the truth. Christ met unbelief in the hearts of the people whom He had led out of Egypt. Had the Jews closed their hearts to the evil leaven of unbelief, they would have accepted Christ, and the glory of Jerusalem would not have departed. The same danger exists today. Let the members in our churches refuse to cherish unbelief. Keep the heart, mind, and strength on the Lord's side. We are not to give place to the devil. Resist him in whatever form he may present his temptations. *18LtMs, Ms 65, 1903, par. 11*

Selfishness clamors for recognition. We are tempted to be fretful when our will is crossed or when another seems to be placed in a higher position than ourselves. Unkindness, selfishness, and meanness will be clearly revealed as they are allowed to develop in the character. *18LtMs, Ms 65, 1903, par. 12*

The great heavenly Artist is making a faithful representation of our characters. Every cherished sin, though unseen by man, is perfectly delineated in the books of heaven. Every indulgence in wrongdoing makes an eternal impression upon our characters. Our likeness is being taken for eternity. Every one is either forming a character that will fit him to be a member of the heavenly family, or a character that will be found so crooked, that it can never be straightened. If we still seek to have our own way, we shall carry our selfishness with us, until the great Judge shall reveal our characters in all their deformity. *18LtMs, Ms 65, 1903, par. 13*

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An ungodly man is one who has separated himself from God and has placed himself on the side of Satan to be worked by him. A godly man is one who has separated from himself and is connected with God, one who will receive the truth as it is in Jesus and will live the new and consecrated life. *18LtMs, Ms 65, 1903, par. 14*



## Ms 66, 1903

Our Duty Toward the Lord's Institution

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July 15, 1903 [typed]

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I have a proposition to make to my brethren and sisters in regard to the stock that we have in the Review and Herald Publishing Company. The money that we invested in this institution was given to the work of the Lord. It was intelligently and wisely consecrated to a sacred work. Were it possible for me now to withdraw the offering that I made in former years to the Lord's instrumentality for the publication of the truth, would I do it?—Never, never! Instead, I will make additional investments as soon as the work is reorganized, so that its original purpose may be more perfectly fulfilled. *18LtMs, Ms 66, 1903, par. 1*

Let the publishing work be moved from Battle Creek. The lawyers will make no trouble unless our own people stir them up to create difficulties. I appeal to our brethren who love the advent message, and the institutions established to promulgate this message, to use their influence and means to sustain and help forward every movement being made to place the first and largest publishing house that we have in such a position that it will be as a city set on a hill. *18LtMs, Ms 66, 1903, par. 2*

Let us take our position firmly and loyally on the side of the men who are laboring to follow the light given from the Lord and to work out the matter as proposed by the General Conference. Let us give no place to the selfish plans or selfish motives that may suggest themselves in connection with this work. *18LtMs, Ms 66, 1903, par.*

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Why should any one try to hinder the moving of our publishing work to one of the world's great centers of influence? Why should men demand the return of their investment in stock, if this is done? If God had not first given us the money, we could not have purchased

the stock. The money invested in the Review and Herald is God's money, and those who have placed it there should allow it to remain. Should any one plead necessity as a reason for withdrawing his stock, I could plead necessity also—and I might plead that my necessity is real. But should I withdraw my gift from the altar, I could not expect the blessing of God to rest upon me. If it were possible to do so, I would not remove one dollar of the money that I invested in the office of publication. I placed the money there when the office needed it, and now, in view of the great loss that the institution has sustained, God forbid that I should, for selfish advantage, do anything that would cripple the work or that would open the way for lawyers to make their power felt. *18LtMs, Ms 66, 1903, par. 4*

When the publishing house is established away from Battle Creek, I shall do all in my power to build it up and to encourage those connected with it to carry forward the work of the Lord, exalting the principles of right higher and still higher. *18LtMs, Ms 66, 1903, par. 5*

The office will not be able to pay high wages to the workers; for to start the work in a new place will mean great expense. Let the workers maintain the simplicity of Christ. Let them practice self-denial, bearing the cross after Jesus. I call upon them to think of the loss that the publishing house has sustained and to share in its affliction. If they do this, they will gain a precious experience. Let them do what they can to help. *18LtMs, Ms 66, 1903, par. 6*

Let no one connect himself with the publishing house to gain advantage for himself. If those who enter the employ of this institution from this time forward do so with a determination to help rather than to be helped, the books of heaven will bear witness to their unselfish action. *18LtMs, Ms 66, 1903, par. 7*

Let us do what we can to set the publishing house on its feet again. Let our people everywhere show a liberal spirit. In past years our brethren throughout the field have done a noble work by lending their means to our publishing institutions. Let this good work continue. The time to help in the work is when earnest efforts are being made to put the work on a right basis. *18LtMs, Ms 66, 1903, par. 8*

For years the Review office held my note for several thousand dollars invested in the issue of books. Since the fire I have made special efforts to pay the last of this, and I shall endeavor to place money on deposit in the institution. Brethren, this is a time to show who are the true friends of the publishing work. Let no one endeavor to withdraw his stock from the Review and Herald. It would not be right to do this. The money that we invested in stock was the Lord's gift to us and our gift to the institution. Shall we not now do a work that bears the approval of God? Let us bring the principles of the gospel into practice. Let your religion speak, saying, The money in the office of publication is a gift that I made to the institution, and I do not feel at liberty, now that disaster has come to the institution, to withdraw my gift. Wrongs have been done in the institution, but it is not my place to mete out punishment. The Lord has taken this matter into His own hands. I must do all that I can to place the institution on vantage ground. *18LtMs, Ms 66, 1903, par. 9*

God's love will be bestowed on His people if they will do as Jesus did, if they will deny self and lift the cross. Christ took our infirmities, and we are to bear one another's burdens. We read of Christ, "When He saw the multitude, He was moved with compassion on them." [*Matthew 9:36.*] These words are the key to His lifework. We are to reveal in our lives the compassion that He revealed. *18LtMs, Ms 66, 1903, par. 10*

## Ms 67, 1903

Sermon/Fishers of Men

Healdsburg, California

May 30, 1903

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Baccalaureate sermon at the close of the Healdsburg College school year, delivered by Mrs. E. G. White in the church at Healdsburg, California, May 30, 1903. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 1*

“And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon Him to hear the word of God, He stood by the lake of Gennesaret, and saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And He entered into one of the ships, which was Simon’s, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And He sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 2*

“Now when He had left speaking, He said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto Him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at Thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” [*Luke 5:1-8.*] *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 3*

Prostrating himself, and clinging to the Saviour’s knees, Peter begged Jesus to depart from him. He acknowledged that he was a sinful man. With great force there came to his mind the conviction that He was in the presence of the long-looked-for Messiah; and although he said to Christ, “Depart from me,” he did not really desire to see Him go away; for he still held fast to the Saviour’s

knees. [Verse 8.] *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 4*

“For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: and so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.” [Verses 9, 10.] *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 5*

“And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed Him.” [Verse 11.] Thus were these fishermen called by the God of heaven to their lifework. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 6*

### **The Secret of Success in Soul-saving**

Every one who in living faith follows Jesus, with an eye single to His glory, will see of the salvation of God just as surely as these discouraged, despondent fishermen saw their boats filled by the miraculous draught. It was because Christ was in the ship that they were successful in their efforts to catch fish. The indwelling presence of the Saviour is equally necessary in the work of winning souls. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 7*

In order to save humanity, Christ, the Majesty of heaven, the King of glory, laid aside His kingly crown and royal robe, clothed His divinity with humanity, and came to this earth as our Redeemer. For thirty-three years He lived the life of a man among men, meeting the temptations that we must meet and overcoming through the strength imparted from above. His divinity was not manifested in any display of pomp and royal power. He could have surrounded Himself with legions of heavenly angels, thereby inducing every one to believe on Him; but this would not have been in accordance with God's purpose. Christ came to stand at the head of humanity and to demonstrate that through the power of the Holy Spirit it is possible for man to withstand Satan's temptations. With His long human arm the Saviour encircled humanity, while with His divine arm He grasped the throne of the Infinite. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 8*

What does Christ's sacrifice mean to us? We may endeavor to meet the enemy's temptations in our own strength, doing the best we can to overcome; but we shall meet with disappointment after

disappointment. This was the condition in which Christ found the disciples after their night of unrewarded toil. They were annoyed and perplexed. Directing them to “launch out into the deep,” Christ said, “Let down your nets for a draught.” [*Verse 4.*18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 9

Long had the fishermen toiled that night; often had they been disappointed in their expectations, as time and again the net was drawn up empty. When the Divine Presence was with them, and they, at His bidding, once more cast their net into the sea, what an abundance they gathered in! They were unprepared to handle so large a draught. Their facilities were not nearly sufficient to meet the emergency. The sight of the miraculous draught of fish swept away the unbelief of the Galilean fishermen, and they were ready to respond to Christ’s invitation to follow Him and to learn to be fishers of men.18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 10

The breaking net, the sinking ship, the surprise and gratitude of Peter and his companions, their willingness to follow the Saviour and to do His bidding—all these are object lessons. Thus it is in the work of soul-saving. However long and faithfully we may toil in our human strength, we can hope for no real results; but as soon as we welcome Christ into the heart, He will work with and through us to the salvation of souls.18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 11

God has promised to co-operate with those who choose to labor in harmony with His purposes. We are to do our utmost to fulfil our part faithfully, in order that He may demonstrate to the world what He can do through us. At our baptism, we pledged ourselves that, being dead to the world, we would henceforth remember that our life is “hid with Christ in God” [*Colossians 3:3*], and that we had taken our position on the exalted platform of truth, there to work in unison with the Hand that never fails.18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 12

Paul declares, “Ye are laborers together with God.” [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] It is God that gives success to human endeavor. Without His blessing, our efforts amount to naught. We are simply channels through whom God’s blessings flow to our fellow beings. From every one in whose heart Christ is an abiding Presence will go forth a power that will influence others to accept the Saviour as their

Redeemer. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 13*

It is the privilege of every Christian constantly to live up to his baptismal covenant. "Ye are dead," says the apostle Paul of those who have been baptized, "and your life is hid with Christ in God." [*Colossians 3:3.*] To enable us to keep this covenant, there is placed at our command every facility, every power of heaven. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 14*

And what a reward is set before those who are faithful! The promise is, "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." [*Verse 4.*] In comparison with this reward, of how much value is all the honor and the glory that this world can offer? The end of all things earthly is death, eternal death. Can we afford to choose to "enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season"? [*Hebrews 11:25.*] Shall we not resolutely turn from every worldly influence and by faith behold the One altogether lovely, the Chiefest among ten thousand—He who died in order that we might live in the earth made new? *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 15*

To the students of the Healdsburg school who claim to be dead to sin and to the world, I would say, Keep yourselves from everything that would stain the soul. Strive to grasp eternal realities. Realize that God is your heavenly Father and that you are His little children. In comparison with Him, we are all little children. We may attain to the loftiest heights of intellectual learning, so-called, but this will not make us complete men and women. We may reach the highest positions of worldly honor; but in God's sight we never become men and women until we are made complete through Christ Jesus, our Saviour. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 16*

### **A Message to Parents**

Fathers and mothers, you are under obligation to God to bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, so that His light shall ever shine about them, lighting the pathway to the kingdom above. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 17*

Parents should make a wise use of every spare moment of time in training their children to honor God in the homelife. Parents stand in

the place of God toward their little ones. As they desire God to be kind to them, so they are to be kind to their children. But a tender, compassionate parent never allows his child to act contrary to the will and way of God. He teaches him to be obedient to parents and to God. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 18*

Parents are not to provoke their children to wrath by a harsh, dictatorial, overbearing spirit. They are simply to teach them the law of the Lord. Concerning Abraham, God declared, "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment." [*Genesis 18:19.*] *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 19*

Every one upon whom rests the responsibility of a home should realize that God is calling for obedience to His law. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 20*

The father and the mother should be the first teachers of their children. Upon the mother the burden of the home school often rests the most heavily. The father should take this fact into consideration, remembering that through the day he is not usually called upon to deal, in patience and love, with the little trials and variances of the children. With what kindness and tenderness should he treat the woman of his choice! *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 21*

The husband is to respect his wife, and the wife is to respect her husband. Not a word should pass from his lips, or from hers, that would in any wise disturb the harmony of the household or fall harshly upon the ears of the children. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 22*

Parents who honor each other will be honored by their children. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 23*

The youth who are educated aright in the home will respect their father as the priest of the household and will regard their mother as the princess of the home. In every way possible will they lighten her burdens, giving her opportunity to preserve her strength and nerve-power, which she so much needs in her work for them. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 24*



Parents are not commissioned by the Lord to devote precious time to the work of clothing their children in fashionable attire. The children of many Sabbath-keeping parents cannot be distinguished from the children of worldlings, because of conformity to worldly dress. Christian believers are to clothe their children neatly and teach them lessons of cleanliness, tidiness, and simplicity. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 25*

Families who spend much time in dressing for display may be likened to the fig tree that Christ saw from afar. This fig tree flaunted its flourishing branches in the very face of justice; but when Christ came to look for fruit, He searched from the topmost twig to the lowest boughs and found nothing but leaves. It is fruit that He hungers for; fruit He must have. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 26*

### **The Object in View in Establishing Schools**

Now cruel it is to leave children to choose their own way and to form a character without the direction of wise counsel! Yet, from the light that I have, I know that many parents who claim to be Christians have neglected their duty for so long a time that not a few of our young people have swung from the barriers of truth and are in great danger of being swept downward to ruin by the temptations of the enemy. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 27*

Long ago this condition of affairs was presented to me by the Lord, and I was instructed to direct our people to establish schools for the education and training of our children and to urge the youth to attend these schools. In our educational institutions must be teachers who fear God and keep His commandments. The children, separated from their former wicked, corrupt associations, and placed under wise instructors in Christian schools, will have a favorable opportunity to form right habits of character and to grow up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 28*

This is the work that has been and is still being done in our Healdsburg school. Sometimes it requires years for a student to learn to dress and to act as a child of the heavenly King; sometimes the influences of the world are almost irresistible; but through the

grace of God every one may become Christlike in word and deed. Those who are numbered as Christ's disciples will follow His example of self-denial and self-sacrifice. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 29*

In the life of a Christian, the things of this world, the idols of pride, extravagance, and self-indulgence, are to have no place. God did not form the eye to be used for selfish purposes. He gave us the power of vision in order that we might behold and admire the Saviour in His works, which He has created for our pleasure. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 30*

As children prepare to attend one of our schools, wise parents will help them to understand that in school life they are to strive to form a character that will fit them to associate with the unfallen beings of the universe. And this they can do only through the overcoming power that Christ will give them. Without His grace, no one can form a Christlike character. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 31*

### **The Training of Missionaries**

Parents, teach your children to become workers with you in the church. Educate them in such a way that they will delight to be workers together with God. Impress upon their minds the thought that as they grow older, their opportunities for service will enlarge, and their power and ability will increase proportionately. Let them understand that those who give themselves to God will become channels of blessing to others who know Him not. Teach them how to have power to prevail with God. If this were done faithfully by every parent, we should see consecrated workers everywhere. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 32*

I hope that many of those who are receiving an education in our schools will go forth as missionaries accepted of God. I have faith to believe that He will work upon the hearts of teachers and students and that they shall be clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 33*

To us is given the commission, "Go out into the highways, and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled."

[*Luke 14:23.*] Are we preparing for evangelistic house-to-house work?*18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 34*

When school closes, there will be opportunity for many to go out into the field as evangelistic canvassers. The faithful colporteur finds his way into many homes, where he leaves precious reading matter containing the truth for this time.*18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 35*

### **The Value of Our Denominational Literature**

We should treat, as a sacred treasure, every line of printed matter that comes from our publishing houses. Even the fragments of a pamphlet or of a periodical should be regarded as of value. Who can estimate the influence that a torn page, containing the truths of the third angel's message, may have upon the heart of some seeker after truth? Every page that comes from the press is a ray of light from heaven, to shine into the byways and the hedges, shedding light upon the pathway of truth. Let us remember that somebody would be glad to receive every page that we can spare.*18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 36*

In the miracle of feeding the multitude with the few loaves and fishes, the food was increased as it passed from Christ to those who accepted it. Thus it will be in the distribution of our publications. God's truth, as it is passed out, will multiply greatly. And as Christ was careful to instruct the disciples to gather up the fragments that remained, that nothing should be lost, so we should treasure every fragment of literature containing the truth for this time.*18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 37*

### **The Ministry of Song**

I am glad that a musical element has been brought into the Healdsburg school. Instruction in singing is greatly needed in every school. Much more interest should be manifested in voice culture than is now generally manifested. Students who have learned to sing, with melodious voices, sweet gospel songs in such a way that the words are easily understood can do much good as singing evangelists. They will find many opportunities to use the talent that

God has given them, carrying melody and sunshine into many lonely places darkened by sin and sorrow and affliction, by singing to those who seldom have the privileges of any kind of gospel ministry. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 38*

Students, go out into the highways and the hedges. Endeavor to reach the higher as well as the lower classes. Enter the homes of the rich and the poor. As you go from house to house to sing, ask, "Would you be pleased to have us sing? We should be glad to hold a song service with you and to offer a few words of prayer to ask God to keep us." Not many will refuse you entrance. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 39*

Such ministry is genuine missionary work. God desires every one of us to be converted and to learn to engage in missionary effort in earnest. He will bless us in this work, and we shall see of His salvation. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 40*

### **Our High Calling**

Educate yourselves to speak in the language of Canaan, the language spoken in the heavenly school by the members of the royal family. Sternly determine to put away all foolish talking and jesting, all selfish amusements. By faith grasp the promises of God, and determine that you will be Christians here below, while preparing for translation. Those who do this will see of the salvation of God. *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 41*

Students, if you strip yourselves of every hindrance to progress in the Christian life, your mind will be worked by the Holy Spirit of God, and you will become fishers of men. The salvation of God will go forth from you as a lamp that burneth. Kindling your taper from the divine altar, you will have the privilege, wherever you may be, of shedding light upon those who are in darkness. If you continue steadfast in His service, He will open wide the gates of the heavenly city, and say, as you enter in, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." [*Matthew 25:23.*] *18LtMs, Ms 67, 1903, par. 42*

## Ms 68, 1903

Answering Christ's Prayer for Us by Obeying His Law

Healdsburg, California

July 6, 1903

Previously unpublished.

We claim to be Christians. What are we doing to answer the prayer of Christ, as recorded in the *seventeenth chapter of John*? Are we attaining to the standard set before us? This standard of perfect unity is portrayed in the words: "I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me." [Verse 23.] *18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 1*

From the light God has given me, I know that this chapter has not been fully appreciated, and that the principles it teaches have not been generally believed and practiced. Why has not His Word been gladly received and obeyed by all? Why has it not made upon the hearts of many professing Christians the impression that He desired to see made? *18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 2*

"O righteous Father, the world hath not known Thee: but I have known Thee, and these have known that Thou hast sent Me." [Verse 25.] *18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 3*

Christ is not known by the world. But upon the hearts of those who know Him is mirrored His image, which in their daily life is constantly reflected in word and deed upon those who know Him not. By the perfection of our Christian walk, we are to make Christ known to the world; for we are His chosen representatives. By spiritual adoption we are children of God. *18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 4*

In no way are we to unite with the world in wrongdoing. The systems of commercial life, the money-making schemes, even the profound study of commercial investments—all these are alike undesirable. The theater, the concert, the ballroom, the billiard

room, the card table, the race course, the drinking saloon, and numerous other places and forms of amusement that might be mentioned, divert the attention of many men and women from the Lord's service. But such persons are not seeking for those things that would give peace to the soul. Thousands and tens of thousands are making no special effort to attain perfection of character. They seem to reason that since mere pleasurable gratification is denied them by the teachings of God's Word, this Word has been written in vain. *18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 5*

I am assured that when believers are truly converted, they will be transformed in character, and that then the prayer of Christ will be regarded by them as of far greater value than all the favors the world can bestow. *18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 6*

### **A Study of the Prayer**

What a prayer is Christ's petition for His disciples! How high it reaches! How much it embraces! "What shall we do to answer this prayer?" is the question that should be our constant study. *18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 7*

"These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee." [*Verse 1.*] What does this mean?—That this prayer is the petition of humanity for humanity; a sinless humanity for a sinful humanity. *18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 8*

"As Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him. And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent. I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was. I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy word." [*Verses 2-6.*] *18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 9*

"They have kept Thy word." [*Verse 6.*] This is the standard that

every one who desires to walk with the heavenly Father must reach.*18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 10*

“Now they have made known that all things whatsoever Thou hast given Me are of Thee.” [*Verse 7.*] Every believer in Christ is to manifest to a sinful world all that these words imply. He should remember his solemn baptismal vows. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, he was buried with his Lord in baptism, signifying that henceforth he would be dead unto the world. His resurrection from the watery grave was symbolic of the new birth that took place at the time of his conversion.*18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 11*

To those who have passed through this experience is given the instruction:*18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 12*

“Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe He is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.” [*1 Peter 2:1-8.*]*18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 13*

A better, even a holy, appointment was given them, but they did not take into consideration, nor did they value, the possibilities and the probabilities connected with obedience to Jehovah’s law. They chose not “to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God,” and were therefore among those who “stumble at the word, being disobedient.” [*Verses 5, 8.*]*18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 14*

“Unto you therefore which believe He is precious. ... Ye are a

chosen generation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.” [Verses 7, 9-12.] This appeal should be heeded by every soul who claims to be a child of God. *18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 15*

Read, in this connection, the whole of the *seventeenth of John*. Notice *verses fifteen to eighteen*: “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. ... As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.” *18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 16*

Let us seek to understand the spiritual truths comprehended in this assertion. God sends us into the world, even as He sent His Son into the world. And of us Christ said, “They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.” [Verse 16.] Let us endeavor to discern the meaning of this comparison. *18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 17*

“Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth. ... And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.” [Verses 17, 19.] Those who cease to follow worldly practices, and choose to stand in the world as Christ’s followers, will understand the mystery of godliness—Christ within, “the hope of glory.” [Colossians 1:27.] *18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 18*

“Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word.” [John 17:20.] This includes us. Through faith in Christ, we are blessed with all spiritual blessings. *18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 19*

“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.” [Verse 21.] *18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 20*



From the light given in this Scripture, cannot we understand the relation that Christians should sustain to one another? Then with what strictness we should guard our every word and act, in order to foster the unity that we are to manifest to the world! This unity is the love spoken of by Christ when He said to His disciples: “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.” [*John 13:34, 35.*]*18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 21*

“As I have loved you.” Not until after their Master’s great humiliation and suffering in Gethsemane, in the presence of the High Priest, in Pilate’s judgment hall, and on Calvary’s cross did the disciples understand these words. Our Saviour was subjected to humiliation such as few are called upon to bear. The hopes of the disciples died with the death of their Lord. But after He came forth from Joseph’s new tomb and over the rent sepulcher proclaimed, “I am the resurrection and the life;” “behold, I live forevermore” [*John 11:25; Revelation 1:18*], His disciples understood more fully the meaning of the words: “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.” [*John 13:34, 35.*]*18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 22*

Shall not we strive to glorify God by manifesting toward one another the same compassionate love that Christ manifested toward those whom He came into this world to save and make one with Himself?*18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 23*

“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; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me.” [*John 17:22, 23.*]*18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 24*

What a wonderful statement is this! Shall we show that these words mean all that they say, by proving them true? Only by living lives that will reveal to sinners the power that God’s grace has upon the human mind and character can we give evidence to the world that

God has sent His Son to be the Saviour of mankind. Thus only can we reveal our heavenly Father in His true character—a miracle-working God. *18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 25*

“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 (as the Redeemer of the fallen race): 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 24-26.*] *18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 26*

Wonderful prayer! It is our privilege to answer this prayer by molding our character in accordance with the principles that this Scripture teaches. Christ Himself defines the use that should be made of His words. “It is the Spirit that quickeneth,” He declares; “the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” [*John 6:63.*] Since this is true, how important it is that we daily partake of the Scriptures as our spiritual food. *18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 27*

Let those who claim to believe the truth for this time remember constantly that Satan is not dead, neither is he asleep. He is working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness; for unless he can deceive Christ’s followers in some unguarded moment, he cannot overcome them. *18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 28*

### **Glorifying God by Obeying His Law**

My brethren and sisters, what more can I say to lead you to discern your privileges? These privileges, so freely granted you, were secured at the cost of the life of the only begotten Son of God. We must guard the soul with diligence. Those who hold the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end reveal in their lives the Christ-life by obeying every precept of God’s law. The gospel has not abrogated the law: the gospel is the law, practiced. The gospel demands perfect obedience. Paul asks the question, “Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the

law.” [*Romans 3:31.*]18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 29

God’s law is the transcript of His character. Constantly the Lord is speaking to the human family, saying, “Holier; yes, holier still.” This is His work—to gather out from the fallen inhabitants of this world a righteous people. “And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever.” [*Isaiah 32:17.*]18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 30

“Blessed are they, whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.” [*Romans 4:7, 8.*] “Every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” [*Matthew 7:17-20.*]18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 31

The Saviour, instructing His disciples in regard to their work, declared:18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 32

“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.18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 33

“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 5:14-20.*]18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 34

“Hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His

commandments. He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth His word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him. He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked. Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in Him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes. I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake." [1 John 2:3-12.]*18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 35*

"I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. ... Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that He hath promised us, even eternal life." Let us "abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming." [*Verses 21, 24, 25, 28.*]*18LtMs, Ms 68, 1903, par. 36*

## **Ms 69, 1903**

Talk/Instruction Regarding School Work

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Talk given by Mrs. E. G. White at Healdsburg College Board meeting

Prof. Cady: The Board has received a request which was read last night, that I be released from the work here to engage in general educational work throughout the field. This request, which comes from Elder Daniells, can be read now, if you so desire. (Here the letter was read.)*18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 1*

Mrs. E. G. White: The principal of a school cannot do justice to his work when his interests are divided. Brother Cady cannot do justice to this school and be away in the field so much of the time as has been the case in the past. The school needs his presence. It should not be left to the uncertainty that arises when the one who stands at its head is absent. The one who stands as principal should devote the greater part, if not all, of his time and energy to the school. He should study and plan for its success and should put his whole soul into an effort for its advancement.*18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 2*

It is a mistake to allow students to choose their studies. In years past this mistake has been made in the Healdsburg school. As a result students who had not mastered the common branches have sought to climb higher than they were prepared to go. Some who could not speak the English language correctly have desired to take up the study of foreign languages. A knowledge of how to speak and write our own language correctly is more important to us than the knowledge of a foreign language.*18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 3*

**The Importance of Voice Culture**

Voice culture, is presented to me as of the greatest importance. Students should receive a training that will prepare them to impart the knowledge they receive. Unless they are taught to read and speak slowly and distinctly, with clearness and force, placing the emphasis where it belongs, how can they teach with any good effect? They should not be allowed to speak so fast that they cannot be clearly understood. Every word, every syllable should be plainly spoken. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 4*

Students should be taught not to speak from the throat, but to bring the abdominal muscles into action. The throat is only the channel through which the voice is to pass. If public speakers would learn to use the voice properly, there would not be so much throat trouble among them. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 5*

Those who are to go into the field as teachers and ministers should be trained to speak in a way that will arouse an interest in the precious truths which they present. A man may not have so much knowledge, yet he can accomplish much if he has a voice so well trained that he can impart clearly that which he knows. But if a man cannot tell in a forcible manner what he knows, of what benefit is his learning, even though his mind be stored with knowledge? *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 6*

Prof. Cady: Should we provide a special instructor for voice training, or should we distribute the teaching of this branch among all the instructors? *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 7*

Mrs. E. G. White: The wisest thing to do is to experiment. You will have to do much experimenting before you can decide upon the best methods. If you should know of some one who is especially fitted to teach voice culture, it might be best to secure his services. I know that the voice can and must be trained. The Lord wants the teachers in our schools to make the most of themselves and to teach the students to make the most of themselves. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 8*

### **The Value of the Common Branches**

It is important that students be taught to spell correctly and to write

plainly. They should be given a thorough drill in these branches. There are men in responsible positions, physicians, lawyers, and even editors, whose writing can scarcely be read. A great mistake has been made in their education. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 9*

In education the work of climbing must begin at the lowest round of the ladder. There are many who feel that they have finished their education, but who are faulty in spelling and in writing, and who can neither speak nor read correctly. These need to go back and begin to climb from the first round of the ladder. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 10*

When voice culture, reading, writing, and spelling take their rightful place in our schools, a great change for the better will be seen. These subjects have been neglected, because our teachers have not realized their value. But they are more important than Latin or Greek. I do not say that it is a wrong to study Latin or Greek, but I do say that it is a wrong to neglect the subjects that lie at the foundation of education in order to tax the mind with the study of Latin and Greek. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 11*

### **The Question of Grading**

The system of grading is a hindrance to the pupil's real progress. Some pupils are slow at first, and the teacher needs to exercise great patience. But these pupils may after a short time learn so rapidly as to astonish him. Others may appear to be very brilliant, but time may show that they have blossomed too suddenly. The system of confining children rigidly to grades is not wise. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 12*

A. T. Jones: The sooner grades are done away with, so that the teacher can get close to the children, the better. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 13*

Mrs. E. G. White: I know that some better system can be found just as soon as our instructors learn the true principles of education. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 14*

### **The Work of the Fernando School**

Yesterday I had a long talk with Brother Giddings, the principal of the Fernando school. A misunderstanding has arisen in regard to what I said in reference to the school at Fernando. I had not the slightest idea of saying what some thought I said. They understood me to say that the Fernando school should do the same work that is done at the Healdsburg school. But those in charge of the Fernando school must know that their school will have to be carried on for a time before they can understand perfectly what its work should be. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 15*

Some were under the impression that I said that at Healdsburg and other of our schools, grave mistakes are being made. At the Los Angeles camp-meeting I spoke of the need of simplicity in education. I said that in the past the teachers in Healdsburg College and Battle Creek College had made the mistake of not giving the foundation subjects of education their proper place and of allowing the desires and suppositions of the students to govern the decisions made in reference to their school work. I also said that at Healdsburg some subjects had been taught that were not needed. But I had no idea of giving any one the impression that the Healdsburg College should occupy the position of a school just beginning its work. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 16*

I told Brother Giddings that it would be impossible for the Fernando school to take a position on a level with the Healdsburg school, which has been in operation many years. Those in charge of the Fernando school must move slowly at first. They must be careful to give the students what they most need, instead of allowing them to take what studies they choose. They should test the accuracy and knowledge of the students; then they can tell whether they have reached the standard to which they think they have attained. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 17*

Some in Fernando think that those in Healdsburg College manifest a feeling of superiority. I have been afraid that they thought this, but have hoped that it was not so. I asked the one who spoke to me of this, "Have you talked with the brethren here in regard to this matter? Have you talked with Brother Cady and other members of the Board to find out if this is not something that exists entirely in the minds of the brethren there? I advise you not to leave this place



until you come to a perfect understanding with the brethren here.”*18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 18*

### **The Industrial Work at Healdsburg College**

I have heard that the managers of our school here are in difficulty in regard to the industrial work. I trust that you are not discouraged. There is no need for you to be. It would be surprising if these industries could be made to pay immediately after being started. Sometimes God permits losses to come to us to teach us lessons that will keep us from making mistakes that would cause much larger losses. If you have had financial losses in your industrial work, search carefully to find out the cause of these losses, and then manage in such a way that in the future there will be no loss. You should look upon this experience as of great value to you, not as a source of discouragement. It is of no use to talk discouragement. Look at the matter just as it is, and see how you can benefit by it.*18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 19*

At one time when my son Edson had suffered a financial loss, I wrote to him not to fail nor be discouraged. I said, “If you can learn from this experience to count the cost before undertaking an enterprise, it will be one of the most valuable experiences of your life.”*18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 20*

My husband used to say, “Show me a man who never makes a mistake, never gets into perplexity, and I will show you a man who ought to be in heaven.”*18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 21*

If a worker makes a mistake, do not think that his work must be taken from him and given to some one else. The one to whom it is given may not do it as well as the one who had it in the first place. Give the worker who has made the mistake every opportunity to improve. Do not discourage him by criticism. Help him in his work. Do not take his work from him unless he shows no desire to improve.*18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 22*

Let us remember that we are all members of God’s family. And let us remember, too, that Satan and all his host are seeking continually to force us into making mistakes, that our confidence in

ourselves and in others may be destroyed. But when perplexities arise, shall we sit down on the stool of ignorance and do nothing?— God forbid. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 23*

At Cooranbong our brethren made a mistake in delaying the purchase of the land that the Lord had said was the place where the school should be established. Then, after the purchase of the land, they went to a lawyer for advice and following his advice brought legal complications that cost thousands of dollars. Had it not been for the lack of faith caused by the delay, this loss would not have come. At one time during the lawsuit that was carried on, our brethren were greatly perplexed to know what to do. Some said, "Let the land go." I said, "What do you mean? Who is it that we are warring against? 'We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world.' [*Ephesians 6:12.*] Do you think that you can establish the school where the Lord wants it to be without opposition from the enemy? The perplexities that come are an evidence that you are on the right ground and that the enemy is seeking to check the good that will be accomplished here." *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 24*

Mistakes have been made at Healdsburg, but the brethren need not feel discouraged. The Lord may have permitted us to make these mistakes to put us on our guard in the future, that we may be kept from making greater mistakes. Let us look at these things in a rational light. It is not as if we had not been making aggressive efforts or had had no opposition. Our people are not half awake to the fact that the enemy with whom we have to contend is a keen, intelligent, eloquent being who works in every conceivable way to hinder the advancement of God's work. We must rid our minds of the idea that we may move smoothly along, meeting no hindrances. The enemy works against every effort put forth to advance the cause of God. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 25*

You have begun in the right way. Students must have outdoor labor, that their muscles may be kept in a healthy condition, that the brain may be kept clear. The health of the brain depends on the health of the other parts of the human machinery. You need not be discouraged because there has been a loss in the industrial

departments. This experience may save you from a larger loss in the future. Industrial work is a great help and blessing to the students. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 26*

M. E. Cady: As far as I am concerned personally, I am not at all discouraged. My only fear has been that, because there have been losses, some might be inclined to give up the industrial work. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 27*

Mrs. E. G. White: This work should not be given up. This is one point that I wished to emphasize this morning. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 28*

M. E. Cady: Most of the industrial departments show a loss this year, while in previous years most of them have shown a gain. One reason for this is that this year we have depreciated the property. In past years this was not done. The depreciation that has been placed on the property this year should have been divided among several years. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 29*

We have started these industrial departments, but they do not show the gain that we would like them to show. Some of the brethren feel that these departments ought to sustain themselves and ought to make a little profit; and because they do not, there is a tendency to advocate that they be abandoned and that other industries be brought in that can be made to pay. I think that a great deal of study and wise counsel is necessary in order to make changes without suffering loss. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 30*

In our meeting yesterday, some of our brethren said that they thought that our schools would come to the place—and perhaps they may—where they will be self-sustaining. Others said that this never could be, that these institutions could never be entirely self-sustaining, but that they would have to be assisted by the gifts of those of our people who are interested in their work. These differences of opinion might lead us to take steps that would undo the work that has been done. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 31*

Mrs. E. G. White: Let us do the best we can, and then say, “Lord, we leave with Thee what we have done.” If we will work in faith, our hope and courage will increase. But we cannot expect faith unless

we work in faith. We do not realize the craftiness and the power of the enemy that we must meet in conflict. Satan and his hosts are all around us. Before the end they will come as angels of light, and also as men. God's servants must stand by their colors and have firm faith in Him. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 32*

M. E. Cady: I am very thankful for the encouraging words to which we have listened this morning. They are a great help to me. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 33*

Mrs. E. G. White: My brethren, you may expect difficulties and hindrance. They will surely come. But do not keep your eyes fixed on discouragement. If you do, you will find more and more to discourage you. Take your eyes off discouragement, and "arise and build." [*Nehemiah 2:20.*] Let the building go up, and let the cause advance. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 34*

M. E. Cady: There have been in the industrial work greater losses than I anticipated; nevertheless, I feel that we have before us in our school work some of the brightest prospects that we have ever had. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 35*

Mrs. E. G. White: The influence for good that the manual training work has exerted over the students overbalances the financial loss and would overbalance it were it ten times as large as it is. How many souls this work has helped to save, you will never know till the day of judgment. Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do. But when students are kept busy in useful labor, the Lord has opportunity to work with them. *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 36*

My brethren, let us labor on in the simplicity of godliness. Let us accept the Saviour's invitation, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] *18LtMs, Ms 69, 1903, par. 37*

## Ms 70, 1903

Sermon/Divine Sonship

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Sermon, Mrs. E. G. White, Open-air service at the Hot Springs Grove, Calistoga, California,

“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.” [1 *John 3:1-3*.] *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 1*

In this Scripture are portrayed Christian privileges that are comprehended by but comparatively few. Every one should become familiar with the blessed privileges God has offered us in His Word. He has given us many assurances of what He will do for us. And all these promises are made possible by Christ’s sacrifice in our behalf. *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 2*

John the Baptist bore witness of the One through whom we may become sons and daughters of God. “There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through Him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.”

[John 1:6-12.]18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 3

Divine sonship is not something we may gain of ourselves. Only to those who receive Christ as their Saviour is given the power to become sons and daughters of God. But the promise is to all who "believe on His name." [Verse 12.] What an incentive to greater effort this assurance should be to those who are trying to set the hope of the gospel before those who are still in the darkness of error!18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 4

The sinner cannot, by any power of his own, rid himself of sin. For the accomplishment of this work he must look to a higher Power. John exclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." [Verse 29.] Christ alone has power to cleanse the heart from sin. As soon as the penitent one turns from sin, and looks to the Saviour for help, the Holy Spirit begins its transforming work upon the heart. Man is dependent on God for transforming grace. Every one who comes to Jesus in faith, nothing wavering, will receive pardon. He who is seeking for forgiveness and acceptance can only say:18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 5

"Nothing in my hand I bring;  
Simply to Thy cross I cling!"18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 6

Through Adam's fall, Man forfeited the right to live. But Christ offered to give His life as a ransom for the fallen race in order that they might have another opportunity to keep God's commandments and live. To us is granted a time of probation in which we may co-operate with God in the work of forming characters acceptable in His sight.18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 7

How thankful we should be for the privileges offered us; for the hope we have in the gospel; for the great sacrifice Christ has made in order to give us these blessings! He, the Majesty of heaven, the King of glory, laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown, clothed His divinity with humanity, and came to this earth to stand at the head of humanity. In His life on this earth He was "a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief." [Isaiah 53:3.]18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 8

Christ with His long human arm encircles the fallen race, while with His divine arm He grasps the throne of the Infinite. He stands

before the Father as the Propitiation for the sins of every repentant one who receives Him and believes on His name. No matter how poor the sinner may be; no matter how numerous may be the difficulties surrounding him; no matter how great may be his infirmities, the compassionate Saviour will accept him. Christ loves every member of the human race; for He has bought them all with a price—and what a price! By a self-sacrificing life and a humiliating death He became the Redeemer of us all; and He now stands in the courts above as our Advocate.*18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 9*

Christ would have given His life, even if He had known that only the little company before whom I am standing today would be saved at last. Yes; if there had been but one member of our little company that could have been saved, He would have given His life as a ransom for that one. How incomprehensible is His infinite love!*18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 10*

Our Redeemer passed over the same ground on which Adam fell. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. He never yielded to temptation; and yet, in withstanding the enemy's temptations, He exercised no power that is not granted us. He might have come to this earth accompanied by a vast retinue of angels; but He came unattended and dwelt with those who were poor and lowly. He worked at the carpenter's bench with Joseph for many years. Throughout His youth and manhood He was sorely tried with temptations. He passed through all the afflictions through which we are called to pass. Thus He stood at the head of humanity, as a human being. If He had not clothed His divinity with humanity, no one could have approached Him because of the glory of His presence.*18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 11*

How many of those who are assembled here today are willing to make any sacrifice for Jesus? Are you willing firmly to determine that you will strive not to grieve the Holy Spirit by pursuing a course that would put your Saviour to open shame? Will you constantly remember that He has humiliated Himself and given His life for your salvation? Are you willing daily to consecrate yourselves to His service?*18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 12*

Dear friends, did Christ come to this earth in order that you might

receive and enjoy the riches and glory of the world?—No, no. He came in order that you might have life eternal in the kingdom of God. He came in order that you might live a life that measures with the life of God and be a member of the royal family, a child of the heavenly King, in the courts of heaven where there is neither sorrow nor death, where we can associate forever with Christ and the unfallen angels. *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 13*

With those thoughts in mind, cannot we appreciate a little more fully than before the words we read in the third chapter of John's first epistle? "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." [*Verses 1-3.*] *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 14*

By being partakers of the divine nature, we may overcome the corruption that is in our natures through lust. Keeping Jesus always in view, we shall be changed into His likeness. He knows all about our trials and difficulties. Let us lay them all at His feet and trust Him to lead us aright. As He overcame Satan on every point, so we may overcome every temptation of the enemy. *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 15*

Shall we not give our lives to the service of Him who has given so much for us? Shall we not determine to stand always on the side of Christ? The privilege of abiding in Christ and working for Him should make us the happiest people in the world. From personal experience, I know what it means to have severe trials. But night after night, when I cannot sleep, I look to the great Physician, and He fills my heart with joy and love and peace. The same blessings are offered to every one else. Whoever partakes of Christ's sufferings will partake of His glory. *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 16*

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in Him



sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him." [*Verses 4-6.*] *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 17*

Many profess to abide in Christ, but cherish imperfections of character. Their names may be on the church book; but if they persist in clinging to imperfections of character, it is manifest that they are not "born again." [*John 3:3.*] God desires us to put away everything that is wrong and to come to the foot of the Cross to learn of Jesus. "Learn of Me," Christ says: "for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [*Matthew 11:29.*] In this life we are to prepare for promotion to the higher grade, the school above, by learning of Jesus. *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 18*

None need heavenly instruction more than fathers and mothers. Upon them rests a great responsibility. If they abide in Christ, He will abide in their home. Men and women, at the beginning of married life, should reconsecrate themselves to God. They are His children, bought by an infinite sacrifice. "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." [*1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.*] *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 19*

Parents may cultivate sweetness of disposition in the home life and by God's grace be overcomers. Although they may have natural tendencies to wrong, these should be resolutely put away. Let them learn to speak kindly under all circumstances. It takes no more time and effort to speak kindly than it does to speak unkindly. From the beginning, those who have received the Saviour into their hearts as their Redeemer can educate their children to love and fear God, and not to have their own way. *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 20*

Many of those who have grown to manhood and womanhood have never left the traits of their childhood behind them. They are just as fretful and impatient, just as ready to quarrel over little things, as they were in their youth. God desires us to put away childish things and to prepare to live in the home toward which we are journeying. None whose hearts are unrenewed by the gentle influences of the Holy Spirit can enter the heavenly home. The character must first be transformed. Let us learn in our home life how to live in such a

way that we shall be granted a home on the earth made new. Unkindness in speech, harshness of voice, disagreeableness of disposition—these are characteristics that must never be manifested by parents who desire to train their children aright. *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 21*

Is there a troubled father or mother here this afternoon? Is there one who feels that he is unable to reach the high and holy standard God has given us? If there should be such an one here, come to Jesus just as you are. Seek His forgiveness, and ask Him to give you power to become a child of His and to walk acceptably in His sight day by day. He will not fail to help one who comes to Him in sincerity. *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 22*

Trials will come, it is true, even to those who are fully consecrated. The patience of the most patient will be severely tested. The husband or the wife may utter words that are liable to provoke a hasty reply; but let the one who is spoken to keep silent. In silence there is safety. Often silence is the severest rebuke that could be given to the one who has sinned with his lips. *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 23*

Parents, train your children to be missionaries for God. As teachers in the home, you have an important place to fill in the Master's work. There are many lines of work to be carried forward, and not the least important of these is the training of children so that they will become co-laborers with God. This line of work should not be neglected on account of the press of ordinary business matters. If in the time of the judgment you should stand before God without your children, and He would ask you, "What have you done with My little flock that I entrusted to you? Why are they not with you?" what answer could you give? [See *Jeremiah 13:20*.] Let us not neglect our duty now; for we cannot afford to allow our children to lose the opportunity of living with us throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 24*

Probationary time will not continue much longer. Already we begin to see the judgments of God in the land. God is withdrawing His restraining hand from the earth. Long has He been speaking to the hearts of men and women through the agency of His Holy Spirit; but

they have not heeded the call. He is now under the necessity of permitting His judgments to fall upon the inhabitants of the world, because of the universal prevalence of crime and iniquity. He does not desire to destroy; but some have steeled their hearts against every entreaty. *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 25*

Soon it will be forever too late to enter the fold of safety. Is it not high time that ye should help our children to choose the path that leads to this fold? Jesus loves the children. If He could come into our midst today at the close of this meeting, He would place His hands on the heads of the little ones and bless them. He desires to bless them in their homes. They are His precious little flock, and they need to be carefully, tenderly shielded from temptation. *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 26*

Jesus says, "Ye are the light of the world. ... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." [*Matthew 5:14, 16.*] Let every professing Christian search his heart diligently and put away everything unlike Christ. Let him remember that he has been bought with a price, even the blood of the Son of God. So long as he remembers this, he will be the less liable to indulge in pride and foolishness. Constantly he will endeavor so to live that he can meet the Saviour in peace; and he will not fail to repel every suggestion of the enemy to engage in intemperate, wicked practices. Those who are faithful in this life will be ready to welcome the Saviour when He comes in the clouds of heaven, and to say, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us." [*Isaiah 25:9.*] *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 27*

For many, many years I have waited for my Saviour's second advent. But do you imagine that I have grown weary of waiting? Is this what saddens my heart? O, no! My heart is saddened by the sight of so many, even among professing Christians, who are still unready for His appearing. The unprepared state of themselves and of their children fills my heart with sorrow; for I know that they are failing to give to the world the impression that Christians should give. The line of demarcation between righteousness and sin, obedience and disobedience, should always be unmistakably distinct. *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 28*

The father, as the priest of the household, should deal gently and patiently with his children. He should be careful not to arouse in them a combative disposition. He must not allow transgression to go uncorrected; and yet there is a way to correct without stirring up the worst passions of the human heart. Let him in love talk with his children, telling them how grieved the Saviour is over their course; and then let him kneel with them before the mercy seat and present them to Christ, praying that He will have compassion upon them and lead them to repent and ask forgiveness. Such disciplining will nearly always break the most stubborn heart. *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 29*

God desires us to deal with our children in simplicity. We are liable to forget that children have not had the advantage of the long years of training that older people have had. If the little ones do not act in accordance with our ideas in every respect, we sometimes think that they deserve a scolding. But this would not mend matters. Take them to the Saviour, and tell Him all about it; then believe that His blessing will rest upon them. *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 30*

Those who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of bringing children into the world are held accountable by God for the salvation of their little ones. He will give you grace and strength, parents, to overcome by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of your testimony. Surrender yourselves unreservedly to Him, and ask Him to help you to use your talent of influence in the home life. He who has endowed you with capabilities will enable you to increase daily in wisdom and prudence, so that you may discharge faithfully your duties as parents. *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 31*

Teach the children to bear their share of the burdens of the household. Keep them occupied at some useful employment. Show them how to do their work easily and well. Help them to realize that by lightening the burdens of their mother, they are preserving her strength and prolonging her life. Many a weary mother has been laid away in an untimely grave for no other reason than that her children were not taught to share her burdens. By encouraging a spirit of unselfish service in the home, parents are drawing their children closer to Christ, who is the embodiment of unselfishness. None but the unselfish can become missionaries for God. The basis

of missionary effort is self-sacrifice and self-denial. *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 32*

Our homes will be filled with sunshine and happiness, if we choose to invite the Saviour to dwell with us. And to those who make Him their counselor and guide in this life, He has promised a beautiful home in the new earth. This promise was given to His disciples just prior to His crucifixion. He knew of the sufferings through which He was about to pass. He realized that soon He must leave those whom He loved; but He did not allow His mind to brood over these matters. He directed the minds of His disciples to the life beyond. "Let not your heart be troubled," He said; "ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." [*John 14:1-3.*]*18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 33*

Soon we shall be in our promised home. There Jesus will lead us by the side of the living stream flowing from the throne of God and explain to us the dark providences through which He led us in order to perfect our characters. There we shall see on every hand the beautiful trees of Paradise, including the tree that bears twelve manner of fruit, one kind during each month of the year. There we shall behold with undimmed vision the beauties of Eden restored. There we shall cast at the feet of our Redeemer the crowns that He has placed on our heads, and, touching our golden harps, we shall render praise and thanksgiving to Him that sitteth on the throne. *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 34*

Dear friends, I have talked to you this afternoon in regard to some of the simple truths of the gospel. If you will only practice them, I shall feel that my words have not been in vain. May the blessing of God rest upon you and your children. May you all be among those who will enter through the beautiful gates of pearl into the golden city of our God. May you, as unbroken families, have the privilege of dwelling forever in that haven of rest. To this end may God help you now to strive to secure the crown of life that fadeth not away. *18LtMs, Ms 70, 1903, par. 35*

## Ms 71, 1903

Talk/To Every Man His Work

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Talk by Mrs. E. G. White to the Cal. M. M. & B. A., June 18, 1903, in Sanitarium Chapel.

Elder A. T. Jones in the chair. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 1*

A. T. Jones: Sister White, we are glad to have you with us this morning, and are ready to hear what you have to say to us. We turn the meeting over to you. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 2*

Mrs. E. G. White: I do not know what matters have been before you in the meetings you have held; and you must excuse me if I speak on subjects other than those you have been considering. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 3*

It is God's plan that in His work there shall be unity in diversity. In a garden there are no two flowers just alike. Every leaf on a tree differs from every other leaf. So in the work of God various minds and capabilities are to be employed. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 4*

Our minds need to be broadened that we may see beyond our opinions and ideas and ways to the purposes and plans of God. We must give elbow room to our brethren. If their ideas are not precisely like ours, we must remember that God has given them ideas, and we must seek to work in harmony with them, under the guidance of Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 5*

When the tabernacle was to be erected, the Lord instructed Moses, "See, I have called by name Bezaleel, the son of Uri, ... and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to devise

cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.” [Exodus 31:2-5.]18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 6

But Bezaleel was not to work alone. God chose another man to stand at his side to help him. “Behold,” He said, “I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise-hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee.” [Verse 6.]18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 7

One man is not to carry the burden of the whole work in the cause of God today. God has given each one a special place and a special work. Each one is to fill his appointed place and is to help others in their God-given work. And each one is to be willing to receive help from those who can assist him.18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 8

Brethren, if you are so situated that the work presses too heavily upon you, and you are unable to do all you think should be done, do the best you can, without endangering your health, and carry your burdens to the Lord. Then if God sends some one to help you, do not be afraid to trust the one who is to associate with you, fearing that he will not work in accordance with your ideas. Do not say, This man does not agree with me; if I unite with him in labor, he will spoil the work I have been trying to do. He will introduce plans that will divert my mind from the plans that I have laid. Perhaps God wants your mind diverted from the plans you have been following. Perhaps God wants you to have a change of places. Of Moab it was said, he “hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, ... therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed.” [Jeremiah 48:11.]18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 9

The same part of the work that one is called to do is not given to another. We should not expect our fellow workers to think and speak and act just as we do.18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 10

Give room for all to work. Do not watch to see if others’ footsteps measure exactly with yours. Keep your eye on your Leader, “looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith” [Hebrews

12:2], and then you will not be continually looking with a critical eye to see what others say and do. Remember that God has other workmen, who, even thou they do not follow exactly in your footsteps, are serving Him in His appointed way. Who made you a judge of your brethren? *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 11*

God has given talents to every man according to his several ability. Of the man to whom He has entrusted but five talents, He does not require the use of ten. But the man to whom He has given but one talent is not to bury that talent. He may put it to use, and it will increase. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 12*

If we will keep ourselves in line, each will know his special work. If every one will keep Christ before him, and speak His words to the people within reach, we shall have a perfect whole. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 13*

### **Medical Missionary Work**

Christ, the great Medical Missionary, is our example. Of Him it is written that He “went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people.” [*Matthew 4:23.*] He healed the sick and preached the gospel. In His service, healing and teaching were linked closely together. Today they are not to be separated. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 14*

The nurses in this institution are to be fitted up to go out as medical missionary evangelists, uniting the ministry of the Word with their ministry of physical healing. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 15*

### **The Need of Workers**

I hear of workers whose health is breaking down under the strain of the burdens they are bearing. This ought not to be. God desires us to remember that we are mortal. We are not to embrace too much in our work. We are not to keep ourselves under such a strain that our physical and mental powers shall be used threadbare. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 16*



More workers are needed, that some of the burdens may be removed from some of those who are now so heavily loaded down. The Lord wants those who have gained an experience in His service to be educators. We are to be learners in the school of Christ, that we may teach others, and that we may plan wisely for the carrying forward of God's work. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 17*

God calls for ministers, Bible workers, and canvassers. Let our young men and young women go forth as evangelists and Bible workers in company with a worker of experience who can show them how to labor successfully. Two and two, let canvassers carry our publications from house to house. When opportunity offers, let them speak of the truth for this time to those whom they meet, and let them sing and pray with them. When in our work for God right methods are energetically followed, a harvest of souls will be gathered. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 18*

### **Called out from the World**

The wicked are being bound up in bundles, bound up in trusts, in unions, in confederacies. Let us have nothing to do with these organizations. God is our Ruler, our Governor, and He calls us to come out from the world and be separate. "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing." [2 *Corinthians 6:17.*] If we refuse to do this, if we continue to link up with the world, and to look at every matter from a worldly standpoint, we shall become like the world. When worldly policy and worldly ideas govern our transactions, we cannot stand on the high and holy platform of eternal truth. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 19*

God promises that if we will separate ourselves from the world, He will receive us and will be a Father unto us, and we shall be His sons and daughters. Shall we not separate ourselves from the world and claim this sacred relationship now, that when our Father comes He may acknowledge us as His children? *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 20*

In regard to dependence upon worldly lawyers, speaking through Paul Christ says, "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to

judge the smallest matters? ... I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?" [1 *Corinthians* 6:2, 5.]*18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 21*

The saints are to judge the world. Then are they to depend upon the world and upon the world's lawyers to settle their difficulties? God does not want them to take their troubles to the subjects of the enemy for decision. Let us have confidence in one another.*18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 22*

### **Our Duty to Erring Brethren**

We are to love one another. But we are not to justify a fellow worker whom we see pursuing a wrong course of action. We do not help him by smoothing over the wrong he is doing and encouraging him to justify himself. A wrong is a wrong, by whomever it is done; and the higher the position of the wrongdoer, the greater his accountability. Take your stand on the platform of eternal truth. Then take your erring brother by the hand, and help him to stand by your side.*18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 23*

If some one comes to you with an evil report of a brother, ask him if he has been to that brother and talked with him about it. If he has not, it is not your duty to listen to him.*18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 24*

Our ministering brethren are not to be belittled. Those who have publicly used abusive language in speaking of the gospel ministers have spoken against Christ in the person of His saints.*18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 25*

### **Our Duty to the World**

The judgments of God are coming on the earth. The plagues are beginning to fall. Shall we allow these things to come upon the world without telling people of what is coming and how they may escape? Shall we let them go down into darkness without a preparation for the future life? Unless we ourselves realize where we stand, the day of God will come upon us as a thief.*18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 26*

We must let our light shine amid the moral darkness. Many who are now in darkness, as they see a reflection of the Light of the world, will realize that they have a hope of salvation. Your light may be small, but remember that it is what God has given you and that He holds you responsible to let it shine forth. Some one may light his taper from yours, and his light may be the means of leading others out from the darkness. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 27*

All around us are doors open for service. We should become acquainted with our neighbors and seek to draw them to Christ. As we do this, He will approve and co-operate with us. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 28*

### **The Work at Yountville**

I am glad that our brethren and sisters have begun to work for the salvation of the old men in the Veterans' Home at Yountville. These men, one by one going down to the grave, are to be shown the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. Last Sabbath an intelligent man of fine appearance told one of our workers that since our people had been holding services in the home, he had given up drinking and carousing. He is striving to live a better life. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 29*

### **Our Duty to the Unwarned**

With the great truth that has been committed to us, and the thousands of people who are unwarned, we cannot afford to spend so much time in meetings among ourselves. Time is too precious. The Lord is coming soon. We are to have meetings among ourselves, but let them be made occasions of pleading that God will let the light of His countenance shine upon us, occasions of seeking for the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit's power that we need. This can do more for us in one minute than we can ever accomplish by talking. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 30*

It is a mistake for God's workers to use their energies wholly in labor among those who for years have heard the truth, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. If our church members would walk in the light they have already received,

they would receive power from above.*18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 31*

We might spend all our time in trying to settle difficulties, and seeking to prevent souls who know the truth from making a shipwreck of faith, and yet in spite of all our efforts our labor would be in vain. God calls upon us, wherever we are, to carry the message to those who know not the truth.*18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 32*

Often the inhabitants of a city where Christ labored wished Him to stay with them and continue to work among them. But He would tell them that He must go to cities that had not heard the truths that He had to present. After He had given the truth to those in one place, He left them to build upon what He had given them, while He went to another place. His methods of labor are to be followed today by those to whom he has left His work. We are to go from place to place, carrying the message. As soon as the truth has been proclaimed in one place, we are to go to warn others.*18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 33*

### **Fishers of Men**

The end is near. God's people are to be a chosen people, separate from the world. They are to be fishers of men.*18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 34*

Christ gave His disciples an object lesson of their work as fishers of men. All night they had toiled with their nets on the lake, but had caught nothing. Morning found them weary and discouraged. Christ had come to spend a quiet hour by the waterside. But the people began to gather about Him, and in order to escape from the pressure of the multitude, He stepped into Peter's boat and bade him pull out a little from the shore. Then He taught the people.*18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 35*

The discourse ended, Jesus turned to Peter and bade him launch out into the sea. But Peter was disheartened. "Master," he said, "we have toiled all night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless at Thy word I will let down the net." [*Luke 5:5*].*18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 36*

Together Simon and his brother let down the net. As they attempted to draw it in, so great was the quantity of fish enclosed that it began to break. They were obliged to summon James and John to their aid. When the catch was secured, both boats were so heavily laden that they were in danger of sinking. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 37*

“And He saith unto them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets and followed Him.”  
[*Matthew 4:19, 20.*]*18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 38*

### **Danger of Perverting the Testimonies**

The Lord has shown me that it is not my work to try to settle the difficulties that arise among our brethren. God has not called me to carry the burdens and difficulties of our people. I am simply to tell them to look to Jesus. If I were to try to settle differences, some one would misinterpret what I said, and to him it would have a meaning far different from the meaning that I had in mind. Satan would put his thoughts into his mind. He who cherishes a criticizing, objecting spirit, and who always stands on the negative side, does not know his own mind and would interpret my words to mean just what he wishes them to mean. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 39*

Sometimes when I receive a testimony for some one who is in danger, who is being deceived by the enemy, I am instructed that I am not to place it in his hands, but to give it to some one else to read to him, because, being deceived by the insinuations of Satan, he would read the testimony in the light of his own desires, and to him its meaning would be perverted. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 40*

### **The Third Angel's Message**

I have felt that of late the Lord has been giving me courage and strength as I have been writing. He does not call upon me to travel all over the field. I am to bring the truth before the people by writing. The Lord says to me, Bring the first, second, and the third angels' messages before the people, that they may know whether or not they are living in harmony with these messages. They are to let the truth burn upon the altar of the heart. They are to separate themselves from all iniquity, from all false dealing and dishonesty,

and take their stand where the glory of God can shine upon them. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 41*

God's people are not to lean upon men or trust to the words of men. They are not to erect a platform other than that which God has bidden them occupy. They are to have a clear understanding of the principles involved in the message that God has given them to bear. A conflict will be waged over the Sabbath of God. Let us be sure that we understand the prophecies, that we know what is coming. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 42*

The seal of the living God is to be placed upon His people. He has commissioned an angel to "set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that are done in the midst" of Jerusalem. [*Ezekiel 9:4.*] *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 43*

### **The Need of the Church**

We are to reach a higher standard than we have ever yet reached. "Higher, higher," says the heavenly messenger, "nearer the throne of God. Open the windows of the soul, and let the light of heaven in." *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 44*

There should be more prayer amongst us, more honest dealing with and confidence in one another, more of the Spirit of the Master, that we may see the salvation of God. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 45*

In many cases our church members are engaged in judging one another and questioning each other's actions. Some one drops an insinuation in regard to a brother or a sister, and that insinuation is carried from one to another, until suspicion is aroused and criticisms are freely indulged. One brother cannot harmonize with the others, because they do not do just as he thinks they should do, because they do not follow exactly in his footsteps, or think just as he thinks. God's voice is calling for harmony and unity. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 46*

If after all the light that has been given us we cannot understand the position we should occupy, we are in the condition of the Laodicean church; and unless we follow the counsel of God, He will spue us

out of His mouth. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 47*

Do we feel that we are rich and have need of nothing? We have need of much. We need simplicity, and humility of mind, and contrition of soul. The Lord says, "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the hearts of the contrite ones." [*Isaiah 57:15.*] It is the humble and contrite who will be taught of God. If we have a high estimate of ourselves, we must humble ourselves, that the Lord may give us His Holy Spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 48*

You will receive God's blessing when you feel your need of it, and will come to Jesus to buy of Him "gold tried in the fire that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see." [*Revelation 3:18.*] *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 49*

"As many as I love I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man will open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am sat down with My Father in His throne." [*Verses 19-21.*] *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 50*

Read the message to the church at Sardis: "And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." [*Verses 1-3.*] *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 51*

Sardis was a very wicked city, yet to its inhabitants the light had been given. Paul had preached there, and some had believed. But many of these departed from the faith. So it is today. Yet God said, "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their

garments; and they shall walk with Me in white: for they are worthy.” [Verse 4.] Today, there are some who will keep their garments from the pollution of the wickedness that fills the world. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 52*

There is before us a mighty conflict. God calls upon His people to stand firm upon the platform of eternal truth. He calls upon them to stand in oneness, in unity; and He promises that He will be with us, to help us by His mighty power. We may lose our lives in the conflict, but at the last great day we shall receive a crown of life, that fadeth not away. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 53*

Our Master has gone from us, but He has left with us the comforting words, “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” [John 14:1-3.] Christ is preparing a place for us, and our work is to prepare for an entrance to the heavenly mansions. *18LtMs, Ms 71, 1903, par. 54*



**Ms 72, 1903**

“Bought With a Price”

Refiled as *Ms 18, 1892*.

## Ms 73, 1903

The Color Line

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July 27, 1903 [typed]

This manuscript is compiled from earlier manuscripts.

Testimony dated March 20, 1891:

It will always be a difficult matter to deal with the prejudices of the white people in the South and do missionary work for the colored race. But the way this matter has been treated by some is an offense to God. We need not expect that all will be accomplished in the South that God would do until in our missionary efforts we place this question on the ground of principle, and let those who accept the truth be educated to be Bible Christians, working according to Christ's order. You have no license from God to exclude the colored people from your places of worship. Treat them as Christ's property, which they are, just as much as yourselves. They should hold membership in the church with the white brethren. Every effort should be made to wipe out the terrible wrong which has been done them. At the same time we must not carry things to extremes and run into fanaticism on this question. Some would think it right to throw down every partition wall and intermarry with the colored people, but this is not the right thing to teach or practice. *18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 1*

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There are able colored ministers who have embraced the truth. Some of these feel unwilling to devote themselves to work for their own race; they wish to preach to the white people. These men are making a great mistake. They should seek most earnestly to save their own race, and they will not by any means be excluded from the gatherings of the white people. *18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 2*

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From *Review and Herald*, December 17, 1895:

Walls of separation have been built up between the whites and the blacks. These walls of prejudice will tumble down of themselves, as did the walls of Jericho, when Christians obey the word of God, which enjoins on them supreme love to their Maker and impartial love to their neighbors. *18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 3*

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From letter dated June 5, 1899:

As you say, there is no more fruitful field than the South. It is the prejudice of the white against the black race that makes this field hard, very hard. ... The field is one that needs to be worked with the greatest discretion. Any mingling of the white people with the colored people, as sleeping in their houses, or showing them friendship as would be shown by the whites to those of their own color, is exasperating to the white people of the South. ... The relation of the two races has been a matter hard to deal with, and I fear that it will ever remain a most perplexing problem. ... As far as possible, everything that will stir up the race prejudice of the white people should be avoided. There is danger of closing the door so that our white laborers will not be able to work in some places in the South. *18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 4*

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From letter, July 2, 1899:

In the South there are some places where work can be done. But the neglect of our people to respond to the light God has given has closed some openings which it will now be very difficult for them to enter. I inquire, What do our people mean by this neglect to work the Southern field? True, it is not a desirable field; and unless the Lord shall inspire with His love the hearts of His people, they will not succeed. They are not to begin by publishing the great and wonderful things they are going to do. Cannot they see that if they do this the gate will be closed against them? That which might have been done years ago in the South cannot now be done. ... The

plans and efforts that could have been made years ago will not now succeed in some places. *18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 5*

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**From Ms. dated November 20, 1895:**

The time has not yet come for us to work as though there were no prejudice. Christ said, "Be ye wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." [*Matthew 10:16.*] If you see that by doing certain things which you have a perfect right to do, you hinder the work of the truth, refrain from doing these things. (Sunday labor spoken of before this paragraph.) Do nothing that will close the minds of others against the truth. There is a world to save, and we gain nothing by cutting loose from those we are trying to help. All things are lawful, but all things are not expedient. *18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 6*

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**From letter dated April 27, 1899:**

If the greatest caution is not exercised, bitterness and hatred will be aroused in the white people in the South who are yearning for power to oppress the colored race as they have in the past. ... Common association with the blacks is not a wise course to pursue. To lodge with them in their homes may stir up feelings in the minds of the whites which will imperil the lives of the workers. ... The way in which some of the teachers have managed the work in the South has not been right, and yet many have looked with great enthusiasm on the work of those who through incorrect methods have given a wrong mold to the work. Should these methods be encouraged?—No; for the material worked upon is not being in the least qualified to help the Southern people. *18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 7*

The breaking down of distinctions between the white and the colored races unfits the blacks to work for their own class and exerts a wrong influence upon the whites. *18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par.*

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Again I place this matter before you. Will you act upon the light given?*18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 9*

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**From letter, June 21, 1899:**

There is need of level-headed men and women who love the Lord Jesus, and who will love the colored people for Christ's sake, who have the deepest pity for them. But the methods of \_\_\_\_\_ are not the methods that will be wise to practice. They cannot be petted and treated just as if they were on a level with the whites without ruining them for all missionary work in the Southern field. There is a difference among the blacks, as there is among the whites. Some possess keen and superior talents, that if the possessor is not made too much of, and is treated from a Bible standpoint, as humble men to do a Christlike missionary work, not exalting them, but teaching them religious love, and Christlike love for the souls of their own colored race, and keep before them that they are not called into the field to labor for the whites, but to learn to labor in the love of God to restore the moral image of God in those of their own race, then a good work can be done.*18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 10*

There is a work to be done in opening schools to teach the colored people alone, unmixed with whites, and there will be a successful work done in this way.*18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 11*

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**From letter dated July 16, 1901, sent to the Denver Church.**

You ask in regard to the wisdom of placing a colored brother as superintendent of your Sabbath school. There are reasons why this would not be advisable. For the spiritual good of the brother this should not be done. And if continued it would prove a detriment to the Sabbath school. In many minds there is a strong prejudice against the colored people, and as a result of such a move constant difficulties would arise, which would hinder the growth and advancement of the school. From the light that has been given me for years in the past, I know that all would not show to a colored

man the respect which for the good of a Sabbath school should be shown to the superintendent. *18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 12*

There is a large class of colored people in Denver. Let special efforts be made for them, both by the white and the colored members of the church. Let the missionary spirit be awakened. Let earnest work be done for those who know not the truth. Let the white workers learn to labor for the colored people. *18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 13*

Colored men are inclined to think that they are fitted to work for white people, when they should devote themselves to doing missionary work among the colored people. There is plenty of room for intelligent colored men to labor for their own people. Let those colored men who are fitted for the position of superintendent in a Sabbath school remember that they may do a much-needed work by establishing Sunday schools and Sabbath schools among the colored people. *18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 14*

The field is opening in the Southern States, and wise, Christian colored men will be called to the work. But for several reasons, white men must be chosen as leaders. *18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 15*

Could not a school be established in Denver where the colored youth could be taught by teachers whose hearts are filled with love for souls? The most decided efforts should be made to train and educate colored workers to labor as missionaries in the Southern States. Christian colored students should be prepared to give the truth to their own race. *18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 16*

There is much work to be done in the Southern field. Special efforts are to be made in the large cities of the South. White laborers are needed who will enter the Southern field and work so wisely that many, not only of the colored people, but of the white people also, will be converted. *18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 17*

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**From letter dated February 15, 1900, written to Elder Hyatt, in regard to color line in South Africa.**

In regard to the question of caste and color, nothing would be gained by making a decided distinction, but the Spirit of God would be grieved. We are all supposed to be preparing for the same heaven. We have the same heavenly Father and the same Redeemer, who loved us and gave Himself for us all, without any distinction. We are nearing the close of this earth's history, and it does not become any child of God to have a proud, haughty heart and turn from any soul who loves God, or to cease to labor for any soul for whom Christ has died. When the love of Christ is cherished in the heart as it should be, when the sweet, subduing spirit of the love of God fills the soul temple, there will be no caste, no pride of nationality; no difference will be made because of the color of the skin. Each one will help the one who needs tender regard and consolation of whatever nationality he may be. *18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 18*

Ask yourselves if Christ would make any difference. In assembling His people would He say, "Here brother," or "Here sister, your nationality is not Jewish; you are of a different class." Would He say, "Those who are dark-skinned may file into the back seats; those of a lighter skin may come up to the front seats"? *18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 19*

In one place the proposition was made that a curtain be drawn between the colored people and the white people. I asked, Would Jesus do that? This grieves the heart of Christ. The color of the skin is no criterion as to the value of the soul. By the mighty cleaver of truth we have all been quarried out from the world. God has taken us, all classes, all nationalities, and brought us into His worship, to be prepared for His temple. ... Remember that with God there is no caste or nationality, no divisions or parties. *18LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 20*

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**From letter dated January 8, 1901:**

There are some teachers who have taught that no distinction should be made between the white and the colored people. Were their teachings followed, the way for missionary work in the South would

be hedged up. Some have flattered and petted the colored people, greatly harming those who with proper treatment and proper education would have made workers in the good cause of educating others. ... You try to make others believe that what has been written with reference to the color line means only those in the South. But it means those in the North as well as the South.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 73, 1903, par. 21*



## Ms 74, 1903

### Lessons From Paul's Ministry

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July 27, 1903 [typed]

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"Art thou called being a servant? care not for it." [1 *Corinthians 7:21*.] Do not complain and make yourself unhappy because you occupy a humble position. In your service you may glorify God. By obedience and faithfulness in the daily duties, you may be a witness to the power of the truth. *18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903, par. 1*

"But if thou mayest be free, use it rather. For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called being free, is Christ's servant. Ye are bought with a price; but be not ye the servants of men. Brethren, let every man wherein he is called, therein abide with God." [*Verses 21-24*.] *18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903, par. 2*

"For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; to them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." [1 *Corinthians 9:19-22*.] *18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903, par. 3*

Paul did not vacillate. He was established and grounded in the faith. But as far as possible he sought to make himself one with those for whom he labored. *18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903, par. 4*

As a gospel minister, it was Paul's privilege to claim a support from those for whom he labored. But though he became the servant of all, yet he worked with his hands to support himself, that none might find occasion to charge him with selfishness. He did not receive

wages for his labor, though as a minister of the gospel this was his right. Thus he made it evident that he was working for souls, not for money.*18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903, par. 5*

“What is my reward then?” he asks. “Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.” [*Verse 18.*]*18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903, par. 6*

Paul did not depend upon man for his ordination. He had received from the Lord his commission and ordination. He regarded his ministerial labor as a privilege. To him it was not a duty performed in return for money. He labored for the souls of men. “For though I preach the gospel,” he said, “I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel.” [*Verse 16.*] He studied constantly how to make his testimony of the greatest effect. He sought the approval of God.*18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903, par. 7*

Would that today men might be found with faith to do as Paul did, men who would preach the gospel, not looking to men for their reward, but willing to receive their reward in souls.*18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903, par. 8*

### **A Christian Contest.**

“Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run that ye may obtain. And every one that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.” [*Verses 24-27.*]*18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903, par. 9*

This glorious contest is before us. The apostle seeks to inspire us to enter into a noble emulation, a competition in which will be seen no selfishness, unfairness, or underhanded work. We are to use every spiritual nerve and muscle in the contest for the crown of life. No one who does his best will fail in this contest.*18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903,*

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All who seek for the prize are to place themselves under strict discipline. "Every man that strives for the mastery is temperate in all things." [*Verse 25.*] Those who enter into a contest of physical strength for a corruptible prize realize the necessity of rigid abstinence from every indulgence that would weaken the physical powers. They eat simple food at regular hours. How much more should those who enter for the gospel race restrain themselves from the unlawful indulgence of appetite and "abstain from fleshly lusts that war against the soul." [*1 Peter 2:11.*] They must be temperate at all times. The same restraint that gives them the power to obtain the victory at one time will, if practiced constantly, give them a great advantage in the race for the crown of life. "If any man will come after Me," said Christ, "let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." [*Luke 9:23.*]*18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903, par. 11*

### **Satan's Enmity Against God**

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will also sit upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High." [*isaiah 14:12-14.*]*18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903, par. 12*

The enemy against whom we have to contend was in the courts of heaven an angel of the highest intelligence. As the covering cherub, he stood next to Christ Himself. But he rebelled against the law of God. His heart became lifted up because of his beauty, and he aspired to be like the Most High. He diffused among the angels the spirit of discontent. He endeavored to excite dissatisfaction concerning the laws that governed the heavenly beings, intimating that these laws imposed an unnecessary restraint. He urged that angels, since their natures were holy, should obey the dictates of their own will. He claimed that in aspiring to greater power and honor, he was not aiming at self-exaltation, but was seeking to secure liberty for the inhabitants of heaven, that by this means they

might attain to a higher state of existence.*18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903, par. 13*

Many of the angels were deceived and followed Satan in his evil course. There was war in heaven, and those who trusted in Satan's wisdom and supported him in his rebellion were with him shut out of heaven. Let this serve as a warning to all not to put their trust in princes, nor to sanction in any one, however exalted his position may be, a course that tends to weaken faith in the principles of God's Word. Those who have been placed in responsible positions have great power and, if they pursue a wrong course, will lead many souls astray with them.*18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903, par. 14*

Satan claims as his subjects all who allow their minds to be controlled by him. Unless we recognize Christ as our Master, and let His mind work in us, our thoughts will be prompted by Satan, and our characters will become like his. "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." [*1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.*]*18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903, par. 15*

Satan seeks to retain his power and authority. He endeavors to hold every soul once brought under his control. This is illustrated by the scene presented by Zechariah: "And He shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the Angel. And He answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him He said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the Angel of the Lord stood by." [*Zechariah 3:1-5.*]*18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903, par. 16*

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand

against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” [*Ephesians 6:10-12.*]18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903, par. 17

Every one who has enlisted under the bloodstained banner of Christ has entered upon a warfare that demands constant vigilance. Satan is determined to keep up the warfare to the end. Coming as an angel of light, claiming to be the Christ, he will deceive the world. But his triumph will be short. No storm or tempest can move those whose feet are planted on the principles of eternal truth. They will be able to stand in this time of almost universal apostasy. 18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903, par. 18

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“Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him. The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the Lord hath spoken this word. The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.” [*Isaiah 24:1-6.*]18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903, par. 19

We are living very near the time when these things shall take place. Shall we, as a church, remain in the indifference pictured in the message to the Laodicean church? On which side shall we stand when the “Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity” when “the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain”? [*Isaiah 26:21.*]18LtMs, Ms 74, 1903, par. 20

## Ms 75, 1903

Practical Christianity

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I have been impressed with the subject of the influence of the church—what it should be. By earnest prayer the members are to obtain power that will make their influence a savor of life unto life. I call upon our people to use for God the powers that He has given them. If they refuse, they will become unable to use these powers. But the one who uses his capabilities and talents in God's service will grow in strength and usefulness, daily becoming better able to perform the duty laid upon him. *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 1*

What is needed today is practical Christianity, not merely for a day or a year, but for a lifetime. *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 2*

The man who professes to be a Christian, and yet reveals in his life no practical godliness, is denying Christ. Opposite his name in the books of heaven are written the words, Unfaithful steward. *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 3*

How is the world to be enlightened, save by the lives of Christ's followers? You profess to believe in Christ, to be a follower of His. Do you do His works? Can the world see plainly that you have been with Jesus, and learned of Him? How are unbelievers to know that you belong to Christ if you show no zeal in His service, but cherish instead worldly ambitions and follow worldly plans? *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 4*

Christ declares, "He that is not with Me is against Me, and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad." [*Matthew 12:30.*] *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 5*

God cannot prepare for the day of trial before us those who are cold and indifferent. With those who are neither cold nor hot He has

nothing to do. "I would thou wert cold or hot," He says. "So then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth." [*Revelation 3:15, 16.*] The half-hearted Christian exerts an influence more harmful than the influence of the avowed infidel. *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 6*

There are many whose lives are but a pretense of godliness. They are a law unto themselves, and they always will be, unless the grace of Christ subdues their hearts. They refuse the divine illuminations. They lift up their souls unto vanity, and God has no use for them in His service. *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 7*

### **To Every Man His Work**

While travelling in Switzerland, we passed by a large building in process of erection. Many men were at work. Some were bringing stones from the quarry; others were squaring, shaping, and measuring these stones; and others were placing them in their proper position in the building. In charge of the different departments were experienced workers, whose part it was to see that the work was done with faithfulness and thoroughness. Over all the men, superintending the work on the entire building, was the master builder. *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 8*

United action and perfect order prevailed among the men, and the work moved forward rapidly. Every one was doing something. I was told that in the mountains other men were at work, felling trees for the timber needed in the building and floating them down the stream. *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 9*

To me this sight was an object lesson of the way in which the Lord's work is to be carried forward. In His work there are many different branches. Workers of different talents and capabilities are needed. Every one is to do his best faithfully, and all are to work under the direction of the great Head of the church, Christ Jesus. *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 10*

The Master worker chose fishermen of Galilee as His first disciples. These men, humble and unlearned, He purposed to train and educate as the architects of His church. They in turn were to

educate other workers and send them out with the gospel message, to hew timber, as it were, and to quarry stones. Not on man's foundation, but on Christ, the true foundation, was the church to be built. *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 11*

Those who through the work of the apostles received Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah were expelled from the synagogues, but before them Christ opened the door that no man could shut. They were to go out into the highways and hedges and compel men to come in, that God's house might be filled. They did not build fine churches and settle down over them as pastors. They went constantly from place to place, proclaiming the good news of salvation through Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 12*

### **The Gospel Commission**

“Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” [*Matthew 28:18-20.*] *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 13*

“So then, after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven. ... And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.” [*Mark 16:19, 20.*] *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 14*

They tarried for a time in Jerusalem, for thus the Lord had directed. Here they spent ten days in prayer and confession of sin. At the end of this time, the Holy Spirit descended on them with mighty power, and three thousand were converted in a day. *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 15*

After the outpouring of the Spirit, the apostles went forth and raised up companies of believers in many places. Leaving these newly formed companies in charge of faithful teachers, they went on to still other places. Under their labors there were added to the church chosen men, who, receiving the Word of life, consecrated their lives to the work of giving to others the message that had filled their



hearts with peace and joy. Hundreds proclaimed the message, The kingdom of God is at hand. They could not be restrained or intimidated by threatenings. The Lord spoke through them, and wherever they went, the sick were healed and the poor had the gospel preached unto them. *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 16*

As God's workers go forth today into the harvest field, let those who remain at home hold up their hands by prayer. Let them not neglect to do this. Fighting against the Amalekites, the hosts of Israel were successful while Moses, praying for their success, held up his hands toward heaven. As the battle progressed, it was observed that so long as his hands were reaching upward, Israel prevailed, but when they were lowered, the enemy was victorious. As Moses became weary, Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, and the enemy was put to flight. *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 17*

God calls for humble, devoted men who will impart to others the blessings He has given them. He calls for men who will be wise counsellors, men who will act promptly when they see that the time has come for them to act. Let God's workers keep close by His side. All the way along the danger has been that those who were doing God's will would lose sight of His plans and would fail to work with an eye single to His glory. *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 18*

In the days of the apostles, contention hindered them in their work. Paul writes of this in his letter to the Corinthians. "Now this I say," he declared, "that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" [*1 Corinthians 1:12, 13.*] *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 19*

Driven from country to country by persecution, the believers carried the gospel to the dark places of the earth, and new churches were raised up. *18LtMs, Ms 75, 1903, par. 20*

## Ms 75a, 1903

Diary/The Color Line

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While attending the General Conference in Battle Creek, I was one morning aroused at a very early hour. During the night representations had been made to me and instruction given to me. I was in a meeting where the Southern field was being considered. Plans for the work in this field were being outlined. I was instructed that none of these plans was correct. The matter of the color line was being considered, and one of authority said decidedly, "Your plans are not correct. They do not bear the signature of God. You need not talk about the color line. The Lord has not made any such line, and He has no special lines for His people to define. Such definitions will do harm wherever they are made. Extreme ground will be taken and unhappy results will surely be seen. When the Spirit of God comes in and souls are worked by the Spirit, matters will be adjusted as the case demands." *18LtMs, Ms 75a, 1903, par.*

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If the colored people prefer to meet by themselves for worship, if they think that thus they would have more liberty and freedom, let them do so. If they desire to assemble with their brethren and sisters, be they few or many, who shall forbid them? There are those who feel clear in regard to the matter and who think it would be best for white people and colored people to assemble together for worship. *18LtMs, Ms 75a, 1903, par. 2*

But colored ministers should not be placed in charge of white churches. They have work to do among their own people. *18LtMs, Ms 75a, 1903, par. 3*

The colored people are to be allowed to enjoy the benefit of the conferences that are held. Let a certain part of the building be set aside for their use. A resolution saying that the colored should not

be allowed to assemble with the white people should never be passed.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 75a, 1903, par. 4*

Difficulties will confront us, whatever course may be pursued. How long will prejudice be permitted to live in human hearts? Little has been done to fulfil the commission given by Christ to His disciples, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:19, 20.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 75a, 1903, par. 5*

## Ms 76, 1903

### The Burning of the Sanitarium

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Today we received the sad news of the burning of the Battle Creek Sanitarium. For many weeks I have had a heartache that has made my nights very restless. I would at this time speak words of wisdom, but what can I say? We are afflicted with those whose life interests are bound up in this institution. Let us pray that this calamity shall work together for good to those who must feel it very deeply. We can indeed weep with those who weep. *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 1*

Our heavenly Father does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men. He has His purpose in the whirlwind and the storm, in the fire and in the flood. The Lord permits calamities to come to His people to save them from greater dangers. He desires every one to examine his own heart closely and carefully and then draw near to God, that God may draw near to him. Our life is in the hands of God. He sees dangers threatening us that we cannot see. He is the Giver of all our blessings; the Provider of all our mercies; the Orderer of all our experiences. He sees the perils that we cannot see. He may permit to come upon His people that which fills their hearts with sadness, because He sees that they need to make straight paths for their feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way. He knows our frame and remembers that we are dust. Even the very hairs of our head are numbered. He works through natural causes to lead His people to remember that He has not forgotten them, but that He desires them to forsake the way which, if they were permitted to follow unchecked and unreprieved, would lead them into great peril. *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 2*

Trials come to us all to lead us to investigate our hearts, to see if they are purified from all that defiles. Constantly the Lord is working for our present and eternal good. Things occur which seem

inexplicable; but if we trust in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him, humbling our hearts before Him, He will not permit the enemy to triumph. *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 3*

The Lord will save His people in His own way, by such means and instrumentalities that the glory will be returned to Him. To Him alone belongs the praise. Let us beware how we give to human beings the credit for their success. It is the abundant grace of Christ that makes the feeble among His disciples strong and the strong mighty. It is from Him that we receive the endowments that enable us to offer Him acceptable service. If we are fully consecrated to Him, we shall return to God all the glory. We shall make Him our entire dependence. *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 4*

Every soul that is saved must be a partaker with Christ of His sufferings, that he may be a partaker with Him of His glory. How few understand why God subjects them to trial. It is by the trial of our faith that we gain spiritual strength. The Lord seeks to educate His people to lean wholly upon Him. He desires them, through the lessons that He teaches them, to become more and more spiritualized. If His Word is not followed in all humility and meekness, He brings to them experiences which, if rightly received, will help to prepare them for the work to be done in His name. God desires to reveal His power in a marked manner through the lives of His people. *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 5*

I am instructed to say, Let no one attempt to give a reason for the burning of the institution that we have so highly appreciated. Let no one attempt to say why this calamity was permitted to come. Let every one examine his own course of action. Let every one ask himself whether he is meeting the standard that God has placed before him. Can we say from the heart, "I lay aside my own will. I delight to do Thy will, O my God; yea Thy law is within my heart"? [See *Psalms 40:8*.] Do we ask daily, "Lord what is Thy will concerning me?" *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 6*

Let no one try to explain this mysterious providence. Let us thank God that there was not a great loss of life. In this we see God's merciful hand. *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 7*

## **Have We Valued the Sanitarium as We Should?**

If we have not valued the great blessing that the Lord has given us in sending us the light on health reform, if we have not felt honored by having the Battle Creek Sanitarium among us for thirty-five years, if we have not diligently garnered up the benefits and advantages to be gained from such an institution, shall we be surprised when something comes to arouse us?*18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 8*

The Sanitarium has been a blessing, the influence of which has been extended to all parts of the world. Through it many have received the light of truth. Eternity alone will reveal how many have been relieved of physical suffering by the skill of the physicians. The great Physician, mighty to save to the uttermost, will hear the earnest prayers that are offered for suffering humanity. His presence and His skill have just as surely stayed the hand of the destroyer in the Battle Creek Sanitarium as when He was on this earth in human form. In that institution angels of God have worked with human beings to save life. God gave skill and understanding to the workers at the time of the fire, enabling them to get the sick and suffering out of the reach of the quickly spreading flames.*18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 9*

We know something of the great good that such an institution has been to us as a people. We know how many times the Lord has spoken of this institution as His helping hand. He has declared that in it men and women were to be trained to be competent physicians and nurses, some to act as educators in the home field, and others to go to far-off fields. Have we valued this institution as we should?*18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 10*

## **What Our Sanitarium Workers Should Be**

God desires the workers in the Sanitarium—physicians, managers, and nurses—to examine themselves closely to see if they have adhered closely to right principles. It was for the proclamation of these principles that our sanitariums were established. The workers are to stand firmly on the platform of eternal truth. Have those connected with the Sanitarium realized that the Lord designed that

our medical institutions should stand in this world as memorials for Him, to reveal the gracious purposes of Him who is the physician of the body as well as of the soul?*18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 11*

Our sanitariums are not to conform, in any respect, to worldly policy or worldly practice. They are to stand forth as memorials for God, free from any tarnish of worldliness or evil working. The workers in these institutions are to be the Lord's peculiar people, daily seeking for that perfection of character that will give them a fitness to enter the heavenly city. Constantly they are to reach higher and still higher, as workers together with God. They are to reach a high spiritual standard. Let them study Christ's lessons in the New Testament, that they may better understand His lessons in the Old Testament. The New Testament is the key that unlocks the Old Testament.*18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 12*

#### **A Solemn Caution**

A solemn responsibility rests upon those who have had charge of the Battle Creek Sanitarium. Will they build up in Battle Creek a mammoth institution, or will they carry out the purpose of God by making plants in many places? I pray God that a work may be done that will be for the best interests of the work and cause of God. I know that the plea will be made, Should the Sanitarium be established in some other place, it would not receive the patronage that it would receive were it rebuilt in Battle Creek. But the question has been asked by one of authority, What has been accomplished by this large patronage to win souls to the truth?*18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 13*

Light has been given me that a great reformation must take place in the lives of the managers of the Sanitarium before the institution can be conducted wholly as God desires it to be. For some time it has been deteriorating. Little burden is felt by many to make it a medical missionary center, a place where the truth shall be clearly and distinctly proclaimed.*18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 14*

The half-hearted service offered to Christ by so many is not accepted by Him. We need to be more in earnest. The Lord uses only vessels that are cleansed from defilement. Christ cannot put

His Spirit into impure, unsanctified hearts. He calls upon us to put away the unchristlike traits of character that we have cherished. *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 15*

Wake up, my brethren and sisters. We have no time to spend in wringing our hands and in mourning that the Sanitarium has been destroyed. A wider outlook has been given us. Let us inquire of the Lord His mind and will. Will not the managers of the institution make thorough self-examination? Attempt after attempt has been made to burn the Sanitarium. Do not these things speak to the managers, telling them to look back at the way in which they have carried out their plans? Again and again reproof has come to them from God, but these messages have not led them to take heed. Message after message has been sent that plants should be made in many places. A most solemn review should now be made. God has been speaking, sometimes by unacknowledged mercies, oftentimes by threatened judgments. By blessings bestowed and blessings removed, He has sought to bring about the needed change of action. Well may He say, "What could have been done more in My vineyard, that I have not done in it?" [*Isaiah 5:4.*] Shall the word be spoken, "Ye would none of My counsel, ye despised all My reproofs," "Ye would not come unto Me that ye might have life"? [See *Proverbs 1:30; John 5:40.*] *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 16*

#### **"Made Like Unto His Brethren"**

The men most learned in science cannot interpret or explain the ways and works of God. Those only who have been entirely divested of self and selfishness, and have been made partakers of the divine nature, can understand, by the aid of their spiritual faculties, the ways and workings of God. To those who know Him not, His ways are past finding out. *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 17*

When we want a deep problem to study, let us fix our minds on the most marvelous thing that ever took place in earth or heaven—the incarnation of the Son of God. God gave His Son to die for sinful human beings a death of ignominy and shame. He who was Commander in the heavenly courts laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown, and clothing His divinity with humanity, came to this world to stand at the head of the human race as the pattern-man.



He humbled Himself to suffer with the race, to be afflicted in all their afflictions. The whole world was His, but so completely did He empty Himself that during His ministry He declared, "Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head." [*Luke 9:58.*]18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 18

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily He took not on Him the nature of angels; but He took on Him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted." [*Hebrews 2:14-18.*]18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 19

### **Our Heavenly Father**

Those who know not God cannot by their learning or science find out God. Christ does not try to prove the great mystery, but reveals a love that is beyond all measurement. He does not make God's power and greatness the chief theme of His discourses. He speaks of Him oftenest as our Father and of Himself as our Elder Brother. He desires our minds, weakened by sin, to be encouraged to grasp the idea that God is love. He desires to inspire us with confidence and to lead us to heed the word, "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me, and he shall make peace with Me." [*Isaiah 27:5.*]18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 20

The father of the prodigal son is the type that Christ chooses as a representation of God. This father longs to see and receive once more the son who has left him. He waits and watches for him, yearning to see him, hoping that he will come. When he sees a stranger approaching, poor and clothed in rags, he goes out to meet him, if perchance it may be his son. And he feeds and clothes him as if he were indeed his son. By and by he has his reward; for his son comes home, on his lips the beseeching confession,

“Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.” And the father says to the servants, “Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry.” [*Luke 15:21-23.*] *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 21*

There is no taunting, no casting up to the prodigal of his evil course. The son feels that the past is forgiven and forgotten, blotted out forever. And so God says to the sinner, “I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions, and as a cloud thy sins.” [*Isaiah 44:22.*] “I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” [*Jeremiah 31:34.*] “Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God; for He will abundantly pardon.” [*Isaiah 55:7.*] “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.*] *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 22*

### **Our Work**

The work outlined in these words is the work that is to be done in our sanitariums today. Heaven is waiting and yearning for the return of the prodigals who have wandered far from the fold. Many of those who have strayed away may be brought back by the loving service of God's children. In this work those connected with our sanitariums have an important part. Let those who have allowed opportunities for the saving of the lost to go by unimproved seek now to redeem the time. Let them plead with sinners to lay their burden of guilt upon Him who takes away the sin of the world. All power has been placed in His hands. He can save to the uttermost all who come to Him. *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 23*

The working members of Christ's church are the objects of His constant love and favor. They are joined in holy love to Christ and to one another. When the union between Christ and His followers is broken, their love for one another decreases. Discord, suspicion, and lack of confidence enter, and Satan obtains standing room to annoy, and tempt, and destroy. *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 24*

## God's Wonderful Love

When man's redemption was to be worked out, God gave the commandment that the sword should awake against His only begotten Son, who had been one with Him from eternity. "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed." [*Isaiah 53:5.*] Think of the Father subjecting Himself to sorrow, sparing not His own Son, but freely delivering Him up for us all. God had to do a strange work; for He says, Fury is not in Me. O that we had a better understanding of His love!*18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 25*

## A Contrast

Adam became a law to himself, and discord and unhappiness came into his life. A separation was made between him and his God.*18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 26*

Christ's life was one of perfect obedience. Constantly He followed the pathway of obedience, that He might set an example that all could follow. He says, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*]*18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 27*

"Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned; ... even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." [*Romans 5:12, 18, 19.*]*18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 28*

The apostle contrasts the disobedience of Adam and the full, entire obedience of Christ. Think of what Christ's obedience means to us! It means that in His strength we too may obey. Christ was a human being. He served His heavenly Father with all the strength of His human nature. He has a twofold nature, at once human and divine. He is both God and man.*18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 29*

Christ came to this world to show us what God can do and what we can do in co-operation with God. In human flesh He went into the wilderness to be tempted by the enemy. He knows what it is to hunger and thirst. He knows the weakness and the infirmities of the flesh. He was tempted in all points like as we are tempted. *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 30*

### **Ransomed From Sin**

Our ransom has been paid by our Saviour. No one need be enslaved by Satan. Christ stands before us as our divine example, our all-powerful Helper. We have been bought with a price that it is impossible to compute. Who can measure the goodness and mercy of redeeming love? *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 31*

“He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. ... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, ... full of grace and truth. ... And of His fulness have we all received, and grace for grace.” *[John 1:11, 12, 14, 16.] 18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 32*

Those who are indeed adopted into the family of God are transformed by His Spirit. Self-indulgence and supreme love for self is changed for self-denial and supreme love for God. No man inherits holiness of character by nature, nor can he, by any methods that man can devise, become loyal and true to God. “Without Me,” Christ says, “ye can do nothing.” *[John 15:5.]* Human righteousness is as “filthy rags.” *[Isaiah 64:6.]* But with God all things are possible. In the strength of the Redeemer, weak, erring man can be made more than conqueror over the evil that besets him. *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 33*

### **The Principles of True Christianity**

God regards us with the love of a heavenly Father, and He desires us to treat those who receive Christ as our brethren and sisters—courteously and tenderly giving grace for grace. God will bless those who in the daily life reveal the love of the Redeemer. We are told in the Word of God that we are to love one another as Christ

has loved us. *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 34*

Both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament the principles of true Christianity are plainly outlined. Paul writes, "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please our neighbor for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not Himself; but, as it is written, the reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on Me." [*Romans 15:1-3.*] *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 35*

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. ... Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, and especially unto them who are of the household of faith." [*Galatians 6:1-4, 7-10.*] *18LtMs, Ms 76, 1903, par. 36*

## Ms 77, 1903

The Color Line

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I have much to say in regard to our relation to the colored people of the Southern states. So long were these people under the curse of slavery, so long were they treated as chattels, that how they should be now treated is a difficult problem to solve.*18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 1*

There is danger that if the color-line question is agitated before the people shall hear from the Bible the reasons of our faith, the minds of many will be closed against the truth. We must do all we possibly can to get the truth before the people. We do not want to close the avenues whereby we may gain access to people of every class.*18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 2*

We have no time to get into contention over the color line. What kind of a line could human beings make? They might lay many plans, which would be laid aside as impracticable to be worked out by the church. I have but one testimony to bear: Receive the Holy Spirit before you submit your plans for dealing with the color line. I can not see how, until then, any plans that you devise can be a success. When you receive the truth as it is in Jesus, you will find that the color line has adjusted itself. There will be a wonderful revival of gospel medical missionary work. The workers will all the time be receiving fresh, new ideas.*18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 3*

The great work before us all, as Christians, is to extend Christ's kingdom as rapidly as possible, in accordance with the divine commission. The gospel is to advance from conquest to conquest, from victory to victory. "The greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High," and they "shall take the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever and ever." [*Daniel 7:27, 18.*]*18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 4*

It is Satan's object to keep Christians occupied in little skirmishes among themselves. He knows that if they do not watch, the day of the Lord will come on them as a thief in the night.*18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 5*

On one occasion, while Christ was in the midst of His work of teaching and healing, one of the company assembled about Him said, "Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me." [*Luke 12:13.*] This man had witnessed Christ's wonderful works. He had been astonished at the clearness of His comprehension, His superior judgment, and the fairness with which He viewed the cases brought to Him.*18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 6*

He had heard Christ's stirring appeals and His solemn denunciations of the scribes and Pharisees. If words of such command could be spoken to this brother, he would not dare to refuse the aggrieved man his portion. He solicited Christ's influence on his side. "Speak to my brother," he said, "that he divide the inheritance with me." [*Verse 13.*]*18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 7*

The Holy Spirit was pleading with this man to become an heir of the inheritance that is incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away. He had seen evidence of the power of Christ. Now the opportunity was his to speak to the great Teacher, to express the desire uppermost in his heart. But like the man with the muckrake in Bunyan's allegory, his eyes were fixed on the earth. He saw not the crown above his head. Like Simon Magus, he valued the gift of God as a means of worldly gain.*18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 8*

The Saviour's mission on earth was fast drawing to a close. Only a few months remained for Him to complete what He came to do in establishing the kingdom of His grace. Yet human greed would have turned Him from His work to take up the dispute over a piece of land. But Jesus was not to be diverted from His mission. His answer was, "Man, who made Me a judge or a divider over you?" [*Verse 14.*]*18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 9*

He gave the man plainly to understand that that was not His work. He was striving to save souls. He was not to be turned aside from this to take up the duties of a civil magistrate.*18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 10*

How often today labor is forced upon the church that should never be allowed to enter the work of the gospel ministry!*18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 11*

Again and again Christ had been asked to decide legal and political questions. But He refused to interfere in temporal matters. He knew that in the political world there were iniquitous proceedings and great tyranny. But His only exposure of these was the proclamation of Bible truth. To the great multitudes that thronged His steps He presented the pure, holy principles of the law of God and spoke of the blessing found in obeying these principles. With authority from on high He enforced the importance of justice and mercy. But He refused to become entangled in personal disputes about property.*18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 12*

Christ stood in our world as the Head of the great spiritual kingdom that He came to our world to establish—the kingdom of righteousness. His teaching made plain the ennobling, sanctifying principles that govern this kingdom. He showed that justice and mercy and love are the controlling powers in Jehovah's kingdom.*18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 13*

Christ set an example that is to be followed by those who are today striving to extend the kingdom of righteousness. He laid down the principle that those who rule over men should be men under the control of the divine Ruler. They must be men who have learned how to control themselves, men who live quiet, peaceable lives in obedience to the commandments. Christ did not enter into the minutiae of the work of those who are given charge of His church; but if they are under the supervision of God, they will know what their work is and what course to pursue.*18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 14*

We shall be brought into close places in religious matters. Discord among church members is one of the most difficult things to deal with. Pride of opinion, selfishness, ambition, enfeeble spirituality. There are those who seek for as much power as possible. The difference between true and false conversion is continually being shown right in our institutions. Day by day character is being tested, and cases are being decided for eternity. The Lord Jesus is



weighing moral worth. *18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 15*

Our Lord struck at the root of the affair that troubled this questioner, and of all similar disputes, saying, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." [*Verse 15.*]*18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 16*

"And He spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: and he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." [*Verses 16-21.*]*18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 17*

To live for self is to perish. Covetousness, the desire of benefit for self's sake, cuts the soul off from life. It is the spirit of Satan to get, to draw to self. It is the spirit of Christ to give, to sacrifice self for the good of others. "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son hath not life." [*1 John 5:11, 12.*]*18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 18*

Wherefore He says, "Take heed and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." [*Luke 12:15.*]*18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 19*

### **The Warfare Before Us**

God's servants are to put on every piece of the Christian armor. We are wrestling with no human foe. God calls upon every Christian to enter the warfare and fight under His leadership, depending for success on grace and help from heaven. In God's strength we are to go forward. Never are we to yield to Satan's attacks. Why should we not, as Christian warriors, stand against principalities and

powers, and against the rulers of the darkness of this world? God calls upon us to press forward, using the gifts entrusted to us. Satan will place temptation before us. He will try by stratagem to overcome us. But in the strength of God we are to stand firm as a rock to principle. *18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 20*

In this warfare there is no release. Satan's agents never pause in their work of destruction. Those who are in Christ's service must watch every outpost. To save perishing souls from ruin is our object. This is a work of infinite greatness, and man cannot hope to obtain success in it unless he unites with the divine Worker. *18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 21*

From eternity Christ has been man's Redeemer. Ever since the fall there has come to those uniting with Him in His great work the word, "Be not weary in well doing." [2 *Thessalonians 3:13.*] "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." [1 *Corinthians 15:58.*]*18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 22*

The Christian is encouraged to show patient perseverance in carrying forward the work of the gospel ministry in connection with the medical missionary work. As he gains an experience in genuine religion, he obtains a spiritual knowledge that makes character. *18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 23*

The life of a true Christian is one continuous round of service. "We are laborers together with God." [1 *Corinthians 3:9.*] Every day brings to the one in God's service duties proportionate to his powers. His usefulness increases as, under the guidance of a supreme power, he performs these duties. The fulfilment of one duty makes us better prepared to take up another. Those who have a true sense of what is to be done will place themselves in the direct light of the Word of God, in union with His other working forces. Every day, clothed with the whole armor, he will go forth into the battle. With prayer and watchfulness and perseverance, he will labor, determined that the close of his life work shall not find him unprepared, not having done all that he could for the salvation of perishing souls. *18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 24*

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If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world. *18LtMs, Ms 77, 1903, par. 25*

## Ms 78, 1903

A Worldwide Message

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God has a controversy with those of His people who have means bound up in homes and in land or in speculation. He calls upon them to put this means into circulation in His cause, that it may do its work of preparing the way for the coming of Christ. How heavy the weight of guilt resting on those who fail to do all in their power to extend the kingdom of God in our world!*18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 1*

We are living in the last days of this earth's history, and to all who claim to believe the truth comes the call, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:18-20.*]*18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 2*

Believers are not to colonize in any place. It is a sin in the sight of God for those who know the truth to settle down as has been done in Battle Creek and then refuse to see that the time has come to change the base of operations, because there are other parts of the vineyard in need of help.*18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 3*

As the Lord has presented these things before me, I have presented them to those for whom they were given. The stand that has been taken against God's plain warning may make it very hard to move away from Battle Creek. But I give the warning that just as surely as men stand in the way of God's providence, so surely will the rod of His providence fall again in Battle Creek.*18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 4*

Money is tied up in Battle Creek that is greatly needed in the

Southern Field and in other needy places. Many years have passed since the word of the Lord came to us, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." Why is there such a determined refusal to obey this word? Clearly and distinctly are the directions given. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." [*Verses 19, 20.*]*18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 5*

The principles of truth were given by Christ, not to bless a few places only, as those who have lost their first love seem to think, but to bless every place. The world is to hear the message, and every year's delay makes the work more intricate and dangerous.*18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 6*

The Lord will put new vital force into His work as human agencies obey the command to go forth and proclaim the truth. A class will be reached whose senses are not blinded, and they will discern the signs of the times. They will be alarmed at the failure to obey the Word of the Lord and will establish the truth in many places. A work now left undone will be carried forward. He who declared that His truth would shine forever will proclaim this truth through faithful messengers, who will give the trumpet a certain sound. The truth will be criticized, and scorned, and derided; but the closer it is examined and tested, the brighter it will shine.*18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 7*

### **A Revival of the Old Truths**

The old truths, given us at the beginning, are to be heralded far and near. The lapse of time has not lessened their value. It is the constant effort of the enemy to remove these truths from their setting and to put in their place spurious theories. But the Lord will raise up men of keen perception, who with clear vision will discern the intrigues of Satan and will give these truths their proper place in the plan of God.*18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 8*

Christ came to implant in the midst of men the great truths of which few knew the value. The Jewish nation had discarded truth for tradition. Christ declared to them, "Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias

prophesy of you saying, This people draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth, and honoreth Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. But in vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men.” [*Matthew 15:7-9.*]18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 9

He spoke as one having authority, and not as the scribes, in a hesitating, uncertain manner. With calmness and power He proclaimed the living principles of truth, making them more forcible by His manner of presenting them. He could read and understand the policy of Satan—his desire to cover truth with the rubbish of superstition and tradition. He rescued truth, and gave it to the world clothed with more than its original glory and lustre.18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 10

At this time there is need of men of sharp, spiritual eyesight, who can discern truth from error. The first, second, and third angels’ messages are to be proclaimed with no faltering hesitancy, but with power from on high. We know in whom we have believed. We know that as we obey His Word to us, He will give to our words power that will convict and convert souls.18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 11

### **To Every Man His Work**

Each one has been given his work. Let no one be anxious to investigate the work of another. To such ones Christ says, as He said to Peter, “What is that to thee; follow thou Me.” [*John 21:22.*]18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 12

“Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore He said, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. ... And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.” [*Ephesians 4:7, 8, 11-13.*]18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 13

God's servants are to labor in perfect harmony. Contention brings alienation and strife and discord. I am instructed that our churches have no need to spend their time in strife. When a spirit of contention struggles for the supremacy, call a halt, and make things right, else Christ will come quickly and will remove your candlestick out of his place. Let an earnest work of repentance be done. Let the Spirit of God search through mind and heart, and cleanse away all that hinders the needed reformation. Until this is done, God cannot bestow on us His power and grace. And while we are without His power and grace, men will stumble and fall and will not know at what they stumble. *18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 14*

The love of Christ is the bond that is to unite believers heart to heart and mind to mind. *18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 15*

#### **What Choice Shall We Make?**

The blood of Christ has been shed for the whole human family. None need be lost. Those who are lost will perish because they chose to forfeit an eternity of bliss for the satisfaction of having their own way. This was Satan's choice, and today his work and his kingdom testify to the character of his choice. The crime and misery that fill our world, the horrible murders that are of daily occurrence, are the fruit of man's submission to Satan's principles. *18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 16*

My brethren, read the book of Revelation from beginning to end, and ask yourselves whether you might not better spend less time in strife and contention, and begin to think of how fast we are approaching the last great crisis. Those who seek to make it appear that there is no special meaning attached to the judgments that the Lord is now sending upon the earth will soon be forced to understand that which now they do not choose to understand. *18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 17*

The time before Christ's coming is short. We know not the exact measure of it, but God knows the hour of Christ's coming. Soon the consequences of transgression will become to wrongdoers a living reality; for God's judgments will fall upon a disobedient world. Before the minds of sinners will be brought vividly the realization

that sin is the transgression of the law of God.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 18*

The powers from beneath are working with intensity of effort. Soon will come the time when God will discern between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not. Soon will come the time of which John writes: "I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to his works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." [*Revelation 20:12-15.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 19*

Day by day we are deciding whether the future will bring to us eternal life or eternal death. Only by a union with Christ, whose property we are by creation and by redemption, can we win eternal life. He gave His life as a propitiation for man's sin, but His sacrifice avails only for those who accept Him as their Saviour. Only to those who become one with Him can the words be applied, "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white; for they are worthy." [*Revelation 3:4.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 20*

In the message to the church at Sardis two parties are presented, those who have a name to live, but are dead; and those who are striving to overcome. Study this message, found in the *third chapter of Revelation*. "These things saith He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God." Who are meant by those that are ready to die, and what has made them thus? The explanation is given, "I have not found thy works perfect before God." "Remember therefore how thou hast received, and heard, and hold fast and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.



Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white; for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.” [Verses 1-5.] *18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 21*

To the church of the present day this message is sent. I call upon our church members to read the whole of the *third chapter of Revelation* and to make an application of it. The message to the church of the Laodiceans applies especially to the people of God today. It is a message to professing Christians who have become so much like the world that no difference can be seen. *18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 22*

“These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.” [Verses 14-18.] *18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 23*

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Christ came to this world as the great medical missionary. When His example is followed, medical missionary work will be carried forward on a much higher plane than it is at the present time. God calls for a reconversion among gospel teachers, and especially among physicians and other medical missionary workers, that Christ may not be misrepresented and put to shame. The cleansing must begin in the heart and mind and flow forth in the actions. The characters of our medical missionary workers need to be refined and ennobled. This result can be brought about only as these workers are made partakers of the divine image, escaping the corruption that is in the world through lust. *18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903,*

*par. 24*

My brethren and sisters, study your Bibles. Eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God. Receive into your hearts the words of life, that they may refine and purify and ennoble the whole being. Do not stop with half-way measures. It is too late in the day for this. You cannot serve God and mammon. *18LtMs, Ms 78, 1903, par. 25*

## Ms 79, 1903

### How God Trains His Workers

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Christ has given to every man his work, and we are to acknowledge the wisdom of the plan He has made for us by a hearty co-operation with Him. It is in a life of service only that true happiness is found. He who lives a useless, selfish life is miserable. He is dissatisfied with himself and with every one else. *18LtMs, Ms 79, 1903, par. 1*

True, unselfish, consecrated workers gladly use their highest gifts in the lowliest service. They realize that true service means to see and to perform the duties that God points out. *18LtMs, Ms 79, 1903, par. 2*

There are many who are not satisfied with the work that God has given them. They are not satisfied to serve Him pleasantly in the place that He has marked out for them, or to do uncomplainingly the work that He has placed in their hands. *18LtMs, Ms 79, 1903, par. 3*

It is right for us to be dissatisfied with the way in which we perform duty, but we are not to be dissatisfied with the duty itself, because we would rather do something else. In His providence God places before human beings service that will be as medicine to their diseased minds. Thus He seeks to lead them to put aside the selfish preferences which, if cherished, would disqualify them for the work He has for them. If they accept and perform this service, their minds will be cured. But if they refuse it, they will be left at strife with themselves and with others. *18LtMs, Ms 79, 1903, par. 4*

The Lord disciplines His workers, so that they will be prepared to fill the places appointed them. He desires to mold their minds in accordance with His will. For this purpose He brings to them test and trial. Some He places where relaxed discipline and overindulgence will not become their snare, where they are taught

to appreciate the value of time and to make the best and wisest use of it. *18LtMs, Ms 79, 1903, par. 5*

There are some who desire to be a ruling power and who need the sanctification of submission. God brings about a change in their lives and perhaps places before them duties that they would not choose. If they are willing to be guided by Him, He will give them grace and strength to perform the objectionable duties in a spirit of submission and helpfulness. They are being qualified to fill places where their disciplined abilities will make them of the greatest service. *18LtMs, Ms 79, 1903, par. 6*

Some God trains by bringing them disappointment and apparent failure. It is His purpose that they shall learn to master difficulty. He inspires them with a determination to make every apparent failure prove a success. *18LtMs, Ms 79, 1903, par. 7*

Often men pray and weep because of the perplexities and obstacles that confront them. But if they will hold the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end, He will make their way clear. Success will come to them as they struggle against apparently insurmountable difficulties; and with success will come the greatest joy. *18LtMs, Ms 79, 1903, par. 8*

Many are ignorant of how to work for God, not because they need to be ignorant, but because they are not willing to submit to His training process. Moab is spoken of as a failure because, the Word declares, "he hath been at ease from his youth, ... and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel; ... therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed." [*Jeremiah 48:11.*] *18LtMs, Ms 79, 1903, par. 9*

Thus it is with those whose hereditary and cultivated tendencies to wrong are not purged from them. Their hearts are not cleansed from defilement. They were given opportunity to do a work for God, but this work they did not choose to do, because they wished to carry out their own plans. *18LtMs, Ms 79, 1903, par. 10*

The Christian is to be prepared for the doing of a work that reveals kindness, forbearance, longsuffering, gentleness, patience. The cultivation of these precious gifts is to come into the discipline life of

the Christian, that when called to service by the Master, he may be ready to exercise the energies of heart and mind in helping and blessing those who are ready to die. *18LtMs, Ms 79, 1903, par. 11*

**Ms 80, 1903**

Sermon/Whoso Offereth Praise Glorifieth God

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“Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice; for My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 1*

“Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from His people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold I am a dry tree. For thus saith the Lord unto the eunuchs that keep My Sabbaths, and choose the things that please Me, and take hold of My covenant; even unto them will I give in Mine house and within My walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants, every one that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of My covenant; even them will I bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon Mine altar; for Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people. The Lord God which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to Him, beside those that are gathered unto Him.” [*Isaiah 56:1-8.*] “And take hold of My covenant.” [*Verse 4.*] There is much more in these words than many comprehend at the first reading. When the Lord gave His law to the children of Israel encamped at the foot of Mount Sinai,

the people with one accord promised, "All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient." [*Exodus 24:7.*] In return for their loyalty, the Lord promised to bring them safely into the promised land and to prosper them above all nations. "Behold," He declared, "I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. ... If thou shalt indeed obey His voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies and an adversary unto thine adversaries. ... And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and He shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee." [*Exodus 23:20, 22, 25.*]*18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 2*

During the forty years of wilderness wandering, the Lord was true to the covenant He had made with His people. Those who were obedient to Him received the promised blessings. And this covenant is still in force. Through obedience we can receive heaven's richest blessings.*18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 3*

Those who claim to be Christ's followers pledge themselves to obedience at the time of their baptism. When they go down into the water, they pledge themselves in the presence of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost that they will henceforth be dead unto the world and its temptations, and that they will arise from the watery grave to walk in newness of life, even a life of obedience to God's requirements. The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Colossians, reminded them of their baptismal pledge, and wrote: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." [*Colossians 3:1-3.*] How much better it is to seek those things which are above, than to seek the things of this world, and to form our characters after a worldly similitude!*18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 4*

Very often I think of the rich promises given us in the Word in regard to God's keeping power. We are kept by His power. How reasonable then it is that we should be careful to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. He says, "I am the Light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." [*John 8:12.*] Of those who walk in this light He declares, "Ye

are the light of the world. ... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” [*Matthew 5:14, 16.*] *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 5*

When we mingle with the world and yield to the attraction of its pleasures and amusements, we think much less of God than we would if we were following Jesus in the path of self-denial which He has marked out for us. Let us keep our minds in right relation to God’s promises. Then He will keep us, and we shall see of His salvation. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 6*

Many are the promises given us by the Lord for our encouragement. At all times we should be ready to show our appreciation of them by expressing gratitude for them. We should thank the Lord for what He has bestowed on us! Every one takes His gifts; but how many are there who, from morning till night, think enough of God to thank Him for these favors? *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 7*

We try to be polite to one another, and we teach our children that when they are in company with others, they are to be pleasant and polite, cheerful and courteous. The Lord desires us to be polite in our association with one another. Shall we act in any other manner when we catch the divine rays of the Sun of righteousness? When the light of Christ’s countenance shines upon us, and we receive the riches of His grace, shall we not be polite to God? He has done for us far more than any human being can do. He has bought us with a price—and what a price! *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 8*

In the councils of heaven, before the creation of the world, when it was planned that man should people the earth, there arose the question, What if man should sin, as Satan has sinned? Christ answered this question. The infinite Son of God pledged Himself that if man should sin, He would give Himself, His life, as a ransom for the fallen race, taking upon Himself the transgression of humanity. The Innocent would bear the sins of the guilty and stand before God to make intercession in behalf of the transgressor. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 9*

Adam fell. Christ has fulfilled His pledge to redeem the lost race. By His sacrifice we are laid under everlasting obligation to God. We are



to serve Him with our whole hearts. “Ye are not your own. ... 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.] To this end we will put to tax every power God has given us, and strengthen our capabilities to the utmost. The talents God has entrusted to us should be increased by cultivation and use. By faithfully using all our powers to God’s glory, we shall be able to fulfil His purpose concerning us. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 10*

A talent of great value, and one that nearly all possess, is the talent of speech. Let us be careful not to misuse it. Let us not be rough or coarse in speech. We are to offend no one, not even little children. Christ says, “Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven.” [*Matthew* 18:10.] The angels who watch over the children bear to heaven every word, be it cheering or disheartening, that is spoken to the little ones. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 11*

Our heavenly Father is in living connection with humanity. If there be one in the universe whom we should respect, it is our Father in heaven; for He “so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” [*John* 3:16.] *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 12*

Some may say, “But we have so many trials and difficulties. How can we avail ourselves of this gift and be overcomers?” “Tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin.” [*Hebrews* 4:15.] Why, then, should we not determine to fortify ourselves against every influence that Satan may bring to bear against us to hinder the formation of Christlike character? The enemy cannot gain possession of us unless we allow him to. If we are connected with the God of heaven, His protection will be over us. Let us, for Christ’s sake, begin now to form characters that He can approve. Let us not put off this work until just before His appearing, when it will be too late for us to begin. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 13*

In this world we are given a time of probation, a time in which we can become transformed into the divine likeness. This probation has not been secured for us without an effort. Christ humiliated

Himself to the lowest depths in order to redeem us. Laying aside His heavenly honor and glory, His royal robe and kingly crown, He clothed His divinity with humanity and came to this earth as a little child, here to live from infancy to manhood the life through which human beings must pass.*18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 14*

In return for so infinite a sacrifice, what are we willing to do for Christ? The Father has given to His Son all heaven, that we may have every opportunity of overcoming the enemy. To us are granted heaven's richest gifts; but how often we fail to reach up and grasp them by living faith. We would have much more strength to resist temptation, if we would exercise greater faith. We should cherish and cultivate the faith that works by love and purifies the soul.*18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 15*

There is a heaven for us to win. For our sake Christ left His riches and glory and became poor, that we through His poverty might become rich. Shall we not avail ourselves of this opportunity of becoming rich instead of taking the position that we will have our own way? We shall be under the control of either Christ or Satan, whichever master we voluntarily choose to serve. It seems as if those who, unwilling to give their hearts and minds to Jesus, choose to place themselves under the control of the prince of darkness do not exercise their reason in regard to the future. If they continue in their wrong course, the eternity upon which they are entering will not be an eternity of life, but of death.*18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 16*

If we give ourselves to the One who gave His life for us, He will take us into relationship with Himself as His children. His life will be our life. "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." [2 *Corinthians* 6:17, 18.]*18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 17*

We cannot be connected intimately with the things of the world without catching the spirit of worldlings who have no respect for Christ or for heaven. We do not say, Separate yourselves from worldly men and women so completely that you will exert no

influence over them. No; but as you associate with them, hold firmly to Christ, and speak of Him often. Introduce Christ to your friends. Tell them that you desire to introduce to them the One who is the Prince of Life, the Lord of glory, and that you would be glad to have them become acquainted with Him. Let them know of His invitation to all those who are in perplexity and sorrow. He says, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." [*Matthew 11:28.*] There are no "ifs" or "ands" about this promise. Rest is assured to all who come. "Take My yoke upon you"—not a binding, galling yoke, but one that will give rest in spirit. "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." [*Verse 29.*] In the very act of taking this yoke—the yoke of obedience—comes the rest—the rest that we shall find in our experience. Then we shall realize more fully the truthfulness of the words that follow this invitation: "For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Verse 30.*]*18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 18*

As soon as we submit our will to God's will, our hearts are filled with the fulness of His love. How I long to have men and women understand this! How I long to hold up the One altogether lovely, the Chiefest among ten thousand! How I long to present Him in His greatness and goodness, and then to show what He has endured for us! He was "wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed"—healed of our sins. [*Isaiah 53:5.*]*18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 19*

I love Jesus. I was eleven years old before the light broke into my heart. I had pious parents, who in every way tried to acquaint us with our heavenly Father. Every morning and every evening we had family prayer. We sang the praises of God in our household. There were eight children in the family, and every opportunity was improved by our parents to lead us to give our hearts to Jesus. I was not unmindful of the voice of prayer going up daily to God. All these influences were working on my heart, and in my earlier years I had often sought for the peace there is in Christ; but I could not seem to find the freedom I desired. A terrible feeling of sadness and despair rested on my heart. I could not think of anything I had done to cause me to feel said; but it seemed to me as if I were not good

enough ever to enter heaven. It seemed as if such a thing would be altogether too much for me to expect. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 20*

The mental anguish I passed through at this time was very great. I believed in an eternally burning hell, and as I thought of the wretched state of the sinner without God, without hope, I was in deep despair. I feared that I should be lost and that I should live throughout eternity suffering a living death. But I learned better than this. I learned that I had a God who was altogether too merciful to perpetuate throughout eternity the lives of the beings whom He had created for His glory, but who, instead of accepting the Saviour, had died unrepentant, unforgiven, unsaved. I learned that the wicked shall be consumed as stubble and that they shall be as ashes under our feet in the new earth; they shall be as if they had not been. There is no eternally burning hell; there are no living bodies suffering eternal torment. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 21*

When my mother said to me, "Ellen, the minister says that we have been mistaken; there is no eternal hell," I said to her, "O Mother, don't tell anybody; I am afraid that nobody would seek the Lord!" *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 22*

For a time not one ray of light pierced the dark cloud surrounding me. My sufferings were very great. How precious the Christian's hope seemed to me then! Night after night, while my twin sister was sleeping, I would arise and bow by the bedside before the Lord and plead with Him for mercy. All the words I had any confidence to utter were, "Lord, have mercy." Such complete hopelessness would seize me that I would fall on my face with an agony of feeling that cannot be described. Like the poor publican, I dared not so much as lift my eyes toward heaven. I became much reduced in flesh. My friends looked upon me as one sinking into a decline. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 23*

Finally I had a dream which gave me a faint hope that I might be saved. Soon afterward I attended a prayer meeting, and when others knelt to pray, I bowed with them tremblingly, and after two or three had prayed, I opened my lips in prayer before I was aware of it. The promises of God appeared to me like so many precious pearls that were to be received only by asking for them. As I

prayed, the burden and agony of soul that I had so long felt left me, and the blessing of God came upon me like gentle dew, and I gave glory to God for what I felt. Everything was shut out from me but Jesus and glory, and I knew nothing of what was going on around me. It seemed as if I were at the feet of Jesus, and that the light of His countenance was shining upon me in all its brightness.*18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 24*

I remained in this state for some time; and when I realized again what was going on around me, everything appeared glorious and new, as if smiling and praising God. I seemed to be shut in with God. I was then willing to confess Jesus everywhere. O what an effect this vision of Christ's smiling countenance had upon me! The sacrifice that my Redeemer had made to save me from sin and death seemed very great. I could not dwell upon it without weeping. For six months not a cloud passed over my mind. O how I loved Jesus!*18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 25*

I love my Saviour just as much today as I loved Him then. I have passed through much sadness and suffering. Only about a week ago I feared that I might be a cripple for the remainder of my life. Physical infirmities that I have had for twenty-five years began to trouble me, and I knew not but that I should soon be a helpless cripple. But I kept praying for strength. I prayed, "I will keep my petition before Thee, Thou Lord of heaven, until Thou wilt remove the difficulty." And I am glad to be able to say this morning, to His praise, that He answered my prayer. Dr. Kellogg wrote to me that he had sent by express an appliance for me to use in connection with the electric-light bath, by means of which he hoped I might obtain some relief; but the difficulty is removed.*18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 26*

Not long ago I thought that I was losing my eyesight. I was greatly troubled with pain in my eyes and for a time had to be extremely careful about using them. Generally I am up early in the morning—sometimes at twelve o'clock, often by two, and seldom later than three. While others are asleep, my pen is tracing on paper the instruction that the Lord gives me for His people. Not infrequently I write, in one day, twenty pages or more of matter for my books. But when my eyes began to fail, I could write only at the cost of

suffering severe pain. I told the Lord all about it. "I must have my eyesight, Lord," I pleaded; "I cannot write without it; and I desire to communicate to the people the light that Thou hast revealed to me." He heard my prayer and graciously restored my eyesight. My eyes are not strong; I use them so constantly that they are weak; but day by day the Lord strengthens them sufficiently for the work of the day, and for this I am grateful. Oh, I thank the Lord with heart and soul and voice. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 27*

I love the Lord. Last evening, as we met together in our sitting room for worship, it seemed to me as if the Lord Jesus were in our midst, and my heart went out in love to Him. I love Him because He first loved me. He gave His life for me. Last night I felt as if I wanted everything that hath breath to praise the Lord. It seemed to me that we should have praise seasons and that constantly our hearts should be filled so full with thankfulness to God, that they would overflow in words of praise and deeds of love. We should cultivate a spirit of thankfulness. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 28*

To the fathers and mothers before me I would say, Educate your children for the future, immortal life. Educate them to see the beauty there is in a life of holiness. Bring them to the foot of the cross. Try to teach them what it means to believe in Jesus—that it is to accept Him as our dearest Friend. Help them to understand that He took upon Himself the nature of humanity, in order that He might stand at the head of humanity and become acquainted with all our trials and afflictions. He could have surrounded Himself with angels of glory; but no; He condescended to be made like unto His brethren. He was not born as a prince into this world, but was of humble parentage. He understands the trials of the poor. He knows all about the temptations we meet in daily life. We may safely put our trust in Him. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 29*

Oh, I am so thankful, so thankful that we have a Saviour who can sympathize with us in everything through which we are called to pass! He loves us with an infinite love. Shall we not so relate ourselves to Him that He can fulfil His purpose concerning us? He desires to cleanse us from sin. As John the Baptist was preaching and baptizing on the banks of the Jordan, he saw Christ coming toward him, and, recognizing Him as the Saviour, he cried out,

“Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” [John 1:29.] Shall not we decide to let Christ take away our sin? Is sinning so great a pleasure to us that we will decide to continue to grieve the One whose heart is filled with infinite love for us? Why not cease sinning? We can do this by faith, if we lay hold on Christ’s promises, and say: *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 30*

“In my hand no price I bring;  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.” *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 31*

Christ asks for our love. Does He not deserve it? Has not He given us instruction at every step? He says, “Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [Mark 8:34.] He bore the cross of self-denial and self-sacrifice. He passed over the ground where Adam fell. Our first parents were placed in Eden and surrounded with everything that would lead them to obey God. Christ assumed our fallen nature and was subject to every temptation to which man is subject. Even in his childhood He was often tempted. Through life He remained unyielding to every inducement to commit sin. When in His youth His associates would try to lead Him to do wrong, He would begin to sing some sweet melody, and the first thing they knew they were uniting with Him in singing the song. They caught His spirit, and the enemy was defeated. Ah, my friends, Christ is the Chiefest among ten thousand. Praise the name of the Lord! *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 32*

We are striving to gain eternal life in the kingdom of glory. We may have it if we will to overcome as Christ overcame. We have in heaven an Advocate who knows our every weakness, and He will answer our prayers for strength to resist the enemy. I used to think that when I prayed for forgiveness of sins, I must have in my heart a feeling that my sins were forgiven before I could know that my prayer had been answered. I do not wait for this feeling any more. I put my whole heart into my prayer, and then I live this prayer. After asking Christ to do certain things for me, I rise and go to work in an effort to do them. Then the sweet influence of the Spirit of God comes over me with such power at times that I feel as if I must break forth into song, to sing His praises. He is good, and praise belongs unto Him. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 33*

Christ is our great Physician. Many men and women come to this medical institution with the hope of receiving treatment that will prolong their lives. They take considerable pains to come here. Why cannot every one who comes to the Sanitarium for physical help come to Christ for spiritual help? Why cannot you, my brother, my sister, entertain the hope that if you accept Christ, He will add His blessing to the agencies employed for your restoration to health? Why cannot you have faith to believe that He will co-operate with your efforts to recover, because He wants you to get well? He wants you to have a clear brain, so that you can appreciate eternal realities; He wants you to have healthful sinews and muscles, so that you can glorify His name by using your strength in His service. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 34*

These physical blessings cannot be gained by the intemperate. He who desires to regain health must avoid every association that would lead him to indulge in beer, wine, or other intoxicating liquors. We cannot afford to be intemperate. Let us raise our voices against the curse of drunkenness. Let us strive to warn the world against its seductive influences. Let us portray before young and old the terrible results of indulgence of appetite. The man who when entering a saloon is in the possession of all his faculties and powers, in the course of an hour or two, leaves the place a changed being. His steps are unsteady; his utterance is thick and indistinct; his brain is confused; his sensibilities are benumbed: in short, he has temporarily spoiled the image of God. Drunkenness is a terrible evil. Wherever I have travelled, I have regarded it as a privilege to speak on the subject of temperance. I generally begin at the foundation, urging parents to train their children to temperate habits. I dwell upon the necessity of our using every God-given power to His glory, so that we shall fulfil His will in everything we say and do. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 35*

You may think that you would be unhappy if you should try to serve Christ; but I testify to you that you would be pleasantly disappointed. When you choose to obey the Lord, and become one with Him, you will realize that the light of His countenance is shining upon you, and that you will see Him as He is when He comes. He will be in all your thoughts, and your heart will be filled with joy. After instructing His disciples to keep His commandments, He



declared, “These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.” [*John 15:11.*] He takes no pleasure in seeing us miserable, but takes delight in seeing us joyful. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 36*

Let us consider these things. They are so simple that we can readily keep them in mind. My brother, my sister, every day lift your heart to God in prayer. Say, “Teach me, lead me, guide me.” When affliction comes, and you suffer pain, tell Him that you need Him all the more and that you cannot let Him go; you must have the assurance of His presence. He knows all about your trials. He, the second Adam, redeemed us from suffering the results of Adam’s disgraceful fall; in every point He overcame the enemy, and through His strength we can win the overcomer’s reward—eternal life. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 37*

If we should dwell upon these themes, we should hear much more thankfulness rendered to God. Those who realize what He is willing to do for them will praise Him with heart and mind and soul. They will fully surrender themselves to Him, in order that He may co-operate with them in the work of perfecting a Christian character. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 38*

To the patients who have come here for treatment, I would say, Become acquainted with Christ while you are here. Receive Him as your Saviour. Come to His feet, and say, “Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me whole.” [See *Matthew 8:2.*] We desire to see the great Physician working in this institution; we do not wish to bar Him out. Commit your cases to Him. He is the great Medical Missionary. Let us learn of Him, and do His works, that we may glorify Him. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 39*

Let us pitch our tent a day’s march nearer home. Let us determine to “cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord.” [*2 Corinthians 7:1.*] Let us come to the waters of life, and freely drink of the health-giving stream. May God help us to strike at the root of the matter. We are liable to be content with mere surface work; but we should never rest at ease until we are joyful in the Lord; and then we shall desire to labor for the conversion of others, that they, too, may receive

what we have received from the Life-giver. Christ is the Life-giver and the Crown-giver. “To him that overcometh,” He promises, “will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.” [*Revelation 3:21.*] Thank God for such a Saviour! Thank Him with heart and soul and voice. *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 40*

Let all the congregation sing the beautiful hymn, “Jesus, Lover of My Soul.” *18LtMs, Ms 80, 1903, par. 41*

## Ms 81, 1903

God's Chosen People

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My heart is made very sad as I think of how poorly God's people represent Him. It is His purpose that we shall be light-bearers to the world, that we shall show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. But many of God's professing people fail to fulfil His purpose for them. They are weak where they might be strong. *18LtMs, Ms 81, 1903, par. 1*

Some seem to take pleasure in reiterating to the world that our institutions are undenominational, that they are not under the control of the denomination of God—the people He has chosen as His. *18LtMs, Ms 81, 1903, par. 2*

If we are true and loyal to God, our business transactions will bear the signature of heaven. We shall do justice and judgment and shall keep the way of the Lord. *18LtMs, Ms 81, 1903, par. 3*

We are to come out from the world and be separate. We are to reach a higher and still higher standard. All our business transactions are to reveal that we are God's denominated people. *18LtMs, Ms 81, 1903, par. 4*

“Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an 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.] It was upon this foundation that our first sanitariums and schools were established. If any foundation other than this has been laid, it is because human beings have taken it upon themselves to depart from the principles that we were distinctly instructed to preserve. *18LtMs, Ms 81, 1903, par. 5*

God said to us, “Come out from among them, and be ye separate,

... and touch not the unclean thing; and I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters.” [2 *Corinthians* 6:17, 18.] Under this command we were denominated, and the signature of God is upon us, unless, indeed, some prefer the signature of the world to the signature of God. *18LtMs, Ms 81, 1903, par. 6*

God forbid that we should misrepresent our sanitariums and schools and churches before the world. God forbid that we should fashion our principles after the world’s model. We are in no wise to be ashamed of our name—Seventh-day Adventist. We are to try to be worthy of a name that points us out as a people who keep the Sabbath instituted in Eden and who are looking for the coming of Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 81, 1903, par. 7*

Read how Israel was chosen as the Lord’s peculiar people. “In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount. And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say unto the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles’ wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me, above all people; for all the earth is Mine; and ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.” [*Exodus* 19:1-6.] *18LtMs, Ms 81, 1903, par. 8*

“These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.” [*Verse 6.*] *18LtMs, Ms 81, 1903, par. 9*

Obedient to the charge, Moses called for the elders of the people, “and laid before them all these words which the Lord commanded him.” [*Verse 7.*] *18LtMs, Ms 81, 1903, par. 10*

And in earnest, decided tones the people answered, “All that the Lord hath spoken we will do.” [*Verse 8.*] Thus Israel took their stand under the divine theocracy, as God’s denominated people. *18LtMs, Ms 81, 1903, par. 11*

## **The Giving of the Law**

“The Lord said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee forever. ... Go down unto the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes, and be ready against the third day; for the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people upon Mount Sinai. *18LtMs, Ms 81, 1903, par. 12*

“And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it; whosoever toucheth the mount shall surely be put to death; there shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live; when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.”  
[*Verses 9-13. 18LtMs, Ms 81, 1903, par. 13*

From this mountain the law of God was to be proclaimed in awful grandeur, and the mountain, even to its foot, was holy. Neither man nor beast was to go up on it, or even touch the border of it. *18LtMs, Ms 81, 1903, par. 14*

## **The Sign Between God and His People**

“The Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the Children of Israel, saying, Verily My sabbaths ye shall keep; for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you; every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death; for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord; whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed.” [*Exodus 31:12-17. 18LtMs, Ms 81, 1903, par. 15*

Do not these words point us out as God's denominated people, and do they not declare to us that so long as time shall last, we are to cherish the sacred, denominational distinction placed on us? The children of Israel were to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations "for a perpetual covenant." [*Verse 16.*] The Sabbath has lost none of its meaning. It is still the sign between God and His people and will be so forever. *18LtMs, Ms 81, 1903, par. 16*

## Ms 82, 1903

Diary/The Promise of the Spirit

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I awake at ten o'clock. I cannot sleep. The question urges itself upon my mind, Why do we not plead more earnestly for the impartation of the Holy Spirit. If we had the Spirit, we should not be in such great perplexity. The impartation of the Spirit brings in its train all other blessings. Why do we not seek for this great blessing, which we need daily, and which we may have for the asking?*18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 1*

Just before Christ left the disciples to go to His Father, He said to them, "I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; but ye see Me; because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in the Father, and ye in Me, and I in you. He that hath My commandments, he it is that loveth Me; and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him. ...*18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 2*

"The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."  
*[John 14:16-21, 26, 27.]18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 3*

What positiveness there is in these promises! Do we believe them? Christ assures us that the Father is more willing to give the Holy

Spirit to those who ask Him than parents are to give good gifts to their children. Have we received the Spirit? The representation shown me declares that the energies that ought to be given to the eternal interests that enrich and ennoble the life are given to the busy activities of the world. The thoughts are fixed on the things of the world, instead of being centered on Christ. Many are serving Satan while professedly serving the Lord. They are letting themselves down to a common, worldly level, filling their time with that which has in it scarcely a trace of heaven. In the chambers of the mind is seen the stamp of the worldly ambitions and projects that are cherished. *18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 4*

God meant that they should bear the image of the heavenly. They were to stand in the circumference of which God is the center. They were to do the work to which Christ gave Himself, withholding nothing, that He might save those who were about to become the prey of the enemy. *18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 5*

Christ denounces the imaginary piety that accommodates itself to the world as the great center. He knows of the false theories, the deceptive insinuations, that Satan is trying to bring into the work that man is doing for God. He sees the deceptive presentation, which excludes God and eternal realities. He knows the peril of exalting the things of the world above the grand, eternal realities of heaven. He lifts His voice in warning and seeks to break the spell that is upon minds. With an earnestness that demands attention He exclaims, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" [*Mark 8:36, 37.*] He points to the threshold of heaven, flooded with living glory, and then to the storm of wrath that sooner or later must break upon all who disregard the law of God. *18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 6*

In the Christian life there is no middle ground. We are either standing with the obedient or the disobedient. Some of those who have long known the truth for this time, who have long been conversant with their Bibles, are working away from the principles that if cherished will prove the saving of the soul. Their hearts were once drawn out after eternal realities, but their spiritual eyesight has become defective. They cannot see afar off. They have forgotten



that the work of the greatest consequence to heaven is the work of preparing a people to receive everlasting life. *18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 7*

Those who are not established in the truth will make this manifest by binding up with the world, for the glorification of self. Men and women will receive a defective gospel, which will develop in them a defective Christian life. They are in danger of perishing in their self-deception. They are not preparing for the Lord's soon coming. In word and deed they say, "My Lord delayeth His coming." [*Matthew 24:48.*] What is the matter?—They are destitute of the Holy Spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 8*

Those who daily eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God have eternal life. Christ declares that the words that He speaks are spirit and life. Do we know this by personal experience? Those only who receive and believe and live Christ's words have life in themselves, even eternal life. They live by every word of God. They believe that Christ is soon to return to this earth, and they bend every power of the being to prepare for this event. They first take heed to themselves and then to the doctrine that must be given to the world. *18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 9*

It becomes divinely natural to the truly converted soul to serve the living and true God and to wait for the appearing of Christ. With earnestness and perseverance he works for the conversion of souls. *18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 10*

### **Proclaiming the Message in the Power of the Spirit**

The following Scripture shows the result that is brought about when the gospel is proclaimed under the influence and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul writes: *18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 11*

"Our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost; so that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out

the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak anything. For they themselves show us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.” [1 *Thessalonians* 1:5-10.]*18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 12*

Today there are as many to be turned from idols as there were in the days of Paul. The cause of God is suffering for workers to proclaim the message of warning and to labor for the salvation of souls. The work that should be done is not done.*18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 13*

### **Our Divine Example**

No teacher ever placed such signal honor upon man as did our Lord Jesus Christ. He was known as “the friend of publicans and sinners.” [*Matthew* 11:19.] He mingled with all classes and sowed the world with truth. In the market place and in the synagogue He proclaimed His message. He relieved every species of suffering, both physical and spiritual. Beside all waters he sowed the seeds of truth. His one desire was that all might have spiritual and physical soundness. He was the friend of every human being. Was He not pledged to bring life and light to all who would receive Him? Was He not pledged to give them power to become the sons of God? He gave Himself wholly and entirely to the work of soul-saving.*18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 14*

Selfishness He sternly rebuked, sparing not even His disciples. “All ye are brethren,” He would say to any one seeking the highest place. [*Matthew* 23:8.] Those who were unjust and unfair in their dealings writhed under His parables. He shielded no one, however high his position, who had been guilty of hypocrisy or fraud.*18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 15*

### **The Worth of Souls**

To save a fallen race, Christ gave Himself to a death of shame and

humiliation. Since human beings are of such value, let us take heed how we speak of one another. Those who would enjoy the approbation of the great Head of the church must treat their fellow beings as Christ would treat them were He in their place. In their dealings with one another they must reveal the love that Christ revealed for them when they were at enmity with God. The command is upon every soul who receives Christ, to show to the world that Christ has given them power to become the sons of God, power to love one another as He has loved them. *18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 16*

“Love your enemies, bless them which curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven; for He maketh His sun to shine upon the evil and upon the good; and sendeth rain upon the just and upon the unjust.” [*Matthew 5:44, 45.*] “Be ye therefore merciful, even as your Father which is in heaven is merciful.” [*Luke 6:36.*]*18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 17*

Life is too short, the hours of probation too precious for us to make a mistake in our religious life. Earnest men, men of strength are needed in the Master’s service. The call comes to us, “Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.” [*Romans 12:2.*] As we obey this command, the power of the Holy Spirit will come upon mind and body, bringing them into conformity to the will of Christ, and renewing us in His likeness. The hereditary and cultivated tendencies to wrong will die, and Christ will be formed within, the hope of glory. It will be seen that we are indeed followers of Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 18*

We are not to trust in our own wisdom, but in the wisdom of God. This will bring into the character the patience, kindness, and love of Christ. And we are to remember that in doing well the work lying nearest us, we shall be prepared for a wider field of usefulness. There is to be constant growth in grace. We are to make constant advancement in preparing for the future immortal life. We shall leave behind no knowledge that in this world we have gained of God and heaven. This mental and spiritual wealth we shall take with us when we answer the call, Child, come up higher. *18LtMs, Ms 82,*

1903, par. 19

Let us strive to help those connected with us. To this work let us devote our tact and ingenuity. Let us reach higher and still higher for purity and devotion, our hearts filled with a desire to know the will of God. Let us consecrate our all to the service of humanity. We shall receive our reward in the future life. *18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 20*

Reveal the living charm of the Saviour's love. Represent Christ by revealing faith and hope and love. In short, copy the Pattern. Let your light shine out in good works. Christians have no need of desire for the billiard table, the theater, the dancing hall, or the many other forms of worldly diversion. A Christian does nothing which he cannot do to the glory of God, upon which he cannot ask the blessing of God. *18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 21*

Work as in the presence of the heavenly intelligences. God calls for loyalty, for faithfulness; for we have been bought with a price. Stand firm in the faith; and you will be more than conquerors through Him who loved you and gave His life for you. To all who claim to be in His service, God says, "Ye are a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men." [*1 Corinthians 4:9.*]*18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 22*

It is faith and prayer that cast out evil spirits. We may ask Christ with full assurance of faith for enlarged capacity for service, for increased power to help souls. But let us remember constantly that it is through the Holy Spirit that we receive power and efficiency. *18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 23*

He who makes advancement in the school of Christ in this lower life will at last pass through the pearly gates of the city of God to enter the higher school, there to receive instruction from the divine Teacher. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for those that love Him." [*1 Corinthians 2:9.*]*18LtMs, Ms 82, 1903, par. 24*

## Ms 83, 1903

Diary/Christ Our Example in Medical Missionary

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This morning I thank my heavenly Father that I have been able to sleep. During the latter part of the day yesterday I suffered much pain. After retiring, I slept until half-past eleven o'clock. Then my mind was active, and I knew that I could not sleep any more. I dressed and committed my soul to the Lord, praying most earnestly for wisdom, for clearness of mind, and for words to express the matters that were urged upon my attention. Before breakfast time I wrote out in my diary ten pages of instruction. I know that the Lord helped me to trace on paper important matter that should come before His people. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 1*

When writing thus, I feel intensely; but after the instruction has been recorded on paper, relief comes to my mind; for I know then that the subject matter presented to me will not be lost, even if I should forget what had been written in my diary. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 2*

Oh, that my mind may be enlightened in regard to that which constitutes what is known as medical missionary work! This is a great and important branch of our denominational work. But many souls are being deceived in regard to the purifying, ennobling principles embodied in medical missionary work. Many are laboring under a misconception of the real work of a medical missionary. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 3*

That which is most needed by medical missionary workers is the guidance of the Spirit of the Lord. Jesus was the great Medical Missionary. Those who labor as He labored must be spiritually minded. But not all who are doing medical missionary work are exalting the Lord God and His truth. Some are laying on the

foundation wood, hay, and stubble, which will not bear the test of proving by fire. Every particle of this kind of material will be consumed.*18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 4*

Many exalt their own ideas—human science, fictitious standards—as truth. Genuine truth was taught by Christ when He was in our world and is spoken of by the apostle Paul as being like gold, and silver, and precious stones—material that is imperishable. “Fire will try every man’s work, of what sort it is.” [*1 Corinthians 3:13.*]*18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 5*

Christ came to our world to represent in His life and teachings the character of God. He came as the express image of His Father’s person, not of His essence. He represented the personality of God. Only those who see that the cross is the center of all hope for the human family can understand the precious gospel that Christ taught. By His life and death He taught that only in obedience to God’s commandments is there safety and life and exaltation for man.*18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 6*

In behalf of the human race, Christ came to bear a living testimony that fallen humanity, through faith in His power and efficacy as the Son of God, might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. [*2 Peter 1:4.*] This word “lust” has many meanings and includes desire for exaltation, power, and worldly honor.*18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 7*

Christ bore the penalty of the transgressor. He alone could be a substitute for the sinner and open the gates of Paradise to the fallen race. He took on Himself not the nature of the angels, but the nature of man. He lived a life untainted by sin and suffered in man’s behalf. “As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” [*John 1:12-14.*]*18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 8*

“The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.” [*Psalm 19:7.*] God’s law is a transcript of His character and was given to man in

the garden of Eden as the rule of obedience. In succeeding ages this law was lost sight of. Hundreds of years after the flood, Abraham was called, and to him was given the promise that his descendants should exalt God's law. In the course of time the Israelites went into Egypt and were made slaves.*18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 9*

The Lord brought His people out from Egypt after they had sojourned there for nearly four hundred years. Long had the Egyptians treated them as slaves, grievously oppressing them. But we have the history of their deliverance from the oppressive power of that idolatrous nation who acknowledged not God and who refused to hearken unto His voice. God delivered His people by a manifestation of His power to guide and protect His people and to destroy the Egyptian army who sought to overtake them and again enslave them. By mighty acts God revealed Himself to the Egyptians as the Ruler of the Universe, the One who was greater than all the heathen deities.*18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 10*

At Sinai the law was given the second time. In awful grandeur the Lord spoke His precepts, and with His own Almighty finger engraved the decalogue on tables of stone.*18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 11*

Passing down through the centuries to the beginning of the Christian Era we find that there came a time when God's law must again be impressively revealed and plainly illustrated. And at this time God again gave an unmistakable revelation of His standard of obedience. Could the world have been given a more clear demonstration of God's infinite hatred of sin and of His fixed determination to punish sinners, than was given in the scenes connected with Calvary's cross?*18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 12*

Let us give candid consideration to the facts regarding this revelation. Who was the Sufferer?—God's only begotten Son. What language could have described God's love for the human family so forcibly as the act of giving His own sinless Son for our redemption? The Innocent bore the chastisement of the guilty. God's only Son bore the severest punishment that a human being could have suffered. Upon Him, righteous thou He was, was inflicted God's

wrath because of man's transgression. What an illustration of God's love for mankind and of His desire to lead us to obey His precepts!*18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 13*

Never did Christ deviate one jot or one tittle from loyalty to principle. Never in a single instance did He do anything contrary to the will and authority of His heavenly Father; for He always did those things that pleased His Father. Why did He have to suffer?—Transgressors, claiming to be Christians, acted as agents under Satan's jurisdiction, and transgressed God's law.*18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 14*

Our heavenly Father sacrificed His beloved Son, that the fallen race might have an unmistakable expression of His love for them; that they might know that He "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 on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." [*John 3:16-21.*]*18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 15*

The glory of the Incarnate! Whose lips can frame words to portray the great interest expressed by the Father and the Son in a fallen world in their efforts to bring man back to his allegiance to God?*18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 16*

Christ was a true Medical Missionary. He gave Himself a whole, ample, effectual sacrifice to save a lost world. When all our medical missionaries shall live the renewed life in Christ Jesus, and shall take His words as meaning all that they are designed to mean, there will be a much clearer and more comprehensive understanding of what constitutes genuine medical missionary work. And yet this line of work can best be understood by practicing



it in simplicity. The unfolding of this work will have a deeper meaning to them after they obey the holy law engraven on tables of stone by the finger of God, including the Sabbath commandment, concerning which Christ Himself spoke through Moses to the children of Israel. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 17*

“The Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 18*

“And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communicating with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.” [*Exodus 31:12-18.*] *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 19*

None but those who are conscientious students of God’s Word can understand the Bible message that is to be given to our world in these last days. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 20*

### **Self-Sacrifice**

Christ has said, “He that will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. So shall he be My disciple.” [*See Mark 8:34.*] Who will accept as the definition of a true missionary, the definition given by Christ in His own words? That which is spoken of here is not a pretended or farcical following of Jesus. He requires His disciples to follow closely in His footsteps, enduring what He endured, suffering what He suffered. He is

anxiously waiting to see His professed followers manifest a self-sacrificing spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 21*

Can it be possible that our eyes are so fully turned from our Leader that we cannot discern the self-denying character of His life? He was the Majesty of heaven, the King of glory. In order to save a fallen race, He stepped down from His exalted position as Commander of the heavenly host, laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown, clothed His divinity with humanity, and came to a world all seared and marred by the curse. As a babe He entered the world and began life on this earth as the child of humble parents living in poverty in the obscure town of Nazareth. By assuming humanity, He subjected Himself to every temptation wherewith we are tempted. In all points He was tempted like as we are by the arch-deceiver, the one who once stood by His side in the heavenly courts. Now Satan called Christ's attention to the fact that He, the One who claimed to be the Son of God, was humiliated far beneath His mighty foe. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 22*

Conceive, if possible, the picture of Christ's condition that Satan presented to our Redeemer! Here was the Son of God, a weak human being, subject to Satan's wiles and fierce assaults. Often the enemy tried to destroy Him, but could not until the period of our Redeemer's medical missionary work had been accomplished. Then our Saviour suffered a shameful death on the cross. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 23*

Christ has tasted death for every man. And every one who receives the Redeemer as a personal Saviour, and chooses to be a partaker with Him of His self-denial and self-sacrifice, and to endure shame for His sake, will understand God's estimation of what it means to be a medical missionary. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 24*

In this age of controversy, many of those upon whom the light of the Saviour's self-sacrificing life is clearly shining will not live in accordance with heavenly principles. They desire to make a different showing than Christ made. To counteract the influence of these men, we must uplift the Christian standard; for many have turned away from Christlike principles. Truth and righteousness have lost their full meaning to them. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 25*

I am warned to allow no man to confuse my testimony; for God's servants who are doing genuine medical missionary work have a most solemn, sacred responsibility resting upon them to keep in view Christ's life of unselfish service. They should turn their eyes from everything else and look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of their faith. He is the Source of all light, the Fountain of all heaven's blessings. To every medical missionary worker I am instructed to say, Follow your Leader. He is the Way, the Truth, the Light, the Life. He is the one whose example we as true medical missionaries must follow. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 26*

In this age of diseased piety and perverted principle, those who are converted in life and practice will reveal a healthy and influential spirituality. Those who have a knowledge of the truth as it is revealed in God's Word must now come to the front. My brethren, God requires this of you. Every jot of your influence is now to be used on the right side. All are now to learn how to stand in defense of truth that is worthy of acceptance. Those who are endeavoring to live the Christ life must call things by the right name and stand in defense of the truth as it is in Jesus. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 27*

It behooves every soul whose life is hid with Christ in God to come to the front now. Something is to be done. We are to contend most earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. The spirit in which truth is defended and the kingdom of God advanced must be as it would be if Christ were on this earth in person. If He were here, He would be drawn out to render a solemn rebuke to many who claim to be medical missionaries but who have not chosen to heed the injunction He has urged upon them—to learn of Him His meekness and lowliness of heart. In the lives of some of those who occupy the highest positions, self has been exalted. Until such ones rid themselves of every desire to uplift self, they cannot clearly discern the character and glory of the great Medical Missionary. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 28*

When the Holy Spirit works human minds, there will be a much higher standard in speech, in ministry, and in spirituality in our churches than is now seen. Then our church members will be refreshed by the waters of life, and the laborers, working under the one Head, Christ, will reveal their Master in word, in spirit, in every

form of ministry, and will encourage one another in the grand, closing work in which they are engaged. There will be a healthful increase of unity and love, which will bear testimony to the world that God has sent His Son for our redemption. There will be a pruning of the branches of the vine, and a bringing forth of much fruit. The branches that bear not the precious fruit of the Spirit, Christlike words and deeds, will be cut off from the parent-stock. Divine truth will be exalted; and as it shines forth as a lamp that burneth, we shall understand it more and still more fully. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 29*

Those who hold the truth in righteousness will arouse and put on the gospel shoes. Their feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, they will make no false paths in which the lame would be turned out of the way. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 30*

God requires every man to stand free and to follow the directions of the Word. In every movement Christ's followers are to reveal their regard for Christian principles—loving God supremely and their neighbors as themselves; reflecting light and blessing on the pathway of those who are in darkness; comforting those who are cast down; sweetening the bitter waters in the place of giving their fellow pilgrims gall to drink. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 31*

We are now to unify and by true medical missionary work prepare the way for our coming King. Let us increase in a knowledge of the truth, and render all excellence and glory due to Him who is One with the Father. Let us seek most earnestly for the heavenly anointing, the Holy Spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 32*

The great, holy, precious, testing truths for this time are not the fabrication of any human mind. God has not given to any one man all the power that some by their words and devisings seek to claim in some lines of service. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 33*

The truth, appropriated, is genuine philosophy. The incarnation of Christ was essential, in order that we, through belief of the truth, might be sanctified and redeemed. Through His human nature Christ can reach humanity. *18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 34*

We are to have a pure, growing Christianity. In the heavenly courts

we are to be pronounced complete in Christ.*18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 35*

“Behold, the Bridegroom cometh! Go ye out to meet Him!” [*Matthew 25:6.*] Lose no time now in rising and trimming your lamps. Lose no time in seeking perfect unity with one another. Christian unity never means the submerging of the identity of one individual into that of another; nor does it mean that the mind of one is to be led and balanced by the mind of another.*18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 36*

Shall it be said of us, “I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead”? [*Revelation 3:1.*] Christ has assured us that our Father is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him, than parents are to give good gifts to their children. This means that we may enjoy a living connection with Christ.*18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 37*

We must expect difficulties. There is a crown to win, and trials will come. Christ was made perfect in human nature through suffering. All His followers will encounter the enemy many times and be severely tried, but trials develop the Christian graces.*18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 38*

The following lines seem to portray the Christian’s warfare:*18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 39*

“I thought that the course of the pilgrim to heaven  
Would be bright as the summer and glad as the morn.  
Thou show’dst me the path: it was dark and rough,—  
All rugged with rock, all tangled with thorn;  
I dreamt of celestial rewards and renown;  
I grasped at the triumph which blesses the brave;  
I asked for the palm branch, the robe, and the crown:  
I asked, and Thou showed me a cross and a grave.”*18LtMs, Ms 83, 1903, par. 40*

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## Ms 84, 1903

Diary/The Restaurant Work

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There is danger, in the establishment of restaurants, of losing sight of the work that most needs to be done. There is danger of the workers losing sight of the work of soul-saving as they carry forward the business part of the enterprise. There is danger that the business part of the work will be allowed to crowd out the spiritual part. *18LtMs, Ms 84, 1903, par. 1*

Some good is being done by the restaurant work. Men and women are being educated to dispense with meat and other injurious articles of diet. But who are being fed with the bread of life? Is the purpose of God being fulfilled if in this work there are no conversions? It is time that we called a halt, lest we spend our energies in the establishment of a work that does little to make ready a people for the coming of the Lord. *18LtMs, Ms 84, 1903, par. 2*

The only object in the establishment of restaurants was to remove prejudice from the minds of men and women and win them to the truth. The same effort put froth in circulating our publications, in doing evangelistic work, would tell far more for the saving of souls. *18LtMs, Ms 84, 1903, par. 3*

Our restaurant workers are not doing the personal work that they should do to bring the truth before those who come for meals. And in some respects impressions are being made on the minds of the workers that are not favorable to a growth in grace. The food itself will not sanctify the souls of those who serve. Are the words being fulfilled: "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance, ... so that you were ensamples to all that believe; for from you sounded out the word of God ... in every place"? [*1 Thessalonians 1:5, 7, 8.*] *18LtMs,*

*Ms 84, 1903, par. 4*

This is the work that God has outlined before us. Is it done? Are there employed in our restaurants workers who have sufficient spiritual strength to stand against the temptations that they will meet in the cities?*18LtMs, Ms 84, 1903, par. 5*

Let there be shown more of a desire to receive the Holy Spirit as an instructor and less of a desire to carry forward in human wisdom a work involving so much.*18LtMs, Ms 84, 1903, par. 6*

Our young men and young women are to be put to work where their capabilities will be used to the best account. They are to stand where they can carry on Christ's work of soul-saving. They should not be kept in a work in which they are continually on losing ground, a work in which no souls are brought to a knowledge of the truth.*18LtMs, Ms 84, 1903, par. 7*

It is not the large number of meals served that brings glory to God. What does this avail if not one soul has been converted to gladden the hearts of the workers?*18LtMs, Ms 84, 1903, par. 8*

The question was asked, What does all the work that has been done amount to? Has it had a sanctifying, hallowing influence upon the minds of the workers, or has it been the means of bringing them into temptations that have destroyed their peace and hope?*18LtMs, Ms 84, 1903, par. 9*

Let our ministers and physicians reason from cause to effect. Unless our restaurant work brings favorable spiritual results, let the world do their own serving of tables, and let the Lord's people take up a work in which their talents will be put out to the exchangers.*18LtMs, Ms 84, 1903, par. 10*

The time has come for the Lord's people to be sure that they are engaged in a work that produces as well as consumes. Those who have united themselves with the church are to situate themselves in such a way that their spiritual power will not diminish, but increase. They are not to place themselves where they will have no opportunity to grow in grace.*18LtMs, Ms 84, 1903, par. 11*

## Ms 85, 1903

Diary

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I am grateful for the sleep I have had. I was wakeful during the night, but slept till after three o'clock. *18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 1*

I have need to be careful of my strength. Some thought that I ought not to speak yesterday, but I dared not disappoint the people who were expecting to hear me. Though rather hoarse, I spoke to a large congregation, and all present appeared to be much interested. I had hoped that there would be many in from the outside, and I am told that more than half of those present were unbelievers. My great desire is to benefit and help those who know not the truth. I desire also to impress upon the minds of our brethren and sisters the truth that we are to do aggressive work. *18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 2*

As I was getting into the carriage after meeting, an intelligent-looking lady came up to me and said, "I was much interested in the words you spoke to us today. They have done me good." *18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 3*

I took for my text the words: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." [*Colossians 3:1-4.*] *18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 4*

I told the people that we lose much by not being grateful to God for the gift of salvation. We should never forget the mercy and love of God to us. If, instead of complaining, we were to praise God for the



blessings He is continually bestowing upon us—too numerous to recount, we should have a deeper comprehension of His goodness. Let us frame and hang in memory's hall pictures of the goodness and mercy of God. *18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 5*

### **The Source of Power**

At one time the prophet Ezekiel was in vision set down in the midst of a large valley. Before him lay a dismal scene. Throughout its whole extent the valley was covered with the bones of the dead. The question was asked, "Son of man, can these bones live?" The prophet replied, "O Lord God, Thou knowest." [*Ezekiel 37:3.*] What could the might and power of man accomplish with these dead bones? The prophet could see no hope of life being imparted to them. But as he looked, the power of God began to work. The scattered bones were shaken and began to come together, "bone to his bone," and were bound together by sinews. They were covered with flesh, and as the Lord breathed upon the bodies thus formed, "the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army." [*Verses 7-10.*] *18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 6*

In the work that was accomplished on the day of Pentecost, we may see what can be done by the exercise of faith. Those who believed in Christ were sealed by the Holy Spirit. As the disciples were assembled together, "there came a sound [from heaven] as of a rushing, mighty wind which filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it sat on each of them." [*Acts 2:2, 3.*] And Peter stood up among them and spoke with mighty power. Among those who listened to him were devout Jews, who were sincere in their belief. But the power that accompanied the words of the speaker convinced them that Christ was indeed the Messiah. What a mighty work was accomplished! Three thousand were converted in one day. *18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 7*

The seed had been sown by the greatest Teacher the world had ever known. For three and a half years the Son of God had sojourned in the land of Judea, proclaiming the message of the gospel of truth and working with mighty signs and wonders. The

seed had been sown, and after His ascension the great ingathering took place. More were converted by one sermon on the day of Pentecost than were converted during all the years of Christ's ministry. So mightily will God work when men give themselves to the control of the Spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 8*

God did not choose for the carrying on of His work, the learning or eloquence of the Jewish Sanhedrin, or the power of the Romans. He chose humble, unlearned fishermen to proclaim the truths which were to move the world. That they might have success in their work, He imparted to them the power of the Holy Spirit. Not by human might, nor by human power, was the work of Pentecost accomplished, but by the Spirit of God. *18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 9*

Today God is calling for men to do His work. He calls for men who will look to Him alone instead of following plans of their own devising. He invites men and women to come to Him, to wear His yoke, and to learn of Him meekness and lowliness. As they accept this invitation they will find that His yoke is easy and His burden light. They will find peace in believing and joy in the Holy Ghost. *18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 10*

Physicians and ministers need to cultivate the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Then they will have a better understanding of what constitutes true medical missionary work. *18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 11*

Let us claim the promises of God. The great Medical Missionary was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He was the friend of sinners—a brother in adversity. He relieved the poorest, the most needy, the most afflicted of His fellow beings. Let us act as His helping hand, always remembering that He stands ready to help us. *18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 12*

For those who come to our sanitariums, a double work is to be accomplished. Their bodies are to be restored to health, and their souls are to be quickened by the living principles of the Word of God. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." [*Zechariah 4:6.*] *18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 13*

There is joy in heaven over every soul we lead to the Saviour. "The

Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love; He will joy over thee with singing." [*Zephaniah 3:17.*] All heaven is interested in the work of salvation of souls whom Christ created and for whom He died. *18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 14*

"I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden. Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them fame and praise in every land where they have been put to shame. At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the Lord." [*Verses 18-20.*] *18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 15*

### **Sanitariums Not to Be in Cities**

Our sanitariums are not to be erected in the cities. Upon this point God has given definite instruction. The cities are corrupt, and we are not to invest our means in the establishment of large institutions in them. No good will result from the efforts of men who, confident of their own wisdom, seek to establish these institutions where God has forbidden them to be established. *18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 16*

In country places near the cities, land and buildings suitable for sanitarium purposes will be offered for sale at very low prices. These should be secured. *18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 17*

### **Our Restaurants**

For a time health food restaurants may be carried on in the cities. If those who take up this work will make it a means of the conversion of souls, then the plans of God in establishing the health food work will be carried out. But if the managers continue to increase their facilities and to bring in workers who are brought into daily contact with the worldly element, without putting forth a strong effort to counteract the evil influences, the workers will be led astray by temptation, and souls will not be converted. And if souls are not saved by the work of our restaurants, why should these interests

continue to be conducted under the present plan?*18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 18*

Los Angeles and San Diego should be worked. At this time of the year large numbers of tourists come to these places, many of whom are seeking to regain lost health. I appeal to our people to invest their means in the establishment of sanitariums near these places.*18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 19*

The tourists may find in our sanitariums a double blessing. They may receive treatment that will restore their bodies to health, and they may find the great Physician who will supply the need of their sin-sick soul.*18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 20*

We should improve every opportunity for doing gospel missionary work, that suffering, sin-sick souls may hear the Word of life.*18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 21*

#### **An Appeal for Greater Effort**

I am grieved in spirit as I see how weak are the efforts put forth to reach the unsanctified and unsaved. We need more workers to gather in the sheaves. Those who are converted should watch for souls. They should seek for opportunities to speak words of warning and encouragement to those in darkness, inviting them to come to the Saviour and be witnesses for Him. Many will refuse, but some will come.*18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 22*

“Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven. Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I also am in bonds. That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.” [*Colossians 4:1-6.*]*18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 23*

Much is comprehended in these six verses. We need not only to read the Word of life, but prayerfully to study the Word, that we may

present the truth in the right manner to unbelievers. The light we receive from the Word of God we are to impart to others, that they may become interested in the study of the Scriptures. "Search the Scriptures," said Christ, "for in them ye think ye have eternal life." [*John 5:39.*] *18LtMs, Ms 85, 1903, par. 24*

## Ms 86, 1903

### The Work at Yountville

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Yesterday we drove to the Veterans' Home at Yountville—a distance of thirteen miles—where I spoke in the chapel, according to previous announcement. The State has erected several large buildings at Yountville as a home and a hospital for aged and disabled soldiers. Nearly a thousand soldiers are cared for in this institution. *18LtMs, Ms 86, 1903, par. 1*

For several months, services have been held regularly at the Veterans' Home. A company of workers from this vicinity has visited the soldiers every other Sabbath, conducting a song service, speaking to them, and distributing reading matter among them. *18LtMs, Ms 86, 1903, par. 2*

Yesterday I visited the Home for the first time. To the soldiers gathered in the chapel, I spoke from the *fourteenth chapter of John*. As I stood before them I saw many men of fine appearance. All seemed to be deeply interested and paid good attention. I spoke for thirty-five minutes. After the service was closed, several expressed themselves as being much pleased with my remarks. One old man said to me, "You spoke to us the words of life. It was good to hear them." *18LtMs, Ms 86, 1903, par. 3*

One man was there in whom I feel a deep interest. In the early days of the message, in 1843 and '44, Brother and Sister Foy of Brunswick, Maine, accepted the message of Christ's soon coming. A few years later our people held meetings in Brunswick, and in Topsham, a city near to Brunswick. As a result, a few accepted the Sabbath truth, among whom were Brother and Sister Stockbridge

Howland and their two daughters of Topsham and Brother Foy and his family of Brunswick. I was well acquainted with both families. *18LtMs, Ms 86, 1903, par. 4*

Brother and Sister Howland are both sleeping in Jesus. They died true to the faith. Their daughters are still living. John, a son of Brother and Sister Foy, has for years been connected with the Battle Creek Sanitarium as gardener. A few weeks ago I learned to my surprise that the other son Stephen is at the Veterans' Home at Yountville. I last saw him—then a lad of seven years—in Brunswick, Maine. Yesterday we renewed our acquaintance. He is now 50 years old. It was a most interesting meeting to us both. *18LtMs, Ms 86, 1903, par. 5*

In the Soldiers' Home at Yountville is an open door for service whereby we may reach needy souls. To labor for the salvation of the men in this home is as important missionary work as any to be found in India or China. I have sent down several copies of *Desire of Ages* and other of my books to be lent to the soldiers. Mr. Foy takes charge of them and circulates them among these who desire to read them. *18LtMs, Ms 86, 1903, par. 6*

Good results are being seen from the efforts that are being put forth at Yountville. One man tells us that as a result of the services held by our people, his life has been changed. He used to spend most of his time in drinking and carousing with his companions, but he is now trying to live a Christian life. Some time ago a copy of *Desire of Ages* was lent to him, and he has read it over and over again. At last, thinking that he must soon return the book, he began to copy portions of it. Hearing of this, we presented him with a copy, and he seemed much pleased. During the week, a little company of soldiers meets together in the grove for prayer and Bible study. One man at the home is observing the Sabbath. *18LtMs, Ms 86, 1903, par. 7*

## Ms 87, 1903

The Hour of Satan's Triumph

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The author of sin was once a being possessing wonderful power and glory. The highest of all created beings, he stood next to Christ in the courts of heaven. But he did not recognize the fact that his glorious attributes were a gift from God, and that He who had given him these endowments could also remove them. He aspired to be like the Most High. Not content with being the light-bearer, he desired to be the ruler of the universe. He set himself up against God, and he was cast out of heaven, and with him a host of angels who sympathized with him and supported him in his ambitious designs. Many of these angels had occupied high positions in the government of God. All were enriched with the talent of intellect and were girded with strength and glory. *18LtMs, Ms 87, 1903, par. 1*

Those who had risen in revolt against the government of God were apparently conquered, but the rebellion spread still further. Cast out of heaven, Satan and his angels came to this earth, and here they used every means in their power to draw into revolt the human family, that the warfare against God might be carried on upon this earth. Satan led Adam and Eve to transgress the laws of God, and thus sin was introduced into our world. The image of God in man was defaced. *18LtMs, Ms 87, 1903, par. 2*

God's chosen people, the nation whom He redeemed from Egyptian bondage and to whom He committed His oracles, left their allegiance and joined the forces of Satan. "When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son to redeem them that were under the law." [*Galatians 4:4, 5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 87, 1903, par. 3*

"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, ... full of grace and truth." [*John 1:14.*] But those whom Christ came to save would have none of Him. "He came unto His own, and His own received



Him not.” [Verse 11.] Yielding themselves to Satan’s control, they rejected the Messiah and sought opportunity to put Him to death. *18LtMs, Ms 87, 1903, par. 4*

Satan and his angels determined to make Christ’s death as humiliating as possible. They filled the hearts of the Jewish leaders with feelings of bitter hatred against the Saviour. Controlled by the enemy, priests and rulers stirred the multitude to take part against the Son of God. Had their eyes been opened, they would have seen that Satan and his angels, some in the form of men, were in the crowd, swelling the blasphemy that rose unrebuked to the heavens. *18LtMs, Ms 87, 1903, par. 5*

In the hour of the humiliation of the Son of God no one was found who would vindicate His character. A few days before, thousands of voices had shouted His praise; now when He stood in need of recognition and help, He received it not. What a severe test of His love! Aside from Pilate’s declaration of His innocence, no one spoke a word in His favor. And even Pilate, knowing His innocence, gave Him over to the abuse of men under the control of Satan. *18LtMs, Ms 87, 1903, par. 6*

Similar events will take place in the near future. Men will exalt and rigidly enforce laws that are in direct opposition to the law of God. Though zealous in enforcing their own commandments, they will turn away from a plain “Thus saith the Lord.” Exalting a spurious rest day, they will seek to force men to dishonor the law of Jehovah, the transcript of His character. Though innocent of wrongdoing, the servants of God will be given over to suffer humiliation and abuse at the hands of those, who, inspired by Satan, are filled with envy and religious bigotry. *18LtMs, Ms 87, 1903, par. 7*

As Christ hung upon the cross, He was made the object of scorn and derision. “They that passed by reviled Him, wagging their heads, and saying, 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 also the chief priests, mocking Him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others, Himself He cannot save. If He be the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver

Him now, if He will have Him; for He said, I am the Son of God.” [Matthew 27:39-43.] “And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming to Him, and offering Him vinegar, and saying, If Thou be the King of the Jews, save Thyself.” “And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on Him, saying, If Thou be the Christ, save Thyself and us.” [Luke 23:36, 37, 39.] *18LtMs, Ms 87, 1903, par. 8*

Christ felt the anguish which the impenitent sinner will feel when mercy shall no longer plead for the guilty race. He could not see the Father’s reconciling face. The withdrawal of the divine countenance from the Saviour in this hour of supreme anguish pierced His heart with a sorrow that can never be understood by man. In His agony He cried, “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?” [Matthew 27:46.] *18LtMs, Ms 87, 1903, par. 9*

But though apparently forsaken by God, never was He more beloved of His Father, and in those dreadful hours Christ relied upon the evidence of His Father’s acceptance heretofore given Him. He was acquainted with the character of His Father. He understood His justice, His mercy, His great love. By faith He rested in Him whom it had ever been His joy to obey. And as in submission He committed Himself to God, the sense of the loss of His Father’s favor was withdrawn. By faith Christ was victor. *18LtMs, Ms 87, 1903, par. 10*

In the death of Christ propitiation was made for every son and daughter of Adam. He died “that whosoever believeth on Him might not perish, but have everlasting life.” [John 3:16.] But many, who might lay their sins upon the Sin-bearer, choose to retain them. Of them Christ says, “Ye would not come unto Me, that ye might have life.” [John 5:40.] For them Christ has died in vain, and the hour will come when they will realize that they are forsaken by God. The human friends in whom they have trusted cannot pay the ransom for their souls. They will be lost, eternally lost. *18LtMs, Ms 87, 1903, par. 11*

When Christ suffered for the human race, He felt neither remorse, despair, or hatred. Far different will be the feelings of the sinner who has not availed himself of Christ’s atoning sacrifice. Too late, he will realize what he has lost by refusing to accept the salvation of

God. His heart will then be filled with an agony of remorse and despair, even though still fired by satanic hatred against God.*18LtMs, Ms 87, 1903, par. 12*

“And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.” [*John 17:3.*]*18LtMs, Ms 87, 1903, par. 13*

## **Ms 88, 1903**

Be Not Weary in Well-Doing

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### **Unreserved Surrender**

“And He said unto them, if any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for My sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away. For whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He shall come in His own glory, and in His Father’s, and of the holy angels.” [*Luke 9:23-26.*] *18LtMs, Ms 88, 1903, par. 1*

Those who would at last be received into heaven as members of the royal family must here give themselves—body, soul, and spirit—to the service of Him who paid the price of their redemption. All that we have and are belongs to the Lord. “Ye are not your own,” the apostle 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.*] *18LtMs, Ms 88, 1903, par. 2*

The foundation of our work was laid in sacrifice, and in sacrifice this work is to be carried on. My brother, my sister, are you willing to follow Christ’s example of sacrifice? He gave His life to save perishing souls. Have you consecrated yourself wholly to the Lord? Can He use you as a vessel unto honor? Are you faithfully acting your part in His cause? To every man God has given his work. He expects every believer to co-operate with Him in the work of soul-saving. When His cause is suffering for means, how can any one set a price on his services, refusing to take up the cross daily, and practice self-denial for Christ’s sake? *18LtMs, Ms 88, 1903, par. 3*

The fulfilment of the promise that we shall be joint-heirs with Christ rests upon our willingness to deny self. When Christ takes possession of His kingdom, it will be those who in this earth have followed Him in self-denial and sacrifice who will receive the reward of everlasting life. *18LtMs, Ms 88, 1903, par. 4*

Christ's call to sacrifice and unreserved surrender means crucifixion of self. In order to obey this call, we must have unquestioning faith in Him as the perfect Example, and we must have a clear realization that we are to represent Him to the world. Those who work for Christ are to work in His lines. They are to live His life. His call to unreserved surrender is to be to them supreme. They are to allow no earthy tie or interest to prevent them from giving Him the homage of their hearts and the service of their lives. Earnestly and untiringly they are to labor with God to save perishing souls from the power of the tempter. *18LtMs, Ms 88, 1903, par. 5*

Those who are thus connected with Christ learn constantly of Him, passing through the successive stages of progress in Christian experience. Difficulty and perplexity come to them, that they may learn more perfectly the will and way of Christ. But they pray and believe, and by exercise their faith increases. *18LtMs, Ms 88, 1903, par. 6*

"Take My yoke upon you," Christ said, as in human nature He lived and worked upon this earth. Constantly He wore the yoke of submission, meeting the difficulties that human beings must meet, bearing the trials that they must bear. The enemy will continually assault us as he assaulted Christ, bringing against us strong temptation. But for every one there is a way of escape. "Take My yoke upon you," Christ says, "and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:29, 30.*] *18LtMs, Ms 88, 1903, par. 7*

### **Power For Service**

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” [Matthew 28:18-20.]18LtMs, Ms 88, 1903, par. 8

“These signs shall follow them that believe: In My name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” [Mark 16:17, 18.] “And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” [Matthew 28:20.]18LtMs, Ms 88, 1903, par. 9

“So then, after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.” [Mark 16:19, 20.]18LtMs, Ms 88, 1903, par. 10

#### **Our Duty to the School at Berrien Springs**

My brethren and sisters, why is so little being done to sell *Christ's Object Lessons*? Have you become weary in well doing? Let this work advance; for there is great need that it be carried steadily forward. The school at Berrien Springs needs the money that the sale of these books will bring. This school is making advancement as fast as possible, but it is in need of funds with which to erect buildings. The Lord is pleased with the way in which the school has been conducted, and with the education that is being given to the students gathered there. Will you not remember that in doing your best to bring in means for the advancement of this school, you are co-operating with Him. There is much that needs to be done before the winter sets in. Buildings must be erected and other lines of work carried forward.18LtMs, Ms 88, 1903, par. 11

Brother Magan and Brother Sutherland have worked with heart and soul to bring this school to its present stage of advancement, and the blessing of the Lord has attended their labors in a marked manner. I wish to say that my confidence in these men has not at all lessened. The Lord is not unmindful of the self-sacrifice and their labors of love. I have feared that they were in danger from trying to do more than they could do. I saw that they were in danger of

overtaxing their strength in the effort to advance the work and to economize in the use of means. *18LtMs, Ms 88, 1903, par. 12*

The lives of these men are precious in the sight of the Lord. He does not want them to overwork, and thus sacrifice their strength; for in the end this would mean great loss. *18LtMs, Ms 88, 1903, par. 13*

My brethren and sisters, I ask you, in the name of the Lord, to do all that you can to advance the work of the Berrien Springs school. I hope and pray that you will not become weary in well-doing. In carrying forward the work of selling *Christ's Object Lessons*, you will receive a most precious blessing. As you show this book to your friends and neighbors, telling them of the instruction that it contains, and why you are trying to sell it, you will gain an experience that will enable you to do more successful work for the Master. As you take up this pleasing work—for such it will prove to all who take it up with faith and prayer—the peace of Christ will come into your hearts. The thought that you are doing a good work will fill you with joy and courage. *18LtMs, Ms 88, 1903, par. 14*

At one time the suggestion was made to me that it might be best, when the Relief of the Schools Campaign was finished, to make *Christ's Object Lessons* a regular subscription book. It was said that this book would have as ready a sale as any that could be produced. *18LtMs, Ms 88, 1903, par. 15*

As I heard this suggestion, the thought came to me, “Here is an opportunity for me to get out of debt. Is not this the right thing for me to do?” I said that it might be right to do as the letter had suggested. Then I sent to heaven the prayer, “Lord, teach me to speak right words.” Quickly the answer came. In an instant the light given at the first regarding *Object Lessons* flashed into my mind, and the instruction then given was repeated. I seemed to hear the words, “God signified that this book should be given to our schools, to be to them a continual blessing. Would you exchange His plan for human devising? This book is to be treated as a sacred offering, made to God; and as His plan regarding it is unselfishly carried out, the result will be wholly satisfactory.” *18LtMs, Ms 88, 1903, par. 16*

I immediately said that I would not make any change in the handling

of *Object Lessons* unless God gave me plain instruction that this should be done. As I said this, I felt the blessing of God resting upon me. *18LtMs, Ms 88, 1903, par. 17*

My brethren and sisters, as you go out to sell this book, the Lord Jesus and His angels will open the way before you. Success has attended the effort to sell the book in the past, because God's people have worked in co-operation with heavenly agencies; and success will attend the effort in the future, if our people will still carry forward the work. All will receive grace for grace as they give what they can, in time and influence, to the circulation of *Christ's Object Lessons*. *18LtMs, Ms 88, 1903, par. 18*

I leave these words with you, praying that the blessing of God may rest on the self-sacrificing workers at Berrien Springs and upon all who continue in the work of canvassing for *Object Lessons*. Time is short, and there is much to be done. Let all who can, old and young, men, women, and children, take up this work. As they go forth, the Lord will open the way before them. The words that they speak will be as seeds sown in good ground. Many souls will be saved as a result of their willing service. And at last, when we join the royal family in the courts above, the Lord will open before us the good that has been accomplished by *Christ's Object Lessons*. *18LtMs, Ms 88, 1903, par. 19*



## Ms 89, 1903

“First Be Reconciled to Thy Brother”

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“The end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.” [*1 Peter 4:7*.] *18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 1*

When Peter wrote these words, the destruction of Jerusalem was near at hand. The persecutions that the Jews had visited upon the believers in Christ were soon to be visited upon themselves. *18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 2*

The greater destruction included in Christ's description of the destruction of the Jerusalem—the destruction of the world—is near at hand. Soon the history of this earth is to be swallowed up in an endless eternity. Oh, of what great consequence this is to us! In view of this thought, how can members of the church of God spend their time in dissension and strife, criticizing and condemning one another? We have no call to sit in judgment upon others. To no human being is given the work of passing sentence upon his brethren. This work Christ alone can do. *18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 3*

Christ has laid down the rules that we are to follow in dealing with one another. In His sermon on the mount He said, “If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.” [*Matthew 5:23, 24*.] *18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 4*

If these directions were followed, how large an amount of mischief would be saved! How many misunderstandings would be removed! *18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 5*

If there is any difficulty between you and a brother in the church, go to him, and try to explain away the misunderstanding. If possible, remove the cause of variance. Take the trouble from his mind, that there may be fellowship between you. *18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 6*

This duty you are under obligation to perform before you offer your gift to God. The gift will not be accepted until this duty is done. Be reconciled to your brother. If the fault is on your side, remove the stone of stumbling that you have placed before his feet. *18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 7*

A faithful effort to remove the misunderstanding will place you both in such relation to one another and to God that He can bless you. But you cannot receive His blessing while you are unwilling to do what you can to make things right, because to do this would require a humbling of your proud heart. *18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 8*

Perhaps there is wrong on both sides. Perhaps both of you need the preparation brought by this duty, in order that you may be softened and subdued. *18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 9*

Oh, the little misunderstandings that arise may be so easily removed. And until this is done, we are unprepared to take part in the holy ordinances of the Lord. Are you willing to do your part to adjust the differences that exist? Will you do all that you can to set things right between you and your brother? If you will, a vast amount of evil speaking and bitter feeling will be saved. *18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 10*

These words I am instructed to present as a message from God. In the morning and at night let there be close investigation of self. Search the heart diligently, and you will find many wrongs that could and should be righted. Put away all that hinders communion with God. *18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 11*

Christ says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." [1 *John 1:9.*] To make the confession necessary may require great strength of inward principle. It may be as a crucifixion to say, I did this great evil and sinned against God. *18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 12*

I am instructed to say that there are sins between man and his God that no other human being need know anything about. If the one on whom such sins rest will make thorough work for repentance, the Lord will forgive him, and the burden will roll off his soul. He will then make confession to his fellow men, if he has wronged them, and as he confesses, God will be merciful and will forgive his sin. *18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 13*

One such confession is the greatest evidence that can be seen of the miracle-working power of the grace of God, and it leads to other confessions, not general confessions, but confession of real wrongs, which have existed between brethren. And God values above gold or silver the one who makes such a confession. "I will make a man more precious than fine gold," He says, "even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir." [*Isaiah 13:12.*]*18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 14*

### **The Result of Beholding Christ**

God has promised to draw near to all who will draw near to Him. All may delight their souls in the Lord. All may grow in grace and wisdom and love; through faithful continuance in well-doing all may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. *18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 15*

Those who strive for the Spirit of God will be rewarded in accordance with the promise, "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." [*John 1:12.*] My brethren and sisters, will you not awake out of sleep? Will you not pray and watch unto prayer? Through the power that Jesus gives, we can be more than conquerors. But we cannot manufacture this power. Only through the Spirit of God can we receive it. We need a deep insight into the nature of Christ and into the mystery of His love "that passeth knowledge." [*Ephesians 3:19.*] We are to live in the warm, genial rays of the Sun of righteousness. Nothing but His loving compassion, His divine grace, His almighty power can enable us to baffle the relentless foe and subdue the opposition of the human heart. What is our strength?—The joy of the Lord. Let the melting

love of Christ fill the heart, and we are softened and subdued, prepared to receive the power that He has for us.*18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 16*

Let us thank God every day for the blessings that are ours. If the human agent will humble himself before God, realizing how inappropriate it is for him to cherish a feeling of self-sufficiency, realizing his utter inability to do the work that needs to be done in order for his soul to be purified, casting away, making of no account, his own righteousness, Christ will engrave His own image upon his soul. He will put His hand to the work of creating him anew and will continue the work until he is “complete in Him.” [*Colossians 2:10.*]*18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 17*

Christ will never neglect the work that has been placed in His hands. He will inspire the resolute disciple with a sense of the perversity, the sin-stained condition, the depravity of the heart upon which He is working. The true penitent has learned the uselessness of self-importance. Looking to Jesus, comparing his own defective character with the Saviour’s perfect character, he can say,*18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 18*

“In my hand no price I bring;  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.”*18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 19*

With Isaiah he declares, “Lord, Thou wilt ordain peace for us; for Thou hast wrought all our works in us. O Lord our God, other lords besides Thee have had dominion over us; but by Thee only will we make mention of Thy name.” [*Isaiah 26:12, 13.*]*18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 20*

### **Power That Gains the Victory**

Beholding Christ for the purpose of becoming like Him, the seeker after truth sees the perfection of the principles of God’s law, and he becomes dissatisfied with everything but perfection. Hiding his life in the life of Christ, he sees that the holiness of the divine law is revealed in the character of Christ, and more and more earnestly he strives to be like Him. A warfare may be expected at any time, for the tempter sees that he is losing one of his subjects. A battle must

be fought with the attributes which Satan has been strengthening for his own use. *18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 21*

The human agent sees what he has to contend with—a strange power opposed to the idea of attaining the perfection that Christ holds out. But with Christ there is saving power that will gain for him victory in the conflict. The Saviour will strengthen and help him as he comes pleading for grace and efficiency. *18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 22*

Paul passed over this ground. He writes, “For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of the Lord Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, if ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God, which is given me to you-ward; how that by revelation He made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ by the gospel.” [*Ephesians 3:1-6.*]*18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 23*

Through the sacrifice of Christ a new and living way has been opened for all. *18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 24*

### **Dead in Trespasses and Sins**

“And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience; among whom also we all had our conversation in times part, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.” [*Ephesians 2:1-3.*]*18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 25*

Spiritual death is here spoken of. How many there are who are unwarned and in consequence unconvicted. They are passing on in harmony with the world and with the desires of their own undisciplined, unsubdued hearts. They live in pleasure and in worldliness, and should sickness come and death overtake them,

they would be found unready to die. They are not interested in the race for eternal life. They do not look upon as essential the conflict against sin, the warfare with principalities and powers. They are in need of light. Satan holds them fast in his power, and they see not their danger. They know nothing of the crucifixion that shuts away from the life all that separates the soul from Christ. They are subject to the power of the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.*18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 26*

This spirit is Satan, the fallen angel, the ruler of the powers of darkness. He has control of the spirits of evil, and through them he seeks to gain control of human beings. He is the head of the fallen angels. He supplies them with vital force.*18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 27*

How many there are who are left in darkness because the lives of those who have had light, and who claim to believe the truth, are a perpetual falsehood, a fatal deception! These professing Christians have kept the truth in the outer court. It has not been brought into the inner life. They may belong to the church, but this will not save them. Those who do the works of a sinner will receive the punishment of a sinner. Profession is but a snare to those who have no experience in the reality of true Christianity, who know not the principles that lead the Christian to inquire at every step, "Is this the way of the Lord?"*18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 28*

### **Raised to Spiritual Life**

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, ... and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." [*Verses 4-6.*]*18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 29*

As God raised Christ from the dead, that He might bring life and immortality to light through the gospel, and thus save His people from their sins, so Christ has raised fallen human beings from spiritual death, quickening them with His life, filling their hearts with hope and joy.*18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 30*

“That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. ... But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.” [*John 1:9, 10, 12.*]18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 31

### **Paul’s Experience**

Paul had a wonderful experience. He says, “If any man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more; circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law of Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.” [*Philippians 3:4-6.*] That is, he was trying to keep the letter of the law perfectly. But a change came in his life. On his way to Damascus to persecute the followers of Christ, he was suddenly stopped. Christ revealed Himself to him. Hereafter his testimony was:18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 32

“Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus the Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung that I may win Christ, and be found of Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.” [*Verses 8, 9.*]18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 33

The righteousness that before he had thought worth so much was now worthless in his sight. His own righteousness was unrighteousness. The deep longing of his soul was, “That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death.” [*Verse 10.*]18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 34

He would know for himself the power of the Saviour’s grace. He trusted in His power to save even him, who had persecuted the church of Christ. In his estimation no treasure could equal the value of the gift of the knowledge of Christ.18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 35

If God's people today would see how far short they fall of being what they ought to be, if they would strive with the powers of the whole being to reach the standard that God has declared they must reach, if they would put into their efforts an energy and perseverance proportionate to the greatness of the reward offered, how greatly they would be blessed, and how much God could accomplish through them!*18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 36*

The adversary stands ready to lead church members into strange paths. Let them keep the soul fully guarded and full of the light and grace and life that heaven is always ready to supply. "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized have put on Christ." [*Galatians 3:26, 27.*] We are children of one family—a family acknowledged to be of heavenly extraction. We are to live lives that declare us to be children of God. We are not to follow the customs and policies of the world, but the laws of heaven. We are Christ's purchased possession, and we should put away envy and evil surmising, and love one another as Christ has loved us, helping one another to press onward and upward.*18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 37*

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." [*Galatians 6:1, 2.*]*18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 38*

This is our work. "For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden." [*Verses 3-5.*]*18LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 39*

"Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all



men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”  
[*Verses 6-10.*]18*LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 40*

“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.” [Verse 14.]18*LtMs, Ms 89, 1903, par. 41*

## Ms 90, 1903

A Time of Peril

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We are living amidst the perils of the last days. Soon everything that can be shaken will be shaken. The world is rapidly taking sides in the great conflict between good and evil. The enemy with all his satanic craft is working diligently to secure souls. He has influenced the minds of many who know the truth, so that they have walked contrary to the light God has given them. And even when God has sent them warnings, they have closed their ears and walked on in ways of their own devising. Those who are in a state of uncertainty regarding the messages of warning that God is sending will soon take their stand either for or against the truth. *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 1*

Many souls have been presented before me as being tempted by Satan to deny the faith. Fired by an unsanctified, unholy zeal, they will lead others in strange paths, and under their leadership many will become entangled in the specious snares of the enemy. *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 2*

The Lord calls upon His slumbering people to awake out of their sleep. Many who in their ignorance consider themselves to be wise like the foolish virgins in the parable do not realize that their lamps are going out. When they awake to their condition it will be too late for them to obtain a fresh supply of oil, and they will be unready to meet the Bridegroom. Many do not fully understand the principles of salvation by faith. Only by fully believing in Christ and receiving the Holy Spirit can we understand the saving truths of the gospel and receive the blessings that are given to those who accept Jesus as their personal Saviour. Thus only can we obtain power to become

the sons of God, and thus only receive the earnest of our inheritance—a foretaste of the blessedness of heaven. *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 3*

While many will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, those who take heed to God’s warnings will stand on vantage ground. Christ will give clear, spiritual perception to those who will now confess and put away their sins. If they hold the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end, they will be able to discern in its true light even the miracle-working power of Satan. Christ will decidedly manifest Himself to His loyal and true church, to all who have purified their souls through obedience to the truth. The Law of God will be magnified. *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 4*

Those who do not hold the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end will find in the last great day that they have brought to the foundation worthless material represented by wood, hay, and stubble, which must be consumed by fire. *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 5*

### **A Call for Aggressive Work**

Satan is seeking to hinder the work of God. He endeavors to pervert the minds of God’s people and to bring into the church perplexities and difficulties. Let not the precious time of our ministers be employed in seeking to settle differences among brethren. *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 6*

Our workers are not to confine their labors to those who have long known the truth. We have reached a time when we must not be drawn away from our work to attend so many gatherings among ourselves to adjust difficulties. *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 7*

Many of those who for years have heard the call to the marriage supper will not heed the urgent invitation, “Come, for all things are now ready.” [*Luke 14:17.*] Of those to whom the call has been given, but who persistently refuse to heed the invitation, Christ says, “They shall not taste of My supper.” [*Verse 24.*] He calls upon His messengers now to go to those who have not heard the call. “Go out into the highways and hedges,” He says, “and compel them

to come in, that My house may be filled.” [Verse 23.] They are to give to all classes the invitation to the marriage supper of the Lamb. *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 8*

A special work has been committed to us. God’s work must go forward. Let every believer seek to understand and perform his God-given work. Heavenly agencies will co-operate with God’s servants as they enter new territory. *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 9*

Those who would preach the gospel of Christ must be familiar with His life on this earth. They must understand that He met and overcame every temptation to which man is subject. In His strength we may overcome and receive the fulfilment of the promise: “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am sat down with My Father on His throne.” [Revelation 3:21.] *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 10*

Let all who would work for the Master first accept the invitation of Christ, “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.” Those who accept this invitation will realize that His “yoke is easy” and His “burden is light.” [Matthew 11:28-30.] *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 11*

### **“To the Praise of His Glory”**

The Lord blesses His people that they may be a blessing to others. Those who have been sanctified through the truth are to be channels through which His love and grace may flow. They are to “rejoice in the Lord.” [Philippians 4:4.] He delights to hear from human lips fervent prayer, testimonies of thanksgiving, and songs of praise. *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 12*

With one voice God’s people are to praise Him. By the purity and nobility of their lives, they are to reveal His power to the world. Let all exalt and magnify God, speaking of His wondrous works. Why should not those who love God, those whom He has blessed with all spiritual blessings, speak of His goodness and mercy to the children of men? *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 13*

Let us appreciate our privileges. Let us praise God for making provision whereby we may be united [with] Christ, our Mediator, through whom all blessings flow. Let us rejoice because God has “blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.” [*Ephesians 1:3.*]*18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 14*

### **The Need of Self-Examination**

That people, whom in these last days God has called out from the fallen churches and from the world, are to examine themselves closely, comparing their lives with the law of God. His law is perfect, converting the soul. But it must be studied, cherished in the heart, and exalted as the transcript of God’s character. Those who, having received light and evidence, turn away their ears from the hearing of the law cannot enter into the kingdom of God; for they are not clothed with Christ’s righteousness.*18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 15*

Let each one seek God for himself. We are living in the great day of Atonement, when self must be laid upon the altar, a living sacrifice. Our heavenly Father has plainly laid down the conditions with which we must comply in order to gain salvation; and His Word is sure. Now is the time for wrongs to be righted. Now is the time for self-examination. Have you followed the good impulses of your heart, or have you cherished selfishness and covetousness? Have you given place to evil surmising and evil speaking? Have your words been harsh and unkind? Has there been any underhand work in your life? Have you connived at evil? Let the heart be searched as with a lighted candle. Without confession and reformation there can be no pardon. God calls for repentance. The Lord will forgive all who will separate from the world and take their position on His side.*18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 16*

### **God’s Purpose for Us**

God is the Counsellor of His people. He takes note of every thought and plan and act of His people. In His Word His plans and His will have been clearly specified, and those who work counter to His purposes do so at the peril of the soul. Those who substitute human inventions and human plans for the will and purpose of God would not, were a second probation granted them, conform to the will of

God. Those who insist on carrying out their own ideas will never enter the heavenly courts. *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 17*

Those who bind themselves up with the world will be judged with the world and found disloyal to God. God's purpose is "that in the dispensation of the fulness of times, He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him: in whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will." [*Verses 10, 11.*] God's will and God's methods are far above the ideas and methods of men. God's purposes will no more blend with worldly plans than oil will mix with water. *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 18*

"That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory." [*Verses 12-14.*] *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 19*

The purpose of God for us is expressed in the prayer of Paul: "Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all." [*Verses 15-23.*] *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 20*

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It was faith in Christ that gave Paul confidence when before Felix he preached the gospel with such power that Felix trembled, and when to Agrippa he presented the truths that fastened on him the conviction that Christ is the Son of God. The power of the Holy Spirit upheld the apostle against the tide of persecution. Even when he was called to seal his testimony with his blood, he glorified God, singing hymns of thanksgiving, and rejoicing that even in dying he was a conqueror. The power of Christ is sufficient for every necessity. *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 21*

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We are no longer to be hindered by those who have had many messages of warning and caution and encouragement, but who have used every word of encouragement to justify their works of unrighteousness. I have long carried a heavy burden for these souls, but now the Lord says to me, "It is enough. More will not be required." *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 22*

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The medical missionary work, as it is now conducted, bears not the signature of heaven. Yet some have thought that this work would be sufficient to prepare a people to stand in these last days. *18LtMs, Ms 90, 1903, par. 23*

## Ms 91, 1903

Talk/Self-Improvement

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I have been thinking much in regard to what the Word of God is to us. As we read this Word, we are to remember that God is speaking to us and teaching us. Take, for instance, the book of Revelation. We all know that there are many who regard this Scripture as a closed book, because they cannot understand it; and yet it is a revelation that Christ has given in order to enlighten our understanding. In the very first verses the character and object of the book are brought to view. It is "the revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John: who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand." [*Revelation 1:1-3*.] *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 2*

All through His Word, God has given us much instruction, and we should always be in a proper frame of mind to receive it. In the *twelfth of Romans* we read: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and



acceptable, and perfect will of God.” [Verses 1, 2.] *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 3*

Every youth of common sense and ordinary capability can constantly improve the mind that God has given him. Until I was seventeen years old, I could not understand the Scriptures; but my experience was a peculiar one. God was teaching me lessons, and He desired me to give my whole attention to these matters for a time, before He opened the Scriptures to my understanding. After I realized that I could not understand His Word, I would lie awake at night, thinking over the matter; and often I would get up and bow before God, to plead with Him to give me understanding. It was some time before my prayer was answered; and when at last it was, it seemed to me as if there shone a beautiful light around every passage relating to our Christian experience, and that this light entered into every fiber of my being. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 4*

Some may ask, Why could you not understand the Bible before? It was because our brethren and sisters, immediately after the passing of the time in 1844, were searching diligently for the truth. They would meet together and talk and talk and talk, and it seemed as if they could never come to right conclusions in regard to the teachings of the Word. I would meet with them, and we would study and pray together; for we felt as if we must learn what God's truth was. Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light and studying the Word. All could see that my mind was locked, as it were, and that I could not understand what we were studying. Then the Spirit of God would come upon me, and I would be taken off in vision and be shown the meaning of the passages that we had been studying and the position we were to take. A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of our God was plainly marked out before me, and I gave to my brethren and sisters the instruction God had given to me. They knew that I had not been able to understand these matters, and so they were ready to accept as light coming direct from heaven the revelations given me. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 5*

For about two years I continued in this way, when, as I was praying, the precious promises and the words of instruction given us in the

Scriptures were laid open before me and the meaning of these words made clear. I knew that my mind had been unlocked by the Lord. From that time to this the Scriptures have been an open book to me. I can understand what I read. God accomplished His purpose through this experience of mine, and ever since that time our people have cherished and maintained the positions that were taken then. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 6*

Students, it is not with you as it was with me. God had a special work for me to do: therefore I had to pass through the humiliating experience of believing that we had the truth, and yet of being unable to understand and explain it. But you may gain an understanding of the Word without passing through such an experience. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 7*

In Australia many of our young people have not had the advantages that most of our young people in America have had. There our brethren and sisters accepted the message a comparatively short time ago. They were not taught the truth in their youth and so have had everything to learn. While we were living at Cooranbong, where the Avondale School is located, the question of amusements came up. "What shall we do to provide for the amusement of our students?" the faculty inquired. We talked matters over together, and then I came before the students, and said: "Dear friends, we can occupy our minds profitably without trying to devise methods for amusing ourselves. Instead of spending our time in playing the games that so many students play, let us strive to do something for the Master. We have decided that the best course you can pursue is to do missionary work in the neighborhood. When you are listening to a discourse, take notes, and mark down the passages that the minister uses, so that you can study the subject carefully yourselves. Thus you will be able to prepare for giving a synopsis of the discourse, in the form of a Bible reading, to those who do not come to our meetings." *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 8*

The students decided to follow this suggestion. They had evening meetings for studying the Scriptures together. They worked for one another, and as the result of these Bible studies among themselves, quite a large number of the students were converted to the truth. And the effort resulted in good not only to themselves, but to those

for whom they labored in the neighborhood.*18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 9*

Those who went out were instructed to report to us any cases of sickness that they might find. Those who had had some training in giving treatment to the sick were encouraged to use their knowledge in a practical way by helping those who needed help. To work for the Master, I told them, was to engage in the most Christlike amusement in which they could engage.*18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 10*

The Sunday-labor question came up for decision. It seemed as if the lines were soon to be drawn so tightly about us that we should not be able to work during Sunday. Our school was situated in the heart of the woods, far from any village or railway station. No one was living near enough to us to be disturbed in any way by anything we might do. Nevertheless, we were watched. The officers were urged to come around to inspect our premises; and they did come. They could have seen many things; if they had desired to prosecute us; but they did not appear to notice those who were at work. They had so much confidence in us as a people, and so great a respect for us on account of the work we had done in that community, that they believed they could trust us anywhere.*18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 11*

Many recognized the fact that the whole community had been transformed since we went there. A woman who was not a believer, but who had almost accepted the truth before some churchman filled her mind with prejudice against our views, said to me, "You would not believe me, if I could inform you fully in regard to the transformation that has taken place in this community as the result of your moving here, establishing a school, and holding these little meetings."*18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 12*

So when our brethren were threatened with persecution and thrown into perplexity in regard to what they should do, the same advice was given as was given in answer to the question concerning games. I said, "Employ Sunday in doing missionary work for God. Teachers, go with your students. Take them into the bush (this is what we called the sparsely-settled districts in the woods, where

houses are often a mile or two apart), and visit the people in their homes. Let them know that you are interested in their souls' salvation." They did so, and, as the result, were greatly benefited themselves and were able to help others as well. The blessing of God rested upon them as they diligently searched the Scriptures in order to learn how to present the truths of the Word in such a way that these truths would be received with favor. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 13*

In the Scriptures we read that to every man God has given his work. What does this mean?—It means that every one of us has a work to do. All do not have the same work, but all are to act their part in the service of God. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 14*

Why do we need a *Matthew*, a *Mark*, a *Luke*, a *John*, a Paul, and all these other writers who have borne their testimony in regard to the life of the Saviour during His earthly ministry? Why could not one of the disciples have written a complete record, and thus have given us a connected account of Christ's life and work? The Gospels differ. One writer brings in points that another does not bring in. If these points are essential, why did not all these writers mention them? It is because the minds of men differ and do not comprehend all things in exactly the same way. Some Scripture truths appeal much more strongly to the minds of certain persons than to others; some points appear to be much more important to some than to others. The same principle applies to speakers. Some speakers dwell at considerable length on points that others would pass by quickly or not mention at all. Thus the whole truth is presented more clearly by several than by one. In the Gospels the records blend in one harmonious whole. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 15*

God desires us to move as He directs our minds, and not as some human mind directs us. We should preserve our identity sacred before God, and center our thoughts, not on any human being, but on Christ Jesus. We are members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 16*

Students, as you attend school, make it your business to grow in intellect. Realize that it is your privilege so to act that your minds will develop and strengthen from day to day. If you consecrate

yourselves to God, your minds will work under the direction of the Holy Spirit. But you must allow no trivial matters to interfere with this work. Concentrate your minds on what you are doing. Pray, pray to God, and He will open your understanding.*18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 17*

### **The Work of Union Conference Training Schools**

All our denominational colleges and training schools should make provision to give their students the education essential for evangelists and for Christian business men. The youth and those more advanced in years, who feel it their duty to fit themselves for work requiring the passing of certain legal tests, should be able to secure at our Union Conference training schools all that is essential without having to go to Battle Creek for their preparatory education.*18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 18*

Prayer will accomplish wonders for those who give themselves to prayer, watching thereunto. God desires us all to be in a waiting, hopeful position. What He has promised, He will do; and if there are legal requirements making it necessary that medical students shall take a certain preparatory course of study, let our colleges teach the required additional studies in a manner consistent with Christian education. The Lord has signified His displeasure that so many of our people are drifting into Battle Creek; and since He does not want so many to go there, we should understand that He wants our schools in other places to have efficient teachers and to do well the work that must be done. They should arrange to carry their students to the point of literary and scientific training that is necessary. Many of these requirements have been made because so much of the preparatory work done in ordinary schools is superficial. Let all our work be thorough, faithful, and true.*18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 19*

In our training schools, the Bible is to be made the basis of all education. And in the required studies, it is not necessary for our teachers to bring in the objectionable books that the Lord has instructed us not to use in our schools. From the light that the Lord has given me, I know that our training schools in various parts of the field should be placed in the most favorable position possible for qualifying our youth to meet the tests specified by state laws

regarding medical students. To this end the very best teaching talent should be secured, that our schools may be brought up to the required standard. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 20*

But let not the young men and young women in our churches be advised to go to Battle Creek in order to obtain a preparatory education. There is a congested state of things at Battle Creek that makes it an unfavorable place for the proper education of Christian workers. Because the warnings in regard to the work in that congested center have not been heeded, the Lord permitted two of our institutions to be consumed by fire. Even after this revealing of His signal displeasure, His warnings were not heeded. The Sanitarium is still there. If it had been divided into several plants, and its work and influence given to several different places, how much more God would have been glorified! But now that the Sanitarium has been rebuilt, we must do our very best to help those who are there struggling with many difficulties. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 21*

Let me repeat: It is not necessary for so many of our youth to study medicine. But for those who should take medical studies our Union Conference training schools should make ample provision in facilities for preparatory education. Thus the youth of each Union Conference can be trained nearer home and be spared the special temptations that attend the work in Battle Creek. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 22*

### **The Importance of the So-Called “Common Branches”**

I was talking with one of the teachers of our school at Fernando, in Southern California; and he told me that some had come to this school with diplomas showing that they had taken some of the higher studies in other schools. “Did you examine every such student,” I inquired, “to find out whether he had received proper instruction in those branches?” “Why,” said the teacher, “we could give the students no credit for the work done in the past, as represented by the diplomas. Their training even in the common branches had been very defective.” *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 23*

And thus it is in many instances. Not a few who study the classics

and other higher branches of learning, and who reach certain standards, finally fail. And why?—Because they have neglected to do thorough work in the common branches. They have never obtained a good knowledge of the English language. They have not learned to read and spell and speak correctly. Those who ask to be allowed to take the higher branches should first be examined in these elementary branches, which are of greatest importance. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 24*

One of the most important qualifications of a teacher is the ability to speak and to read distinctly and forcibly. I have been instructed that the so-called common branches are of more importance than the higher branches required by law. He who has the ability to use the English language fluently and correctly can exert a far greater influence than he could if he were unable to express his thoughts readily and clearly. There are many who cannot carry on school work successfully, because they are not qualified to do such work. Some will never be able to do acceptable work in this line, because they have not the gift of teaching. Their talents fit them for some other line of service. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 25*

One of the fundamental branches of learning is language study. In all our schools special care should be taken to teach the students to use the English language correctly in speaking, reading, and writing. Too much cannot be said in regard to the importance of these branches. Voice culture should be taught in the reading classes, and in the other classes the teachers should insist that their students speak distinctly and use words which express their thoughts clearly and forcibly. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 26*

Let the students understand that God has given to every one of us a wonderful mechanism—the human body—which we are to use to glorify Him. The powers of the body are constantly working in our behalf, and if we choose, we may bring them under control. Students should be taught to use their abdominal muscles in breathing and speaking. This will make the tones more full and clear. It is of greatest importance that we keep the bodily mechanism in good condition, in order that we may be able to impart to others that which we have learned. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 27*

Let all guard themselves against becoming disturbed in spirit because they have to be drilled in these common branches. Students, remember that you yourselves will be educators of others. Strive constantly to improve in voice culture and in the ability to speak distinctly. Even ministers often fail in this respect. Not a few lower the voice at the end of sentences and utter the last syllable or two so indistinctly that they cannot be heard. Such ministers almost invariably fail in any missionary effort they undertake. They cannot bring souls to Christ, because the latter part of their work is defective, just as their expression is defective at the close of sentences. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 28*

If words are worth speaking at all, they are worth speaking properly. Let the words be uttered in full, distinct tones. If voice culture were unimportant, it would not be so necessary for our youth to attend school. They could study at home. But of what use would their knowledge be, if they had not the ability to impart it understandingly to others? *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 29*

When I was only about eleven years old, I heard a minister read the account of Peter's imprisonment, as recorded in the book of Acts; and he read in so impressive a manner that the details of the story in all their reality seemed to be passing before my eyes. So deep was the impression made upon my mind that I have never forgotten it. When, a few years afterward, I was speaking in general meetings, I met this man again, and at the close of my discourse he asked, "How did you get that wonderful voice?" I told him that the Lord had given it to me. When I began my public labors, I had no voice, except when I stood before the congregations to speak. At other times I could not speak above a whisper. "And," I added, "I have often thought of what you said to the people when someone asked you how you became a minister. You told them that your friends said you could never be a minister, because you could not speak properly; but that you went away by yourself and talked to the trees in the woods; and then when driving the oxen, you would talk to them just as if you were in meeting. 'This,' you said, 'is the way I learned to speak in public.'" *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 30*

Elder Andrews, our first missionary to Europe, was a self-educated man. I do not think he was in school a day after he was eleven



years old. He almost always kept in his pocket a book treating on some language that he desired to understand, or on some historical or scientific subject; and as he went about his daily work, he would keep referring to this book. Whenever he had a little spare time, he would take out the book and improve his leisure moments by studying. At one time, when in feeble health, he went to Waukon, Iowa, to labor in the open air, hoping thereby to benefit his lungs and regain his health. He would go into the field with his oxen, and as he drove them, he would refer to his book and read a few words or sentences and then repeat these in full, loud tones in order to exercise his lungs as well as to impress the words and sentences upon his memory. Thus he improved his opportunities and became one of our most valued laborers. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 31*

I could speak of several others who obtained an education by their own efforts. By keeping a book before them as they toiled from day to day, and by diligently improving all their spare time, many have gained knowledge that fitted them to be useful laborers in the Master's service. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 32*

Every one of us, if we will, can be successful. Brethren and sisters, whatever your calling may be, whatever opportunities you may have had, you can be successful in your work. But before attempting to study the higher branches of literary knowledge, be sure that you thoroughly understand the simple rules of English grammar and that you have learned to read and write and spell correctly. Ascend the lower rounds of the ladder before reaching for the higher rounds. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 33*

Great improvement can be made in singing. Some think that the louder they sing, the more music they make; but noise is not music. Good singing is like the music of the birds—subdued and melodious. In some of our churches I have heard solos that were altogether unsuitable for the service of the Lord's house. The long-drawn-out notes, and the peculiar sounds common in operatic singing, are not pleasing to the angels. They delight to hear the simple songs of praise sung in a natural tone. The songs in which every word is uttered clearly, in a musical tone, are the songs that they join us in singing. They take up the refrain that is sung from the heart with the spirit and the understanding. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903,*

*par. 34*

Students, try to make the most of yourselves. Christ has paid an infinite price for you, and you cannot afford to disappoint Him by neglecting to avail yourselves of the opportunities for self-improvement presented to you. Cultivate a spirit that is calm, kind, gentle, tender. By doing this you can learn so much the more rapidly, because you are not troubled over something that somebody has said in regard to you. When we come into a position where we can help one another, we shall have the satisfaction of knowing that we have done our best. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 35*

### **The Healdsburg School**

It is important that in our school in Healdsburg all the instruction shall be as thorough as it is in any similar school. If the laws of the land require that youth preparing for a medical course shall study some branches which you do not now teach, you should provide instruction in these required branches. Which is worse—to send our youth to Battle Creek to gain this required knowledge, or to give it to them in our schools in the various Union Conference where they are living? If it is right for this instruction to be given, we are to provide facilities for giving it in every training school in our land. Thus we shall be able to avoid the necessity of sending our youth to Battle Creek, or, as has been done in the past, to some worldly institution—to Ann Arbor or some other school of the world. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 36*

### **A High Standard**

Again there has been brought to my mind the instruction given years ago in reference to the great amount of trash that was brought into our schools—things that really unfitted many of our youth for usefulness as Christian teachers and workers. All our schools must be Christian schools; the education given must be based on the Word of God. Both teachers and students are daily to consider how much Christ has sacrificed in order to save them; and they are to ponder the instruction that He gave to His disciples just before He left them. “All power,” He declared, “is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” [*Matthew 28:18-20.*] These things we shall be able to find in His Word. *18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 37*

We are not to search after oddities or after things that are not revealed. Some have asked me in regard to things that are in the heavenly courts. I have always sent them to the Bible to search out those things that God has commanded them to observe. Paul received revelation after revelation, but in no instance did he satisfy the curiosity of men by relating what he saw in the heavenly courts. He wrote that he “was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.” [*2 Corinthians 12:4.*] Many things cannot be described so that they will make a correct impression upon minds befogged by sin. A wrong use would be made of such knowledge. The things that God has commanded us to study are the things that we are to teach and to live. To those who fashion their daily conduct in accordance with these teachings, Christ gives the promise, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” [*Matthew 28:20.*]*18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 38*

Students, never rest satisfied with a low standard. In attending school be sure that you have in view a noble, holy object. Go because you desire to fit yourselves for service in some portion of the Master’s vineyard. Do all that you can to attain this object. You can do more for yourselves than any one else can do for you. And if you do all that you can for yourselves, what a burden you will lift from the principal and the teachers!*18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 39*

To every student I would say: Remember that you are under the rule of God. He has given you opportunity to train yourself for usefulness in His cause. He has given you good teachers, and a principal in whom you have confidence. Be careful not to load down these faithful workers with unimportant details that you should attend to yourself. Give special attention to the little things of everyday school life. All these have to do with the formation of character. You may form a character that will make you useful in this world, or you may form one that will make you of no benefit to your fellow men.*18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 40*

Let every student gain a rich experience in having his life hid with Christ in God. Let every one perfect a Christian character. Remember always that the holy angels are watching over you, and that when the day is completed, you have either lived to the glory of God or else you have been defective and have detracted from His glory. When tempted, resist the enemy. Realize constantly that you are receiving to impart; that you are consumers in order that you may become producers.*18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 41*

I have a decided interest in every school in our land; and I greatly desire that the work which should be done in all these schools shall not be centered in one place that is already congested. Every school is to have the best teachers that can be obtained so that the work done will be thorough. Both teachers and students are to rise as high as they can in and through Christ. The religion of Jesus Christ lies at the foundation of all true education.*18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 42*

By receiving to impart, we shall become laborers together with God. Then He will work in and through us according to His good pleasure. Students, if you realize that you are to be laborers together with Him, you will not stoop to frivolity; all your work will be done thoroughly and conscientiously. You are standing on a high platform: you are God's husbandry, God's building; and therefore you are to bring into your character building no rotten timbers or other imperfect material. All things are open to Him with whom we have to do. Let us so conduct ourselves that at last it may be said of us, "Ye are complete in Him." [*Colossians 2:10.*]*18LtMs, Ms 91, 1903, par. 43*

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The aged standard-bearers in the cause of God are far from being useless. The men who have held the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end are not to be accounted second or third in the work of God. They are not to be cast aside as having outlived their usefulness. God has an important part for them to act in His work. By learning of Christ they have obtained a rich experience. When they have made false steps, they did not refuse to be corrected. When they wandered from the path that Christ trod, they allowed Him to lead them once more into it. Thus they have learned to help others. *18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 1*

The apostle John is an example of the way in which God can use aged workers. Read his stirring words, written when he was an old man. Who could bear a firmer, more decided testimony? *18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 2*

He writes, “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the word of life; (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we

have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth; but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.” [1 *John* 1:1-10.]*18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 3*

“My little children, these things write I unto you that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for our’s only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth His word, in him verily is the love of God perfected; hereby know we that we know Him.” [1 *John* 2:1-5.]*18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 4*

In his old age John revealed the life of Christ in his life. He lived to be nearly one hundred years old, and over and over again he repeated the story of the crucified and risen Saviour. Persecution came upon the believers, and those young in experience were often in danger of losing their hold on Christ. But the old, tried servant of Jesus steadfastly maintained his faith. From his lips there came ever the same glad message: “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled of the word of life, ... that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.” [1 *John* 1:1, 3.]*18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 5*

Christ visited John on the Isle of Patmos and gave him a revelation of what should be in the last days of this earth’s history. John writes of this: “I, John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and

heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last; and, what thou seest write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches. ...*18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 6*

“And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks. And in the midst of the candlesticks one like unto the Son of man. ... And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter.” [*Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19.*]*18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 7*

We are living in perilous times, and we need the testimonies of the men who can bear a witness similar to that of John. The aged laborers, who have acted a prominent part in the work of God, and who for many years have borne the burden and heat of the day, are not to be set on one side, while young men of far less experience are placed at the front.*18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 8*

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I have a knowledge of the that work Elder Haskell did when the cause was young and advancement was slow. My husband and Elder Haskell carried the burdens of the cause when these burdens were heavy and when there was little money on hand for the building of our institutions. Not thinking of the hardship, Elder Haskell girded on the armor and, under most trying circumstances, went forth to gather means with which to advance the work.*18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 9*

Elder Butler joined our ranks at a very early date, took his place as a burden-bearer, standing in the forefront of the battle.*18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 10*

These men are to have special recognition. Elder Butler was separated from the work for years by the sickness of his wife. Since her death he has once more entered the ranks, and he has a testimony to bear that is highly essential. His labors are to be

appreciated and his testimony respected. He should be given the help that God has signified he should have. Strong, worthy men should unite with him in service. They will gain an invaluable experience as they labor in connection with him.*18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 11*

So it should be also with other worn laborers. Abundant help should be provided them. If care is not taken, they will labor beyond their strength.*18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 12*

The Lord has instructed me that these men should receive recognition and help. They should not be left to struggle along as Elder Haskell was left in New York City. He was allowed to press his way through against many difficulties. Sister Haskell does efficient service, and while she and Elder Haskell are laboring in a new field, wrestling with difficulties, their wages should not be cut down. They should receive additional help, instead of being deprived of means. Elder Haskell does pioneer work, and this class of work demands larger wages than the work done by those laboring where the truth is already established.*18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 13*

I have been instructed to present this matter as it is regarded by the Lord. Those who have charge of the financial business of the cause should understand the difference between work in such places as Greater New York and work in other places, which are not so difficult. They should realize what it means to do the work that Elder Haskell has done in New York City.*18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 14*

I have been instructed that, if those who have charge of the payment of such workers as Elder Haskell cannot appreciate the difficulties of his work and realize his need of help, they should be removed and their place supplied by men of wise judgment who can appreciate the situation.*18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 15*

Elder Haskell and his wife have done a work that has required forethought and skilful management. They have done a work that not every one could do. The time came in their efforts when twenty times the force then laboring in New York should have been set at work there. Had this been done, means for the support of the work would have been brought in. Many souls would now be standing on



vantage ground, laboring under the direction of experienced workers. The sum has been proved. With proper facilities, such cities as Greater New York can be worked.*18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 16*

I am instructed that I must no longer hold my peace in regard to this matter. I must not refrain from presenting it in truth and righteousness. These aged, experienced laborers, who give evidence that God is working with them, are to be sustained. They are to be given facilities that in the past have not been furnished them. The Lord calls for workers. Those who have a wide knowledge of the truth, and of the way in which the Lord's work should be conducted, are to be given every advantage. They should never be refused the help that they ask for.*18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 17*

I have done all in my power to advance the work of God. I have, in a pleasant home, facilities for carrying on my work. But I borrowed nearly all the money with which to purchase this home and am now paying interest on it. I bought this place under the direction of God, and when He directs me to leave it and go elsewhere, I shall be ready to go. I am willing to dispose of my home at any time, but I find it a most convenient location, and I shall abide here until the cloud moves, directing me elsewhere.*18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 18*

I am in debt, because I have borrowed money with which to advance the cause of God; but I hope that soon my books will bring me in sufficient money to settle these debts. I do not hesitate to hire money to invest in the work and cause of God when He points me to needy places where help is needed to place the truth before those who have never heard it. The warning message must be proclaimed in these neglected places. Those who are far from God must be told what they must do in order to gain eternal life.*18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 19*

Eternal life means more than we can estimate. It is Christ's gift to the world. Christ is the bread of life and the water of salvation, which we are to eat and drink. Thus we become partakers of the divine nature. Thus we receive grace that enables us to trade upon our talents and to bring a harvest of souls to the Master. "If any man

serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am there shall also My servant be. If any man serve Me, him will My Father honor.” [John 12:26.] Spiritual individualism, which leads man to make self a center, is common in our world today, but it has no endorsement in the Word of God. It is selfishness and can produce no good fruit. *18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 20*

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing.” [John 15:4, 5.] Let us walk with Jesus. His companionship is a priceless treasure. *18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 21*

“If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered.” There are among us many withered branches. Shall we not change this order of things? Unless a decided reformation takes place, the result portrayed in the following words will come: “And men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.” [Verse 6.] *18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 22*

“If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” [Verse 7.] Is there not enough at stake to lead us to make earnest, decided efforts to be what God wants us to be? We have full assurance of His help. Christ declares, “Herein is My Father glorified, if ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples.” [Verse 8.] *18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 23*

“As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you; continue ye in My love.” [Verse 9.] These words seem almost beyond our feeble conception, but they are true; for Christ speaks only the truth. Shall we not cast away our cruel unbelief, and show the world that we take God at His word. “If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love, even as I have kept My Father’s commandments, and abide in His love. These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.” [Verses 10, 11.] *18LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 24*

“This is My commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.” [Verse 12.] The love that Christ has shown for us is the measure of the love that we are to show for one another. *18LtMs,*

*Ms 92, 1903, par. 25*

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth; but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go, and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you.” [*Verses 13-16.*]18*LtMs, Ms 92, 1903, par. 26*

## Ms 93, 1903

### Concerning the Signing of Contracts

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The Lord would not have Dr. Kellogg discouraged, but He cannot sanction all his inventions. It is not heaven's law that sanitariums shall be brought under human restrictions. The Lord does not design that any sanitarium shall be bound by the rules of any other sanitarium that has been established. He designs that every institution shall obtain an experience in God that shall be of the highest value. This work of binding minds to human yokes cannot be done and God be glorified. It is not necessary for every sanitarium to have an experience after the order of the sanitarium at Battle Creek. Because this has been thought essential, many souls have been hurt. All who stand in responsible positions before God are to look to the highest source for their orders; they are to copy the practice of pity, tenderness, compassion, and purity of principle that characterized the life of Jesus Christ. Nothing else is genuine or safe. *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 1*

For workers to be bound about by pledging themselves to carry on the Lord's work according to certain restrictions framed by Dr. Kellogg is in no wise the will of God. There is no human being to whom man is to look for his orders to do this or that. No human being is to be conscience to any other human being. All ye are brethren. *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 2*

Scenes have been presented to me as taking place in America—scenes that the Lord could not justify, but that the doer of the works would justify. The doer would not humble himself to say, "I was wrong; will you forgive me? I now recognize that this principle of dealing with my fellow men is not such as should be acted upon." Men are not to occupy the place of God. Because a man occupies a position of superiority and power, and is sustained by his associates, is no reason for injustice to be sanctioned in him. This

work has been done too long. *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 3*

Dr. Kellogg's power of representation is great, but the representation is not always true. He who is chosen of God to act as His helping hand, if he acts with apparent unselfishness, will generally gain the confidence of the people. How essential, then, that his course of action shall always be such as to retain that confidence—that he be unselfish, sincere, not carrying out his own ideas, but manifesting the true spirit of Christ! But if he does not retain a humble and contrite spirit, a spirit of gratitude because Christ has pardoned his many transgressions, and because he has been placed in a position where equity, compassion, and the love of God must predominate, if he forgets that it is God that justifieth, how can he represent Christ? *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 4*

No human being can read the weakness and sinfulness of the human heart. Actions determine the character. If one's associates vindicate a wrong action, they are guilty with the one who has erred and will stand justly condemned as working on Satan's side. *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 5*

I see the greatest dangers before the people of God, and I must take my stand and let them know their peril. No man is to exert an overmastering or kingly power. This God forbids; for man is but man. None are perfect. We see the imperfection that has been, and men are now no less subject to temptation and trial than they have been in the past. No man is to judge another, for human judgment is not an infallible criterion. Let no one envy another or set too high an estimate upon his own capabilities; for He who created man is willing to bestow great wisdom and grace upon all. *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 6*

Every one entrusted with capabilities is made proportionately accountable for all the treasures of wisdom, and if he in any way abuses that power, God will deal with him. In purity and sacred holiness he is to use the talents God has given him, acting the part of a worker together with God in sacred awe lest he shall belittle the work which should always be on a sacred eminence. All his natural and hereditary traits of character are to be kept under strict control, for he is born again to live Christ's life. His own life is not to be

placed on the throne; self is not to have the supremacy. He is to battle with the powers of Satan, that not one thread of selfishness or covetousness shall be drawn into the web. The highest and noblest specimens of charity, love, kindness, meekness, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness are to be brought into the character building. Each worker is to give the one next to him an equal chance with himself to have advantages and encouragement, that the talents of all may be strengthened and developed. *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 7*

Whatever his position, man is to look not to man, but to Jesus Christ. All our capabilities are gifts of God, and God will give His skill, His understanding, and His knowledge to many. One man is not to underrate another in Christ's service, because he feels inclined to do this, neither is he to overrate another. Human nature is an uncertain commodity, and when it has its own way, there is a cropping out of the objectionable words and objectionable actions that do great harm. This God condemns, though man may vindicate himself. He who vindicates himself in an action that God condemns can never find a place in heaven. It therefore becomes every man to be afraid of himself, to hide self in Jesus Christ, and to work out Christ's character by purifying his own soul, repressing and subduing his own natural tendencies. *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 8*

God would have every man look unto Jesus who is the Author and the Finisher of our faith. As Christians, we must in words and actions exercise the noble traits of character that dwelt in Jesus Christ, as the very highest gift that can be conferred upon the soul of man. Will every one who names the name of Christ depart from all iniquity? The word used here does not always mean the grosser forms of sin; it means every action we would not be pleased to meet in heaven. From all such actions we are to depart; we are not to practice them in this life, either in the family or in the church. All who enter heaven where Jesus is will have in this life the characteristics that will make a heaven here below. Blessed and beneficent are the rays of light from the Sun of righteousness who is now pouring His enlightening, healing beams upon every one who will open the windows of the soul heavenward. *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 9*

There are many who, though they profess to be Christians, would

spoil heaven should they be translated with a spirit and character such as they now have. Their lives are full of earthliness; their tempers are unsanctified; they harbor prejudices that ought never to exist; they are wholly human. An atmosphere so unlike the character of Christ has surrounded the soul, so that they could not enjoy the change from earth to heaven. This earth is our school where we are to be proved and tried to see if we will become stewards of the grace of Christ. The power of the grace of Christ is to work in the children of disobedience until Christ Himself is formed within, the hope of glory. We must reveal that we are converted, born again, before we can see heaven. Shall we begin now to labor as humble learners of Jesus Christ? O how infinite is His love and grace! How utterly beyond price is His love expressed for fallen men! Christ, because He loves us, holds the standard high, and He will take our disposition and make it like His own. Pride, self-esteem, self-exaltation are blind and cannot see afar off. Thus it is with the natural man. *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 10*

Bear in mind that Battle Creek is a place where you can easily become spiritually careless and indifferent. Here, many things that would not be wise for you to copy will be seen and done by professed believers. I cannot express in suitable language to the churches the things which the Lord has presented before me. I need not try. You have the Word of the living God. Study this for yourselves most earnestly. The Lord has His instrumentalities here upon earth; hear ye them. But these are not able to impart one thing that they have not first received from the Lord. Through faith all may receive much, if they will open the windows of the soul heavenward to let the Sun of righteousness shine in and close the windows of the soul earthwards to the fogs and miasma of the earthly atmosphere. Who is it we are waiting for? Who are watching for the glory, not of men and their achievements, but the glory of God expressed through men? We are to accept the ways and works of God through whomsoever He shall send them. We are to follow humbly in the way of the Lord. *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 11*

The way to evidence to the world that we are Christ's followers is to manifest unselfish love for one another, not seeking the supremacy. "Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth. As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the

world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they might also be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which 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 know that Thou hast sent Me.” [John 17:17-21.] *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 12*

Read the *second chapter of First Corinthians* and see that none of us, men or women, are reproved for our unsanctified preferences. How much is expressed in *verses 1-10!* Wonderful words! and so large with possibilities and hope! Will we by faith grasp these statements that are for our benefit? “And I, brethren, when I came before you, I came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear, and in much trembling.” [Verses 1-3.] There was a sanctified humility in the labors of Paul. There was a continual fear lest at any time he should prove unfaithful and manifest imperfections that would not reveal the real power of the Word, and thus the truth be dishonored and the Holy Spirit grieved. Rightly to divide the words of truth requires the science of salvation in the righteousness of Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 13*

Paul’s fear and trembling is thus interpreted: “And my speech and my preaching were not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power; that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.” [Verses 4, 5.] Paul was not deficient in eloquence, and oft he repressed the inclination to impress the people with his eloquence. The illumination of the soul needed the life of the Spirit of God. “Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect; yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world that come to naught; but we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: which none of the princes of this world knew; for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed it unto us by His Spirit; for the Spirit



searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.” [Verses 6-10.] *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 14*

Let the truth of the gospel be in the heart and upon the lips of the teacher; let men practice the truth, and not a lie, and there will be an integrity that will bind heart to heart and soul to soul. Then written documents binding men to be true to principle will not be essential. We are in a most solemn period of this earth’s history. We are preparing for eternal life. The simplicity of the truth as it is in Jesus will break down Satan’s strongholds. Worldliness, pride, self-sufficiency, self-exaltation, and lukewarmness which now prevail in the world have come into our own churches. We have a most solemn work to do. I am to give the warning that our sanitariums cannot be made amenable to Battle Creek or bound to pledges that fetter them in any way. Not a bond, not a contract is to be signed by those engaged in the work of God. They are to be under the jurisdiction of Jesus Christ. “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My Yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” [Matthew 11:28-30.] *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 15*

Workers in our institutions are to be left perfectly free as laborers together with God. Should some of those now living close up their earthly accounts and others take their places, there are in these contracts expressions and terms that Satan, taking possession of minds and hearts, would use to bring about the most bitter consequences similar to those in the College View experience, only more oppressive. These documents are not of heavenly birth—they are a specimen of men’s wisdom. *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 16*

Let every church member and every individual in God’s service cut himself free from secret societies—these are all a snare. Those who cannot see the evils of secret confederacies are blind and can not see afar off; their discernment is clouded. The Lord has warnings for His people—Beware of worldly policies. Let none encourage any one to bind up with secret orders for the sake of financial gain. For their souls’ sake, let all make a surrender to God. Let every blood-bought soul be up and doing. If Dr. Kellogg will humble himself before God, there is hope for his future; if not, he

will go on in double self-confidence. Loyalty to Christ means loyalty to Him in every service in which we are engaged. We need now, just now, to make no provision for our own selfish plans and indulgences. All churches are now on trial in their individual and collective capacity. Let the guiding light from the beacons of the past, given in testimonies of reproof, warning, and encouragement, become the mandatory word of the present. If nothing further were to come in warnings and in testimonies, the light already given and published would, if heeded, be sufficient that not one soul need be lost. *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 17*

Let every one be impressed with the thought: God's eye is upon me; it is like a flame of fire. He readeth the secret of the soul. All things are naked and open unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. That eye is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. No deed of darkness can be screened from His view, no sin meditated by human minds can be unknown to Him. If the Lord should mark iniquities, who could stand? We have now a Mediator, one who will plead in our behalf. Let us now humble our hearts before God and repent, that we may know that all our sins are laid upon the Sin-bearer. The message to the Laodicean church is applicable to those who have light and privileges, who have their Bibles, who have the ministry of the Word, who have the testimonies with their appeals and instruction. *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 18*

There is danger that Dr. Kellogg will become so commingled with the world as to be leavened by its spirit of ambitious devisings so that warnings given him in regard to Nebuchadnezzar will not be heeded, but he will go forward in his own spirit to do after his own mind and his own will. There is danger that he will disregard all the warnings that have been sent to him from the Lord and multiply in Battle Creek. The Lord has said that plants should be made in many places, that the work must not be disproportionately large in Battle Creek. Too much, altogether too much, is centered in Battle Creek, and this is not in the order of the Lord; it is all because men do not desire to walk in the Lord's ways, but follow their own ideas and ambitious plans. The Lord would have memorials in many places where as yet there is nothing to represent Him. *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 19*

This morning, I am unable to sleep. I am deeply moved as things are constantly presented to me. So many are seeking for the highest position. The best place for each one of us is the place where we are best fitted to do service to God. If we occupy positions of responsibility it will be because we have learned to wrestle with difficulties. We have only a little time to form a character perfectly free from every vestige of selfishness. Christ lived not to please Himself. He was in a world of His own creating, yet He had not where to lay His head. "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him freely give us all things?" [*Romans 8:32.*] *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 20*

What words shall I use that will arouse individual members of the church to become one with Christ? Prepare, prepare, every church member and every youth, prepare to meet thy God! The great Head of the church, the living Presence of a living Being announced Himself to John as the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last. Under the proclamation of the third angel, great power is to come to the church. This is represented in the description given by John in *Revelation 18*. "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lighted with his glory." [*Verse 1.*] This is the last call to Babylon, the fallen churches; it is the loud cry to be given at the closing up of the last message of mercy to a fallen world. Who can bear these wondrous themes of contemplation! O that God would so impress His people that they may behold His glory, and exclaim, I have seen the King, the Lord of hosts! *18LtMs, Ms 93, 1903, par. 21*

## Ms 94, 1903

Lessons From the Past

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As Noah's descendants increased in number, apostasy soon led to division. Those who desired to forget their Creator, and to cast off the restraint of His law, decided to separate from the worshipers of God. Accordingly they journeyed to the plain of Shinar, on the banks of the river Euphrates. Here they decided to build a city, and in it a tower reaching unto heaven—so high that no flood could rise to the top, so massive that nothing could sweep it away. Thus they hoped to make themselves independent of God.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 1*

But among the men of Babel there were living some God-fearing men who had been deceived by the pretensions of the ungodly and drawn into their schemes. These men would not join this confederacy to thwart the purposes of God. They refused to be deceived by the wonderful representations and the grand outlook. For the sake of these faithful ones, the Lord delayed His judgments and gave the people time to reveal their true character. They heeded not the counsel of the Lord, but carried out their own purposes. The great majority were fully united in their heaven-daring undertaking. Had they been permitted to go on unchecked, they would have demoralized the world by their wonderful plans.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 2*

This confederacy was born of rebellion against God. The dwellers on the plain of Shinar established their kingdom for self-exaltation and not for the glory of God. Had they succeeded, a mighty power would have borne sway, banishing righteousness and inaugurating a new religion. The mixture of certain religious ideas with a mass of erroneous theories would have resulted in closing the door to peace, happiness, and security. These suppositions, erroneous theories, carried out and perfected, would have banished a

knowledge of the law of Jehovah from the minds of men who would not think it necessary to obey the divine statutes. These statutes, which are holy, just, and good, would have been ignored. Determined men, inspired by the first great rebel, would have been urged on by him and would have permitted nothing to interfere with their plans or to stop them in their evil course. In the place of the divine precepts they would have substituted laws framed in accordance with the desires of their selfish hearts in order that they might carry out their purposes. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 3*

But God never leaves the world without witnesses for Him. Those who loved and feared Him at the time of the first great apostasy after the flood humbled themselves and cried unto Him. "O God," they pleaded, "interpose Thyself between Thy cause and the plans and methods of men." "And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower (the great idol-building), which the children of men builded." [*Genesis 11:5.*] He defeated the purpose of the tower builders and overthrew the memorial of their rebellion. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 4*

God bears long with the perversity of men, giving them ample opportunity for repentance; but He marks all their devices to resist the authority of His just and holy law. As an evidence of His displeasure over the building of this tower, He confounded the language of the builders, so that none could understand the words of his fellow worker. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 5*

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The Lord has not ordered some of the arrangements that have been made in Battle Creek. He has declared that other places have been robbed of the light and advantages that have been centered and multiplied in Battle Creek. Through a circular letter sent out to the leading men and the church elders of our conferences, a call has been made for the names of young men and young women of capability, in order that they may be corresponded with and invited to come to Battle Creek to receive a training for missionary work. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 6*

Through the light given in the testimonies, the Lord has indicated that He does not desire students to be educated in Battle Creek. He

instructed us to remove the College from this place. This was done, but the institutions that remained failed of doing what they should have done in sharing with other places the advantages still centered in Battle Creek. The Lord signified His displeasure over this matter by destroying two of the principal institutions remaining there. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 7*

Notwithstanding the plain evidences of the Lord's providence in these destructive fires, men in council meetings have not hesitated to stand before their brethren and make light of the statement that these buildings were burned because men had been swaying things in directions the Lord could not approve. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 8*

Principles have been perverted. Men have been departing from right principles for the promulgation of which these institutions were established. They have failed of doing the very work that God ordained should be done to prepare a people to "build up the old waste places" and to stand in the breach, as is represented in the *fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah*. [Verse 12.] In this Scripture the work we are to do is clearly defined as being medical missionary work. This work is to be done in all places. God has a vineyard; and He desires that this vineyard shall be worked unselfishly. No parts are to be neglected. The most neglected portion needs the most wide-awake missionaries to do the work portrayed in the *fifty-seventh chapter of Isaiah*: *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 9*

"Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; yet saidst thou not, There is no hope; thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved. And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered Me, nor laid it to thy heart? Have not I held My peace even of old, and thou fearest Me not? I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 10*

"When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take them: but be that putteth his trust in Me shall possess the land, and shall inherit My holy mountain: and shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of My people. For thus

said the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. For I will not contend forever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before Me, and the souls which I have made. For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid Me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart. I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners. I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord; and I will heal him. But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.” [*Verses 10-20.*] *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 11*

For their spirit should fail before Me, saith the Lord, if I were to deal with My people in accordance with their perversity. They could not endure My displeasure and My wrath. I have seen the perverse ways of every sinner. He who repents and does the works of righteousness I will convert and heal and restore unto him My favor. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 12*

I am instructed to say that in His judgments the Lord will remember mercy. For His own name’s sake He will not permit the froward and independent to carry out their unsanctified plans. He will visit them for their perversity of action. “There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.” [*Verse 21.*] *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 13*

Concerning those who have been deceived and led astray by unconsecrated men, the Lord says: “Their course of action has not been in accordance with My will; yet for the righteousness of My own cause, for the truth’s sake, for the sake of those who have preserved their fear and love of God, I, who create the fruit of the lips will put My message in the lips of those who will not be perverted. Although some may be deceived and blinded in their ideas of men and the purposes of men, I will heal every one who honor My name. All the penitent of Israel shall see of My salvation. I the Lord do rule, and I will fill with praise and thanksgiving the hearts of all who are nigh and far off, even all the penitent of Israel who have kept My way.” *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 14*

When iniquity abounds among the nations; when presentations are as marked as they have been during the past few years in America; when the Lord's money is freely circulated by those who do not take the Word of God as their guide; when multitudes are honored, and great festivities are held; when all are interested in making everything possible of men, and are seeking their own pleasure, (and we see all these things taking place now); then we may know that the condition of things is similar to the condition that existed in the days of Noah, when the Lord caused the inhabitants of the earth to drink the waters of the flood. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 15*

### **Lot's Experience**

The state of the world now is similar to that which existed in the days of Lot, when Sodom's corruption called for the angels' visit to that wicked city, to see whether the cries coming up before heaven were of such a character that the inhabitants of beautiful Sodom—a city that had been so highly favored of God—had so corrupted their ways before the Lord that there was no hope of their redemption. God's wrath was revealed so signally because the corruption of the Sodomites had extended so deeply. The heavenly visitants could see for themselves that the Sodomites had passed the limits of divine forbearance. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 16*

The angels took Lot and his wife and daughters by the hand, to hasten their flight from the city, lest the storm of divine judgment should break upon the place they hesitated so much to leave. They were solemnly commanded to hasten; for the fiery storm would be delayed but little longer. But one of the fugitives presumptuously ventured to cast a regretful look backward to the doomed city, and she became a monument of God's judgment—showing how He regards unbelief and presumptuous rebellion. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 17*

This visitation of God's wrath upon Lot's wife hurried the remaining three on their way from the city. But Lot, not desiring to flee to the mountains, had pleaded with the Lord to spare a smaller city a few miles from Sodom where he could flee. What unbelief he manifested! His faith was very weak. But God in His mercy spared Zoar, in answer to Lot's petitions. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 18*



The result of their going into Zoar is plainly recorded in the Scriptures. All the cities surrounding Sodom were corrupted with the sins of the Sodomites. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 19*

When iniquity abounds in a nation, there is always to be heard some voice giving warning and instruction, as the voice of Lot was heard in Sodom. Yet Lot could have preserved his family from many evils, had he not made his home in this wicked, polluted city. All that Lot and his family did in Sodom could have been done by them, even if they had lived in a place some distance away from the city. Enoch walked with God, and yet he did not live in the midst of any city, polluted with every kind of violence and wickedness, as did Lot in Sodom. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 20*

I have not time now to present all that I hope the Lord will strengthen me to present to His people, in regard to this matter. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 21*

### **Seductive Influences**

At this time, Jude's testimony is of great force to all who desire to be under the influence of the Holy Spirit: *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 22*

"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 to 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. *18LMS, Ms 94, 1903, par. 23*

“Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignitaries. 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. *18LMS, Ms 94, 1903, par. 24*

“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; raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever. *18LMS, Ms 94, 1903, par. 25*

“And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him. 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. *18LMS, Ms 94, 1903, par. 26*

“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. Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen." [*Jude 1-25.*] *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 27*

Jude bears this message to guard believers against the seductive influences of false teachers, men who have a form of godliness but who are not safe leaders. In these last days, false teachers will arise and become actively zealous. All kinds of theories will be presented to divert the minds of men and women from the very truth that defines the position we can occupy with safety in this time when Satan is working with power upon religionists, leading them to make a pretense of being righteous, but to fail of placing themselves under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 28*

False theories will be mingled with every phase of experience and advocated with satanic earnestness in order to captivate the mind of every soul who is not rooted and grounded in a full knowledge of the sacred principles of the Word. In the very midst of us will arise false teachers, giving heed to seducing spirits whose doctrines are of satanic origin. These teachers will draw away disciples after themselves. Creeping in unawares, they will use flattering words and make skilful misrepresentations with seductive tact. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 29*

#### **A Message to Church Members**

The only hope of our churches is to keep wide-awake. Those who are well grounded in the truths of the Word, those who test everything by a "Thus saith the Lord" are safe. The Holy Spirit will guide those who prize the wisdom of God above the deceptive sophistries of satanic agencies. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 30*

Let there be much praying, not in human lines, but under the inspiration and love of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. The families who believe the truth are to speak words of wisdom and intelligence

—words that will come to them as the result of searching the Scriptures. Now is our time of test and trial. Now is the time when the members of every believing family must close their lips against speaking words of accusation concerning their brethren. Let them speak words that impart courage and strengthen the faith which works by love and purifies the soul. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 31*

Christian fathers and mothers are now called upon to fulfil their duties in the home. They must try to save their children unto eternal life. Let them not advise their children to connect with the Sanitarium at Battle Creek or with the schools that shall be set in operation at Battle Creek. There is tenfold more danger now in our youth's going there, than there has been in any period in the past. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 32*

“There were false prophets also among the people,” says the apostle Peter concerning the church anciently, “even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; and spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; and delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) the Lord knoweth now to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.” [2 Peter 2:1-9.] *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 33*

The Lord is guarding His people against a repetition of the errors and mistakes of the past. There have always abounded false

teachers who, advocating erroneous doctrines and unholy practices, and working upon false principles in a most specious, covered, deceptive manner, have endeavored to deceive, if possible, the very elect. They bind themselves up in their own fallacies. If they do not succeed, because their way becomes hedged by warnings from God, they will change somewhat the features of their work, and the representations they have made, and bring out their plans again under a false showing. They refuse to confess, repent, and believe. Confessions may be made, but no real reformation takes place, and erroneous theories bring ruin upon unsuspecting souls, because these souls believe and rely upon the men advocating these theories. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 34*

### **Words of Caution**

I am instructed to charge parents to take heed, to keep their children guarded and away from Battle Creek. And let all take heed how they learn. Many things are reported in regard to Sister White. Some say one thing and some say another. There are those who say that Sister White does not object to our having a college in Battle Creek. Until Sister White herself makes this statement, do not believe it. To those who know the messages from the Lord, I would say, "Hold fast; for soon all will be fulfilled. Hold fast to the Bible." "Search the Scriptures," Christ said, "for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of Me." [*John 5:39.*] *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 35*

Many will become so pleased with erroneous sentiments that they will engage in the promulgation of these sentiments and of specious, deceptive theories. And more than this, they will liberally pay any one who will assist in promulgating these sentiments. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 36*

Let our churches beware of any effort made to draw our youth from their home churches to unite with an institution in order to wait upon worldlings. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 37*

I call upon those in charge of our churches to beware. You are shepherds, set to watch over the sheep and lambs of Christ's flock.

Our youth better far receive their education in a limited sphere than to go to Battle Creek. But because our youth should not go to Battle Creek, they are not to be bound about, so that they cannot develop. They should daily be given the highest motives to advance. They should attend our schools, and the teachers should work with them and pray with them. They should leave these schools true medical missionaries, firmly bound up with the gospel ministry. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 38*

Our churches who have a deep interest in the children and youth, and in the work of training workers to carry forward the work essential for this time, need not blunder; for God will open ways before all who are perfecting Christian characters. He will have places ready for them in which to begin to do true missionary work. It was to prepare workers for this work that our schools and sanitariums were established. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 39*

Let us make no mistakes. The Word declares, "Many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ." "There shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." [*Matthew 24:5, 24.*] Shall we receive these into our confidence? No, No! We are to receive only those who give the surest evidence that they are doing the work appointed them by God. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 40*

### **The Work Before Us**

I say to our people, Let not those on whom we must depend to do gospel missionary work, in places where the truth should be represented, be drawn away by any pretense from their work. The cause of God needs the very best workers. God's workers are ever to cherish a clear idea of what is constituted by pure and undefiled religion. In the cities where the truth is to be established there will be needed workers of Bible faith and practice. The work of God is to be carried forward in the South, and the youth whose talents make them most desired in Battle Creek are to be ready to step into the places prepared for them in institutions where they can obtain a training for work without being thrown into the companionship of worldly people, who know not God, and whose wrong sentiments

will leaven the minds of those with whom they are brought in contact. We cannot afford to allow the minds of our youth to be thus leavened; for it is on these youth that we must depend to carry forward the work in the future. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 41*

The work at Washington will demand the best and most earnest missionaries. This place, the headquarters of the nation, is a most important field, and there must be those there who are able to state wisely the reasons of their faith. There will be needed young men and young women of capability who can take up the work as pioneers and carry it forward in the strength of the Lord. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 42*

God's people are to keep their lamps trimmed and burning amidst the moral darkness and the unbelief of the world. Canvasser-evangelists are needed to circulate the publications containing the messages of warning for this time. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 43*

I call upon the presidents of our conferences to exert their God-given influence to open the fields that have never yet been worked. These fields stand as a reproach to our people. Organize your work intelligently, and then proceed to action. Let your simplicity of speech and your simplicity and neatness of dress speak of your work as missionaries. Educational advantages will be provided, and the Lord will go before those who will take up the work in the spirit of self-sacrifice. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 44*

Study the life and teachings of Christ. Men may bid for your services, offering large inducements. Remember that Christ paid for you the price of His own life, and that you are not your own. You are to glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are His. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 45*

Humility and benevolence are traits of character that God acknowledges. The Word of God inculcates humility and encourages benevolence. Humility places man on vantage ground, through the grace of Christ. Christ came to this world to reveal these precious graces as an illustration of the graces that those must reveal who are received as members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 46*

To all Christ says, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest (in the daily experience) unto your souls." [*Matthew 11:28, 29.*] Rest will come to all who follow the example given them in the life of Christ. The one whose life practice shows that he has savingly embraced the gospel of Christ will gain access to many souls. This is true of both men and women, and especially of the youth. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 47*

"Of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober." [*1 Thessalonians 5:1-6.*] *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 48*

Professing Christians who are being transformed into the likeness of Christ, and who love Him with all the heart, will earnestly labor to establish the truth in many places. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 49*

This is the very work that the great Medical Missionary has given us to do. Steadfast faith and perseverance in practical godliness will open the way before every true Christian. And when souls are converted through the instrumentality of such workers, they will give all the glory to God and will rejoice with exceeding great joy. *18LtMs, Ms 94, 1903, par. 50*



## Ms 94a, 1903

Lessons From the Past—1

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### Centralization

As Noah's descendants increased in number, apostasy soon manifested itself. Those who desired to forget their Creator, and to cast off the restraint of His law, decided to separate from the worshipers of Jehovah. Accordingly they journeyed to the plain of Shinar, on the banks of the river Euphrates. Here they decided to build a city, and in it a tower which should be the wonder of the world. This tower was to be so high that no flood could rise to the top, so massive that nothing could sweep it away. Thus they hoped to secure their own safety and make themselves independent of God. *18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 1*

God had directed men to disperse throughout the earth, to replenish and subdue it; but these tower builders determined to keep their community united in one body and to found a monarchy which should eventually embrace the whole earth. *18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 2*

Among the men of Babel there were living some who feared God, although they had been deceived by the pretensions of the ungodly and drawn into their schemes. These men would not join this confederacy to thwart the purposes of God. They refused to be deceived by the wonderful representations and the grand outlook. For the sake of these loyal ones, the Lord delayed His judgments and gave the ungodly time to reveal their true character. But the great majority were fully united in their heaven-daring undertaking. They heeded not the counsel of the Lord, but strove to carry out their own purposes. *18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 3*

This confederacy was born of rebellion against God. The dwellers

on the plain of Shinar established their kingdom for self-exaltation, not for the glory of God. Had they succeeded, a mighty power would have borne sway, banishing righteousness, and inaugurating a new religion. The world would have been demoralized. The mixture of religious ideas with erroneous theories would have resulted in closing the door to peace, happiness, and security. These suppositions, erroneous theories, carried out and perfected, would have directed minds from allegiance to the divine statutes, and the law of Jehovah would have been ignored and forgotten. Determined men, inspired and urged on by the first great rebel, would have resisted any interference with their plans or their evil course. In the place of the divine precepts they would have substituted laws framed in accordance with the desires of their selfish hearts, in order that they might carry out their purposes. *18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 4*

But God never leaves the world without witnesses for Him. At the time of the first great apostasy after the flood, there were men who humbled themselves before God, and cried unto Him. "O God," they pleaded, "interpose between Thy cause and the plans and methods of men." "And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower (the great idol building), which the children of men builded." [*Genesis 11:5.*] Angels were sent to bring to naught the purpose of the builders. *18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 5*

The tower had reached a lofty height, and it was impossible for the workmen at the top to communicate directly with those at the base; therefore men were stationed at different points, each to receive and report to the one next below him the orders for needed material, or other directions regarding the work. As messages were thus passing from one to another, the language was confounded, so that material was called for which was not needed, and the directions received were often the reverse of those that had been given. Confusion and dismay followed. All work came to a standstill. There could be no further harmony or co-operation. The builders were wholly unable to account for the strange misunderstandings among them, and in their rage and disappointment they reproached one another. Their confusion ended in strife and bloodshed. Lightnings from heaven broke off the upper portion of the tower and cast it to the ground. Men were made to feel that there is a God

who ruleth in the heavens, and that He is able to confuse and to multiply confusion in order to teach men that they are only men. *18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 6*

God bears long with the perversity of men, giving them ample opportunity for repentance; but He marks all their devices to resist the authority of His just and holy law. *18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 7*

Up to this time men had spoken the same language; now those that could understand one another's speech united in companies; some went one way, and some another. "The Lord scattered them abroad from thence, upon the face of all the earth." [*Verse 8.*] In our day the Lord desires that His people shall be dispersed throughout the earth. They are not to colonize. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." [*Mark 16:15.*] When the disciples followed their inclination to remain in large numbers in Jerusalem, persecution was permitted to come upon them, and they were scattered to all parts of the inhabited world. *18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 8*

For years messages of warning and entreaty have been coming to our people, urging them to go forth into the Master's great harvest fields and labor unselfishly for souls. *18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 9*

From testimonies written in 1895 and 1899 I copy the following paragraphs: *18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 10*

"True missionary workers will not colonize. God's people are to be pilgrims and strangers on the earth. The investments of large sums of money in the building up of the work in one place is not in the order of God. Plants are to be made in many places. Schools and sanitariums are to be established in places where there is now nothing to represent the truth. These interests are not to be established for the purpose of making money, but for the purpose of spreading the truth. Land should be secured at a distance from the cities, where schools can be built up in which the youth can be given an education in agricultural and mechanical lines. *18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 11*

"The principles of present truth are to become more widespread. There are those who are reasoning from a wrong point of view.

Because it is more convenient to have the work centered in one place, they are in favor of crowding everything together in one locality. Great evil is the result. Places that should be helped are left destitute.*18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 12*

“What can I say to our people that will lead them to follow the course that will be for their present and future good? Will not those in Battle Creek heed the light given them by God? Will they not deny self, lift the cross, and follow Jesus? Will they not obey the call of their Leader to leave Battle Creek, and build up interests in other places? Will they not go to the dark places of the earth to tell the story of the love of Christ, trusting in God to give them success?*18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 13*

“It is not God’s plan for our people to crowd into Battle Creek. God says: ‘Go work today in My vineyard. Get away from the places where you are not needed. Plant the standard of truth in towns and cities that have not heard the message. Prepare the way for My coming. Those in the highways and hedges are to hear the call.’*18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 14*

“God will make the wilderness a sacred place as His people, filled with the missionary spirit, go forth to make centers for His work, to establish sanitariums, where the sick and afflicted can be cared for, and schools, where the youth can be educated in right lines.*18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 15*

“It has been urged that there were great advantages in having so many institutions in close connection; that they would be a strength to one another, and could afford help to those seeking education and employment. This is according to human reasoning; it will be admitted that, from a human point of view, many advantages are gained by crowding so many responsibilities in Battle Creek; but the vision needs to be extended.”*18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 16*

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Notwithstanding frequent counsels to the contrary, men continued to plan for centralization of power, for the binding of many interests under one control. This work was first started in the Review and Herald office. Things were swayed first in one way and then in

another. It was the enemy of our work who prompted the call for the consolidation of the publishing work under one controlling power in Battle Creek. *18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 17*

Then the idea gained favor that the medical missionary work would be greatly advanced if all our medical institutions and other medical missionary interests were bound up under the control of the medical missionary association at Battle Creek. *18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 18*

I was told that I must lift my voice in warning against this. We were not to be under the control of men who could not control themselves and who were not willing to be amenable to God. We were not to be guided by men who want their word to be the controlling power. The development of the desire to control has been very marked, and God sent warning after warning, forbidding confederacies and consolidation. He warned us against binding ourselves to fulfill certain agreements that would be presented by men laboring to control the movements of their brethren. *18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 19*

### **An Educational Center**

The Lord is not pleased with some of the arrangements that have been made in Battle Creek. He has declared that other places are being robbed of the light and advantages that have been centered and multiplied in Battle Creek. It is not pleasing to God that our youth from all parts of the country should be called to Battle Creek, to work in the Sanitarium, and to receive their education. When we permit this, we are often guilty of robbing needy fields of their most precious treasure. *18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 20*

Through the light given in the testimonies, the Lord has indicated that he does not desire students to leave their home schools and sanitariums to be educated in Battle Creek. He instructed us to remove the College from this place. This was done, but the institutions that remained failed of doing what they should have done to share with other places the advantages still centered in Battle Creek. The Lord signified His displeasure by permitting the principal buildings of these institutions to be destroyed by

fire. *18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 21*

Notwithstanding the plain evidences of the Lord's providence in these destructive fires, men have not hesitated to stand before their brethren and council meetings and make light of the statement that these buildings were burned because men had been swaying things in directions which the Lord could not approve. *18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 22*

Principles have been perverted. Men have been departing from right principles for the promulgation of which these institutions were established. They have failed of doing the very work that God ordained should be done to prepare a people to "build up the old waste places," and to stand in the breach, as represented in the *fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah*. In this Scripture the work we are to do is clearly defined as being medical missionary work. This work is to be done in all places. God has a vineyard; and He desires that this vineyard shall be worked unselfishly. No parts are to be neglected. The most neglected portion needs the most wide-awake missionaries to do the work portrayed in the following Scripture: *18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 23*

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, ... and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? ... [If thou draw out thy soul] to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: and the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters fail not. And they that shall be of thee shall build up the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in." [*Verses 6, 10-12.*] *18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 24*

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For His own name's sake, God will not permit the froward and the independent to carry out their unsanctified plans. He will visit them for their perversity of action. "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." [*Isaiah 57:21.*] But I am instructed to say that in His

judgments the Lord will remember mercy. He declares:*18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 25*

“I will not contend forever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before Me, and the souls which I have made. For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid Me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart. I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners. I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord; and I will heal him.” [*Verses 16-19.*] “The spirit of My people should fail before Me, saith the Lord, if I were to deal with them in accordance with their perversity. They could not endure My displeasure and My wrath. I have seen the perverse ways of every sinner. He who repents and does the works of righteousness, I will convert and heal, and restore him unto My favor.”*18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 26*

Concerning those who have been deceived and led astray by unconsecrated men, the Lord says, “Their course of action has not been in accordance with My will; yet for the righteousness of My own cause, for the truth’s sake, for the sake of those who have preserved their fear and love of God, I, who create the fruit of the lips, will put My message into the lips of those who will not be perverted. Although some may be deceived and blinded in their ideas of men and the purposes of men, I will heal every one who honors My name. All the penitent of Israel shall see of My salvation. I, the Lord, do rule, and I will fill with praise and thanksgiving the hearts of all who are nigh and far off, even all the penitent of Israel who have kept My ways.”*18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 27*

“Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.” [*Verse 15.*]*18LtMs, Ms 94a, 1903, par. 28*

## Ms 95, 1903

### The Contending Forces of Good and Evil

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“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 to 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. ... 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.” [*Jude 1-7, 9*]*18LtMs, Ms 95, 1903, par. 1*

“In the third year of Cyrus, king of Persia, a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long; and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision. In those days I Daniel was



mourning three full weeks. I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel; then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: His body also was like the beryl, and His face as the appearance of lightning, and His eyes as lamps of fire, and His arms and His feet like in color to polished brass, and the voice of His words like the voice of a multitude. And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength. Yet heard I the voice of His words: and when I heard the voice of His words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground. *18LtMs, Ms 95, 1903, par. 2*

“And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before the Lord, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me: and I remained there with the kings of Persia.” [*Daniel 10:1-13.*]*18LtMs, Ms 95, 1903, par. 3*

In these Scriptures scenes in the heavenly courts are brought to our view. Angels of the highest rank in the kingdom of God are represented as taking an interest in the affairs of men. Both the good and the evil angels take an active part in matters connected with earthly kingdoms. *18LtMs, Ms 95, 1903, par. 4*

Daniel afflicted his soul before God. His earnest prayer moved a mighty angel from heaven to come to his relief. But satanic forces

were working upon the mind of the king of Persia, to prevent him if possible from doing the work that would answer Daniel's prayer. Michael Himself—the Archangel—came to the assistance of Gabriel. *18LtMs, Ms 95, 1903, par. 5*

A similar scene of controversy is portrayed in the *third chapter of Zechariah*: “And he showed me Joshua the high priest, standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? *18LtMs, Ms 95, 1903, par. 6*

“Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the Angel. And He answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by. And the angel of the Lord protested unto Joshua, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If thou wilt walk in My ways, and if thou wilt keep My charge, then thou shalt also judge My house, and shalt also keep My courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by. Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for behold, I will bring forth My servant the BRANCH. For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbor under the vine and under the fig tree.” [*Verses 1-10.*] *18LtMs, Ms 95, 1903, par. 7*

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God; that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to

stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.” [*Ephesians 6:10-18.*] *18LtMs, Ms 95, 1903, par. 8*

In the Word of God are represented two contending parties that influence and control human agencies in our world. Constantly these parties are working with every human being. Those who are under God’s control and who are influenced by the heavenly angels will be able to discern the crafty workings of the unseen powers of darkness. Those who desire to be in harmony with the heavenly agencies should be intensely in earnest to do God’s will. They must give no place whatever to Satan and his angels. *18LtMs, Ms 95, 1903, par. 9*

But unless we are constantly on guard, we shall be overcome by the enemy. Although a solemn revelation of God’s will concerning us has been revealed to all, yet a knowledge of His will does not set aside the necessity of offering earnest supplications to Him for help, and of diligently seeking to co-operate with Him in answering the prayers offered. He accomplishes His purposes through human instrumentalities. *18LtMs, Ms 95, 1903, par. 10*

### **Mercy Tempered With Judgment**

“Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as uncleanness. ... Wherefore I poured My fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it.” [*Ezekiel 36:16-18.*] *18LtMs, Ms 95, 1903, par. 11*

What was the result of their wicked course?—“And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries;

according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned My holy name, when they said to them, These are the people of the Lord, and are gone forth out of His land.*18LtMs, Ms 95, 1903, par. 12*

“But I had pity for Mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went. Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for Mine holy name’s sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. And I will sanctify My great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.*18LtMs, Ms 95, 1903, par. 13*

“Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be My people, and I will be your God. I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and I will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen. Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord God, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel. Thus saith the Lord God; in the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and

desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited. Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the Lord build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the Lord have spoken it, and I will do it. Thus saith the Lord God; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the Lord.”  
[Verses 19-38.]*18LtMs, Ms 95, 1903, par. 14*

Some whom God has called out of the world have lent themselves to the service of Satan and have done the same unprincipled works that the men of the world are doing. To bring them to repentance, the Lord chastises them, humbling them in the eyes of the world. But He is merciful. Though His unfaithful people deserve only disgrace and punishment, because they have sinned in the face of great light and opportunities, He continues to bear with them. If they consent to part with their sins, He will cleanse them. Heartfelt repentance and the doing of righteous works bring a return of God’s favor. Having forsaken their evils works, the members of the church will reveal their love for God by manifesting love toward one another. No longer will God permit their enemies to triumph over them.*18LtMs, Ms 95, 1903, par. 15*

All true reformation begins with soul-cleansing. It is by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the mind through the power of the Holy Spirit that a change is wrought in the life. God’s power alone can change a heart of stone to a heart of flesh and cause the mind to render willing obedience to the commandments of heaven.*18LtMs, Ms 95, 1903, par. 16*

In His great mercy, God has spoken words of encouragement to the children of men. To all who repent and turn to Him, He offers abundant pardon. But how often have His messages of warning and mercy been misunderstood, misinterpreted! Some who receive these messages, instead of humbling their hearts before God, and loathing themselves for pursuing a course that has hindered His work, have used every word of encouragement to justify themselves in their works of unrighteousness. By their treatment of the Lord’s workers, they have put their Master to open shame.*18LtMs, Ms 95,*

*1903, par. 17*

If the church members would put away all self-worship, and would receive in their hearts the love for God and for one another that filled Christ's heart, our heavenly Father would constantly manifest His power to the churches in every place. Let His people be drawn together by the cords of divine love. Then the world will recognize the miracle-working power of God and will acknowledge that He is the Strength and the Helper of His commandment-keeping people.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 95, 1903, par. 18*

**Ms 96, 1903**

Diary/A Message to our Brethren and Sisters

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**Ms 97, 1903**

Diary/Solomon's Reign

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## Ms 99, 1903

Diary/Christian Education in Our Schools

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The study of the Bible in our schools will give the students special advantages. From its study they will receive moral power. Those who receive in their hearts the holy principles of Bible truth will work with increasing energy. No circumstances can alter their determination to attain to the highest standard possible. And that which they have received they will impart to others. As they themselves drink from the fountain of living waters, from them will flow living streams that will bless and refresh others. *18LtMs, Ms 99, 1903, par. 1*

The diligent Bible student will constantly increase in knowledge and discernment. His intellect will grasp elevated subjects and lay hold of the truth of eternal realities. His motives of action will be right. He will use his talent of influence to help others with whom he is associated more perfectly to understand their God-given responsibilities. His heart will be a wellspring of joy as he sees success attend his efforts to impart to others the blessings he has received. *18LtMs, Ms 99, 1903, par. 2*

The talent of knowledge, sanctified and put to use in the Master's service, is never lost. A self-sacrificing effort to do good will be crowned with success. "We are laborers together with God." [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] God will co-operate with the human worker. To Him is to be given the praise and the glory for what we are able to accomplish. "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." [*Philippians 2:12, 13.*] *18LtMs, Ms 99, 1903, par. 3*

The Lord is dishonored by the deterioration of the perversion of the talents He has entrusted to men. It is the duty and the privilege of the Christian to improve his talents. Christ gave His life to purchase

for man the privilege of being co-workers with God. Yet thousands who have received much light and many opportunities do not grasp the blessings that are within their reach. *18LtMs, Ms 99, 1903, par. 4*

That education only is wholesome and essential which leads to a knowledge of the value that God has placed upon mankind. The students in our schools are to be taught that they are of value in the sight of God, that they have been bought with an infinite price. They should be made to realize the importance of putting to a right use every faculty of their being. They are to put on Christ, and all their powers should be put to persevering, taxing labor in His service. *18LtMs, Ms 99, 1903, par. 5*

The students are to be taught to help those who need encouragement. As they seek to help others, they themselves will “grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,” and their efficiency will be increased. [2 *Peter 3:18.*] “Ye are God’s husbandry; ye are God’s building.” [1 *Corinthians 3:9.*] You will fulfil the purpose of God for you only as you increase in knowledge and return to God in earnest service the gifts you have received from Him. *18LtMs, Ms 99, 1903, par. 6*

Much more may be done than has been done to secure an all-round education in physical and intellectual accomplishments. Let every student with an eye single to the glory of God, taking for his motto, “I study for time, and for eternity.” If he studies with the right purpose, he will be successful. “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy or vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the Head of all principality and power.” [*Colossians 2:8-10.*]*18LtMs, Ms 99, 1903, par. 7*

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. ... And of His fulness have we all received, and grace for grace.” [*John 1:14, 16.*]*18LtMs, Ms 99, 1903, par. 8*

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No system of education can be thorough without the teaching of the

principles of physiology. The students should become familiar with the laws of the working of the human machinery. The Lord would have every man become intelligent in regard to the laws of health and know that he cannot safely trifle with the “temple of the Holy Ghost.” [1 *Corinthians* 6:19.] It is important to understand the workings of the physical structure and to realize that we are Christ’s property bought with an infinite price. *18LtMs, Ms 99, 1903, par. 9*

Teachers and students in our schools, I appeal to you to fulfil your obligation to obey the laws of God respecting the treatment of your own bodies. All who transgress physical law must suffer the sure consequences. Learn to reason from cause to effect. He who disregards dietetic laws abuses his privileges. Nature may bear long with him, but after a time the abused organs of the body will no longer bear up under the strain. *18LtMs, Ms 99, 1903, par. 10*

### **Christ, the Second Adam**

Christ took upon Himself humanity and laid down His life a sacrifice, that man, by becoming a partaker of the divine nature, might have eternal life. Not only was Christ the Sacrifice, but He was also the Priest who offered the sacrifice. “The bread that I will give,” said He, “is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” [*John* 6:51.] He was innocent of all guilt. He gave Himself in exchange for the people who had sold themselves to Satan by transgression of God’s law—His life for the life of the human family, who thereby became His purchased possession. *18LtMs, Ms 99, 1903, par. 11*

“Therefore doth the Father love Me,” said Christ, “because I lay down My life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of My Father.” [*John* 10:17, 18.] *18LtMs, Ms 99, 1903, par. 12*

“The wages of sin is death.” [*Romans* 6:23.] To Adam before his fall the Lord said, “In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” [*Genesis* 2:17.] “If you transgress My law, death will surely be your punishment.” By disobeying God’s command, he forfeited his life. *18LtMs, Ms 99, 1903, par. 13*

Before his fall, Adam was free from the results of the curse. When he was assailed by the tempter, none of the effects of sin were upon him. He was created perfect in thought and in action. But he yielded to sin and fell from his high and holy estate. *18LtMs, Ms 99, 1903, par. 14*

Christ, the second Adam, came in the likeness of sinful flesh. In man's behalf, He became subject to sorrow, to weariness, to hunger, and to thirst. He was subject to temptation, but He yielded not to sin. No taint of sin was upon Him. He declared, "I have kept My Father's commandments (in My earthly life)." [*John 15:10.*] He had infinite power only because He was perfectly obedient to His Father's will. The second Adam stood the test of trial and temptation that He might become the Owner of all humanity. *18LtMs, Ms 99, 1903, par. 15*

**Ms 100, 1903**

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## Ms 101, 1903

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In every important work there are times of crisis, times when there is great need that those connected with the work shall have clear minds. There must be men who realize, as did the apostle Paul, the importance of practicing temperance in all things. *18LtMs, Ms 101, 1903, par. 1*

"Know ye not," wrote Paul to the Corinthians, "that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." [*1 Corinthians 9:24-27.*] *18LtMs, Ms 101, 1903, par. 2*

The apostle mentions the footraces with which the Corinthians were familiar. The contestants in these races were subjected to severe discipline in order to fit them for the trial of their strength. Their diet was simple. Their food was carefully selected, such as would produce no disturbance in their system. They studied to find what food would be the best to render them active and healthful, and to impart strength and endurance to the muscles, that they might put as heavy a tax as possible upon their strength. "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." [*Verse 25.*] *18LtMs, Ms 101, 1903, par. 3*

By this figure, Paul seeks to impress upon the Christian the necessity of doing his best to obtain a fitness for the work to which he is called. "So run that ye may obtain," he says. [*Verse 24.*] Let all who believe the present truth seek to understand this figure and

then act as wise men. What a vast difference between the contest for a corruptible crown, and the race of the Christian for a crown that is incorruptible. *18LtMs, Ms 101, 1903, par. 4*

Ministers of the gospel are engaged in a most solemn work. They should be encouraged to deny themselves on the point of appetite, refusing to eat anything that will work an injury to their physical and mental powers. It is their privilege to have physical strength which they may use to the honor of God in carrying forward His work. The fact that a man preaches the gospel does not give him license to indulge in selfish practices that will imperil his health. The ministers should set an example of temperance before the church members. They should keep their physical and mental powers in the very best condition, that they may do the greatest amount of good. *18LtMs, Ms 101, 1903, par. 5*

As we receive light, we are to make advance moves. No one can depend upon a past experience. Let all seek to walk in the light, cleansing themselves from every habit which would tend to cleanse the physical system. We are to govern our appetites and passions by the revealed will of God. *18LtMs, Ms 101, 1903, par. 6*

Those who, by habits of intemperance, injure their mind and body, place themselves in a position where they are unable to discern spiritual things. Their mind is confused, and they yield readily to temptation, because they have not a clear discernment of the difference between right and wrong. The conscience becomes defiled, and the man passes into the power of Satan, to be led away from God by the specious temptations of the enemy. *18LtMs, Ms 101, 1903, par. 7*



## Ms 102, 1903

Co-Laborers With Christ

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God calls upon His people to come into line. Let all, for Christ's sake, seek to overcome the disposition to draw apart, standing alone or in little companies. We need to cherish love for God and for one another, that there may be seen among us the unity for which Christ prayed just before His crucifixion. Every believer is to seek for sanctification through the truth. He is so to use his talents that he may answer the prayer recorded in the *seventeenth chapter of John.18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 1*

“The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.” [*Psalm 19:7.*] Those who are converted will, even in this world of selfishness, live well-ordered, unselfish, sanctified lives. They will do all in their power to heal the differences that have arisen among God's people, saying to those who would draw apart, “Press together. Be one, as Christ was one with the Father. Seek to fulfil the prayer of Him whose we are by creation and by redemption.”*18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 2*

To no man has God given the work of ruling over or judging his fellow men. Man is finite, erring, fallible. Every one has a work to do for himself. He is to wear the yoke of Christ, and learn His meekness and lowliness.*18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 3*

Let a work be done that will reach to the ends of the earth. Let those who have made self their center, and whose circumference has therefore been narrow, make their circumference the universe, by taking the Lord Jesus as their center. What men need now is to be very humble, wearing Christ's yoke, learning their lessons from

Him, and teaching these lessons, not merely in word, but in deed. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out." [*Romans 11:33.*] *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 4*

The Holy Spirit has been prevented from coming in to mold and fashion heart and mind, because men suppose that they understand best how to form their own characters. And they think that they may safely form their characters after their own model. But there is only one model after which human character is to be formed—the character of Christ. Those who behold the Saviour are changed from glory to greater glory. When men will consent to submit to Christ's will, to be partakers of the divine nature, their crooked, human peculiarities will disappear. When they decide that they will retain their own peculiarities and disagreeable traits of character, Satan takes them and places his yoke on them, using them to do his service. He uses their talents for selfish purposes, causing them to set an example so disagreeable, so unchristlike, that they become a reproach to the cause of God. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 5*

Some sell themselves to the enemy, accepting his propositions and working directly contrary to the Word and works of God. Satan keeps them very busy, carrying out a multitude of plans that the Lord never thought of bringing to His people. The enemy takes advantage of their zeal and energy, using these to work out his purposes, improving every favorable opportunity to unfold to them plans that will work decidedly against God's plans. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 6*

The Lord will give due warning; and if this warning is despised, if men are determined that they will not leave their crooked devising for the Lord's way of working, He will leave them to themselves. They must either serve the Lord wholly or be the servants of sin. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 7*

The Lord is greatly displeased when His people fraternize with the world in its scheming, seeking the counsel of worldly lawyers and following in the footsteps of worldly men. The Holy Spirit cannot work in harmony with the methods of the world. "Ye cannot serve

God and mammon.” [*Matthew 6:24.*] “What shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” [*Mark 8:36, 37.*]*18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 8*

The Holy Spirit’s work is to mold and fashion human agencies, leading them to use their abilities in the work of the Lord in co-operation with Christ. The Word of God urges us to accept the companionship of Christ, that the fragrance of His character may be imparted to us. Through union with Him, we shall be sanctified, enabled to work out our salvation according to Bible principles. The Lord gives us power to become His sons. “It is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” [*Philippians 2:13.*] The power of God working in the heart will remove the evils that have been caused by a misuse of the talents entrusted to man by his Creator. The Lord makes His will and way known to him who becomes a partaker of the divine nature. The discouraging influence that such a one has had over others is changed by the indwelling Spirit—the power by which God works on the heart of man. By imparting to others the grace received, he becomes an instrument in God’s hand for the uplifting of humanity.*18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 9*

Jesus came to this world to act as the leader in the work of saving souls. The efforts of those who co-operate with Him will receive His sanction.*18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 10*

Man’s greatest enemy is himself. When he comes under the deceptive power of Satan, he obstinately insists on carrying out his own devisings. Yet the power of Christ is stronger than the power of Satan, and through human beings who are sanctified by His presence, God causes to flow forth to the world the knowledge of His infinite love.*18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 11*

The Holy Spirit will surely manifest His presence whenever man separates himself from the world and comes into union with God.*18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 12*

I speak to my brethren and sisters who know the truth. Will you not seek to blend in Christian fellowship? Will you not strengthen one another, in God’s way? In your work of character building, be sure

that Christ is your director. It makes a great difference whether you are laborers together with God or whether you are laborers together against God, whether it is your highest ambition to magnify God or to magnify yourself and your plans. Christ declares, "Without Me ye can do nothing"—nothing that will be approved by God. [*John 15:5.*] Study your motives carefully, and make sure that you are not working in your own wisdom, apart from Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 13*

Satan seeks to keep himself and his work in disguise. He does not wish to be known as the one who in heaven sought to be equal with God and brought on a war amongst the angels. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 14*

In these last days men will arise who in self-sufficiency will do some wonderful work, following worldly plans and drawing away many disciples after them. These leaders are seeking their own interests, rather than the glory of God and the well-being of His people. Beware of such. You cannot depend on them. Unless you are sure that men are wholly consecrated to the service of God, beware how you accept their plans. Unless a man reveals that his message and his works are inspired by God, beware of his working. In many cases the character is such that the man exerts his influence on the side of Satan. When God controls the mind of a man, He imparts new and higher impulses to him. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 15*

God has promised to strengthen the humble and contrite ones who seek Him on the highway of holiness. His followers shall not walk in darkness. They will understand what the perfect will of God is. But they will be favored thus only as they present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to Him. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 16*

Be careful how you receive the propositions of men who see no objection to linking up with those who do not obey the truth. Are those who do this holding the truth in righteousness? Are they holding the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end? *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 17*

To those who are conscious that they are not fully doing the will of the Lord, I would say, Do not delay to make your peace with Him. If you accept the representations of Satan, he will gladly lead you in

false paths, away from God. The heart must be kept pure and holy, free from every vestige of selfishness. Satan will come to you as he came to Jesus and will beset you with various forms of temptation. Unless you are kept by the power of God, you will fall under the enemy's temptation. If he once obtains a foothold in your mind, he will work upon it with all his deceptive power. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 18*

Sin is drawing the world on to ruin. God's people are to come out from the world and its evil practices and be separate. Each one is to make a sincere, thorough examination of self. Each one is to ask, What is my faith? What is my calling? Is my spiritual eyesight clear? Each one is to make Christ his pattern. Those who do this will exert a Christlike influence. Our deeds, our words, our purposes are to be sanctified to one great end—a preparation for eternal life. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 19*

Christ became one with the human family—bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. He came to this world and dwelt among men. He came in human form, yet possessing all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, to proclaim the principles of heaven, and to enable men and women to walk in divine wisdom. He came to reveal to the universe the infinite love of God for fallen human beings. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 20*

It was that He might draw humanity into one family that Christ came to this world. He came to lead men and women away from all sin. He lived before them a life of unparalleled self-denial. In every act, in every word, He made His Father's glory His first consideration. In order that He might know how to deliver His people from temptation, He met in conflict the fallen host, with Lucifer at their head. He pledged Himself to endure all the temptations that man must endure, that He might know how to succor those who are tempted. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 21*

We are to learn the lessons that God has given in His Word. So long as God spares my life, I will refuse to sanction the underhand, disguised working that shows evidence of unsanctified minds. Our work is to proclaim the message for this time. Christ is competent to empower His church with His own earnestness, and yet keep them

free from every phase of fanaticism. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 22*

### **The Family an Educational Agency**

In His wisdom the Lord has decreed that the family shall be the greatest of all educational agencies. The education of the child is to begin in the home. There it is to learn the lessons that are to guide it throughout life. From its infancy it is to be taught to obey and honor its parents. Never should it be allowed to show them disrespect. Self-will, hasty words are never to be allowed to go unrebuked. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 23*

Parents should realize the sacredness of family discipline. The children are to be taught to respect themselves, because they are the Lord's property, bought with an infinite price. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 24*

Parents have been entrusted with a most important stewardship, a sacred charge. They are to make their family a symbol of the family in heaven, of which they hope to become members when their day of test and trial here below shall have ended. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 25*

The influence exerted in the home must be Christlike. This is the most effective ministration in the character building of the child. The words spoken are to be pleasant. No boisterous, arbitrary, masterful spirit is to be allowed to come into the family. Every member is to be taught that he is to prepare to be a member of the royal family. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 26*

The father and the mother are to place themselves decidedly on the Lord's side. It is their part to bring light and peace and joy into the home circle. They are to exert an influence which shows that they are guided and controlled by the principles of heaven. They are to draw in even cords. Their every act is to be in harmony with heaven. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 27*

The parents in the home and the teacher in the school are to cooperate. The instruction given the child in the home is to be such as will help the teacher. In the home the child is to be taught the

importance of neatness, order, and thoroughness, and these lessons are to be repeated in the school. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 28*

Our schools are to be built up. They are to be as the schools of the prophets. We are to expect that angels of God will be the helpers of the teachers in all the service that is done to the glory of God. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 29*

But remember that the child's first school is the home. There it is to learn its most important lessons. Parents, remember that your home is a training school in which your children are to be prepared for the home above. Deny them anything rather than the education that they should receive in their earliest years. Allow no word of pettishness. Teach your children to be kind and patient. Teach them to be thoughtful of others. Thus you are preparing them for higher ministry in religious things. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 30*

The history of every one is written in the books of heaven, that all may know that their reward or punishment is according to their works—their service in this life. Let parents remember that every day makes part of their history, and that no neglect must be permitted in the home, because they never know how soon sickness and death may come to them or their children. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 31*

In the church, in the home, children are to learn to pray and to trust in God. They are to learn that they are to prepare to become members of the family of heaven, and that therefore they must be kind and dutiful to their parents, respecting their wishes. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 32*

The father and mother should work together, in full sympathy with each other. They should make themselves companions to their children. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 33*

Do not give the children playthings that are easily broken and thus teach them lessons of destructiveness. The influence thus made upon their minds is not the most helpful to them. Let them have few playthings, and let these be strong and durable. Such things, small though they may seem, mean much in the education of a child.

When children reach a suitable age, they should be provided with tools. Both boys and girls should learn to use these tools. You will find them apt pupils. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 34*

If the father is a carpenter, he should give his boys lessons in house building, ever bringing into his instruction lessons from the Bible, the words of Scripture in which the Lord compares human beings to His building. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 35*

If possible, let your home be out of the city, that your children may have ground to cultivate. Let them each have a piece of ground as their own; and as you teach them how to make a garden, how to prepare the soil for the seed, and the importance of keeping all the weeds pulled out, teach them how important it is to keep unsightly, injurious practices out of the life. Teach them to keep down wrong habits as they keep down the weeds in their gardens. It will take time to teach these lessons, but it will pay, yes, greatly pay. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 36*

God demands of parents a faithful study of His Word and a determined effort to make a success of the church in the home. Then parents with their converted children—the result of their obedience with God—can carry into the church their self-denial and sacrifice and their spiritual strength. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 37*

### **Our First Parents**

The Lord created man out of the dust of the earth. He made Adam a partaker of His life, His nature. There was breathed into him the breath of the Almighty, and he became a living soul. Adam was perfect in form—strong, comely, pure, bearing the image of his Maker. God gave him a companion, a wife, to share with him the beauties of nature. In order for this holy pair to continue to be happy, God gave them something to do. The fact that they were holy did not debar them from working. God is never idle. To every one of the angelic host is given an appointed task. Adam and Eve were given the garden of Eden to care for. They were “to dress it and to keep it.” [*Genesis 2:15.*] They were happy in their work. Mind, heart, and will acted in perfect harmony. In their labor they found no weariness, no toil. Their hours were filled with useful work



and communion with each other. Their occupation was pleasant. God and Christ visited them and talked with them. They were given perfect freedom. Only one restriction was placed on them. "Of every tree in the garden thou mayest freely eat," God said; "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." [*Verses 16, 17.*] *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 38*

This was the test of their obedience. God was the owner of their Eden home. They held it under Him. *18LtMs, Ms 102, 1903, par. 39*

## **Ms 103, 1903**

Instruction to Ministers and Physicians

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I thank the Lord this morning for His keeping power. I awake very early, unable to sleep. *18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 1*

My mind has been greatly exercised the past night. I have been instructed to say to some of our ministering brethren that they need to be reconverted. They do not understand the philosophy of genuine missionary work. *18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 2*

To every man God has given his work. All have not the same work, but all are to be laborers together with God, living in perfect unity and bearing the fruits of righteousness. All are branches of the living Vine. Every branch must draw its sustenance from the parent stock, Christ Jesus. Every man, to whatever work he may be called, if he will receive life from Christ, will bear good fruit. *18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 3*

Our ministering brethren need to empty themselves daily of self, that they may be cleansed from their hereditary and cultivated tendencies to wrong. Unless the heart is emptied of self, and prepared for the reception of the Holy Spirit, self will reign, controlling the whole being. The words will not be prompted by Christ, but will be an expression of self. Self-confidence is unbecoming in one who professes to be a co-laborer with Jesus Christ. Such a one should lay aside his own wisdom and by wearing the yoke of Christ obtain the experience that brings rest and peace to the soul. He must daily depend for strength upon Christ, the greatest Teacher the world has ever known. *18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 4*

Christ's invitation to all is, "Learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart. As you learn to practice My meekness and lowliness, My

patience and forbearance, as you learn to speak words fragrant with love, you will find rest unto your souls.” [See *Matthew 11:29.*] *18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 5*

Jesus Christ is the unseen Medical Missionary, and you are to be His co-laborers. You may be called upon to give up some of your plans, because the Lord has better plans for you. He wants His work done in His own way. If, instead of being led by human counsel and human wisdom, men would allow Christ to guide and control them in their work, far better results would be seen. The Lord knows the end from the beginning. He can see what would result were we allowed to follow a course of our own choosing. *18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 6*

Men may persist in having their own way and following their own judgment, but the results will bring sadness to their own hearts and hindrance to the cause of God. *18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 7*

I am instructed to say to ministers, to physicians, and to all medical missionary workers: Be careful what spirit you manifest toward one another. When you meet together for counsel, some who have passed through trials and difficulties are tempted to give expression to the intensity of their feelings in words of bitterness and reproach. But instead of looking at the faults of others, look to Jesus, the Author and the Finisher of our faith. Behold His patience and long-suffering in trial and abuse. Never did He speak a word of complaint. Then let not His followers show by words of complaint, that they have allowed Satan to control their hearts. *18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 8*

I have words to speak to Brother Butler. My brother, God has been watching over you all these years. He has had a purpose in permitting the afflictions to come to you which have so long bound you. You are prone to choose your own way, and it is hard for you to learn by trial the lessons God would teach you. *18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 9*

I have the most tender regard for you, but I know that you are in danger of falling under temptation. You were presented to me as a man preparing for battle. You were inspired by a spirit that was not meek and contrite. One came to your side and said, “Go through,

go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones.” [*Isaiah 62:10.*] “For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and lofty place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. For I will not contend forever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before Me, and the souls which I have made.” [*Isaiah 57:15, 16.*]*18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 10*

Your severe words and harsh manner of speech show that you have not learned from Christ the lesson of meekness and lowliness. The Lord desires you to lay aside your spirit of wrath and be disrobed of your war garments. Your contentious spirit is the result of your inherited and cultivated tendencies. Put on the robe of Christ’s righteousness. Let not one word be spoken that is not subdued by the Spirit of God. Let your heart break in tenderness before God. Become as a little child. The Lord has not appointed to you the work of dictating to others. You are to be an example to those connected with you in preparing the way of the Lord and removing the stumbling blocks.*18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 11*

You will have severe trials, but put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Some come to council meetings with hearts stirred up ready for battle. But do not clothe yourself in Saul’s armor. Meet opposition, clad only in the robe of Christ’s righteousness. Bring no charges against your brethren. Vehemence will only wound yourself. It was your harsh spirit of criticism that for so many years separated you from the work of God. Remember that things are not as bad as they might be. Mistakes are often made by men under severe trial and temptation, and as did Moses, they speak unadvisedly with their lips.*18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 12*

The Lord would have those who are engaged in His work remember that He is the unfailing Source of strength. Let them seek the Lord in prayer. As they realize their utter dependence upon Him, and look to Him in faith, He will never disappoint them.*18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 13*

Brother Butler, you are the Lord’s servant, called to His service. You

are not to brood over your trials, or to do Satan's work by wounding others. Your bitter feelings are strengthened as you criticize and speak harshly to others. Yield not an inch to the enemy. Give him no advantage over you. Do not ride the war-horse. You cannot do it gracefully. *18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 14*

The Lord will use you if you will place yourself in a position where you can be used, if you will open the door of your heart and let Christ come in to reign in your life. If in a humble spirit you bear your testimony, it will have an influence for good that will be as a leaven working among those with whom you are associated. *18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 15*

“Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descended not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown of peace of them that make peace.” [*James 3:13-18.*] *18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 16*

In these words the Lord has outlined your work. “Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory.” [*Philippians 2:3.*] “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ... And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. ... Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.” [*1 Peter 1:13, 17, 22.*] *18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 17*

Important questions await your decision. If at all times you sit with Christ in heavenly places, your words will not be as arrows, to wound and to destroy. *18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 18*

There is danger of our leaving the simplicity of Christ. Study

carefully the instruction found in the gospel of John from the *thirteenth* to the *seventeenth chapters*. The Word of God is here plainly stated. Live these truths before your fellow ministers. Study especially these words found in Christ's wonderful prayer: *18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 19*

"I have given them Thy word; 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 have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which 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; and 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." [*John 17:14-26.*] *18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 20*

The Father loves His people today as He loves His own Son. Some day it will be our privilege to see Him face to face. Even now we may rest in the promise, "I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you." [*John 14:18.*] Let us have many love feasts, and rejoice because of this assurance, knowing that Christ is ever with us to own and to bless. *18LtMs, Ms 103, 1903, par. 21*

**Ms 104, 1903**

A Holy People

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**Ms 105, 1903**

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## Ms 106, 1903

### The Last Supper

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In the upper chamber of a dwelling at Jerusalem Christ was sitting with His disciples. They had gathered to celebrate the Passover.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 1*

Christ had chosen Peter and John, who were to be closely associated in labor, to prepare for the supper. "Go and prepare us the passover," He said, "that we may eat. And they said unto Him, Where wilt Thou that we prepare? And He said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in. And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with My disciples? And he shall show you a large upper room furnished; there make ready. And they went, and found as He had said unto them: and they made ready the passover." [*Luke 22:8-13.*]*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 2*

Christ desired to guard against any premature movements that might be made by traitors coming to the supper and reciprocating the action designed by Judas.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 3*

It was customary for those living in the metropolis to accommodate strangers desirous of celebrating the Passover.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 4*

The message took the form of a command. It might seem to us to be unbecoming for these two Galileans to speak thus to a stranger. But circumstances happened as Christ foretold. The disciples met

the man carrying a pitcher. They followed him and entered the house that he entered and repeated their message, and it met a ready assent on the part of the master of the house.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 5*

“And when the hour was come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him.” [*Verse 14.*]*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 6*

It was the last Passover that Jesus would keep with His disciples. He knew that His hour was come; He Himself was the true Paschal Lamb, and on the day the Passover was eaten, He was to be sacrificed. He knew that the circumstances connected with this occasion would never be forgotten by His disciples. They would be recalled to memory and handed down from generation to generation in the history of the church.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 7*

Christ’s first words after they had gathered about the table were, “With desire have I desired to eat the Passover with you before I suffer; for I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” [*Verses 15, 16.*]*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 8*

“And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves; for I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God shall come.” [*Verses 17, 18.*]*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 9*

The wine that Christ gave to His disciples as a symbol of His own blood, and that which at the beginning of His ministry He provided for the marriage feast, was the pure juice of the grape. As there was to be no leaven in the bread used, so there was to be no fermentation in the wine. Christ never places before any one that which would be a temptation. The sacramental service was designed to be soul-refreshing and life-giving. There was to be connected with it nothing that would in any way minister to evil.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 10*

It was Christ who in the Old Testament gave the warning to Israel, “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.” [*Proverbs 20:1.*] And He Himself provided no such beverage. Satan tempts men to indulgence that

will becloud reason and benumb the spiritual perceptions, but Christ teaches us to bring the lower nature into subjection. His whole life was an example of self-denial. In order to break the power of appetite, He suffered in our behalf the severest test that humanity could endure. *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 11*

On this last evening with His disciples, Jesus had much to tell them. If they had been prepared to receive what He longed to impart, they would have been saved from heart-breaking anguish, from disappointment and unbelief. But Jesus saw that they could not bear what He had to say. As He looked into their faces, the words of warning and comfort were stayed upon His lips. Moments passed in silence. Jesus appeared to be waiting. The disciples were ill at ease. The glances they cast at each other told of jealousy and contention. *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 12*

There was "a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest." [*Luke 22:24.*] This contention carried on in the presence of Christ grieved and wounded Him. The disciples clung to their favorite idea that Christ would assert His power and take His position on the throne of David. And in heart each still longed for the highest place in the kingdom. They had placed their own estimate upon themselves and upon one another, and instead of regarding their brethren as more worthy, they had placed themselves first. The request of James and John to sit on the right and left of Christ's throne had excited the indignation of the others. That the two brothers should presume to ask for the highest position, so stirred the ten that alienation threatened. They felt that they were misjudged, that their fidelity and talents were not appreciated. Judas was the most severe upon James and John. *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 13*

When the disciples entered the supper room, their hearts were full of resentful feelings. Judas pressed next to Christ on the left side; John was on the right. If there was a highest place, Judas was determined to have it, and that place was thought to be next to Christ. And Judas was a traitor. *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 14*

Another cause of dissension had arisen. At a feast it was customary for a servant to wash the feet of the guests, and on this occasion

preparation had been made for the service. The pitcher, the basin, and the towel were there, but no servant was present, and it was the disciples' part to perform it. But each of the disciples, yielding to wounded pride, determined not to act the part of a servant. Bitterness filled their hearts. Dissensions marred their fellowship. *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 15*

Looking at the disturbed countenances of His disciples, Christ rose from the table; and laying aside His outer garment, which would have impeded His movements, He took a towel and girded Himself. "After that, He poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded." [*John 13:5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 16*

Judas was the first whose feet Jesus washed. Judas had already closed the contract to deliver Jesus into the hands of the priests and scribes. Christ knew his secret. Yet He did not expose him. He hungered for his soul. His heart was crying, How can I give thee up? He hoped that His act in washing Judas' feet would touch the heart of the erring disciple and save him from completing his act of disloyalty. And for a moment the heart of Judas thrilled through and through with the impulse then and there to confess his sin. But he would not humble himself. He hardened his heart against repentance. He made no remonstrance, no protestation against the Saviour, thus humiliating himself. He was offended at Christ's act. If Jesus could so humble Himself, he thought, He could not be Israel's king. *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 17*

When Peter's turn came, he was unable to restrain himself, and he exclaimed with astonishment, "Lord, dost Thou wash my feet?" [*Verse 6.*] He was filled with shame to think that one of the disciples was not performing this service. *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 18*

Calmly Christ replied, "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter." Feeling keenly the humiliation of his Lord, and filled with love and reverence for Him, Peter with great emphasis exclaimed, "Thou shalt never wash my feet." [*Verses 7, 8.*] *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 19*

Solemnly Jesus said to Peter, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with Me." [*Verse 8.*] *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 20*

A ray of light penetrated the mind of the disciple. He saw that the service which he refused was the type of a higher cleansing—the spiritual cleansing of mind and heart. He could not endure the thought of separation from Christ; that would have been death. “Not my feet only,” he said, “but also my hands and my head.” [*Verse 9.*] *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 21*

“Jesus saith unto him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit.” [*Verse 10.*] *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 22*

These words mean more than bodily cleansing. Christ is speaking of the higher cleansing, as illustrated by the lower. He who came from the bath was clean, but the sandaled feet soon became dusty and again needed to be washed. So Peter and his brethren had been washed in the great fountain opened for sin and uncleanness. Christ acknowledged them as His. But temptation had led them into evil, and they still needed His cleansing grace. When Jesus girded Himself with a towel to wash the dust from their feet, He desired by this very act to wash the alienation, jealousy, and pride from their hearts. This was of far more consequence than the washing of their dusty feet. With the spirit they had then, not one of them was prepared for communion with Christ. Until brought into a state of humility and love, they were not prepared to partake of the Paschal supper or to share in the memorial service which Christ was about to institute. Their hearts must be cleansed. Pride and self-seeking create dissension and hatred, but all this Jesus washed away in washing their feet. A change of feeling was brought about. Looking upon them, Jesus could say, “Ye are clean.” [*Verse 10.*] Now there was union of heart, love for one another. They had become humble and teachable. Except Judas, each one was ready to concede to another the highest place. Now with subdued, grateful hearts they could receive Christ’s words. *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 23*

Even Judas, had he repented, would have been received and pardoned. The guilt of his soul would have been washed away by the atoning blood of Christ. But, self-confident, and self-exalted, cherishing a high estimate of his own wisdom, he justified his course. *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 24*

The ordinance of humility is Christ's appointed preparation for the sacramental supper. While pride, variance, and strife for the supremacy are cherished, the heart cannot enter into fellowship with God. We are not prepared to receive the communion of His body and His blood. Therefore it was that Jesus appointed the memorial of His humiliation to be first observed.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 25*

Before the emblems of Christ's broken body and shed blood are partaken of, every difference existing between brother and brother is to be removed. The heart is to be cleansed from evil thoughts. We are to seek for a preparation to sit with Christ in His kingdom. Misunderstandings are to be swept away, that we may have a true appreciation of the service in which we are about to take part.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 26*

"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, [and blessed it,] and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My body. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is My blood of the New Testament which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." [*Matthew 26:26-29.*]*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 27*

Judas the betrayer was present at the sacramental service. He received from Jesus the emblems of His broken body and His spilled blood. He heard the words, "This do in remembrance of Me." [*Luke 22:19.*] And sitting there in the very presence of the Lamb of God, the betrayer brooded upon his dark purposes and cherished his sullen, revengeful thoughts.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 28*

At the feet washing Christ had given convincing proof that He understood the character of Judas. "Ye are not all clean," He said. [*John 13:11.*] These words convinced the false disciple that Jesus read his secret purpose. Now Christ spoke out more plainly. As they were seated at the table, He said, looking upon His disciples, "I speak not of you all. I know whom I have chosen. But that the Scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with Me hath lifted up his heel against Me." [*Verse 18.*]*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 29*

The disciples saw the grieved expression on the face of Christ, and John, sitting next to Him, and best able to observe His movements and the expression of His face, saw that He was greatly troubled and wondered what could cause Him trouble.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 30*

At last Christ spoke. In the tone and manner of one pressed as a cart beneath sheaves, He said, "Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray Me." [*Verse 21.*] As the disciples heard these words, all except Judas were spellbound with amazement. Betray their Lord and Master! There must be some mistake. How could this be possible? For what cause could they betray Him? and to whom? Whose heart could give birth to such a design? Surely not one of the favored twelve, who had eaten bread with Him, who had been privileged above all others to hear His teachings, and who had been treated as beloved friends? How could such a thing be?*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 31*

With sorrowful hearts the disciples looked at one another to see if any face showed signs of guilt. They questioned one another, and then one after another inquired, "Lord, is it I?" In deep distress, John inquired, "Lord, is it I?" And Jesus answered, "He that dippeth his hand with Me in the dish, the same shall betray Me. The Son of man goeth as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed; it had been good for that man if he had not been born." [*Verses 22-25; Matthew 26:22-24.*]*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 32*

The disciples had searched one another's faces closely as they asked, "Lord, is it I?" Until now Judas had sat silent, as if unconcerned. Now his silence drew all eyes to him. To escape the scrutiny of the disciples, he nerved himself to ask, as they had done, "Lord, is it I?" Jesus solemnly replied, "Thou hast said." [*Verse 25.*]*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 33*

The rest of the disciples did not hear the words spoken to Judas. Neither had they in the confusion heard what Jesus said in answer to John.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 34*

"And when He had dipped the sop, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon." [*John 13:26.*] The others, not having heard the

words, did not interpret the sign. *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 35*

Even now Judas could have acknowledged his guilt, even now broken the spell upon him. Christ was close beside him, ready to aid him. But his pride and the temptation of the enemy were so strong that he had no power to escape from the snare. Instead of casting himself upon the mercy of a compassionate Saviour, he braced himself in resistance. *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 36*

“He then having received the sop, went immediately out; and it was night.” [*Verse 30.*] Night it was to the traitor as he turned away from Christ into the outer darkness. *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 37*

Till this step was taken, Judas had not passed beyond the possibility of repentance. But when he left the presence of the Lord and his fellow disciples, the final decision had been made. He had passed the boundary line. He had now given himself fully into the control of Satan, to do his will and to brave the consequences. *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 38*

#### **Lessons From the Life of Judas**

The history of Judas presents the sad ending of a life that might have been honored of God. Had Judas died before his last journey to Jerusalem, he would have been regarded as a man worthy of a place among the twelve and one who would be greatly missed. The abhorrence which has followed him through the centuries would not have existed, but for the attributes revealed at the close of his history. But it was for a purpose that his character was laid open to the world. It would be a warning to all who, like him, should betray sacred trusts. *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 39*

Judas had himself solicited a place in the inner circle of disciples. With great earnestness and apparent sincerity he declared, “Master, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest.” [*Matthew 8:19.*] Jesus neither repulsed nor welcomed him, but uttered only the mournful words, “Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head.” [*Luke 9:58.*] *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 40*



The disciples were anxious that Judas should become one of their number. He was a man of commanding appearance, a man of keen discernment and executive ability, and they commended him to Jesus as one who would greatly assist Him in His work.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 41*

The face of Judas was not repulsive. It was keen and intelligent, but it lacked the tenderness and compassion that is seen in a truly converted man.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 42*

Possessing financial ability, he was given the work of acting as treasurer of the little company. He was called upon to provide for their needs, and to relieve the necessities of the poor. In ministering to others, Judas might have developed an unselfish spirit. But though listening daily to the lessons of Christ, and witnessing His unselfish life, Judas indulged his covetous disposition. The small sums that came into his hand were a continual temptation. Often when he did a little service for Christ or devoted time to religious purposes, he paid himself out of this meager fund. In his own eyes his pretext served to excuse his action; but in God's sight he was a thief.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 43*

He was careful to see that all the money received was given him, but he thought himself at liberty to use it when and where he pleased, without consulting any one. He grumbled when called upon to part with some of the contents of the bag for the poor.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 44*

The disciples looked upon Judas as a wise financier. Christ read his heart, and in His teaching He dwelt upon the principles of benevolence that strike at the very root of covetousness. He presented before Judas the heinous character of greed, and many a time the disciple realized that his character had been portrayed and his sin pointed out. But he did not confess and forsake his unrighteousness. He was self-sufficient, and instead of resisting temptation, he continued to follow his fraudulent practices. Often, as he listened to Christ's words, conviction came to him, but he would not humble his heart or confess his sins of selfishness. Christ was before him a living example of what he might become if he reaped the benefit of the divine mediation and ministry, but lesson after

lesson fell unheeded on the ears of Judas.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 45*

Notwithstanding the Saviour's own teaching, Judas was continually advancing the idea that Christ would reign as king in Jerusalem. At the feeding of the five thousand he tried to bring this about. On this occasion Judas assisted in distributing the food to the hungry. He had an opportunity to see the benefit which it was in his power to impart to others. He felt the satisfaction that always comes in service to God. He helped to bring the sick and suffering from among the multitude to Christ. He saw what relief, what joy, what gladness came to human hearts through the healing power of the Redeemer. He might have comprehended the methods of Christ. But he was blinded by his own selfish desires. Judas was first to take advantage of the enthusiasm excited by the miracle of the loaves. It was he who set on foot the project to take Christ by force and make Him king. His hopes were high, his disappointment bitter.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 46*

Christ's discourses in the synagogue concerning the bread of life was the turning point in the history of Judas. He heard the words, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you." [*John 6:53.*] He saw that Christ was offering spiritual rather than worldly good. He regarded himself as far-sighted and thought that he could see that Jesus would have no honor, and that He could bestow no high position upon His followers. He determined not to unite himself so closely to Christ but that he could draw away. He would watch, and he did watch.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 47*

We read that after hearing this discourse on the bread of life, "many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him." [*Verse 66.*] Their defection may be traced to the influence of Judas. By his false representations he aroused prejudice against Christ. Judas exalted his own ideas, and when something did not meet his mind, he was not slow to place upon it his own interpretation, to make of no effect the words of Christ. He spoke in a speculative style. When Christ told the people that He was the bread of heaven, Judas put a mystical construction on His words, robbing them of their true significance. He was known as a disciple of Christ, and this gave

him influence with those who were lacking in knowledge, and he turned into false paths many who had not received one twentieth of the evidence that he had received. *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 48*

Christ read the heart of Judas as an open book and knew that he was educating himself to be a traitor. "There are some of you that believe not," He said. "For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray Him." [*Verse 64.*] *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 49*

"Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus answered them. Have I not chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot; for it was he that should betray Him, being one of the twelve." [*Verses 67-71.*] *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 50*

Thus worked one who should have been altogether loyal and true. He was a continual source of temptation to the other disciples, ever ready to bring dissension and strife into their ranks. He introduced controversies and misleading sentiments, repeating the arguments urged by the scribes and Pharisees against the claims of Christ. All the little and large troubles and crosses, the difficulties and the apparent hindrances to the advancement of the gospel, Judas interpreted as evidences against its truthfulness. He would introduce texts of Scripture that had no connection with the truths Christ was presenting. These texts, separated from their connection, perplexed the disciples and increased the discouragement that was continually pressing upon them. Yet all this was done by Judas in such a way as to make it appear that he was conscientious. And while the disciples are searching for evidence to confirm the words of the great Teacher, Judas would lead them almost imperceptibly on another track. Thus in a very religious and apparently wise way, he was presenting matters in a different light from that in which Jesus had given them and attaching to His words a meaning that He had not conveyed. His suggestions were constantly exciting an ambitious desire for temporal preferment, and thus turning the disciples from the important things they should have considered. The dissension as to

which of them should be greatest was generally excited by Judas.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 51*

Yet Christ did not condemn Judas and send him away. He kept him with Him till the end. The opportunity to repent was given him to the very last.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 52*

Judas was present at the sacramental supper. He received from Jesus the emblems of His broken body and spilled blood. He heard the words, "This do in remembrance of Me." [*Luke 22:19.*] And sitting there in the very presence of the Lamb of God, the betrayer brooded upon his own dark purposes and cherished his sullen, revengeful thoughts.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 53*

Christ's words at the feet washing went to the heart of Judas as an arrow of conviction. But his pride would not yield. He hardened his heart and braced himself in opposition.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 54*

Though Jesus knew Judas from the beginning, He washed his feet. And the betrayer was privileged to unite with Christ in partaking of the sacrament. A long-suffering Saviour held out every inducement for the sinner to receive Him, to repent, and to be cleansed from the defilement of sin. His example is for us. When we suppose one to be in error and sin, we are not to divorce ourselves from him. By no careless separation are we to leave him a prey to temptation or drive him upon Satan's battle ground. This is not Christ's method.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 55*

Wonderful was the longsuffering of Jesus in dealing with this erring disciple. Nothing that could be done to save him had been left undone.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 56*

To Judas had been given the privilege of close communion with Christ. To him had been offered the bread of life and the water of salvation. To him the Saviour's lessons had been given. But Judas refused to be benefited.*18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 57*

The work that Judas did will be done in our day. There are those who for their own good have been reprov'd by the Lord, but who have not believed the messages sent them, and have interpreted

them as it suited their inclinations, putting their own construction on the testimonies of the Spirit of God. So many times have they done this that they have reached the place where they misapply and misappropriate every message of mercy and grace sent them. The Lord understands. He bears long with them, even as He bore with Judas. But unless they change, the time will come when for effect they will say anything that comes into their minds, making false statements. *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 58*

God's servants are to proclaim the message for this time just as it is, in its true meaning. And God would have them bear and forbear with those who are working against Him, until He shall say, "Ephraim is joined to his idols; let him alone." [*Hosea 4:17.*] *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 59*

All the way along in the history of the third angel's message there have been found amongst the believers men who have done much harm to God's cause. These men are spots in our feasts of charity; tares among the wheat; wolves among the sheep, ready to bite and devour. Delighting to bear false witness, they cruelly injure the reputation of others. Every such one will be rewarded according to his works. God "hath appointed a day in the which He will judge the world." [*Acts 17:31.*] Then will be made the separation between the wheat and the tares. In that day it will be clearly revealed that those who seek to destroy the reputation of God's servants are hypocrites. By their own lips will be borne the testimony that will clear from suspicion those against whom they have reported evil. *18LtMs, Ms 106, 1903, par. 60*

## Ms 107, 1903

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“Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on Him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.” [*John 12:42, 43.*]*18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 1*

Jesus perfectly understood their hearts, and in a clear, distinct voice He “cried and said, He that believeth on Me, believeth not on Me, but on Him that sent Me.” [*Verse 44.*]*18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 2*

In these words Christ speaks of His unity with His Father. And those who are commissioned by Christ to go forth in His name to carry the message of truth to the world will bear the same testimony. Those who are engaged in the work of the gospel ministry are to be respected.*18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 3*

“I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on Me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear My words, and believe not, I judge him not; for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath One that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of Myself; but the Father which sent Me, He gave Me a commandment what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that His commandment is life everlasting: Whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto Me, so I speak.” [*Verses 46-50.*]*18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 4*

## Criticism and Faultfinding

In this world innocence is not a security against trial and unjust suffering caused by the misapprehension of men who place themselves on the judgment seat. The greater a man's influence for good, the more is he exposed to the envy and malice and hatred of men who, though they are supposed to be the friends of God, are false accusers of His workmen. *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 5*

Whenever they have opportunity, some give utterance to evil thoughts. They drop seeds of suspicion. Their words are as evil leaven, working in the minds of the hearers. The evil is passed from mind to mind. The accusations are repeated to others. A feeling of superiority takes possession of them, and they sit in judgment on their brethren. Those who are so ready to spread evil should seek to understand the character of the leaven they are putting in the minds of others. *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 6*

Those who are thought to be in wrong are often made the subjects of debate, and because of misunderstanding and false charges brought against them, are caused the keenest suffering. Their good deeds are blanketed, but their mistakes are freely and mercilessly criticized. Thus many are driven to discouragement. *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 7*

Satan fires men with a zeal that is not according to knowledge. They do not heed the instruction of Christ: "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother." [*Matthew 18:15.*] If he is reclaimed, if by the confession of sin a brother is gained, what a precious work has been accomplished! *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 8*

"But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." [*Verses 16, 17.*] *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 9*

Study the whole of this *eighteenth chapter of Matthew*. When

Christ's instruction is fully carried out, there will be a different atmosphere in the family, in the school, and in the church. *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 10*

Christ took occasion to give this instruction at a time when there was a contention among His disciples as to which of the twelve should be first in authority in the kingdom of heaven. Christ knew perfectly well of their dispute, and He told them that every man will be called to account for his unkind words and for his harsh spirit that gendereth strife. *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 11*

“And Jesus called a little child unto Him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven. ... And whoso receiveth one such little child in My name receiveth Me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in Me, it were better for him that a mill-stone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea. *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 12*

“Woe unto the world because of offenses! for it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.” [*Verses 2, 3, 5-9.*]*18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 13*

These particulars are more definitely stated in the *ninth chapter of Mark*:*18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 14*

“He taught His disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill Him; but after that He is killed He shall rise the third day. But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask Him. *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 15*

“And He came to Capernaum: and being in the house He asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?



But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest. And He sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. And He took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when He had taken him in His arms He said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in My name receiveth Me: and whosoever shall receive Me, receiveth not Me, but Him that sent Me.*18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 16*

“And John answered Him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in Thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbade him, because he followeth not us. But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in My name, that can lightly speak evil of Me. For he that is not against Me is on our part. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water in My name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, He shall not lose his reward. And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in Me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.” [*Verses 31-42.*]*18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 17*

These words are given as a warning to every one who is tempted to injure or hinder in his work, a servant of Christ, however humble that servant may be. Even though your brother does not precisely carry out your plans, you are not to forbid his working for the Master.*18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 18*

Christ understood the tendency of the human heart to become exalted. He warned His disciples of the danger of being envious for high positions and for selfish authority to control others.*18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 19*

The Majesty of Heaven stepped down from His royal throne, gave up His authority as Commander in the heavenly courts, laid aside His kingly robe and crown, and clothed His divinity with humanity, that He might take on Himself the weakness of human nature. This He did that He might give men an example of true humility.*18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 20*

Only by living a sinless life, while clad in the garb of humanity, could

Christ, as man's substitute and surety, bear the burden of the sin of a fallen world. He was to suffer, being tempted in all points upon which fallen men are tempted, that by His own experience He might become acquainted with the temptation of humanity and know how to succor those who are most severely tempted. *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 21*

Those who believe in Christ have joined themselves to Him and have become members of His body, adopted into the heavenly family. They work with Christ and are owned and accepted by Him. In doing His work, as His servants, they are to wear His badge. A manifestation of His tender love is to be seen in their lives. *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 22*

To no man has God given the work of criticizing believers in Christ. Instead of hindering others in their work, the Christian is to be an example of helpfulness. *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 23*

Those who create disputes and introduce in the church the evil leaven of strife and dissension must answer to Christ for the evil results of their course. *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 24*

The human family is on trial. This is our time of probation. "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." [*Matthew 12:37.*] Our actions and our treatment of others will be brought into the judgment. Our conversation should be such as we would engage in were Christ present in person. *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 25*

"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye meet, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 26*

"Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest thy trample them under their feet, and turn

again and rend you.” [Matthew 7:1-6.] *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 27*

### **A Call to Repentance**

The past night, as I have seen the need of reformation among our brethren, I have felt a burden of distress and anguish. Many have been presented to me as men who do not understand their true spiritual condition. Spiritually blinded, they work according to their defective eyesight. They consider as an evidence of sharpness of site their ability to discern the faults of others. They need to understand that they are not, as they suppose, being worked by the Spirit of God, but by another spirit. They think that to them has been entrusted a great work, and they take upon themselves many responsibilities that God has not laid on them. *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 28*

Instead of being worked by the Holy Spirit, many, even among those engaged in the solemn work of God, are barring the way against its holy, life-giving influences. They freely criticize and judge their brethren, and yet they do not realize the necessity of earnestly looking into the divine mirror to see what spirit they themselves are manifesting. Their defects of character they regard as virtues and cling to them. They justify themselves in doing things which are positively forbidden by Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 29*

Let there be a work of reformation and repentance. Let all seek for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As with the disciples after the ascension of Christ, it may require several days of earnestly seeking God and putting away of sin. *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 30*

When God’s people are worked by the Holy Spirit, they will manifest a zeal that is according to knowledge. When they are guided by the Spirit, they will no longer lead others in false paths. They will reflect the light that God has been giving for years. The spirit of criticism will be put away. Filled with the spirit of humility, they will be of one mind, united with one another and with Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 107, 1903, par. 31*

## Ms 108, 1903

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### Diary—Instruction Concerning Wages to be Paid to Laborers

My heart is deeply stirred by the scenes which during the night have passed before me. In the night season I heard from some of my brethren propositions with which I cannot agree. The statements they made indicate that they are on the wrong track, that they have not an experience which will guard them from deception. I was grieved to hear from the lips of some of our brethren expressions that show neither faith in God nor loyalty to His truth. Propositions were made that, if carried out, would lead away from the straight and narrow way.*18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 1*

Some think that if higher wages were paid to men of superior talent, these men would remain among us; then more work would be accomplished, in a more thorough manner, and the cause of truth would stand on a more elevated platform.*18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 2*

Concerning this question I have received instruction from One who never errs. Suppose this plan were followed: Who, I ask, is competent to measure the genuine usefulness and the influence of his fellow workmen? No man is qualified to judge of another's usefulness in the service of God.*18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 3*

The position or office a man may hold is not alone an indication of his usefulness in the cause of God. It is the development of a Christlike character through sanctification of the Spirit that will give him influence for good. In the estimation of God the degree of his faithfulness determines the value of his service.*18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 4*

God accepts the services of those only who are partakers of the divine nature. Without Christ man can do nothing. Love for God and man alone places human beings on vantage ground with God. Obedience to the divine commands enables us to become laborers together with God. Love is the fruit that is borne on the Christian tree, the fruit that is as the leaves of the tree of life for the healing of the nations. *18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 5*

To every man God has given his work. But some are not willing to take up the work that God appoints them. They take up a work that is beyond their capability and prove to be unskilful workmen. *18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 6*

Some think that their position gives them a right to command others. But no degree of authority can give a man rightful authority over another's conscience. The Lord, our Lawgiver, is our Judge and our King whom we are to honor and obey. *18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 7*

A man is not to submerge his individuality in that of another. We are not to bind ourselves up with men or societies that disregard the law of God. Christ's agents are not to unite with the satanic agencies. We are to stand firm in the service of God, pure and holy in principle. United with the Father and with Christ, we are to obey every requirement of the Word, regardless of consequences. *18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 8*

We are all servants of one Master. In the eyes of God all are equal, whatever service they render, if they do their work faithfully. To every worker God will give the reward that rightfully belongs to him. *18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 9*

The talents that God entrusts to His workmen are to be traded upon. In the parable the master commended all who had improved their talents. He pronounced the same blessing upon the one who had faithfully traded with the two talents as upon the one to whom had been given the five talents. "Well done," the master said, "thou 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 25:21.*] *18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 10*

Talents are given to men that they may improve on them. Some receive one gift, others another. In the *twelfth chapter of Romans*, the various gifts are spoken of. These gifts are to be blended as threads to form a perfect pattern. We are all to be members of one body, under one Head, Christ Jesus. *18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 11*

### **The New Life**

Not one thread of selfishness is to be drawn into the pattern of our lives. At conversion, self dies. As the truth is received, a new life of heavenly origin is imparted. The principles of the new life are to be brought into the daily experience, and every man is to seek to understand his place in the Lord's work. He who has experienced the new birth is dead to his old sinful, self-indulgent character. His life purposes are changed. To him it is said: *18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 12*

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: for which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: ... but now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth: lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him: where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.” [*Colossians 3:1-6, 8-11.*]*18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 13*

There is to be a clear distinction between those who serve God and those who serve Him not; between those who honor Him by keeping His commandments and those who are disobedient. If we have respect to the future reward, we will in this life be separate from those who disobey God. We need to be Bible students. No one need be in doubt as to the character he is to develop that he

may make his calling and election sure. *18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 14*

“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. ... Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: and whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.” [*Verses 12-25.*] *18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 15*

Some lift up their soul unto vanity, seeking for the supremacy. They accept as truth the suggestions of Satan. Those who, notwithstanding the blessings God has given them, fail to honor and reverence God and His truth, who do not openly proclaim their allegiance to Him, have forfeited their right to God’s blessings, and the Lord cannot work in harmony with them. *18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 16*

Those who truly believe in the Word of God will say, “Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in Thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause. Show me Thy ways, O Lord, teach me Thy paths. Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me: for Thou art the God of my salvation: on Thee do I wait all the day.” [*Psalm 25:1-5.*] *18LtMs, Ms*

108, 1903, par. 17

What a precious privilege is ours—that of learning from the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Teacher, and of forming our characters according to His example!*18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 18*

“Good and upright is the Lord; therefore will He teach sinners in the way. The meek will He guide in judgment: and the meek will He teach His way. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.” [*Verses 8-10.*]*18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 19*

The Holy One has given rules to govern the conduct of His servants. These rules are not the result of human devisings. They form a standard to swerve from which is sin. Those who do not give the will of God the first place in their lives turn aside from the principles of holiness that we are every one to respect and obey. Whatever position a man may occupy, the Lord cannot abide with him unless he respects the commands of God, walking before Him with a humble and contrite spirit.*18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 20*

### **Christ's Example of Self-denial**

Christ is the Light, the Life, the Joy of His people. Those who are members of His church are those who are building on the solid Rock. Let us consider His example of self-denial.*18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 21*

He gave His whole life as a sacrifice. He was the Commander of the heavenly hosts. Yet He laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown; He hid His rightful dignity, that He might serve the fallen race. Clothing His divinity with humanity, He came to a world seared and marred with the curse. With His human arm He encircled our race, while with His divine arm He grasped the throne of the infinite God. He might have come to our world attended and honored by the heavenly host. But had He appeared in the fulness of His glory, no man could have looked upon Him.*18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 22*

Our Saviour was of humble parentage. His character, not His birth



was to bear witness to His mission. He must take up the work of character building, as must every other child and youth. *18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 23*

To the humble shepherds the first announcement of the birth of the Messiah was made. "The angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." [*Luke 2:9-14.*] *18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 24*

From earliest years to manhood, Christ lived a life that was a perfect pattern of humility and industry and Obedience. He was always thoughtful and considerate of others, always self-denying. He came bearing the signature of heaven, not to be ministered unto, but to minister. *18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 25*

His education began in His earliest years. Early in His life He began to understand His position and His work. Even in His childhood He was a teacher. Study His life during His ministry; see how He worked. He chose as His disciples, to be co-laborers with God, poor, illiterate fishermen. *18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 26*

The unselfish life of Christ is an example to all. His character is a pattern of the characters we may form if we follow on in His footsteps. *18LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 27*

"We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became Him for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through suffering. For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, I will declare Thy name unto My brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto Thee. And again, I will

put My trust in Him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given Me. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily He took not on Him the nature of angels; but He took on Him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted.” [*Hebrews 2:9-18.*]18*LtMs, Ms 108, 1903, par. 28*

## Ms 109, 1903

Diary/Notes of Travel

Santa Barbara, California

September 11, 1902

Previously unpublished.

I attempted too much today. Dr. Jones provided horses and carriage, and a few of us went to look at some places which are thought to be favorable for sanitarium work. After we had ridden for a few miles, my afflicted hip gave me so much pain I could go no further. We were obliged to turn back. I was very thankful when we reached the house and could lie down; for the pain was extremely severe. *18LtMs, Ms 109, 1903, par. 1*

But the affliction of my soul is more painful than my physical suffering. While I have strength I will begin a letter to Dr. Jones and write as much as I can before we have to take the cars. *18LtMs, Ms 109, 1903, par. 2*

I have several times been instructed in regard to the dangerous place in which Dr. Jones is standing. He needs to be converted. He has yielded to the evil influences with which he has been surrounded. Influences which should never have been tolerated were introduced into the St. Helena Sanitarium. The strong spirit of Sister Sanderson was a snare to Dr. Jones, and I was instructed that unless changes were made at once in the Sanitarium, Dr. Jones would be captivated by the temptations that came to him in a certain way. He was infatuated with evil. *18LtMs, Ms 109, 1903, par. 3*

I have been painfully surprised that Brother C. H. Jones did not discern the danger of the situation in which his son was placed. He seemed to have lost discernment and did not reason from cause to effect. *18LtMs, Ms 109, 1903, par. 4*

On Sabbaths I exerted myself to speak to the patients. But the concerts that were held as soon as the hours of the Sabbath were

over counterworked the influences of the religious services that were held during the day. Dr. Jones acted as leader in these concerts against which I bore my testimony. *18LtMs, Ms 109, 1903, par. 5*

When the change did come, and Dr. Sanderson and his wife were separated from the institution, the developments were but the reaping of that which had been sown. *18LtMs, Ms 109, 1903, par. 6*

In obtaining his education, Dr. Jones had been under evil influences. And when he connected with the institution in St. Helena, he did not let his light shine forth in clear, bright rays. He failed to give the light to others. His record in the Sanitarium was such as would call forth the words of God, Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting. [*Daniel 5:27.*]*18LtMs, Ms 109, 1903, par. 7*

I sincerely hoped that when Dr. Jones severed his connection with the Sanitarium, he would see the importance of taking heed to the instruction that outlined what sanitarium work should be. The lives of the young people connected with our sanitariums should be such as to exert a convicting and converting power upon those who have not received the message for this time. But when those at the head of the institution exerted an influence that was deleterious, many of the nurses learned from them and walked in their footsteps. *18LtMs, Ms 109, 1903, par. 8*

Instead of gaining ground in St. Helena, Dr. Jones lost ground. And when he opened the Sanitarium in Santa Barbara, he was not a proper representative of what constitutes a Christian. His influence was such as to be a reproach to the sacred truth of heavenly origin. *18LtMs, Ms 109, 1903, par. 9*

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September 28, 1902

San Diego, California

Good is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. His praise should be in our hearts and upon our lips. We should praise Him with our voices;

for “whoso offereth praise glorifieth God.” [*Psalm 50:23.*] “Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in His commandments. ... Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.” [*Psalm 112:1, 4.*]*18LtMs, Ms 109, 1903, par. 10*

The Lord blessed me yesterday as I spoke to the people in the little chapel in San Diego. I am thankful that the brethren and sisters here have interested themselves to secure a place appropriate for a house of worship. This is a neat, but economical structure. We hope that ere long it will be enlarged.*18LtMs, Ms 109, 1903, par. 11*

Our medical workers here are doing their best with the facilities they now have for the treatment of the sick. The building they occupy was once a saloon. With a little work, the rooms where the liquor was served have been converted into treatment rooms. This will answer the purpose until money is obtained for the purchase of property for a sanitarium. We hope soon to purchase for this purpose a property about five miles from San Diego. This property consists of about twenty acres of ground, and a building of about sixty rooms which was built for a sanitarium. This property is offered to us at one third its cost. We do not want to lose this opportunity. We must call upon our brethren to help us purchase this property in Southern California.*18LtMs, Ms 109, 1903, par. 12*

## Ms 110, 1903

Diary/"Blessed With All Spiritual Blessings"

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

June 10, 1903

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The apostle Paul had received many revelations from God. His judgment is reliable; for it was formed under the teaching of the Holy Spirit. The knowledge he imparts is pure, elevating, ennobling. He speaks decidedly: "Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord." [*Philippians 3:8*.] *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 1*

To the Ephesians he writes: "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are of Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved. In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself." [*Ephesians 1:1-9*.] *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 2*

The whole of this *first chapter of Ephesians* contains precious instruction for every soul. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 3*

## A Remedy for Spiritual Blindness

We are to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn how to be like Him. “Learn of Me;” He says, “for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.” [*Matthew 11:29.*] *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 4*

We are not to brood over the inconsistencies of men whose minds are perverted, who are self-confident, determined to carry out their own way. Such men have always been found among those who are carrying on the Lord’s work. Though they lack wisdom to see the practice the truth, they consider themselves to be rich and increased with goods. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 5*

When you are brought into connection with men who try your soul by holding back and hindering the work which God bids you carry forward, men who refuse to follow the light of God’s word, do not condemn them. They are on the side of the enemy, deceived and led by Satan. They should be pitied. Pray for them that the Lord will open their eyes by anointing them with the heavenly eyesalve. But if they refuse to be converted, they should not be left to guide the flock of God. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 6*

Christ is the light of the world. “He that followeth Me,” He says, “shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” [*John 8:12.*] Those who allow Christ to anoint their eyes with His eyesalve will clearly discern spiritual truths. No longer will they see as through a mist, walking uncertainly in the sparks of their own kindling. They will have a divine knowledge of Christ formed within, the hope of glory—their wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 7*

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Concerning Alternations in the *Review and Herald* *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 8*

August 3, 1902

I have been asked by many, in regard to the changes made in the *Review and Herald*, why there is on the first page illustrations,

sometimes of a heathen deity, or of some celebrated man who was not a Christian. Some who love the truth say, "We are not pleased with the new arrangements of the *Review*. Can Sister White explain the reason for these changes? Of course she was consulted in regard to the matter. Are we to have in the front of our paper pictures of heathen deities and of men whom God regards as unwise, men who, exalting human science, refused to receive Jesus Christ?" *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 9*

I tell them that I had nothing to do with the change; that I was not consulted in regard to the matter. Those who had control of the paper followed their own judgment. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 10*

I have never expressed any opinion in regard to this change, although many have asked me in regard to it. I could have told them, however, that the suggestion was not from the Holy Spirit, but was simply human judgment, and that whether or not it was so designed, it stands before the world as a parable. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 11*

This action is similar in principle to the one taken when the book *Bible Readings* was placed in the field to the exclusion of *Great Controversy*, a book that would have acted a prominent part at that time in convincing many that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord, set apart as a sign to distinguish between the people of God and unbelievers. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 12*

My soul is troubled in regard to the change made in our church paper. The Lord has shown me that this rearrangement is an acted parable. The articles containing the special light for this time are not easily found. Those who have made these changes know not how the Lord regards their action. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 13*

I was instructed that men who are opposing the truth would interpret this parable to the people. I saw Elder D. M. Canright holding up a copy of the *Review and Herald* before a congregation and telling them that the messages of Ellen G. White were now regarded by most Seventh-day Adventists in the manner indicated by changing them from the first page of the *Review* to the middle of the paper. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 14*



It was the Lord's purpose that the first article in the paper should be written by the one who, in connection with Joseph Bates, was one of the first in establishing the work of Seventh-day Adventists. The Lord would have it known to the world that she still bears an active part in communicating light to the people of God. The action taken in placing before these articles the editorials has not been pleasing to the Lord, but it has pleased the enemy of righteousness and truth. This action has spoken louder than words to hundreds, saying that these articles are less esteemed by some than are the editorials which are now given the precedence. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 15*

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August 24

Yesterday, the Lord gave me strength to speak in the Sanitarium chapel to a company who listened with interest. I spoke from the *first chapter of First John*. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 16*

Professor Beardslee was present and led the singing. He gave some instruction regarding pitch and emphasis. He gives valuable help at our meetings, helping others to improve in their singing. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 17*

To my surprise, I was unable to present the subject on which I had intended to speak. I was led to speak of the obligation resting upon every one to strive for the mastery over self, refusing to be led by inclination or selfish desires. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 18*

### **Called to Service**

It is not position or influence, but obedience to the principles of truth that makes a man of value in the sight of God. We are not to thwart God's purpose for us, by seeking to follow our own ideas. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 19*

We are to be learners, searching the Scriptures. By the prayer of faith, we are to present our necessities to the Lord. As God's little children, we are to ask Him to guide us into all truth, that we may walk worthy of Him who has called us to glory and honor. Receiving

help from God, we are enabled to go on from victory to victory. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 20*

Paul's greatest joy was the knowledge that his converts were standing fast in the liberty of the gospel. His greatest desire for them was that Christ should be formed within, the hope of glory. "What is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing?" he wrote to the Thessalonians. "Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?" [*1 Thessalonians 2:19.*] *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 21*

To follow Christ means to suffer with Him. This we must do if we would share in His glory. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." [*Hebrews 12:1, 2.*] *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 22*

Our great Teacher has left us a perfect example of self-denial and self-sacrifice. "Consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." [*Verse 3.*] To every man God has given his work—God's work, and man's work. "Ye are laborers together with God." [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] We are carefully to consider whether we are doing the work God would have us do in His service. In the case of many of us, much of life has already passed away. Have we done all that we might have done to save souls ready to perish? Day after day is passing into eternity. Are we improving the opportunities that come to us to speak words that will lead others to take an interest in their own salvation? Are we making straight paths for our feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way? God calls upon us to watch for souls, as they that must give an account. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 23*

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August 25

Yesterday with its record has passed into eternity. Brother Beardslee came just as we were going to the station to meet Brother and Sister C. H. Jones, so we invited him to accompany us. This is the first opportunity I have had to visit with Brother Beardslee. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 24*

We had a profitable conversation with Brother C. H. Jones. The time was quite fully occupied in considering matters regarding the publication of my books. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 25*

I was much pleased to hear that the talk I gave in the Sanitarium chapel on Sabbath was to many souls a leaven of truth. One brother who was present had been contemplating entering a worldly business. He was halting between two opinions, undecided whether to give his efforts to the work of soul-saving, or whether to enter business. He has now decided to take up the work the Lord has for him to do and he is very thankful for the light that has shown upon his pathway. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 26*

I now understand why I was unable to present the subject I had in mind. This brother had, in the providence of God, been led to the Sanitarium to hear that which the Lord led me to speak. God will lead our minds if we will submit to Him. We should have full confidence that after we have asked God for light and instruction He will guide and lead us, if we are willing to follow Him. *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 27*

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“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: Though war should rise up against me, in this will I be confident. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in His temple. For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me upon a rock.” [*Psalm 27:1-5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 110, 1903, par. 28*

## Ms 111, 1903

“That They May Be One; As We Are One”

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“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.” [*John 1:1-5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 111, 1903, par. 1*

How precious are these words! By them some have been led to believe in Christ as the Son of God. A young man who had lived a careless life was converted by reading these verses in a Bible that he opened one day. He was so impressed with the divinity of the argument, and the authority and majesty of the language, that he was struck with amazement, and trembled. For a whole day he was scarcely conscious of his surroundings. He said that the words came to him as the words of a letter from God to him. From that time he dates his religious experience. *18LtMs, Ms 111, 1903, par. 2*

The writer of these words plainly shows that Jesus Christ is one with the Father. Christ is called the Word. He is the first-begotten of the Father. By Him God has spoken unto us in these last days. *18LtMs, Ms 111, 1903, par. 3*

“God who at sundry times, and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His (God’s) glory, and the express image of His (God’s) person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name

than they. For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee? And again, I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son?" [*Hebrews 1:1-5.*]18LtMs, Ms 111, 1903, par. 4

God is the Father of Christ; and Christ is the Son of God. To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father. All the councils of God are opened unto His Son.18LtMs, Ms 111, 1903, par. 5

Jesus said to the Jews, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill Him, because He not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do: for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth Him all things that Himself doeth: and He will show Him greater works than these, that ye may marvel." [*John 5:17-20.*]18LtMs, Ms 111, 1903, par. 6

Here again are brought to view the personalities of God and the Son, showing the unity that exists between them. This unity is clearly expressed in the prayer of Christ recorded in the 17th chapter of John:18LtMs, Ms 111, 1903, par. 7

"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which 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: and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me." [*Verses 20-23.*]18LtMs, Ms 111, 1903, par. 8

What a wonderful statement! The unity that exists between Christ and His disciples does not destroy the personality of either. In mind, in purpose, in character, they are one, but not in person. By partaking of the Spirit of God, conforming to the law of God, man becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ brings His disciples

into a living union with Himself and with the Father. Through the working of the Holy Spirit upon the human mind, man is made complete in Christ Jesus. Unity with Christ establishes a bond of unity with one another. This unity is the most convincing proof to the world of the majesty and virtue of Christ and of His power to take away sin. *18LtMs, Ms 111, 1903, par. 9*

Christ in His prayer to His Father says, “All Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I am glorified in them.” [*Verse 10.*] *18LtMs, Ms 111, 1903, par. 10*

As Christ beholds His disciples, He can say, “Through the grace I have given them, they are of one mind, speaking the same things. Their love for one another is an evidence to the world of what the truth can do when brought into the life and character. By conforming to My will, they have a knowledge of the truth. I have sanctified Myself in human flesh, that I might set before them a perfect example.” *18LtMs, Ms 111, 1903, par. 11*

As they receive and obey My words, they give evidence to the world that I have chosen them. *18LtMs, Ms 111, 1903, par. 12*

“They are given to Me of My Father. They are resisting the wiles of the enemy, and they are daily increasing in a knowledge of Me. By conforming to the will of My Father, they are obtaining the victory over the world, and over Satanic agencies.” *18LtMs, Ms 111, 1903, par. 13*

Trials and temptations are sometimes sent to us that from them we may learn the lessons we need in our preparation for the future immortal life. Moses, in the fulness of his faith, esteemed “the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.” [*Hebrews 11:26.*] *18LtMs, Ms 111, 1903, par. 14*

## Ms 112, 1903

The Work to be Done in Battle Creek

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To the officers of the Union Conference and the managers of the Sanitarium

Dear Brethren,—

My mind has been much troubled in regard to our youth's being drawn to Battle Creek. Many helpers will be needed to care for the large number of patients coming to the Sanitarium. These helpers will meet with worldly influences. What can be done to save them from backsliding?<sup>18LtMs, Ms 112, 1903, par. 1</sup>

I am instructed to say that we must do all in our power to guard the employees of the Sanitarium and the medical students from the temptations and snares of the enemy. As faithful watchmen, we must guard the sheep and lambs, lest they be led astray. We must improve every opportunity to present the true situation of our work before those who do not understand the dangers that beset us on every side.<sup>18LtMs, Ms 112, 1903, par. 2</sup>

When the Lord warned His people against making Battle Creek a Jerusalem center, and said that plants should be made in many places, He meant just what He said. The large patronage of the Sanitarium is no sign that this institution should have been built up in its present magnificence. Even though it had many more patients, this would be no evidence in this matter.<sup>18LtMs, Ms 112, 1903, par. 3</sup>

It is God with whom we have to deal, and we are not to move in

accordance with human policy or with man's shortsighted wisdom. The Lord is in earnest with us. He means what He has said, and for us to build up in Battle Creek something to draw our youth there, and to give the families already there an excuse for staying, is working contrary to the light He has given.*18LtMs, Ms 112, 1903, par. 4*

Had our brethren been humbly studying the light which has been given in regard to the scattering of our forces, the new Sanitarium in Battle Creek would have been established in some other place, even though apparently strong reasons called for its rebuilding in Battle Creek.*18LtMs, Ms 112, 1903, par. 5*

The Lord presented to us the reasons for removing the College from Battle Creek. This instruction should now be searched out and studied by those who desire to see the former college re-established there. Let the light already given shine forth in its purity and beauty, that God's name may be glorified. It is not wise to plan to maintain such a school in a place where worldly influences prevail to so great an extent as to counter work that which the Lord has outlined should be done for the youth in our educational institutions.*18LtMs, Ms 112, 1903, par. 6*

Many youth should not be brought together in Battle Creek. Let no plans be laid for enlarging the work at Battle Creek. But the question remains, What shall be done for those who are there? It is certainly our plain duty to do our best to guard the young men and young women who are serving those who know not the Lord. Knowing that those who are trying to obey God will be brought into close connection with those who know not the truth, let faithful pastors and teachers work zealously to save the souls both of helpers and of patients.*18LtMs, Ms 112, 1903, par. 7*

There is special need of faithful watchmen in Battle Creek—watchmen who will keep guard resolutely, determinedly, who will not be found sleeping at their post of duty. There is need that the managers of the Sanitarium, realizing the difficulties and dangers of the situation, shall bring into the institution men and women of mature years, who have a good Christian experience, and who will make an earnest, faithful effort to be a help to the youth and a



blessing to all in the institution. *18LtMs, Ms 112, 1903, par. 8*

The young helpers must not be left to be led away from the truth by the unbelievers with whom they are brought in contact. Faithful watchmen are needed in Battle Creek, to sound forth the note of warning, giving the trumpet a certain sound. We are not to stand by passively, seeing souls exposed to temptation without doing anything to help them. There is a work to be done for believers and unbelievers, that those who will listen to the truth may have an opportunity to hear and understand. Those who go to Battle Creek, for whatever reason, are souls for whom the Lord gave His only begotten Son. *18LtMs, Ms 112, 1903, par. 9*

The Lord will not permit His truth to be extinguished, and those who love and serve Him distressed and afflicted. There are men who must be on the ground at Battle Creek, to do their best to hunt and fish for souls, to uphold the truth before the multitudes. Let us take the very best view possible of the situation and work for souls as they that must give an account. We must call strong men to Battle Creek; men who will clearly and distinctly outline our position, from a Bible standpoint, and who will present straight, plain Bible truth; men who have not been receiving popular, poisonous errors. Every opportunity to teach the truth to worldlings is to be improved. And among the patients there will be true-hearted Christians to reach. These, as well as our medical missionary students, must be helped. *18LtMs, Ms 112, 1903, par. 10*

In all that we do, we are to labor together with God. Let us work intelligently, that those who are working as medical missionaries in Battle Creek may not be ensnared. The Lord of heaven will help us to do His work in a way that will be recognized of heaven. *18LtMs, Ms 112, 1903, par. 11*

## Ms 113, 1903

“That They All May Be One”

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In many of our institutions conditions exist that are not in harmony with the Lord's purposes. These institutions are controlled by men who are not rightly related to God. Selfishness is seen in their business transactions. Satan rejoices to see their spiritual defection; for through such men he can accomplish his purposes. *18LtMs, Ms 113, 1903, par. 1*

Those who wear Christ's yoke share His companionship. Daily they learn of Him His meekness and lowliness. Every one who learns these lessons in the school of Christ finds rest and peace. *18LtMs, Ms 113, 1903, par. 2*

Those who wear Satan's yoke are uneasy, complaining, oppressed in spirit. Wherever they go, they carry with them a cloud of darkness. They do not realize how Satan exults as he uses them to oppose the work that God's people are trying to carry forward. *18LtMs, Ms 113, 1903, par. 3*

Every business transaction is to be such as can be endorsed by heaven, else it will bear the unsavory odor of Satan's influence. Every action is to represent the science of heaven's principles—the harmony of the human mind with the revelation of the divine will. *18LtMs, Ms 113, 1903, par. 4*

Selfishness is a root of bitterness by which many are defiled, thus greatly hindering the work of God. Those who seek to control themselves, who will eat the words of life, and who will copy the great Example will be emptied of the selfishness that is so abhorrent to God. *18LtMs, Ms 113, 1903, par. 5*

The household of faith are to be as one family, upholding the

principles of heaven in every transaction. They will not grieve Christ by opposing one another. As they work in harmony, co-operating with the divine agencies, a mighty work is accomplished. The Holy Spirit works in their hearts, exerting a sanctified, refining, and ennobling influence. *18LtMs, Ms 113, 1903, par. 6*

We are all amenable to God. We are not to assert ourselves in independence. Of many of the plans which men are supposed to have originated, God is the Originator. But in their self-sufficiency, men often suppose themselves to be acting independently. *18LtMs, Ms 113, 1903, par. 7*

O that the veil could be withdrawn, that all might see that the plans that are devised for the advancement of the Lord's work are not the invention of men, but are of God! But when God's agencies are controlled and conducted contrary to the divine law, the result will be confusion and perplexity. *18LtMs, Ms 113, 1903, par. 8*

God has a work to be done in the world. Those who believe in Jesus Christ and accept Him as their personal Saviour are "laborers together with God." [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] This "together" means much more than many realize. Together in unity, and in love, in the Spirit of Christ, let each one take up his appointed work. *18LtMs, Ms 113, 1903, par. 9*

Let us seek to answer Christ's prayer for unity: *18LtMs, Ms 113, 1903, par. 10*

"As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which 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 might 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: and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me." [*John 17:18-23.*]

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What a testimony was borne by Paul concerning those to whom he was writing!—"I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?" [*1 Corinthians 3:2, 3.*] *18LtMs, Ms 113, 1903, par. 12*

Many will be lost because they refuse to bring their lives into harmony with the will of God. Many hearts are waxed gross because of their low conception of the spirit that should govern their lives. Carelessness, sensuality, pride, and selfishness are opposed to the pure principles of truth. *18LtMs, Ms 113, 1903, par. 13*

Christ is the truth. In His teaching He used language that could be easily comprehended. Yet He taught truths of deep meaning. By means of parables and simple illustrations He taught truths of eternal importance. *18LtMs, Ms 113, 1903, par. 14*

To those who receive light He says, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a 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 5:14-16.*] *18LtMs, Ms 113, 1903, par. 15*

## **Ms 114, 1903**

Talk/Duties and Privileges of the Christian

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“As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.” [*John 1:12.*] *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 1*

It is worth everything to us to be the children of God. To His children He communicates His will. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 2*

We are to give to the world an evidence of our sonship. Let Christ live and abide in you. Then man will take knowledge of you that you have been with Jesus; that you have learned lessons from the great Teacher. Guard carefully words and actions, striving to form characters like the character of Christ. Reveal His love and tenderness, His patience and forbearance. Thus you will show to the world that you are children of God. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 3*

Christ said to His disciples, “Ye are the light of the world. ... Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” [*Matthew 5:14, 16.*] Only by letting our lights shine forth in good works can we gain true happiness. We cannot be happy unless we strive earnestly to do that which is right. When we obey God we not only gain happiness ourselves, but we become a source of happiness and strength to others. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 4*

We are to bring the sweetness of Christ’s presence into the home. We are to carry the principles of Christianity into all that we do. He who is engaged in a business into which he cannot bring religion, let him seek another business. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 5*

“If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye

will, and it shall be done unto you.” [John 15:7.] When you pray, present this promise. It is our privilege to come to Him with holy boldness. As in sincerity we ask Him to let His light shine upon us, He will hear and answer us. But we must live in harmony with our prayers. They are of no avail if we walk contrary to them. I have seen a father who, after reading a portion of Scripture and offering prayer, would often, almost as soon as he had risen from his knees, begin to scold his children. How could God answer the prayer he had offered? And if after scolding his children a father offers prayer, does that prayer benefit the children? No; not unless it is a prayer of confession to God. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 6*

“Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples. As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you; continue ye in My love. If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father’s commandments, and abide in His love. These things have I spoken unto you”—that you may be unbelieving, sad, and unhappy? No—“that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.” [Verses 8-11.] God wants us to be joyful. He is not pleased when we murmur and complain. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 7*

“This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth; but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you.” [Verses 12-16.] Does Christ here refer to ministers only? No. God has ordained all who believe in His name—ordained them to be His children, to communicate His grace to those with whom they associate. He will help and strengthen those who seek to represent Christ to the world. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 8*

“Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you.” [Verse 16.] *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 9*

“These things I command you that ye love one another. If the world hate you, ye know that it hated Me before it hated you.” [Verses 17, 18.] If you are the children of God, and work the works of God, you must expect to be hated by the world. “If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept My saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for My name’s sake, because they know not Him that sent Me.” [Verses 19-21.] *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 10*

### **Home Influence**

Every day there are battles to be fought. Parents, in the home fight the good fight of faith. Help your children to gain victories. Talk with them about heaven. Tell them that you want them to be there. Surround them with an atmosphere of love. Thus you can subdue their stubborn dispositions. Christ will co-operate with you in your efforts to win your children to Him. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 11*

Show respect for your children, and do not allow them to speak one disrespectful word to you. Teach them that they are a part of the family firm, and that they are to help in bearing its burdens. Let them help you; thus you are helping them. And as you teach them to work diligently, with neatness and order, you yourselves will learn valuable lessons. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 12*

Remember that as your children go to school, they carry with them the influence that prevails in the home. If a spirit of kindness and helpfulness prevails in the home, your children will go from it to speak kind words and to perform unselfish acts. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 13*

Do not allow your children to have their own way in everything. Thus you do them untold harm. Teach them to give up their own wishes for the sake of others. Teach them lessons of self-control and submission. But in order to do this, you need not scold and fret. Harsh, angry words are not of heavenly origin. Scolding and fretting

never help. Instead, they stir up the worst feelings of the human heart. When your children do wrong and are filled with rebellion, and you are tempted to speak and act harshly, wait before you correct them. Give them an opportunity to think, and allow your temper to cool. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 14*

As you deal kindly and tenderly with your children, they and you will receive the blessing of the Lord. And think you that in the day of God's judgment, any one will regret that he has been patient and kind with his children? *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 15*

Abraham's household numbered no less than a thousand souls, and God said of him, "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment." [*Genesis 18:19.*] *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 16*

In your work for your children, take hold of the mighty power of God. Commit your children to the Lord in prayer. Work earnestly and untiringly for them. God will hear your prayers and will draw them to Himself. Then, at the last great day, you can bring them to God, saying, Here am I and the children whom Thou hast given me. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 17*

### **How to Meet Opposition**

As you endeavor to do what is right, you will meet opposition. Take your stand firmly for Christ. "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." [*Ephesians 6:10-12.*] *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 18*

Christians will meet opposition. But those who wear constantly the armor that God has provided will never be defeated. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 19*

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.



Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." [Verses 13-17.]*18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 20*

### **Preparing for Eternal Life**

Angels of God will co-operate with us as we seek to bring to the foundation traits of character represented by gold, and silver, and precious stones, material that will bear the test of the purifying fires of the last day. There are many who are bringing to the foundation that which is represented by wood, hay, and stubble. Those who do this, whose service is unprofitable to God, yet who at last repent, are represented as being saved as by fire. As they realize their danger, and return to the Lord, He forgives them and accepts them, notwithstanding their many years of unfaithfulness. But all such will testify to the loss they have suffered in failing to improve the opportunities granted them.*18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 21*

God's Word, studied and obeyed, gives eternal life. "Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood," Christ said, "hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ... It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." [John 6:54, 63.]*18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 22*

Those who bear the name of Christian are to reach the high standard of godliness set before them in the Word of God. Ever they are to bear about with them the evidence that God is imparting to them strength that enables them to live Christlike lives.*18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 23*

Life is uncertain. When I stand before a congregation, I wonder whether I shall ever speak to them again. I am afflicted with heart trouble, and at times it seems that at any moment my breath may cease. I want to be ready should death call me suddenly. And I want you all to live in readiness to die, that when Christ comes He

may place on your brows a crown of gold. In the kingdom of God above, I want to hear these little children singing praises to their Saviour. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 24*

### **A Message From Revelation**

In the *third chapter of Revelation* we find our duty plainly marked out: "And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead." [*Verse 1.*] *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 25*

Sardis was a very wicked city. To this city the apostles had carried truth, but the inhabitants had refused to walk in the light. As men refuse to walk in the light that comes to them, their hearts become hardened, and God's judgments are permitted to come upon them. Can it be said of any of us that we bear the name of Christians, but are spiritually dead? If so, the word comes to us: *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 26*

"Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent." [*Verses 2, 3.*] There can be no genuine repentance without sincere prayer. At your daily work, at your place of business, wherever you are, pray for the keeping power of God, and He will keep you from falling. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 27*

"If therefore thou wilt not watch, I will come upon thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." [*Verse 3.*] *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 28*

"Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white; for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels." [*Verses 4, 5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 29*

There are many whose names, when they first accepted Christ,

were written in the book of life, but who have since become careless, indifferent, and prayerless. Their names will not always remain in the book of life. Those who would have their names retained in that book must be Christians every day, every hour, every minute. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 30*

“He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth and no man shutteth; and shutteth and no man openeth. I know thy works: behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept My word, and hast not denied My name.” *[Verses 6-8.]18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 31*

That which Christ opens, no human power can close; that which He closes no opposing force can open. Then let Him open the windows of your soul heavenward and close them earthward, that your heart may be illuminated by rays from the throne of God. When Christ closes the door of your heart against the enemy, no power can open that door to Satan. But if, because you will not repent, the door of your heart is closed to the Saviour, your prayers, your good works, and all the praise of men will be of no avail. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 32*

“Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.” *[Verse 9.]18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 33*

“Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.” *[Verse 10.]18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 34*

Those who follow Christ must walk by faith. “If any man will come after Me,” He said, “let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.” *[Luke 9:23.]18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 35*

“Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.” *[Revelation 3:11.]* Crowns are being prepared for

us, but unless we strive, we shall not receive them. Let us seek to win the crowns of everlasting life. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 36*

“Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God, and I will write upon him My new name.” [*Verse 12.*] This does not mean that we shall be stationary as a pillar. But we shall bear responsibilities. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 37*

Christ was once asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” In answer He called a little child to Him, and said to those who asked the question, “Verily I say unto you. Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.” [*Matthew 18:1-3.*] *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 38*

“Take My yoke,” said Christ, “and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.” [*Matthew 11:29.*] The rest that Christ gives brings the peace that passes all understanding. This peace we may have in our hearts by complying with Christ’s conditions for finding rest. “I will write upon him My new name.” [*Revelation 3:12.*] We may not now fully understand what some of these things mean. Let us leave with the Lord that which He has not revealed. When we see the King in His beauty, we shall understand many things that now we do not understand. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 39*

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [*Verse 13.*] *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 40*

“And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth.” [*Verses 14-16.*] *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 41*

Professing Christians who live cold-hearted, selfish lives are nauseating to Christ. Let us not be lukewarm Christians, heartless

in our treatment of others. Let us surround ourselves with an atmosphere of courage and hope. Let us speak pleasant, encouraging words to those around us. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 42*

Those who do not follow the teaching of the Word of God are ignorant of their true condition. God says to them: *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 43*

“Because thou sayest, I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked; I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.” [*Verses 17-21.*] *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 44*

Let us cherish the truth of God. Unless we are successful in obtaining eternal life, it were better for us that we had never been born. Let us not refuse to avail ourselves of the privileges that are ours through the sacrifice of Christ. Although equal with God, He came to this world to give His life for us. On the cross of Calvary, He died a death of shame, that He might make an atonement for the sins of those who receive Him as their Saviour. To those who receive Him, and believe on Him, He promises to give power to become the sons of God. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 45*

Jesus loves you. He has purchased you with His blood. Had He not loved you, He would not have died for you. His heart of love is grieved when you work contrary to Him, because you are thwarting His plan for your salvation. God cannot bless those who oppose Him, those who refuse to accept the words of comfort and peace that would bring light and love to their souls. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 46*

To every man is given his work. Those who are connected with God will reveal their connection by working with Him. They are co-partners with God and with Christ. They are joint-heirs with Christ to an immortal inheritance. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 47*

If in this world we do our best, following our divine Example, overcoming in the strength that He gives, we shall be granted an abundant entrance into the courts above. There Christ will lead us by rivers of living water and teach us the meaning of the providences that in this world we did not understand. Then we shall be able to discern the love of God in what now seem to us adversities. We shall see that trials were permitted to come to us to remove our unchristlike traits of character and to strengthen our weak points. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 48*

God is calling upon you to surrender to Him. Will you not come? Will you not give Him your heart's best and holiest affections? Will you not receive from Him gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich, and white raiment that you may be clothed? Will you not allow Him to anoint your eyes with His heavenly eyesalve, that you may see clearly? Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. He will lift up a standard for you against the enemy. As in the power of Christ you gain victory after victory, you will be filled with the spirit of praise. In the home and in the church you will praise God. He in whose heart the mighty power of God is working cannot be silent. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 49*

Let those in this church lift the standard higher, and still higher. Live close to Christ, that you may exert a saving influence on those with whom you come in contact. Seek earnestly for the conversion of souls. All around are men and women who will gladly receive the message of salvation. Take your Bible, and show them the beauty of the truth. If you say nothing to them about the love of God, if you allow them to continue unwarned, the time will come when you will bitterly regret your wasted opportunities. Doors for service are open everywhere. Unless God sends us, we need not go to India or China. All around us are those who need our help. Let us do our best. I often wish I could go back to the time when I was about twenty-five years old, that I might live my life over again. I long to bring souls to Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 50*

The Lord is coming soon. We have but little time in which to prepare for His coming. Every day, the record of our life for that day is recorded in the books of heaven. At the judgment, may those books say of every one here, "Ye are complete in Him." [*Colossians 2:10.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 114, 1903, par. 51*

## **Ms 115, 1903**

### Diary/Instruction Regarding Sanitarium Work

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I have been calling upon God to heal my eyes and to give me clearness of mind, that I may be able to express in proper language, some subjects that I have dreaded to write out, fearing that I would be unable to do justice to the subject.*18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 1*

In our sanitarium work plants should be made in many places. In the sanitariums established a decided influence for temperance and for all points of truth should be exerted. The workers should seek to help one another. Those who possess the true missionary spirit will esteem all for whom Christ has died.*18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 2*

God has declared that sanitariums and hygienic restaurants should be established for the purpose of making known to the world His law. The closing of our restaurants on the Sabbath is to be a witness that there is a people who will not, for worldly gain or to please people, disregard God's holy rest day. These restaurants are to be established in our cities to bring the truth before many who are engrossed in the business and pleasure of this world. Many of these are professed Christians, but are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." [2 *Timothy 3:4*.] These are to know that God has a people who fear Him and keep His commandments. They are to be taught how to choose and prepare the simple food that is best suited to nourish the body and preserve the health.*18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 3*

#### **Regarding Long Courses of Study**

Questions have arisen in regard to the management of sanitariums and in regard to the plans to be followed in the education of



physicians and nurses. We are asked whether few or many should take a five years' course. *18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 4*

All are to be left perfectly free to follow the dictates of an enlightened conscience. There are those who with a few months' instruction would be prepared to go out and do acceptable medical missionary work. Some cannot feel that it is their duty to give years to one line of study. *18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 5*

### **Nurses Not to be Restricted**

After the nurses have served the term agreed upon, and have given their services in return for their education, they should be at liberty to take up work where they wish and to earn what they can. Some many not have been able to give any money while getting their education. Their board and clothing, with the gifts they have made to the cause of God, may have taken all their earnings. Then if they are taken sick, they have no money to fall back on, and they are helped by the sanitarium as cases of charity. This is a species of slavery to which some will conscientiously submit, while others will backslide from the truth. *18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 6*

The young men and young women who take their medical course or the nurses' course should not be taught that after their graduation they will ever after be amenable to the association under which they received their education. When nurses go to patients not in the sanitarium, they should not be required to return to the sanitarium all that they earn, except just enough to cover the cost of food and clothing. *18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 7*

There is much to be considered in regard to this matter. From the light that I have, I know that these things are not properly adjusted. The nurses give their services in return for the education that they receive. They are not always to be required to pay a portion of their wages to the sanitarium. This is not just. *18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 8*

And when their term of service has expired, the nurses should be left free to work where they please, and to recognize that they are accountable only to God for the use they make of the money they

earn. They are not to be required to pay to the sanitarium at which they received their training a certain part of their earnings. They are to be left free as those who have settled their indebtedness, and are now at liberty to use their earnings as God directs.*18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 9*

Perhaps they have brothers and sisters who need an education in our schools. Perhaps their parents need what they can spare of their earnings. Their duty to their parents comes first. There has been suffering in families for want of the means that nurses have given in donations to our sanitariums. This very money was needed by their parents.*18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 10*

A reformation is needed on this point, for justice has not always been done. A hold is not to be retained on the nurses educated in our sanitariums, as if they had sold themselves to the institution for life. This matter has been presented to me as something that needs to be set right.*18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 11*

How much depression and anxiety has been the result of this unwise business arrangement will never be known until the cases of all are seen as they really are. Many of the arrangements made in the name of medical missionary work need adjusting by the wisdom of a Physician that is above all human physicians. Men need to understand that equity and justice and mercy are the attributes of the Most High. In no case will the Lord be pleased with a course such as has been followed in dealing with those who are anxious to obtain a knowledge in the treatment of the sick. These nurses and helpers have rendered faithful service, but have not received an equivalent.*18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 12*

#### **Practical Instruction to be Given**

Great care should be exercised in the training of young people for the medical missionary work; for the mind is molded by that which it receives and retains. Too much incomplete work has been done in the education given. The most useful education is that found in practical work.*18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 13*

Our institutions are not to be so overgrown that the most important

points in education do not receive the proper consideration. Instruction should be given in medical missionary work. The teaching given in medical lines should be blended with a study of the Bible. And physical training should not be neglected. *18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 14*

Great care should be exercised in regard to the influences that prevail in the institution. The influences under which the nurses are placed will mold their character for eternity. *18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 15*

The home is the child's first school. Here it should receive its first training in regard to right principles. In childhood the mind is readily impressed and molded, and it is then that boys and girls should be taught to love and honor God. In sympathy and love parents should teach them line upon line, precept upon precept, the lessons of His Word. Neither the church school nor the college afford the opportunities for establishing a child's character building upon the right foundation as are afforded in the home. In the school there are not the strong ties of love that there are in the home. *18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 16*

The youth in their waywardness and inexperience need to associate with teachers who feel an intense interest in the work of educating and training the members of the Lord's family. The teachers are to have no favorites among their students. They are not to give the most attention to the bright, quick students. *18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 17*

First impressions are not to be trusted. It is those who apparently are the most unpromising, who need the most tact and kindly words that will bind their hearts to the heart of the teacher. Angels of God come to every schoolroom. If their presence is welcomed they will keep the minds of the students fresh with the love of God. And they will help the teacher to preserve order and discipline. *18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 18*

Students who at first may seem to be dull and slow, may in the end make greater progress than those who are naturally quicker. If they are thorough and systematic in their work, they will gain much that others will fail to gain. Those who form habits of patient,

persevering industry will accomplish more than those of quick, vivacious, brilliant minds, who, though grasping a point quickly, lose it just as readily. The patient ones, though slower to learn, will stand ahead of those who learn so quickly that they do not need to study. *18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 19*

### **Sanitariums to be in the Country**

I have received much instruction regarding the location of sanitariums. They should be a few miles distant from the large cities, and land should be secured in connection with them. Fruit and vegetables should be cultivated, and the patients should be encouraged to take up outdoor work. Many who are suffering from pulmonary disease might be cured if they would live in a climate where they could be out of doors most of the year. Many who have died of consumption might have lived if they had breathed more pure air. Fresh outdoor air is as healing as medicine and leaves no injurious after effects. *18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 20*

To the young and strong the bustle of the city is sometimes more agreeable than the quiet of the country, but the sick long for the quiet of the country. As these things are presented before me, and as I think of how much is lost by an indoor life, I can scarcely endure the thought of our sanitariums being situated where the patients must endure the rigor of cold winters, where during the winter months they must remain inside most of the time, the rooms heated with steam coils, and the air impure. In every place there are in winter some things that are disadvantageous to the sick, but some places have fewer disadvantages than others. There are localities where all the year round fruit-bearing trees may be seen, and where but little fire is needed for purposes of warmth. In sanitariums established in such places the patients can have the advantages of the outdoor air at all seasons of the year. When fires are required, there should, if possible, be open fireplaces in which wood can be burned. *18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 21*

Why do not our physicians see and understand that patients should be treated out of and away from the cities? And not the patients only, but physicians and nurses need a cheerful, sunshiny atmosphere. Is it surprising that under gloomy surroundings,

workers should be downhearted and depressed, leading unbelievers to think that their religion makes them gloomy? Let there be light and love and cheerful song in the place of gloom, and what a change would take place!*18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 22*

Our schools also should be established away from the cities, where the influences will be favorable for receiving the instruction that is to be given in Bible lines. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." [*Psalm 111:10.*] Both the students in our schools and the patients in our sanitariums may receive great advantages by having before their eyes the open book of nature instead of the walls of a room, the air of which is often laden with the poisonous exhalations of the lungs.*18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 23*

### **Cultivate Cheerfulness**

Would it not be well to cultivate gratitude and to offer grateful songs of thanksgiving to God? As Christians we ought to praise God more than we do. We ought to bring more of the brightness of His love into our lives. As by faith we look to Jesus, His joy and peace are reflected from the countenances. How earnestly we should seek so to relate ourselves to God that our faces may reflect the sunshine of His love! When our own souls are vivified by the Holy Spirit, we shall exert an uplifting influence upon others who know not the joy of Christ's presence.*18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 24*

Said David, "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what He hath done for my soul." [*Psalm 66:16.*]*18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 25*

Nebuchadnezzar because of his pride was humiliated, his reason was taken away, and for seven years he was as one of the beasts of the field. At the end of that time he praised God. "And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored Him that liveth forever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom is from generation to generation: and all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His

hand, or say unto Him, What doest Thou?" [*Daniel 4:34, 35.*]18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 26

In the open air, the patients, some in wheel chairs, will feel songs of joy coming from their hearts, and some will receive Christ by faith. Many more might be brought to a knowledge of the truth if their surroundings were of a softening and subduing nature. As they behold the beauties of nature, their minds will be led to think of the glories of the home that Christ has gone to prepare for His people. They will realize that the Bible has been given to point out the way to this home and to prepare the soul for the region of bliss. Joy unspeakable will fill their minds.18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 27

"In that day shall it be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love, He will joy over thee with singing." [*Zephaniah 3:16, 17.*]18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 28

### **Simplicity in Diet and Treatments**

It would have been better if, from the first, all drugs had been kept out of our sanitariums and use had been made of such simple remedies as are found in pure water, pure air, sunlight, and some of the simple herbs growing in the field. These would be just as efficacious as the drugs used under mysterious names and concocted by human science. And they would leave no injurious effects in the system.18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 29

Thousands who are afflicted might recover their health if, instead of depending upon the drugstore for their life, they would discard all drugs and live simply, without using tea, coffee, liquor, or spices, which irritate the stomach and leave it weak, unable to digest even simple food without stimulation. The Lord is willing to let His light shine forth in clear, distinct rays to all who are weak and feeble.18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 30

Vegetables, fruits, and grains should compose our diet. Not an ounce of flesh meat should enter our stomachs. The eating of flesh is unnatural. We are to return to God's original purpose in the

creation of man. *18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 31*

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There is a great work to be done. And all are to undertake this work, not for self-exaltation, but wholly for the glory of God. They are instruments, chosen by God to co-operate with Him. *18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 32*

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There is blessing in the association of old and young. The young may bring sunshine into the hearts and minds of the aged. Those of hoary heads need the vitality and action of the young. And the young need the wisdom and mature experience of older persons. There is to be a blending of the two. Wisdom and patience will do a great work for the weak and sickly. *18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 33*

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The Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the earth. They are no longer of benefit to the world in advancing truth and righteousness. They are about to be gathered in bundles, ready to be burned. They are as faggots ready to be cast into the fire. *18LtMs, Ms 115, 1903, par. 34*

## Ms 116, 1903

### Lessons From the Story of Cornelius

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The story of Cornelius was written for encouragement for all who are honestly seeking for the truth. *18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 1*

“There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius. And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter: he lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the seaside: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.” [*Acts 10:1-6.*]*18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 2*

Although Cornelius was a Gentile, it is said of him that he “feared God, with all his house.” [*Verse 2.*] He had not a theoretical understanding of the truth, but in his life he manifested the true principles of Christianity, and the Lord sent an angel to him with a message of commendation. *18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 3*

His course was far more pleasing to God than that of many who, though having opportunity to know the principles of truth, do not, because it is inconvenient or unpleasant, obey the laws of God. *18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 4*

Cornelius was walking in all the light he had received, and the Lord gave him an opportunity of hearing the gospel message and of uniting with the newly formed church. Those who today are, like Cornelius, asking God for wisdom will receive it. The Lord is always



ready to supply the necessities of the self-sacrificing and liberal when they call upon Him. *18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 5*

“And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on them continually, and when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.” [*Verses 7, 8.*] *18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 6*

In all this transaction, the wisdom of Christ is manifested. The Lord will work marvelously, when men will not, by human wisdom, thwart His purposes. The Lord has His own means of accomplishing the work He wishes done. “All power,” said Christ, “is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.” [*Matthew 28:18.*] *18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 7*

At this time the Jewish converts still retained their prejudice against the Gentiles. Even Peter needed to be converted. God must teach him that he was not to belittle those who had had no opportunity of hearing the truth. Note how carefully God worked to overcome the prejudices against the Gentiles that had been so thoroughly introduced into Peter’s mind by all his Jewish training. *18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 8*

“On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: and he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance.” [*Acts 10:9, 10.*] *18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 9*

Peter hungered not for physical food alone. As from the housetop he viewed the city and the surrounding country, he hungered for the salvation of his countrymen. He had an intense desire to point out to them from the Scriptures the prophecies relating to the sufferings and death of Christ. He longed that they might accept the wonderful revelation of the truth as it is in Jesus. *18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 10*

As he prayed, he became lost as to his whereabouts. He “saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the

earth: wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter, kill, and eat. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean. And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven. Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate, and called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.*18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 11*

“While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them. Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come? And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nations of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee. Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him. And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends. And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up: I myself also am a man. And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together. And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me? And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in mine house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, and said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged

in the house of one Simon a tanner by the seaside: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee. Immediately therefore, I sent to thee; thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.*18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 12*

“Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (He is Lord of all:) that word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached; how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the third day, and showed Him openly: not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even unto us, who did eat and drink with Him after He rose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is He which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever shall believe on Him shall receive remission of sins.*18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 13*

“While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And He commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.” [*Verses 11-48.*]*18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 14*

Paul was the appointed minister to the Gentiles; Peter was the apostle of the circumcision. Yet Peter was the one whom God used in doing the first work among the Gentiles. This was ordered by a

wise God, who knows the end from the beginning. The Lord chose Peter to lead out in proclaiming the gospel to the Gentiles. He was the one best able to accomplish this work without friction and to remove the prejudice existing among the Jewish Christians.*18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 15*

Peter accepted the interpretation of the vision. Never did he attempt to force the rites of the ceremonial law upon the Gentile converts.*18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 16*

This record illustrates the power of God to break down prejudice. When “some of the circumcision contended with him,” because he had transgressed the traditions of the Jews in associating with the Gentiles, Peter related his vision. He told of his experience in Cornelius’ house and how the Holy Ghost descended on the Gentiles as well as on the Jews. “Then remembered I,” he said, “the word of the Lord, how that He said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as He did unto us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.” [*Acts 11:2-18.*]*18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 17*

Thus without controversy, prejudice was broken down, and the way was opened for the work to be carried on among the Gentiles without further opposition.*18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 18*

“But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace are ye saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Jesus Christ. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Wherefore remember that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the

Circumcision in the flesh made with hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenant of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world. But now in Jesus Christ ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.”  
[*Ephesians 2:4-13.*] *18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 19*

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Let those who are ready to take up burdens that the Lord has not given them be careful lest the work to which they are appointed remains undone. *18LtMs, Ms 116, 1903, par. 20*

## **Ms 117, 1903**

A Neglected Work

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We are living amidst the perils of the last days. Are we ready for Christ's appearing? Should He come suddenly, would He find us unready to meet Him? What is the matter with Christians, that they do not do more for the Master? There are many, many who know not the time of their visitation. Many are showing by the daily life that they have lost their first love. Their spirituality is feeble and diseased. They need the leaves of the tree of life, which are for the healing of the nations. *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 1*

God's followers are to press together in unity. They are to walk and talk like men who have the fellowship of the Spirit. They are to be bound up with Christ in God. For ten days the disciples continued in one accord in prayer and supplication. These were days of heart-searching and confession of sin. They prayed for the impartation of the Spirit, and their prayers were heard. *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 2*

We must be united. Only thus can we bear witness that God has sent His Son to save sinners. It was when the disciples were one in heart and mind that the promise of the Spirit was fulfilled. *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 3*

My brethren and sisters, do not, by professing to be Christians, yet living the life of a sinner, place before the feet of unbelievers stones of stumbling. Let the light of the life of Christ shine out through your lives. *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 4*

### **Who Is My Neighbor?**

On one occasion, when Christ was speaking to a large company,

the Pharisees, hoping to catch something from His lips that they could use to condemn Him, sent a lawyer to Him with the question, "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Christ read the hearts of the Pharisees as an open book, and His answer to the questioner was, "What is written in the law? how readest thou?" "And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." [Luke 10:25-27.] *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 5*

"Thou hast answered right," Christ said; "this do, and thou shalt live." [Verse 28.] *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 6*

The lawyer knew that by his own answer he had condemned himself. He knew that he did not love his neighbor as himself. But willing to justify himself, he asked, "And who is my neighbor?" [Verse 29.] *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 7*

Christ answered this 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, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead." [Verse 30.] *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 8*

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; but he left him without rendering any assistance. "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. He persuaded himself that the case was no concern of his, and he too "passed by on the other side." [Verses 31, 32.] *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 9*

But a Samaritan, traveling the same road, saw the sufferer, and he

did the work that the 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 and Levite, but in spirit and works he proved himself to be in harmony with God. *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 10*

The lawyer found in the lesson nothing that he could criticize. 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 among the thieves," he answered, "He that showed mercy on him." [Verses 36, 37.] *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 11*

"Then Jesus said unto him, Go, and do thou likewise." [Verse 37.] Show the same tender kindness to those in need. *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 12*

Thus you will give evidence that you keep the whole law. *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 13*

The priest and Levite had no excuse for their cold-hearted indifference. The law of mercy and kindness was plainly stated in the Old Testament Scriptures. It was their appointed work to minister to just such cases as the one whom they had coldly passed by. Had they obeyed the law they claimed to respect, they would not have passed this man by without helping him. But they had forgotten the principles of the law that Christ, enshrouded in the pillar of cloud, had given to their fathers as He led them through the wilderness. They looked upon it as beneath them to minister to an unknown sufferer by the wayside. *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 14*

Many today are making the same mistake made by the priest and the Levite. They separate their duties into two distinct classes. The



one class is made up of great things, to be regulated by the law of God; the other class is made up of so-called little things, in which the command “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself” is ignored. [*Leviticus 19:18.*] This sphere of work is left to caprice, subject to inclination or impulse. Thus the character is marred and the religion of Christ misrepresented. *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 15*

The same one that said to Moses, “Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee forever” [*Exodus 19:9*], condescended to come to our world in the garb of humanity. The only begotten Son of God became a helpless babe in Bethlehem. It was He who was now speaking to the Jewish people, but they knew Him not. From the mount He had spoken, saying, “I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.” [*Exodus 20:2.*] He was now standing before them in His assumed humanity, giving them a lesson that they would never forget, whether they heeded it or disregarded it. *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 16*

Who is my neighbor? This is a question that all our churches need to understand. Had the priest and the Levite read understandingly the Hebrew code, their treatment of the wounded man would have been far different. *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 17*

The laws given to Israel guard especially the interests of those who need help. *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 18*

“Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. Ye shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child. If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto Me, I will surely hear their cry; and My wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.” [*Exodus 22:21-24.*] *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 19*

Let those in our churches, and those who stand in positions of responsibility in our institutions, learn from these words how carefully the Lord guards the interests of those who cannot help themselves. He hears the cry of the widow for her fatherless children. He will surely bring into judgment those who disregard the

rules that He has laid down to shield them from harm.*18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 20*

And yet, in spite of the warnings that God has given, there are those who are not afraid to do injustice to the widow and the fatherless. The Word of the Lord has come to them, but they would not change their course in order to help the needy. They turned their ears away from the plea of the fatherless. The tears and prayers of the widow were nothing to them.*18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 21*

With those who dare to deal without mercy, God will deal as they have dealt with those who besought them for aid. I have been instructed that the blind have often been dealt with in a merciless way.*18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 22*

True sympathy between man and his fellow man is to be the sign distinguishing those who love and fear God from those who are unmindful of His law. How great the sympathy that Christ expressed in coming to this world to give His life a sacrifice for a dying world. His religion led to the doing of genuine medical missionary work. He was a healing power. "I will have mercy and not sacrifice," He said. [*Matthew 9:13.*] This is the test that the great Author of truth used to distinguish between true religion and false.*18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 23*

God wants His medical missionaries to act with the tenderness and compassion that Christ would show were He in our world. Is it not time that we understood that not a sparrow falls to the ground without the notice of our heavenly Father? Will not the Lord visit with judgments those who have disobeyed His Word? Money will relieve the blind. Sympathy can be exercised toward a wrongdoer who has confessed his sin and pleads for another trial. But often such an one has been turned away without a thought in regard to the Word of the Lord.*18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 24*

I am instructed to place these matters before those who have misrepresented the great Medical Missionary. Is it not time that we began to understand that God is in earnest with us? God declares that He will not bear with the continued transgression of those who have had great light, but who, because their hearts are filled with

prejudice, refuse to relieve the suffering of those who ask their sympathy. As they have dealt with those who cried for help, so will they be dealt with. *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 25*

I am sorry to write of these things, but I know that unless this wrong is put away from our institutions, unless medical missionary work is carried on with the tender compassion that Christ designed should be revealed through it, the truth will be greatly dishonored. *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 26*

The Lord calls for deep searching of heart. "Repent, and be converted," He says, "that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." [*Acts 3:19.*] *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 27*

God is not pleased with the variance and strife and discord that exist among us. He calls for a blending of heart with heart. Time is fast passing. The end is near. Were Christ to come today, could we meet Him with peace? *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 28*

There is abundant reason why we have not more of the power of God's grace, why our light does not shine more brightly. Christ says, "You have left your first love." "Except you repent, I will come unto you quickly, and will remove your candlestick out of his place." [*Revelation 2:4, 5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 29*

Shall we not humble ourselves before God in behalf of those who apparently have little spiritual life? Shall we not have appointed seasons of prayer for them? Shall we not pray every day for those who seem to be dead in trespasses and sins? As we plead with God to break the hearts of stone, our own hearts will become more sensitive. We shall be quicker to see our own sin. *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 30*

If we believe the Word of God, we must know that we are in a perilous condition. To those who feel that they are rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing, God says, "Thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich, and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed; and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with

eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.” [*Revelation 3:17-20.*] *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 31*

My brethren, will you hear this Word? Will those connected with our institutions clear away the rubbish from the door of their hearts, and let Jesus in? Will they pray with strong crying and tears, as Christ prayed for just such blind, ignorant ones as those who are now professedly serving Him, but who are in reality exalting themselves? Cast the root of bitterness out of your hearts; for thereby many are being defiled. *18LtMs, Ms 117, 1903, par. 32*

## Ms 117a, 1903

Decided Action to be Taken Now

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During the night the Spirit of God has been presenting many things to my mind. The experience that was given us at the last General Conference was of God. Had Dr. Kellogg then done thorough work, the terrible experience through which we are now passing would never have been. Again, God has permitted the presentation in *Living Temple* to be made to reveal the danger threatening us. The working that has been so ingeniously carried on, He has permitted in order that things might be developed, in order that it might be seen what man can do with human minds because he has obtained their confidence as a physician. He has permitted this crisis to come to open the eyes of those who desire to know the truth. He would have them see how Satan's sophistry has been aided by Satan's devising. *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 1*

Dr. Kellogg has been regarded as a god, and he has been left to show what self-exaltation leads to when man acts a part similar to the part that Satan acted in Eden; when he presents to those who know the truth scientific, spiritualistic sentiments, which do away with a personal God, representing the Creator as an essence pervading nature. *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 2*

This work has been done, and the results of this insidious devising will break out again and again. Dr. Kellogg is no longer to be looked upon as a safe teacher of Bible truth. There are many for whom efforts will have to be put forth to lead them away from specious deception. How dangerous it is and always will be so to exalt a man that he seeks to make on minds impressions that are opposed to the sacred truths that for the last fifty years God has been giving us. *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 3*

I am now authorized to say that the time has come when decided

action should be taken. The development seen in the cause of God is similar to the development seen when Balaam caused Israel to sin just before they entered the promised land.*18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 4*

Few can see the meaning of the present apostasy. But the Lord has lifted the curtain and has shown me its meaning and the result that it will bring if allowed to continue. We must now lift our voices in warning. Who will acknowledge God as the supreme Ruler? Who will choose the misleading arguments and views that make Him, in the minds of those who accept them, as nothingness?*18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 5*

These words were spoken to me in the night season. The sentiments in *Living Temple* regarding the personality of God have been received even by men who have a long experience in the truth. When such men thus consent to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, we are no longer to regard the subject as a matter to be handled with the greatest delicacy. That those whom we thought sound in the faith have failed to discern the specious, deadly influence of this science of evil should alarm us as nothing else has alarmed us. It is something that cannot be treated as a small matter that men, who have had so much light and such clear evidence as to the genuineness of the truth we hold, should become unsettled and led to accept theories that rob us of a personal God, putting in His place a farce. These doctrines sweep away the whole Christian economy. They estimate as nothingness the light that Christ came from heaven to give to John to give to His people. They teach that the scenes just before us are not of sufficient importance to be brought into account.*18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 6*

Nothing could be more false than the doctrines that bring God down to a level where He is nothingness. These doctrines make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin. Were they received by the people of God, they would rob them of their past experience, giving them a lie instead.*18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 7*

During the past night, I have been shown more distinctly than ever before that these sentiments are looked upon by some as the grand

truths that are to be brought in at the present time. I was shown a platform, braced by solid timbers—the truths of the Word of God. Dr. Kellogg was directing this man and that man to loosen the timbers supporting the platform. Then I heard a voice saying, Where are the watchmen that ought to be standing on the walls of Zion? Are they asleep? How can they be silent? This foundation was built by the Master-worker and will stand storm and tempest. Will they permit this man to present doctrines that deny the past experience of the people of God? The time has come to take decided action. Every effort has been made to save this man. He has been used to do a good work. But no longer can he be trusted as a teacher of truth. *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 8*

I was instructed to call upon our physicians and ministers to take a firm stand for the truth. We are not to allow atheistic, spiritualistic sentiments to be brought before our youth. God has led us in the past, giving us truth, eternal truth. By this truth we are to stand. Dr. Kellogg and his associates have been deceived, and if they continue to hold fanciful, spiritualistic ideas, they will make many believe that the platform upon which we have been standing for the last fifty years has been torn away. I now bear my testimony plainly that Dr. Kellogg has departed from the faith and has given heed to the seductions of satanic agencies. He has not heeded the admonitions that have come to him from the Lord, and I am instructed to say that for years he has been departing from the faith. Who will now take their stand on the Lord's side? Let these fanciful theories now be regarded as soul-destroying sentiments; for thus they are. No longer is there to be any hesitancy in calling things by the right name. *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 9*

How dare any man venture to speak of God as he is spoken of in *Living Temple*? How dare any one seek to make of no effect the experience of Seventh-day Adventists for the last fifty years. I know what this means; for the truth in its reality has been presented to me. The Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The men who have been deceived, who call themselves medical missionaries, need now to see with anointed eyes, with clear, spiritual vision, that in spite of all man can do, “the foundation of God standeth sure,” and “the Lord knoweth them that are His.” [2 *Timothy 2:19.*] *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 10*

The message to the Laodicean church comes to us at this time with special meaning. Read it, and ask God to show you its import. Thank God that He is still sending us messages of mercy. The one believing the theories contained in *Living Temple* regarding God would, unless he should change, be led finally to look upon the whole Bible as a fiction; for these theories make of no account the plain Word of God. *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 11*

Satan is working to get as large a number as possible gathered together at Battle Creek, to make of no effect the impression that God would have made on the minds of those engaged in the medical missionary work and in the gospel ministry. The judgments of God have been distinctly visited upon Battle Creek, and these judgments call for humiliation, rather than for proud boasting and self-exaltation. Dr. Kellogg has not known whither his feet were tending. His tendencies toward Pantheism have at last been revealed. God abhors his great swelling words of vanity. *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 12*

The heavenly messenger turned to those professing to be medical missionaries, and said, "How could you allow yourselves to be led blindfold? How could you so misrepresent the name you bear? You have your Bibles. Why have you not reasoned from cause to effect? You have accepted theories which have led you away from the truths that are to stamp their impress upon the characters of Seventh-day Adventists. Dr. Kellogg has been removing the foundation timbers one by one, and his reasoning would soon leave us with no foundation for our faith. He has not received the testimonies that God through His Spirit has given. They are to him as idle tales. The books containing such important instruction are discarded because they say so much about a personal God." *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 13*

What authority has man for treating God as a mere vagary? Where is the spirituality in this? What evidence does the one who does this give that he possesses a character higher than the character of God? Oh, to what lengths of folly and folly Satan, through his hypnotism, leads men. *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 14*

Satan has sought to bring in the supposition that a reformation was



to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the pillars of our faith for a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles that God in His wisdom has given would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be shown to be error. A new organization would be established. A system of intellectual philosophy would be formed. Books of a new order would be written. The founders of this system would go into the cities and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath, of course, would go with the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and the storm and tempest would sweep away the building. *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 15*

Who has authority to say that such a reformation should take place? We have our Bibles. We have our experience, attested to by the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit. We have a truth that admits of no compromise. Shall we not repudiate everything that is not in harmony with this truth? A mind trained only in worldly science fails to discern the deep things of God, but the same mind, converted and sanctified, would see the divine power in the Word. Only the mind cleansed by the sanctification of the Spirit can discern heavenly things. *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 16*

The Scriptures, given by the inspiration of God, are “profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” [2 *Timothy 3:16, 17.*] Go to the Word of God, brethren, to a “Thus saith the Lord.” We have had enough of human methods. Awake to your God-given responsibilities. Your judgment, unless perverted by a long practice of false principles, will discern the deep things of God, given by His Holy Spirit, and your hearts will be made susceptible to the teaching of the Word. The leadings of the Holy Spirit of God, through His Word, are to be our guide. *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 17*

May God bring His people under the deep movings of His Spirit. The Spirit makes efficient the ordinary means of grace. God teaches that His kingdom is to be established in the earth “not by might, nor by power,” but by His Spirit. [*Zechariah 4:6.*] The Spirit is the efficiency of His people. The spirit of prayer is mighty through faith to the pulling down of the strongholds of the enemy. *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 18*

I am instructed to say that those who would tear down the foundation that God has laid are not to be accepted as leaders of His people. We are to hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. Words of power have been sent by God and by Christ to this people, bringing them out from the world point by point, step by step, into the clear light of present truth. With lips touched with holy fire, God’s servants have proclaimed the message. The divine utterance has set its seal to the genuineness of the truth proclaimed. *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 19*

The Lord calls for a renewal of the straight testimony borne in years past. He calls for a renewal of spiritual life. The spiritual energies of His people have long been torpid, but there will be a resurrection from apparent death. *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 20*

In the future God will call for the gifts and talents of men not now actively engaged in His service. Let these respond to His call, putting their trust in the great Medical Missionary. The power that is the life of the soul has not been seen as it must be. It has been smothered for want of spiritual ventilation—the blending of human effort and divine grace. *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 21*

God is calling upon His people to work. As they idle away the precious, golden moments of opportunity, He comes to them, saying, “Go work today in My vineyard.” [*Matthew 21:28.*] *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 22*

We must clear the King’s highway by prayer and confession of sin. The power of the Spirit will come to us as we do this. We need pentecostal energy. This will come; for the Lord has promised to send His Spirit as the all-conquering power. Mighty is this power. The precious God, whom we all love, will inspire the energies of His people. *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 23*

Men may still learn the things that belong to their peace. Mercy's voice may still be heard, calling, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] It is only when spiritual life is given that rest is found and lasting good secured. We must be able to say, in storm or tempest, "Our anchor holds." He who builds upon any other foundation than that which has been laid, builds upon shifting sand. He who seeks to bring about a reformation, without the aid of the Holy Spirit's reviving power, will find himself adrift. God calls for a reformation. Those who turn from human foolishness and frailty, from man's seductive arts, from Satan's planning to Christ—the shepherd and bishop of our souls—will stand secure upon the platform of eternal truth. *18LtMs, Ms 117a, 1903, par. 24*

## Ms 118, 1903

What a Medical Missionary Leader Should Be

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Christ was the Majesty of heaven, the King of glory, but He humbled Himself and came to this earth in human nature, to show men and women God’s ideal of what a medical missionary should be. He who consents to bear the responsibilities of a medical missionary leader should be guided in all things by pure, well-defined gospel principles. If there are in his work defects that would bring reproach upon the cause of his Master, let him bow in contrition before God, confessing his sins and the mistakes he has made, and asking forgiveness for misrepresenting in word or act the holy name he bears.*18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 1*

In every phase of Christian experience, in every line of missionary effort, the Lord expects His representatives to speak the right words at the right time. He expects them to speak words of caution, of warning, of encouragement, adapting their efforts to the necessities of the situation in which they find themselves, and in every respect showing themselves to be true representatives of the great Medical Missionary.*18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 2*

When Christ was on this earth, how surprised His associates would have been to hear Him utter one word of impatience, one word of accusation or faultfinding! He expects those who love Him and believe in Him to represent Him in sweetness of character.*18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 3*

Although a man may attempt to educate others, yet if he himself does not glorify God with his lips, he might better refrain from teaching until in word and deed he shows that he is a child of God.*18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 4*

Is a leader in any branch of God's work—when his plans and projects are interfered with—led to speak threatening words, declaring that if such and such a thing takes place, he will appeal to the civil law? If so, let his associates take knowledge of him that he is not walking in the footsteps of the meek and lowly Jesus. He has not complied with the invitation, "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [*Matthew 11:29.*]*18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 5*

No word of boasting is to be brought into the life of the Christian. It does not become those who name the name of Christ to boast of the harm they will do their fellow men if their plans are interfered with. God despises all such pomposity. If the one who has done the boasting and has placed himself in a threatening attitude could see on whose side he is standing, he would be ashamed of his weakness of character. From the life of a true Christian, all boasting, all bravado is excluded. Our salvation is the gift of God; it is not earned by our works, "lest any man boast." [*Ephesians 2:9.*]*18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 6*

There is no room for boasting in the life of the one who wears Christ's yoke and heeds the invitation, "Learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:29, 30.*] It is an evidence of great weakness for a man to boast of his cunning and his power to deceive, as if this were something worthy of praise. And it is also an evidence of weakness for a man to boast of his own abilities. He who boasts thus shows that he is a stranger to the blessed experience gained by wearing Christ's yoke. Self is brought into the words and acts, as if it were a precious treasure. But in the end the man will find that he has placed himself under the dictation of a cruel tyrant.*18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 7*

Medical missionary leaders who refuse to be led and taught by God will sadly misrepresent in word and act the self-sacrificing Redeemer. They will make propositions that are not in harmony with the gospel. They will follow theories and plans that will lead them away from God.*18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 8*

Medical missionary work is to open the way for the entrance of the

truth as it is in Jesus. In its every feature and department, this work is to commend itself to intelligent men and women. Those engaged in this work as leaders and teachers are to do nothing that will dishonor the great Medical Missionary. They are to show that a practice of the principles of health reform has brought to them physical, mental, and spiritual improvement.*18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 9*

Only those whose hearts are filled with the love of God and whose lives are adorned by the grace of Christ should engage in medical missionary work. Those who take up this line of Christian effort should look upon their work as a high and holy calling. It is committed to them as a sacred trust; and whatever may be its difficulties, the Lord expects them to reveal the excellence of their mission.*18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 10*

The greater the knowledge of leaders and teachers in medical missionary lines, the heavier and more solemn the obligations resting on them to represent, in word and deed, the mighty, all-powerful Medical Missionary, who came to remove all sin and disease from the bodies and minds and souls of those who accept Him as their Teacher and their Physician-in-chief.*18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 11*

### **Messages of Mercy and Warning**

Never are missionaries for Christ to make untrue statements in order to bring about certain ends and to accomplish certain purposes; of all who stoop to engage in such work, He who reads the heart will say: "I know their works. Their good deeds do not excuse their sinful works."*18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 12*

To His church today Christ says: "I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars; and hast borne, and hast patience, and for My name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly,

and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.” [Revelation 2:2-5.] *18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 13*

Will those who have fallen, repent? Some will, and some will not. I have felt very sad as I have heard men, who have stood as educators and as guardians of sacred trusts, say, while others were confessing wrongs, “I mean to change my course of action, but I will make no confessions; for to confess might injure my influence.” Men whose many actions have resulted in terrible injury to the cause of God have refused to humble themselves and to walk in the way of genuine repentance and reformation. *18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 14*

In the *third of Revelation* is brought to view a most earnest work that must be done: “Unto the angel of the church in Sardis write: These things saith He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.” [Verses 1-3.] *18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 15*

Let not those whose characters are defective, those who for years have known the truth and yet have not obeyed it, refuse to humble their proud hearts. Even though they may be standing in positions of responsibility, let them repent. The Lord will surely remove His protection from those who dishonor Him. There will come a time when they will pass the boundary line, and then the Lord will reveal that He knows all about the evil works so dishonoring to His name. He is ashamed of those who, instead of repenting, desire to climb upon the judgment seat and threaten to coerce their brethren; He is ashamed of those who, refusing to make crooked things straight, take a course that hurts and bruises their brethren. The Lord, who has been so merciful toward them and has done so much for them, is dishonored; for in the estimation of such men no distinction is made between the righteousness of the righteous and the wickedness of the wicked. Let us remember that those who act as sinners will be punished as such, unless they repent. *18LtMs, Ms*

The divine Teacher continues: “Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment, and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.” Then follow the impressive words, “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [Verses 4-6.] *18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 17*

Let all give careful attention to this instruction. Let those who have a name to live, but who are dead, heed these words of mercy and encouragement and warning. “Be watchful,” ye stewards who have thought it your privilege to ascend to high places, “and do the first works.” “Strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.” [*Revelation 3:2; 2:5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 18*

The Messenger of heaven gives this warning. It comes not from human lips, but from the lips of One who cannot be “inspired” by human influence. The whole of the *third chapter of Revelation* was penned by the inspiration of the Spirit of God. Let us “hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [*Verse 6.*] *18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 19*

“To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept My word, and hast not denied My name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out:



and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [*Verses 7-13.*] *18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 20*

Following this message is the warning to the Laodicean church. And who can question its application? *18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 21*

“Unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would that thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth.” [*Verses 14-16.*] This is a most appropriate representation of the state of those who have once known and loved the truth. “Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.” [*Verses 17, 18.*] *18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 22*

In this Scripture is portrayed a church fully satisfied with its spiritual condition, but under a terrible deception. “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.” [*Verse 19.*] These are not words concerning which some human being can say, “Somebody has told the human agent.” It is the Lord, the true Witness, who is speaking, and He will vindicate His Word to the letter. Shall we not unitedly engage in the work of searching our hearts diligently for the prevarications and subterfuges and other evils that God hates? Let us make most careful search; for it is a terrible thing for the very ones whom God has loved and co-operated with, to be rejected as offensive to Him. *18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 23*

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and

he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne." Again is given the admonition: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." [*Verses 20-22.*] In the very last days of this earth's history a revelation is given to the church. God will not leave any one without an opportunity to hear, if he will, "what the Spirit saith unto the churches." *18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 24*

Many have closed their hearts to light and warning. I am now instructed to call attention to the message that Christ has borne to the churches. A crisis has come, and the call that comes to us is inspired by no human messenger. God's words are presented, in order that no man shall dare to claim, "I inspired this message that has been given." God gives a warning that all will soon, very soon, wish they had heard with a determined purpose to understand and to heed. What excuse can any one frame for not hearing what the Holy Spirit saith unto the churches? *18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 25*

Again I call attention to the words: "Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down from heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." [*Verses 9-13.*] *18LtMs, Ms 118, 1903, par. 26*

## Ms 119, 1903

### Lessons From Israel

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We may with profit study the record of the preparation made by the congregation of Israel for the hearing of the law. "In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount. And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel, Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine." [*Exodus 19:1-5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 1*

Who, then, is to be regarded as the Ruler of the nations?—The Lord God Omnipotent. All kings, all rulers, all nations, are His, under His rule and government. *18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 2*

"And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him." [*Verse 7.*] *18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 3*

What was the response of the congregation, numbering more than a million people? *18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 4*

"All the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord." [*Verse 8.*] *18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 5*

Thus the children of Israel were denominated as a peculiar people.

By a most solemn covenant they were pledged to be true to God.*18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 6*

Then the people were bidden to prepare themselves to hear the law. On the morning of the third day the voice of God was heard. Speaking out of the thick darkness that enshrouded Him, as He stood upon the mount, surrounded by a retinue of angels, the Lord made known His law.*18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 7*

God accompanied the proclamation of His law with manifestations of His power and glory, that His people might be impressed with a profound veneration for the Author of the law, the Creator of heaven and earth. He would also show to all men the sacredness, the importance, and the permanence of His law.*18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 8*

The people of Israel were overwhelmed with terror. They shrank away from the mountain in fear and awe. The multitude cried out to Moses, "Speak thou with us, ... but let not God speak with us, lest we die." [*Exodus 20:19.*]*18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 9*

The minds of the people, blinded and debased by slavery, were not prepared to appreciate fully the far-reaching principles of God's ten precepts. That the obligations of the decalogue might be more fully understood and enforced, additional precepts were given, illustrating and applying the precepts of the ten commandments. Unlike the ten commandment, these were delivered privately to Moses, who was to communicate them to the people.*18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 10*

Upon descending from the mountain, Moses "came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the Lord hath said will we do. And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the Lord. And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All

that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words.” [*Exodus 24:3-8.*]18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 11

Thus by a most solemn service the children of Israel were once more set apart as a peculiar people. The sprinkling of the blood represented the shedding of the blood of Jesus, by which human beings are cleansed from sin.18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 12

Once more the Lord has special words to speak to His people. In the *thirty-first chapter of Exodus* we read:18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 13

“The Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord; whosoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed. And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communicating with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.” [*Verses 12-18.*]18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 14

### **Obedience the Condition of Prosperity**

“The Lord hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto Him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day. Furthermore the Lord was angry with me for your sakes, and sware that I should not go over Jordan: ... but ye shall

go over, and possess that good land. Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which He made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of anything which the Lord thy God hath forbidden thee. For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God. ...*18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par.*

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“When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto His voice, ... He will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which He sware unto them. For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from the one side of the heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it? Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard it, and live? Or hath God assayed to go and take Him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightest know that the Lord He is God; there is none else beside Him. Out of heaven He made thee to hear His voice, that He might instruct thee; and upon earth He showed thee His great fire; and thou heardest His words out of the midst of the fire.*18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 16*

“And because He loved thy fathers, therefore He chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in His sight with His mighty power out of Egypt; to drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord He is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath; there is none else. Thou shalt keep therefore His statutes, and His commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, forever.” [*Deuteronomy 4:20-24, 30-40.*]*18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 17*

“Behold, I set before thee this day a blessing and a curse; a blessing if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day; and a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.” [*Deuteronomy 11:26-28.*]*18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 18*

### **God's Law**

The law of God is a transcript of His character. Its holy precepts were spoken from Sinai with God's own voice and written with His finger upon tables of stone. They stand forth alone, bearing the distinct, awful significance of their supreme importance. They mean life to the obedient and death to the disobedient.*18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 19*

Through the ages God's law has been preserved as the highest standard of morality. Not all the inventions of science or the imaginations of fruitful minds have been able to discover one essential duty not covered by this code.*18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 20*

God's law is the security of life and property and peace and happiness. It was given to secure our present and eternal good. The antediluvians transgressed this law, and the earth was destroyed by a flood.*18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 21*

Let no man, by scientific presentations, lead minds away from the real to the imaginary. Let God be revealed in His true greatness. God calls for men who, in the midst of the idolatry offered to nature, will look from nature to nature's God. God uses nature as one of His servants, to reveal His power. These things, the objects of His creation, show forth His handiwork. Of all that God has created, man, the crowning object of His creation, has the most greatly dishonored Him. In the judgment, human beings will stand before God ashamed and condemned, because, though given intellect and reason, power of speech, they would not obey God's law.*18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 22*

I am instructed to say that upon the ten commandments we are to build our characters. I am instructed to say to the members of our churches, With the Bible in your hands kneel before God, and ask Him to forgive you for allowing your imagination to fasten upon every subject your fancy may have called up, drawing your mind away to unreal things, from the lessons Christ came to give. When men bring in sophistry, and would mingle it with Scripture to prove its divinity, tell them you choose the words of Christ. Then you will make no mistakes. *18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 23*

Satan has his students, and he is teaching them his methods of secrecy, teaching them how to do underhand work. His family is large. In his hands, crime has become a cruel science. To destroy is the motto of the arch-deceiver. Satan has laid many snares for unwary souls. There are those who have so long responded to his ingenious plans that they now seem to have no power to break the spell that is upon them. *18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 24*

When the leaders of God's people depart from principle, and bring dishonor on His cause, their sin is greater than the sin of those whose opportunities and privileges have been fewer. *18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 25*

Again, a man is but a man. The words that fall from his lips are not to be regarded as coming from God. Unless God stands beside those in His service, and works with them, they are nothingness. For God's people to put their trust in men and make flesh their arm is the height of folly. *18LtMs, Ms 119, 1903, par. 26*



## Ms 120, 1903

Lessons From the Epistle of John

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I am instructed to say that the book *Living Temple* is a mixture of scripture with ideas that are an outgrowth of strange things believed and acted. We need not at this time pry into the mystery of the Godhead or the personality of God. Those who yield to the temptation to do this are in danger of receiving pleasing, flattering superstitions, which lead the mind into mysticism which no one is called to explain. *18LtMs, Ms 120, 1903, par. 1*

The knowledge that God wants us to have is clearly defined in His word. The *first chapter of first John* gives us definite instruction. *18LtMs, Ms 120, 1903, par. 2*

“That which was from the beginning,” John writes, “which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled of the Word of life ... that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.” [*Verses 1, 3.*] *18LtMs, Ms 120, 1903, par. 3*

“This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth; but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.” [*Verses 5-7.*] It speaks of that which every soul may experience. What is sin? John tells us in plain, decided language. “Sin is the transgression of the law.” “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that He was manifested to

take away our sins; and in Him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not; whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him. Little children, let no man deceive you; he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” [1 John 3:4-8.] *18LtMs, Ms 120, 1903, par. 4*

This refers to our union and communion with God. Communion with God is the life of the soul. It is not a something that we cannot interpret, something that we can clothe with beautiful words, but which does not give us the genuine experience that makes our words of real value. Communion with God gives us a daily experience that does indeed make our joy full. *18LtMs, Ms 120, 1903, par. 5*

Those who have this union with Christ will declare it in spirit and word and work. Profession is nothing unless in word and work good fruit is manifest. Unity, fellowship with one another and with Christ—this is the fruit borne on every branch of the living vine. The cleansed soul, born again, has a clear, distinct testimony to bear. With unfaltering accents he bears the message, “We declare unto you that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.” [1 John 1:5.] *18LtMs, Ms 120, 1903, par. 6*

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.” [Verses 8-10.] *18LtMs, Ms 120, 1903, par. 7*

He who lives a cold, selfish, half-hearted life shows that he is not walking in the light. He knows not the truth; he does not practice its principles. Deceived by the enemy, he leads others out of the right way. If the truth interferes with the promptings of an unsanctified heart, he does not hesitate to disobey it. He does not make it his rule of conduct in all his dealings. Kindness and unity and love are not the fruit that he bears. *18LtMs, Ms 120, 1903, par. 8*

Many a one in a position of grave responsibility wishes to carry out

plans that God cannot and will not endorse. His defects are plainly condemned in the Word of God. Plain reproofs come to him, but he justifies his course of action and denies his wrong. Such a man lies against the truth. He will not humble his heart to confess his sin.*18LtMs, Ms 120, 1903, par. 9*

This is the course that Satan followed in the heavenly courts. He justified every movement that he made. There are those in positions of responsibility who, though they know that they are wrong, will throw over themselves the robe of righteousness. Such ones use Scripture when they see a possibility that it will cover up misleading statements.*18LtMs, Ms 120, 1903, par. 10*

“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the work of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.” [*1 John 3:8, 9.*]*18LtMs, Ms 120, 1903, par. 11*

To know God is, in the scriptural sense of the term, to be one with Him in heart and mind, having an experimental knowledge of Him, holding reverential communion with Him as the Redeemer. Only through sincere obedience can this communion be obtained. Where this communion is lacking, the heart is not in any sense a temple of God, but is controlled by the foe, who is working out his own purposes through the human agency. Such a man, whatever his profession or claims, is not a temple of the Holy Spirit.*18LtMs, Ms 120, 1903, par. 12*

The experience is perfected by fruit-bearing. He who does not bear good fruit in words and deeds, in the strength of elevated, ennobling principle, is as a bad tree. The fruit that he bears is unpalatable to God. His professed knowledge of Christ is a falsehood, a deception.*18LtMs, Ms 120, 1903, par. 13*

“Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil; whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.” [*Verses 9, 10.*]*18LtMs, Ms 120, 1903, par.*

The light is all contained in the great commandment of love. In the light of the love of Christ, the gospel is an open book. This is the true light, which Christ came to bring to the world. The Saviour's true disciples have received this love, and they do not perform one deceptive action. They do not, to gain advantage for themselves, make movements that would place others in a position of sore trial. *18LtsMs, Ms 120, 1903, par. 15*

From the light that God has given me, I know that men's great danger is in being self-deceived. Satan is watching his chance. He will come to men in human form and will speak to them most entrancing words. He will bring against them the same temptations that he brought against Christ. Unless their minds and hearts are filled with the pure, unselfish, sanctified love that Christ revealed, they will fall under Satan's power and will do and say and write strange things to deceive, if it were possible, the very elect. *18LtsMs, Ms 120, 1903, par. 16*

"He that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes." [*1 John 2:11.*] Not long before His crucifixion Christ said to His disciples, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another." [*John 13:34, 35.*]*18LtsMs, Ms 120, 1903, par. 17*

Why was this called a new commandment? The disciples had not loved one another as Christ had loved them. They had not yet seen the fulness of the love that He was to reveal in man's behalf. They were yet to see Him dying on the cross for their sins. Through His life and death they were to receive a new conception of love. The command to love one another was to gain a new meaning in the light of His self-sacrifice. In the light shining from the cross of Calvary they were to read the meaning of the words, "As I have loved you, that ye also love one another." [*Verse 34.*]*18LtsMs, Ms 120, 1903, par. 18*

Following Christ's example of unselfish service, trusting like little

children in His merits, and obeying His commands, we shall receive the approval of God. Christ will abide in our hearts, and our influence will be fragrant with His righteousness.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 120, 1903, par. 19*

## Ms 121, 1903

### A Solemn Warning

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Impenitence has taken hold upon some who once acted a prominent part in the work of God. There is on their part a settling down to a fatal hardness of heart, a confirmed resistance of the Spirit's pleading. Should death overtake them as they are now, the dreadful words would be spoken, "Weighed in the balances, and found wanting." [*Daniel 5:27.*]*18LtMs, Ms 121, 1903, par. 1*

It is possible for men to offer the Saviour outward homage, to be Christians in profession, to have a form of godliness, while the heart, whose loyalty He prizes above all else, is estranged from Him. Such ones have a name to live, but they are dead.*18LtMs, Ms 121, 1903, par. 2*

I am in great agony and distress as I see how determined are some who have often been warned in their refusal to hear the words of entreaty. They have linked their arms in the arm of the deceiver and are led captive by him at his will. I heard the words spoken, "So long have they been impregnated with the life and customs of the enemy that they have no desire to break away from his companionship."*18LtMs, Ms 121, 1903, par. 3*

To the marriage supper of the Lamb will come many who have not on the wedding garment—the robe purchased for them with His life-blood. From lips that never make a mistake come the words, "Friend, how camest thou in hither not having on the wedding garment?" [*Matthew 22:12.*] Those addressed are speechless. They know that words would be useless. The truth, with its sanctifying power, has not been brought into the soul, and the tongue that once

spoke so readily of the truth is now silent. The words are spoken, "Take them out of My presence. They are not worthy to taste of My supper." [See *Luke 14:24.*] *18LtMs, Ms 121, 1903, par. 4*

As they are separated from the loyal ones, Christ looks upon them with deep sorrow. They occupied high positions of trust in God's work, but they have not the life insurance policy that would have entitled them to eternal life. From the quivering lips of Christ come the mournful words of regret, "I loved them; I gave My life for them; but they persisted in rejecting My pleadings, and continued in sin. O that thou hadst known, even thou, in this thy day, the things which belong to thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes." [See *Luke 19:42.*] *18LtMs, Ms 121, 1903, par. 5*

Today Christ is looking with sadness upon those whose characters He must at last refuse to acknowledge. Inflated with self-sufficiency, they hope that it will be well with their souls. But at the last great day, the mirror of detection reveals to them the evil that their hearts have practiced and shows them at the same time the impossibility of reform. Every effort was made to bring them to repentance. But they refused to humble their hearts. Now the bitter lamentation is heard, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and my soul is not saved." [*Jeremiah 8:20.*] *18LtMs, Ms 121, 1903, par. 6*

Satan and his angels will appear on this earth as men and will mingle with those of whom God's Word declares, "Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." [*1 Timothy 4:1.*] The world is full of men and women whom Satan uses as his agencies. Christ has bought them with a price—even His life-blood. But they have given themselves into Satan's control. They are blind and have forgotten that they were purged from their sins. *18LtMs, Ms 121, 1903, par. 7*

In His sermon on the mount, the Son of God mourns over lost souls. Before His eyes pass the millions of souls yet unborn who would multiply their evil works, reject His pleadings, and rob Him of the glory that He would have received had they allowed Him to impart to them the divine nature. *18LtMs, Ms 121, 1903, par. 8*

Christ tells us how in the last great day ministers, elders, evangelists, physicians, teachers will confront Him with their claims.

They will plead how they have led the singers in their songs of praise, how they have waved the palm branches, how they have spoken of Him before thousands. "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name," they say, "and in Thy name done many wonderful works?" [*Matthew 7:22.*]*18LtMs, Ms 121, 1903, par. 9*

But Christ says, "Then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.' [*Verse 23.*] O that you had known, even in the day of your visitation, when like sweetest music mercy's voice fell upon your ears, the things that belonged unto your peace! But you were not ready. If you had been faithful to the warnings of the Word; if you had dismissed Satan instead of linking your arm in his; if you had preserved untarnished the principles of right; if you had obeyed My commandments, broken with ungodly advisers, scorned their impious bribes, which tempted you to worldly honor; if you had lifted the cross, and followed Jesus in self-denial, I could have welcomed you into My presence. But you have not cared for My society, and now you have no power to go from the snare.*18LtMs, Ms 121, 1903, par. 10*

"I offered you My saving grace, but you refused it, and chose the side of the enemy, even as the priests and rulers did. You refused to be touched by My dying agony, on the cross, and mocked at My humiliation. So will I refuse to acknowledge you. I weep for your future, but you have not cared to weep for yourselves. I was pledged to bear you and care for you, even as a father beareth and loveth his own son that serveth him. But you would not harmonize with Me.*18LtMs, Ms 121, 1903, par. 11*

"The precious invitation was often given, 'Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me, and he shall make peace with Me.' [*Isaiah 27:5.*] But you would none of My counsel. You have despised all My entreaties and scorned My invitations. You have caused many to follow your sinful ways, and now your punishment has come. You will receive as your works have been. You must lose everlasting life. You have chosen your own ways, and with such ways, such sentiments, such characters, you could not enter the gates of the holy city."*18LtMs, Ms 121, 1903, par. 12*

What a scene is this! I pass over the ground again and again,



bowed down in an agony that no tongue can express, as I see the end of the many, many who have refused to receive their Saviour. Justice will take the throne, and the arm strong to save will show itself strong to smite and destroy the enemies of the kingdom of God. Christ will lay bare the motives and deeds of every one. Every hidden action will stand out as clearly before the doer as if proclaimed before the universe. *18LtMs, Ms 121, 1903, par. 13*

## Ms 122, 1903

The Time of the End

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We are living in the very last days of this earth's history. All the signs that our Saviour predicted would herald His second advent are being fulfilled. We must earnestly continue laboring until the work given us to do is finished. As we see and sense the perils of the last days, and as the powers of darkness press more heavily than ever upon us, should not we, as Bible believers, do our very best work? *18LtMs, Ms 122, 1903, par. 1*

God may spare my life, that I may still work in His cause. Physically, I have always been as a broken vessel; and yet in my old age the Lord continues to move upon me by His Holy Spirit to write the most important books that have ever come before the churches and the world. The Lord is evidencing what He can do through weak vessels. The life that He spares I will use to His glory. And, when He may see fit to let me rest, His messages shall be of even more vital force than when the frail instrumentality through whom they were delivered was living. *18LtMs, Ms 122, 1903, par. 2*

It may sometime be said of me, as of some others, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." [*Revelation 14:13*.] If Sister White should lay off her armor at the feet of her Redeemer, she would still bear witness through the testimonies that He has given her. Thus she would continue speaking to all who read the books published. This is why I desire to immortalize in print as many precious revelations as possible while I have a clear brain and a firm right hand to trace the lines of

instruction that God gives me. *18LtMs, Ms 122, 1903, par. 3*

### **The Closing Work**

We see before us a special work to be done, in the time when the whole earth shall be filled with the light and the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. We are now to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance. Let us seek the Lord with our whole hearts, that we may find Him. We have received the light of the three angels' messages; and we now need to come decidedly to the front and take our position on the side of truth. *18LtMs, Ms 122, 1903, par. 4*

The *fourteenth of Revelation* is a chapter of deepest interest. This Scripture will soon be understood in all its bearings, and the messages given to John the Revelator will be repeated with distinct utterance. *18LtMs, Ms 122, 1903, par. 5*

The prophecies in the *eighteenth of Revelation* will soon be fulfilled. During the proclamation of the third angel's message, "another angel" is to "come down from heaven, having great power;" and the earth is to be "lightened with his glory." [*Verse 1.*] The Spirit of the Lord will so graciously and universally bless consecrated human instrumentalities, that men, women, and children will open their lips in praise and testimony, filling the earth with the knowledge of God, and with His unsurpassed glory, as the waters cover the sea. *18LtMs, Ms 122, 1903, par. 6*

Those who have held the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end will be wide-awake during the time that the third angel's message is proclaimed with great power. During the loud cry, the church, aided by the providential interpositions of her exalted Lord, will diffuse the knowledge of salvation so abundantly that light shall be communicated to every city and town. The earth will be filled with the knowledge of salvation. So abundantly will the renewing Spirit of God have crowned with success the intensely active agencies, that the light of present truth will be seen flashing everywhere. *18LtMs, Ms 122, 1903, par. 7*

The saving knowledge of God will accomplish its purifying work on the mind and heart of every believer. The Word declares: "Then will

I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes.” [Ezekiel 36:25-27.] This is the descent of the Holy Spirit, sent from God to do its office work. The house of Israel is to be imbued with the Holy Spirit and baptized with the grace of salvation. Their state of lethargy will no longer exist. All who have not received the light will be convicted; all who will turn unto the Lord with full purpose of heart will confess their sins. *18LtMs, Ms 122, 1903, par. 8*

Amidst the confusing cries, “Lo, here is Christ! lo, there is Christ!” [Matthew 24:23] will be borne a special testimony, a special message of truth appropriate for this time, which message is to be received, believed, and acted upon. It is the truth, not fanciful ideas, that is efficacious. The eternal truth of the Word will stand forth free from all seductive errors and spiritualistic interpretations, free from all fancifully drawn, alluring pictures. Falsehoods will be urged upon the attention of God’s people, but the truth is to stand clothed in its beautiful, pure garments as the Spirit of truth. The Word, precious in its holy, uplifting influences, is not to be degraded to a level with common, ordinary matters. It is always to remain uncontaminated by the fallacies that Satan fabricates to deceive, if possible, the very elect. *18LtMs, Ms 122, 1903, par. 9*

The proclamation of the gospel is the only means by which God can employ human beings as His instrumentalities for the salvation of souls. As men, women, and children proclaim the gospel, the Lord will open the eyes of the blind to see His statutes and will write upon the hearts of the truly penitent His law. The animating Spirit of God, working through human agencies, leads the believers to be as one mind, one soul, unitedly loving God and keeping His commandments—preparing here below for translation. *18LtMs, Ms 122, 1903, par. 10*

There have been conflicts and will be until in heaven is heard the voice of the Lord saying, “It is done.” [Revelation 16:17.] And after the redeemed host is taken to heaven, God the Father will be

glorified in crowning the Lord Jesus, who gave His life a ransom for the world. *18LtMs, Ms 122, 1903, par. 11*

“And He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him: and they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. And He said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show unto His servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.” [*Revelation 22:1-9.*]*18LtMs, Ms 122, 1903, par. 12*

This is the warning that I am to give to all who are living on the face of the earth. Lean your helpless souls upon the Lord alone, and not upon any man. There are many who are exalted, to their eternal ruin, by being worshipped by their fellow men. Led astray themselves, they lead others astray. It is time now to stop all contention, all faultfinding, all lifting up of the soul unto vanity. *18LtMs, Ms 122, 1903, par. 13*

To my brethren and sisters I am bidden to say: Let the work of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ be directed and made efficient by the agency of the Holy Spirit. Let not one believer, in the day of trial and proving that has already begun, listen to the devising of the enemy. The living Word is the Sword of the Spirit. Mercies and judgments will be sent from heaven. The workings of Providence will be revealed both in mercies and in judgments. The

judgments will sometimes precede the mercies and sometimes follow.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 122, 1903, par. 14*

## Ms 123, 1903

The Battle Creek College Debt

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Brethren Magan and Sutherland and their associates have wrestled with many difficulties in connection with the educational work at Battle Creek and Berrien Springs. But few have understood how heavy have been the financial burdens and how great have been the perplexities brought to these brethren by the removal of the school from Battle Creek to Berrien Springs. Much was involved in the transfer and in the constant effort made to build up an educational institution, the work of which would be in accordance with the exalted principles underlying Christian education.*18LtMs, Ms 123, 1903, par. 1*

In harmony with the instruction given by the Lord, our brethren have devoted themselves to the task of beginning anew and of introducing into their model school only those books and methods of teaching that they thought would help the students to form symmetrical characters and to become useful workers in the cause. They desired that their school should be approved of by God for the excellence of its work and for the exalted standard that it maintained. Their effort was at first largely experimental—an attempt to answer the question, “How shall our training schools for Christian workers be established and carried on?”*18LtMs, Ms 123, 1903, par. 2*

In this pioneer effort our brethren advanced, not inch by inch, but in sweeping strides, in the right direction. Some tried to discourage them; others criticized and condemned; but God blessed their efforts.*18LtMs, Ms 123, 1903, par. 3*

Not the least discouraging feature of this pioneer work was the question of finances. A heavy debt rested on the old Battle Creek College property. Those in charge of the institution at the time the

school work was removed to Berrien Springs were not responsible for incurring this debt. The buildings and grounds were worth considerably more than the debts; and if the property could have been sold for its full value, there would have remained, after the payment of all debts, a good sum to be used in providing the necessary facilities at Berrien Springs. *18LtMs, Ms 123, 1903, par. 4*

Those who had conducted the affairs of the College in past years, and who were to some extent responsible for the debts on the institution, should at this time have come forward and nobly said: "We are responsible for these debts; and we will take upon ourselves a large part of the burden of raising means with which to pay them. We will not leave this burden resting altogether upon those who are establishing the school in a place where the surroundings are more favorable for training our young people." By an effort to share the burden of these heavy obligations, those who had been largely responsible in creating them would have been acting in harmony with the first four as well as the last six commandments. *18LtMs, Ms 123, 1903, par. 5*

When the book *Christ's Object Lessons* was given for the relief of the schools, all who were connected with Battle Creek College worked very hard to carry out the Lord's plan for reducing the indebtedness on our educational institutions. They hoped that they might be able so to lessen the debt on their own school, that they could feel free to leave Battle Creek and to reopen the College in some place where they could follow out the Lord's instruction in regard to Christian education. *18LtMs, Ms 123, 1903, par. 6*

About the time of the General Conference in 1901, the way opened for the sale of the Battle Creek College property; and the understanding was that the buildings and grounds would be used for the American Medical Missionary College. Our brethren left Battle Creek and established Emmanuel Missionary College at Berrien Springs. They secured a beautiful tract of land in the country and began small. There they have labored untiringly for the upbuilding of an educational institution that would be an honor to God and His cause. They have striven to get things in order so that they could receive and properly care for the students who came. Faithfully they have endeavored to train the youth to be laborers



together with God and to depend upon Him for wisdom and guidance. Through their efforts, many young men and young women have been imbued with a love for souls and have been prepared to give to the world the message of warning that is to be proclaimed before Christ's second advent. *18LtMs, Ms 123, 1903, par. 7*

From the light given me by the Lord, I know that the teachers connected with the Berrien Springs school walked out by faith, depending wholly on God's promises. They have made mistakes, it is true; but they have not allowed these mistakes to stop their work; instead, they have turned their mistakes into victories, by learning wisdom from their errors, and by avoiding them thereafter. The Lord helped them, gave them courage, and increased their faith. *18LtMs, Ms 123, 1903, par. 8*

All this was not done without severe trials. The heavy debt on the Battle Creek College property has been a burden to Brethren Magan and Sutherland, and they have labored very hard to reduce this. The strength of both men has been severely taxed. At one time Brother Magan, worn by the burdens he was carrying, suffered a severe attack of typhoid fever, and for a time his life was despaired of. He had given himself no periods of rest. This was not after the Lord's order; the life and health of His servants is precious in His sight. *18LtMs, Ms 123, 1903, par. 9*

While attending the General Conference at Oakland, the Lord instructed me that Brethren Sutherland and Magan should be relieved from some of the financial burdens they were carrying. They have used much of their time and strength in the effort to decrease and, if possible, wipe out the heavy indebtedness on the Battle Creek College—a debt for the creating of which others were responsible. Those who were more directly responsible should labor to relieve their brethren at Berrien Springs of this burden. They should place themselves in the position of these pioneers who were under constant pressure to pay obligations they had not incurred—pioneers who had by faith left Battle Creek and who now are building up a school that God can approve. Too long the burden has rested on our brethren at Berrien Springs. They have kept their gracious intentions in view, devoting themselves to the task of

clearing the old College property from debt. How pleasing to God it would be for all our people to share in lifting the obligations of the old Battle Creek College!*18LtMs, Ms 123, 1903, par. 10*

In the councils of our brethren it was arranged that the Battle Creek College debt be paid from the proceeds of the Missionary Acre Fund. It was thought that our people throughout America who had land could set apart a small portion of it for the Lord and send the proceeds to the general treasury to be applied in the payment of the College debts and the clearing of the property for the use of the American Medical Missionary College. It was suggested that those who had no land to use might give of their earnings. Those who kept chickens could contribute from the profits received from this source. Our brethren felt sure that if our people everywhere would give liberally of the fruit of their toil, a large sum could be raised and the debt be canceled.*18LtMs, Ms 123, 1903, par. 11*

Recently some have questioned the propriety of sending in means for the Missionary Acre Fund, and consequently scarcely anything is now being received for the payment of the College debt. This is not as it should be. Let all our brethren and sisters understand that the purchase of the Battle Creek College property, for the use of the Medical Missionary College, was approved of God, and that the Missionary Acre Fund plan of raising means for this purpose is a good enterprise. Those who will help in this way will be blessed.*18LtMs, Ms 123, 1903, par. 12*

Some have thought that the sale of *Object Lessons* should meet the demands; but it will not, in the purchase of this property for the Medical College. Brethren Magan and Sutherland have worked with earnestness to carry out the Lord's plan to cancel the debts on our schools. At the Oakland Conference I tried to point out the fact that these brethren worked untiringly, and that the past must not be repeated.*18LtMs, Ms 123, 1903, par. 13*

Brother Magan nearly lost his life in the struggle to free the schools from debt. Their talents are needed in the Lord's work. They should be provided with proper facilities at Berrien Springs. On account of the scarcity of funds, they have been obliged to move very slowly.*18LtMs, Ms 123, 1903, par. 14*

## Ms 124, 1903

A Personal God

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The mighty power that works through all nature and sustains all things is not, as some men of science represent, merely an all-pervading principle, an actuating energy. God is a spirit; yet He is a personal being; for men were made in His image. As a personal being, God has revealed Himself in His Son. Jesus, the outshining of the Father's glory, "and the express image of His person," was on earth found in fashion as a man. [*Hebrews 1:3*.] As a personal Saviour, He came to the world. As a personal Saviour, He ascended on high. As a personal Saviour, He intercedes in the heavenly courts. Before the throne of God in our behalf ministers "One like the Son of man." [*Daniel 7:13*.]18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 1

### God Revealed in Christ

As Jehovah, the supreme Ruler, God could not personally communicate with sinful men, but He so loved the world that He sent Jesus to our world as a revelation of Himself. "I and My Father are one," Christ declared. [*John 10:30*.] "No man knoweth the Father save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him." [*Matthew 11:27*.]18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 2

And Christ is also the revealer of the hearts of men. He is the exposor of sin. By Him the characters of all are to be tested. To Him all judgment has been committed, "because He is the Son of man." [*John 5:27*.]18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 3

Taking humanity upon Him, Christ came to be one with humanity and at the same time to reveal our heavenly Father to sinful human beings. He was in all things made like unto His brethren. He became flesh, even as we are. He was hungry and thirsty and weary. He was sustained by food and refreshed by sleep. He shared the lot of men, and yet He was the blameless Son of God. He was a stranger and sojourner on the earth—in the world, but not of the world; tempted and tried as men and women today are tempted and tried, yet living a life free from spot or stain of sin. “We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” [*Hebrews 4:15.*] In His strength men and women can live the life of purity and nobility that He lived.*18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 4*

Christ came to teach human beings what God desires them to know. Just before His trial and crucifixion, He said to His disciples, “Hitherto ye have asked nothing in My name; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs, but the time cometh when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly of the Father.” [*John 16:24, 25.*]*18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 5*

“At that day ye shall ask in My name; and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loveth you, because ye have loved Me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world; again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.*18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 6*

“His disciples said unto Him, Lo, now speakest Thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now we are sure that Thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask Thee; by this we believe that Thou camest forth from God.*18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 7*

“Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave Me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. These things have I spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation, but

be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” [*Verses 26-33.*] *18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 8*

The disciples had asked many questions that revealed their ignorance of God’s relation to them and to their present and future interests. Christ desired them to have a clearer, more distinct knowledge of God. I will show you the Father and will make you better acquainted with Him, He said. It is this knowledge that Christians today need. This knowledge, which Christ alone can give, is the highest of all education. *18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 9*

When on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples, they understood the truths that Christ had spoken in proverbs. The teachings that had been mysteries to them were made clear. The understanding that came to them with the outpouring of the Spirit made them ashamed of their fanciful theories. Their suppositions and interpretations were foolishness compared with the knowledge of heavenly things that now came to them. Their confused ideas were gone; they were led of the Spirit; and light shone into their once darkened understanding. *18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 10*

While with the disciples, Christ had revealed to them all the knowledge of God that they could bear. The complete fulfilment of the promise that He would show them plainly of the Father was yet to come. Thus it is today. Now we know in part only. When the conflict is ended, and the Man Christ Jesus acknowledges before the Father His faithful workers, who in a world of sin have borne true witness for Him, they will understand clearly what now are mysteries to them. *18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 11*

Christ took with Him to the heavenly courts His glorified humanity. To those who receive Him, He gives power to become the sons of God, that at last God may receive them as His, to dwell with Him throughout all eternity. If during this life they are loyal to God, they will at last “see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads.” [*Revelation 22:4.*] And what is the happiness of heaven but to see God? What greater joy could come to the sinner, saved by the grace of Christ, than to look upon the face of God and know Him as Father? “Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face;

now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.”  
[1 *Corinthians 13:12.*]18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 12

Some today are coming to hold false ideas of the invisible God and are presenting these ideas to others. Let those who do this know that their childish portrayal of God is a misconception. They know not God. Before the world, before angels, and before men, they are giving a false representation of Him.18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 13

To those to whom these fanciful interpretations are presented, I would say, Let not these sentiments charm your senses and lead you into paths of Satan’s making. Beware, beware of spiritualistic ideas of God. Those who entertain such ideas greatly dishonor Him. Let every one humble his heart before God.18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 14

### **Personality and Individuality**

The *seventeenth chapter of John* speaks plainly regarding the personality of God and of Christ and of their relation to each other. “Father, the hour is come,” Christ said; “glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee; as Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him. And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.” [Verses 1-3.]18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 15

“And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was. I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me, and they have kept Thy word.18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 16

“They have known that all things whatsoever Thou hast given Me are of Thee. For I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came from Thee, and they have believed that thou didst send Me. I pray for them; I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given Me; for they are Thine. And all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more

in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me; that they may be one, as We are.” [Verses 5-11.] *18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 17*

Here is personality and individuality. *18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 18*

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There is no new gospel to be preached. Christ revealed all of God that sinful human beings could bear without being destroyed. He is the divine Teacher, the Enlightener. Had He thought us in need of revelations other than those made in His Word, He would have given them. *18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 19*

Christ revealed God to His disciples in a way that performed in their hearts a special work, such as He has long been urging us to allow Him to do in our hearts. There are many who in dwelling too largely upon theory have lost sight of the living power of the Saviour’s example. They have lost sight of the brightness and glory of His transfiguration; lost sight of Him also as the humble, self-denying worker, bearing up under the weariness of constant effort, walking through the dusty streets to secure in the thoroughfares of travel a position from which His voice could reach the multitudes passing to and fro, that some souls might be helped to walk in the narrow path of holiness. *18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 20*

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God’s handiwork in nature is not God Himself in nature. God uses nature to reveal His power and His love. But no one is authorized to say that God Himself is in leaf or flower or tree. *18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 21*

Who By Searching Can Find Out God? *18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 22*

Human talent and human conjecture have tried by searching to find out God. But guesswork has proved itself to be guesswork. Man cannot by searching find out God. This problem has not been given to human beings. All that man needs to know and can know of God

has been revealed in His Word and in the life of His Son, the great Teacher. *18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 23*

Let men remember that they have a Ruler in the heavens, a God who will not be trifled with. He who puts his reason to the stretch in an effort to exalt himself and to delineate God will find that he might far better have stood as a humble suppliant before God, confessing himself to be only an erring human being. *18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 24*

God cannot be understood by men. His ways and works are past finding out. In regard to the revelations that He has made of Himself in His Word we may talk. But other than this, let us say of Him, “Thou art God, and Thy ways are past finding out.” [See *Psalms 90:2; Romans 11:33.*] *18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 25*

There is a knowledge of God and of Christ which all who are saved must have. “This is life eternal,” Christ said, “that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.” [John 17:3.] *18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 26*

The question for us to study is, “What is truth” [John 18:38]—the truth for this time, which is to be cherished, loved, honored, and obeyed? The devotees of science have been defeated and disheartened in their effort to find out God. What they need to inquire is, What is truth? How many of those who profess to minister at the altar of God have asked this question? How many of those who search the heavens have inquired, as they have beheld the wondrous works of God, “What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that Thou visitest him?” [Hebrews 2:6.] *18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 27*

Let us learn from the representation made in the *sixth chapter of Isaiah* the greatness of our God. The prophet writes: “In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord, sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims; each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is filled with His glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled



with smoke.*18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 28*

“Then said I, Woe is me, for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.*18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 29*

“Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.” [*Verses 1-7.*]*18LtMs, Ms 124, 1903, par. 30*

## Ms 125, 1903

### The Workers Needed Now

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God chooses as His workmen of different gifts and varied abilities. It is His purpose that these workers shall unite with one another in their labor. All selfishness is to be cast out of their hearts. If it is allowed to develop, it will spring up in a root of bitterness, whereby many shall be defiled. *18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 1*

When a crisis comes, there is need of men of deep experience in the things of God, men who can carry the work forward with tact and forethought and skill. Those who allow themselves to be leavened by influences that endanger their spirituality are unfitting themselves to be used by God as men of opportunity. God calls for men who are prepared to meet emergencies, men who in a crisis will not be found standing on the wrong side, warring against God, full of wrath and bitterness. Great weakness is brought to His cause by men who, at the very time when they should be quick to discern the specious devising of Satan, are helping him to carry on his work by giving up to the power of his delusions, closing their eyes to light and truth. *18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 2*

We are not to conceal the truth for this time. It is to stand forth in its power and purity. The trumpet is to give a certain sound; for there are those who, though they have long known the truth, need to be awakened. They have closed their eyes to the result of walking contrary to the light that God has given. We are living in the last days of this earth's history, and God calls upon those who have an understanding of the truth for this time to pray, to believe, to stand fast in the faith, proclaiming the message of mercy to be given to the world. My brethren, I pray most earnestly "that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all

pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.”  
[*Colossians 1:9-11.*]18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 3

There are those who today are standing in perilous places, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. From this time on, Satan will bring in deceptive influences of every kind. True, staunch, whole-hearted believers are needed—men who are not fashioned after a worldly mold, but who see and realize that it is at this time that Satan’s power will be exercised through believers who have not kept the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end.18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 4

Workers are needed who understand that the warnings given in the Word of God are appropriate for this time. Shall we not pray and watch unto prayer and see that we need to be reconverted. God’s purpose for us is that we shall be constantly “increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.”  
[*Verses 10, 11.*]18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 5

At this time we need men who are as true as steel to principle. We need the help of every one who has had an experience in the giving of the first and second angels’ messages.18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 6

There are those who have so linked themselves with the world that they have lost the knowledge of God and are departing from the faith. How glad we should be to say to all such ones, “And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouceable in His sight; if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard.”  
[*Verses 21-23.*]18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 7

Paul wrote these words to the Colossians, and he continues: “Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh, for His body’s sake, which is the church: whereof I am made a minister, according to the

dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God: even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to His saints: to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus; whereunto I also labor, striving according to His working, which worketh in me mightily.” [*Verses 24-29.*]18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 8

There is now need of unity; and there will be unity. Those who have greatly hindered the cause of God, and have caused heavy burdens to rest upon their fellow laborers, because they have lost their bearings, will either humble their proud hearts and be converted, or they will be moved out of the way. The warning comes:18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 9

“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him: rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power.” [*Colossians 2:6-10.*]18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 10

Amidst the temptations that abound in these last days, some will depart from the faith. Those who have been trying to quench their thirst at broken cisterns, which can hold no water, will have a misleading message to proclaim. They will speak smooth things. It is now, just now, that genuine gospel medical missionary work is to be done by men who acknowledge Christ as their Master; who realize, as did Elijah and Jeremiah, that they hold their commission from God, and that they are accountable to God for the use made of the talents entrusted to them. God’s workers are to acknowledge no earthly master. One higher than men, even Him who is the way, the truth, and the life, is their Master.18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 11

Men are needed who can speak intelligently of the sacredness and

the importance of the truth; men who can point their fellow men to the needs of the present hour; men who have an inspiring message to bear against perverted principle; who watch for souls as they that must give an account, pointing souls to God's standard of righteousness. *18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 12*

Many who have known the truth, but who have not cherished its principles in their hearts, will become leavened with evil. This evil they do not discern. In word and act they say, "Speak unto us smooth things; prophesy deceits." [*Isaiah 30:10.*] We are now to call things by their right name. No longer are we to look upon unrighteousness as righteousness. Let every one now be prepared to lift up the standard of truth. We are to have no fellowship with the worldly practices that have perverted the faith of some who have enjoyed great privileges and who should now be standing on vantage ground. *18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 13*

We are to respond to God's call to take a decided stand for truth and righteousness. No longer are we to bind up with worldly elements. The leaders in God's work are not to be men who do not know God, who have no experimental knowledge of God. They are to be men who love and fear God and Christ; otherwise, they must be relieved of their responsibilities. *18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 14*

### **The Value of the Experience of Pioneer Workers**

God never leaves the world without men who can discern between good and evil, righteousness and unrighteousness. God has men whom He has appointed to stand in the forefront of the battle in times of emergency. In a crisis, He will raise up men as He did in ancient times. Young men will be bidden to link up with the aged standard-bearers, that they may be strengthened and taught by the experience of these faithful ones, who have passed through so many conflicts, and to whom, through the testimonies of His Spirit, God has so often spoken, pointing out the right way and condemning the wrong way. When perils arise, which try the faith of God's people, these pioneer workers are to recount the experiences of the past, when just such crises came, when the truth was questioned, when strange sentiments, proceeding not from God, were brought in. *18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 15*

The experience of these aged workers is needed now; for Satan is watching every opportunity to make of no account the old waymarks—the monuments that have been raised up along the way. We need the experience of the men who through evil report as well as through good report have been steadfast to the truth; men who have not built their house upon the sand, but upon the solid rock.*18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 16*

In the gospel medical missionary work there are noble men who bear aloft the banner upon which is inscribed, The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Consideration should be given to these faithful missionaries. They are not to be left to the caprice of men who are neither cold nor hot and who because of their lukewarm condition are an offense to God.*18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 17*

The Lord has self-denying men in the ministry who have been abundant in labor and in self-sacrifice. Let justice be done to those who have borne the burden in the heat of the day. They have grown old in the service of God. They are His men of opportunity, men who will deal justly, love mercy, and who will help where help is needed.*18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 18*

These men are to be appreciated. They led out in the first of the conflict, when the truth was yet to be established. They carried burdens when there were few to share the burdens. Under all circumstances they were faithful to principle. For the sake of the truth they practiced constant self-denial, and their brethren should deal with them considerately, kindly, generously. The truth for which they have sacrificed everything will bear away the victory. They have labored earnestly for the advancement of the kingdom which is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit; and they are now to be encouraged and sustained.*18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 19*

#### **Plans for Medical Missionary Work**

Young men who have a practical knowledge of how to treat the sick are now to be sent out to do gospel medical missionary work in connection with more experienced gospel workers. If these young

men will give themselves to the study of the Word, they will become successful evangelists. The ministers with whom these young men labor are to give them the same opportunity to learn that Elijah gave Elisha. They are to show them how to teach the truth to others. Where it is possible, these young men should visit the hospitals, and in some cases they may connect with them for a while, laboring disinterestedly. *18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 20*

The purest example of unselfishness is now to be shown by our medical missionary workers. With the knowledge and experience gained by practical work, they are to go out to give treatment to the sick. As they go from house to house, they will find access to many hearts. Many will be reached who otherwise would never have heard the gospel message. *18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 21*

Much good can be done by those who do not hold diplomas as fully accredited physicians. Some are to be prepared to work as competent physicians. Many, working under the direction of such ones, can do acceptable work without spending so long a time in study as it has been thought necessary to spend in the past. *18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 22*

Many will go out to labor for the Master who have not been able to take a regular course of study in school. God will help these workers. They will obtain knowledge from the higher school and will be fitted to take their position in the rank and file of workers as nurses. The great Medical Missionary sees every effort that is made to find access to souls by presenting the principles of health reform. *18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 23*

Decided changes are taking place in our world. The Lord has declared that He will turn and overturn. Humble men, who hitherto have been in obscurity, must now be given opportunity to become workers. *18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 24*

To those who go out to do medical missionary work, I would say, Serve the Lord Jesus Christ with sanctified understanding, in connection with the ministers of the gospel and the great Teacher. He who has given you your commission will give you skill and understanding as you consecrate yourselves to His service, engaging diligently in labor and study, doing your best to bring relief

to the sick and suffering.*18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 25*

To those who are tired of a life of sinfulness, but who know not where to turn to obtain relief, present the compassionate Saviour full of love and tenderness, longing to receive those who come to Him with broken hearts and contrite spirits. Take them by the hand, lift them up, speak to them words of hope and courage. Help them to grasp the hand of Him who has said, "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me, and he shall make peace with Me." [*Isaiah 27:5.*]*18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 26*

"Behold," Christ declares, "I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." God calls upon us to voice the words, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." [*Revelation 22:12, 20.*] God will do much more for His people if they will have faith in Him. Infidelity is stalking abroad through the land. Satan has laid his plans to undermine our faith in the history of the cause and work of God. I am deeply in earnest as I write this. Satan is working with men in prominent positions to sweep away the foundations of our faith. Shall we allow this to be done, brethren?*18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 27*

My soul is stirred within me. I shall trust in God with heart and soul. I shall proclaim the messages that He has given us to proclaim. I testify in the Lord that our youth should not be encouraged to go to Battle Creek to be made infidels. God will help us to see what can be done to prevent this. We are now to work earnestly and intelligently to save our youth from being taken captive by the enemy.*18LtMs, Ms 125, 1903, par. 28*



## Ms 126, 1903

Christ at the Marriage Feast

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“And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there, and both Jesus was called, and His disciples to the marriage.” [*John 2:1, 2.*]*18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 1*

The joyous festivities of a Jewish wedding were preceded by solemn religious ceremonies. In preparation for their new relationship, the parties performed certain rites of purification and confessed their sins.*18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 2*

A most interesting part of the ceremony took place in the evening when the bridegroom went to meet his bride and bring her to his home. At the house of the bride a company of invited guests awaited the appearance of the bridegroom. As he approached the cry went forth, “Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.” [*Matthew 25:6.*] The bride, clothed in pure white, her head encircled with flowers, received the bridegroom, and, accompanied by the guests, they went from her father’s house. By torchlight, with impressive display, with sounds of singing and instruments of music, the procession slowly proceeded to the house of the bridegroom, where a feast was provided for the guests.*18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 3*

For the feast the best food that could be secured was provided. Unfermented wine was used as a beverage.*18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 4*

It was the custom of the time for marriage festivities to continue several days. On this occasion, before the feast ended, it was found that the supply of wine had failed. When a call was made for more

wine, Jesus' mother, thinking that He might suggest something to relieve the embarrassment, came to Him and said, "They have no wine." [*John 2:3.*]18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 5

Jesus replied, "Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come." [*Verse 4.*]18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 6

Jesus loved and honored His mother, and His words were not spoken disrespectfully. Notwithstanding His reply, Mary felt assured that He would do something to help them in their perplexity.18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 7

The active part that Mary took in this feast indicates that she was not merely a guest, but a relative of one of the parties. As one having authority, she said to the servants, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." [*Verse 5.*]18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 8

"And there were set there six water pots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing about two or three firkins apiece. Jesus said unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them to the brim." [*Verses 6, 7.*]18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 9

Christ did not touch the water, nor approach the jars. He simply said to the servants, "Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine," with glad surprise he said to the bridegroom, "Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now." [*Verses 8-10.*] The bridegroom made no reply. He knew not whence this wine had come.18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 10

In answer to the inquiries that arose, the servants gave an account of the miracle by which water had been changed to wine of the purest flavor.18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 11

The action of Christ at this time was left on record for all ages, that men might see that Christ did not fail even in such a perplexity as arose on this occasion.18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 12

Yet He never worked a miracle to help Himself. A few days before this He had refused to satisfy His own hunger by changing a stone into bread at Satan's suggestion. He refused to work a miracle to supply His own necessities; He refused to secure popular favor by casting Himself from the dizzy height of the temple into the surging crowds below, saving Himself from injury by the exercise of His divine power. *18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 13*

“This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth His glory, and His disciples believed on Him.” [Verse 11.] This action increased the confidence of these humble fishermen whom He was preparing to lay the foundation of His new kingdom. Throughout Palestine an interest was awakened in Christ and His work. *18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 14*

### **Christ's Example of Temperance**

When the temperance question is agitated, and the need of reformation urged, some refer to this miracle as an instance where Christ sanctioned the use of fermented wine. But the wine that was created by this miracle was not fermented wine. It was the pure juice of the grape. Christ never by word or act sanctioned the use of fermented wine. At the sacramental service, He used neither leavened bread nor fermented wine. He it was who instructed the wife of Manoah, “Drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing.” [Judges 13:4.] *18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 15*

The father of John the Baptist was visited by an angel who instructed him concerning his son that should be born, “He shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.” [Luke 1:15.] *18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 16*

The necessity of strictly temperate habits was outlined to John, of whom Christ said, “Among them that are born of women there hath not arisen a greater than John the Baptist.” [Matthew 11:11.] John lived in the wilderness, where he would not be molded by the habits and practices of society or even of the Jewish church. As the forerunner of Christ, he was to lift his voice in rebuke of sinful practices. Many, even of the priests and rulers, came to him to be

baptized, and he addressed them all as sinners. He condemned their course in departing from right principles. They were riotously eating and drinking and indulging in sinful practices. *18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 17*

The pure juice of the grape, free from fermentation, is a wholesome drink. But many of the alcoholic drinks which are now so largely consumed contain death-dealing potions. Those who partake of them are often maddened, bereft of their reason. Under their deadly influence men commit crimes of violence and often murder. *18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 18*

Christ was the perfect pattern for the gospel medical missionary. He came to seek the lost sheep, to save souls ready to perish. In answer to the charge that He ate with publicans and sinners, He replied, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." [Mark 2:17.] Christ understood the laws of health. He partook of simple food and only ate that which would preserve the body in a condition of health. *18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 19*

The early Christians were especially instructed to preserve sobriety, to be temperate in all things. No Christian will take into his system food or drink that will cloud his senses, or that will so act upon the nervous system as to cause him to degrade himself, or to unfit him for usefulness. The temple of God must not be defiled. The faculties of mind and body should be preserved in health, that they may be used to glorify God. *18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 20*

It was by eating that which God had forbidden that man lost his right to Paradise. In preparing for Paradise restored, it is necessary that man should bring perverted appetite under strict control. *18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 21*

The indulgence of depraved appetite weakens the power to resist evil. Satan is enabled to fasten upon man evil habits, ensnaring him in the net of his devices. *18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 22*

### **The Home School**

By His presence Jesus honored the marriage ceremony. The active

interest that He manifested on this occasion showed that He came not to put a cloud over the happiness of the family and the guests. Jesus was in full sympathy with the pure joy to be found in this occasion. By His presence He showed Himself to be in harmony with the blessed institution of marriage. And He gave His sanction to every gathering that is pure, and lovely, and of good report. *18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 23*

Jesus did not enforce celibacy upon any class of men. He came not to destroy the sacred relationship of marriage, but to exalt it and restore it to its original sanctity. He looks with pleasure upon the family relationship where sacred and unselfish love bears sway. *18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 24*

The family on earth should be a type of the family in heaven. The home that is beautified by love, sympathy, and tenderness is a place that angels love to visit and where God is glorified. The influence of a carefully guarded Christian home in the years of childhood and youth is the surest safeguard against the corruptions of the world. In the atmosphere of such a home, the children will learn to love both their earthly parents and their heavenly Father. *18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 25*

The husband is to be the “house-band,” the priest of the family. Like Abraham, he is to be a faithful instructor of his household. And he is to cherish and respect the mother as the guide and educator of their children. *18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 26*

The education of the child for good or for evil begins in its earliest years. The children should be taught that they are a part of the family firm. They should be trained to act their part in the home. They are not to be continually waited upon; rather they should lighten the burdens of father and mother. As the older children grow up, they should help to care for the younger members of the family. The mother should not wear herself out, by doing work that her children might do and should do. *18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 27*

Parents, fit your children to become members of the Lord’s family. Give them an education such as they can continue in the school above. Do not allow them to be careless or disrespectful. Unless you discipline yourselves, you will be unable properly to discipline

your children. Train the voice, that you may cultivate a kindly tone. Refrain from all scolding and fretting. In the home no unkind words should be heard.*18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 28*

Let the clothing for your children be simple, and such as can be easily made and frequently changed, that they may cultivate a love for cleanliness and order. Ruffles and ornaments are unnecessary. Their care consumes precious time and brings unnecessary worry, thus tending to create an atmosphere of gloom and sadness.*18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 29*

O how many more souls might be saved to enter the kingdom of Jesus Christ if parents would do thoroughly the work that should be done in the home school!*18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 30*

In some cases it would be better if children had less work in the school and more training in the performance of home duties. Above all else they should be taught to be thoughtful and helpful. Many things to be learned from books are far less essential than the lessons of practical industry and discipline.*18LtMs, Ms 126, 1903, par. 31*

## Ms 127, 1903

A Call to Service

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Christ labored untiringly to accomplish the great work that He came to this world to perform. His desire to save the lost race was manifest on all occasions. During His ministry He went about doing good. It was His mission to help those in need of help, to seek the lost, to lift up the bowed down, to heal the sick, to speak words of sympathy and consolation to the sorrowing and the distressed. His heart was ever touched with human woe. How earnestly He worked for sinners! How constant were His efforts to prepare His disciples to carry the gospel message to the ends of the earth! He placed Himself on the altar of service, a living sacrifice.*18LtMs, Ms 127, 1903, par. 1*

If Christ, the Majesty of heaven, worked thus, should we, His followers, spare ourselves? In these last days there is a great work to be done. Unceasing activity is called for. "Darkness hath covered the earth, and gross darkness the people." [*Isaiah 60:2.*] Many are far from Christ, wandering in the wilderness of sin. They are strangers from the covenant of promise. The Lord is coming soon. Already the judgments of God are in the land. Shall we let the unwarned multitudes go down into darkness and death without a preparation for the future life?*18LtMs, Ms 127, 1903, par. 2*

If we only realized how earnestly Jesus worked to sow the world with the gospel seed, we, living at the very close of probation, would labor untiringly to give the bread of life to perishing souls. Why are we so cold and indifferent? Why are our hearts so unimpressible? Why are we so unwilling to give ourselves to the work to which Christ consecrated His life? Something must be done to cure the terrible indifference that has taken hold upon us. Let us bow our heads in humiliation as we see how much less we have done than we might have done to sow the seeds of truth.*18LtMs, Ms 127,*

1903, par. 3

My dear brethren and sisters, I speak to you in words of love and tenderness. Arouse, and consecrate yourselves unreservedly to the work of giving the light of the truth for this time to those in darkness. Catch the spirit of the great Master Worker. Learn from the Friend of sinners how to minister to sin-sick souls. Remember that in the lives of His followers must be seen the same devotion, the same subjection to God's work of every social claim and every earthly affection, that was seen in His life. God's claims must always be made paramount. Christ's example is to inspire us to put forth unceasing, self-sacrificing effort for the good of others. *18LtMs, Ms 127, 1903, par. 4*

God calls upon every church member to enter His service. Truth that is not lived, that is not imparted to others, loses its life-giving power, its healing virtue. Every one must learn to work and to stand in his lot and place as a burden-bearer. Every addition to the church should be one more agency for the carrying on of the great plan of redemption. The entire church, acting as one, blending in perfect union, is to be a living, active missionary agency, moved and controlled by the Holy Spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 127, 1903, par. 5*

### **The Needed Preparation**

As surely as we seek the Lord earnestly, He will make the way plain before us. All around us are doors open for service. Let us prayerfully study the work to be done and then enter upon it with full assurance of faith. We are to labor in quietness and humility, in the meekness and lowliness of Christ, realizing that there is a trying time before us, and that we shall always need heavenly grace in order to understand how to deal with minds. It is the patient, humble, Godlike worker who will have something to show for his labors. *18LtMs, Ms 127, 1903, par. 6*

As a people, and as individuals, our success depends not on numbers, on standing, or on intellectual attainments, but on walking and working with Christ. The more fully we are imbued with His spirit, the greater will be our love for the work, and the greater our delight in following in the footsteps of the Master. Our hearts will be



filled with the love of God; and with earnestness and power we shall speak of the crucified Saviour. As He is uplifted before the people, as they behold His self-sacrifice, His goodness, His tender compassion, His humiliation, His suffering, their hearts will be melted and subdued. *18LtMs, Ms 127, 1903, par. 7*

### **The Cities to be Enlightened**

The ministry of the Word in our cities rests not merely upon those who preach the Word, but upon all who read and hear the Word. God calls upon His people to break the bands of their precise, indoor service. He would have hundreds in our cities doing the work that Christ did while on this earth—cheering the sorrowful, strengthening the weak, comforting the mourners, preaching the gospel to the poor. In many of the cities of America scarcely anything has been done to proclaim the message of warning. Our brethren and sisters living in these crowded centers should let their light shine amidst the moral darkness. More than one may think that his light is too small to do any good; but he should remember that it is what God has given him, and that he is held responsible for letting it shine forth. Some one else may light his taper from it, and his light may be the means of leading others out from the darkness. *18LtMs, Ms 127, 1903, par. 8*

### **Our Duty Toward Our Neighbors**

O that thousands more of God's people had a realization of the times in which we are living, and of the work to be done in field service, in house-to-house labor! There are many, many of our neighbors who know not the truth. Let us become acquainted with them, and seek to draw them to Christ. Entering the homes of our neighbors to sell or to give away our literature, and in humility to teach them the truth, we shall be accompanied by the light of heaven, which will abide in these houses. Our feet "shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace," we shall be prepared to go from house to house, carrying the truth to the people. [*Ephesians 6:15.*] Sometimes we shall find it trying to do this kind of work; but if we go forth in faith, the Lord will go before us and will send His angels to co-operate with us in our efforts to bring our neighbors to a knowledge of the truth. *18LtMs, Ms 127, 1903, par. 9*

## The Distribution of Literature

In the miracle of feeding the multitude with a few loaves and fishes, the food was increased as it passed from Christ to those who accepted it. Thus it will be in the distribution of our publications. God's truth, as it is passed out, will multiply greatly. And as the disciples by Christ's direction gathered up the fragments which remained, that nothing should be lost, so we should treasure every fragment of literature containing the truth for this time. None can estimate the influence that even a torn page containing the truths of the third angel's message may have upon the heart of some seeker after truth. *18LtMs, Ms 127, 1903, par. 10*

There are many places in which the voice of the minister cannot be heard, places which can be reached only by our publications—the books, papers, and tracts filled with the Bible truths that the people need. Our literature is to be distributed everywhere. The truth is to be sown beside all waters; for we know not which will prosper, this, or that. In our erring judgment we may think it unwise to give literature to the very ones who would accept the truth the most readily. We know not what may be the results of giving away a leaflet containing present truth. *18LtMs, Ms 127, 1903, par. 11*

I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success. I feel very thankful to our heavenly Father for the interest that my brethren and sisters have taken in the sale of *Christ's Object Lessons*. By the sale of this book great good has been accomplished; and the work should be continued. The effort to circulate *Object Lessons* has demonstrated what can be done in the canvassing field. This effort is a never-to-be-forgotten lesson of how to canvass in the prayerful, trustful way that brings success. Many of our larger books could be sold if our canvassers should take up this work earnestly and energetically, filled with the realization that these books contain instruction that God desires to go to the world. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, the canvasser-evangelist's work will not, cannot be without fruit. *18LtMs, Ms 127, 1903, par. 12*

## A Word to the Discouraged

Many are so sad and discouraged, so weak in faith and trust, that they cannot appropriate to themselves the rich promises of God. Let them, then, do something to help some one more needy than themselves, and they will grow strong in God's strength. Let them engage in the good work of selling our books and distributing our papers and tracts. Thus they will help others, and they will gain an experience that will give them the assurance that they are God's helping hand. As they plead with the Lord to help them, He will guide them to those who are seeking for the light. *18LtMs, Ms 127, 1903, par. 13*

### **The Result of Earnest Effort**

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Gospel medical missionary workers, as faithful representatives of their Leader, are to bear a message from God. If among this class of workers there should be found those who are not sanctified through the truth; those who are unable to work the works of truth and righteousness, who in word and act dishonor the truth and lower the standard that should always be elevated to represent the medical missionary work in its purity, then faithful work is to be done by God’s ministers. Like Timothy, they are to “reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.” [2 Timothy 4:2.] *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 5*

All our medical workers are earnestly to use their capabilities in the right way, that there may go forth the impression that the ministry of the Word and the medical missionary work are, in reality, one united work. Some will need to be watched, lest their natural propensities overrule, causing them to manifest self instead of the Christlikeness that should always be prominent. When such persons labor not in accordance with the will and way of God; when in business transactions they fail of elevating the gospel standard, their associates are not to keep silent; they are to strive to change the evil, lest they become co-workers in that which will do great injury to the cause and work of God. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 6*

Every Christian is a standard-bearer of righteous principles. Let there be no lowering of the standard, no countenancing of wrong movements. It was while men slept that the enemy sowed tares

among the wheat. It is the unwatchful, sleeping condition of God's servants that implicates them with their associates in guilt. The only way to escape being an unfaithful watchman is to watch and not allow to continue the evils that can be checked. To sustain by silence a work that God cannot approve is to abet Satan's work, and this results in the loss of souls. No one should be at ease until he has done all that it is possible for him to do to counterwork evil. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 7*

Let our physicians engage in fervent prayer and in the study of God's Word. Let every missionary be on guard, doing all in his power to counterwork evil, deceptive influences. If faithful work were done, even to a limited degree, it would tell on the side of right. If the senses were keen, quickened and illuminated by the Holy Spirit, wrongdoing would be met and counter worked before it found standing room. Thus many of the objectionable devisings of men would be arrested, and the widespread influence of evil would be circumscribed. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 8*

When will faithful work be done to arrest the evils that ministers and medical missionaries have seen, but have not corrected? The Lord now calls for decided action, in order that the gospel medical missionary work shall not be entirely spoiled by the tares that the enemy has sown. Let none continue the work of leavening our institutions, our churches, and the world with the objectionable sentiments that have been coming in of late. Let not one wrong thing be passed by uncorrected. Christian medical missionary work is to bear the signature of God, not of man. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 9*

O that every man who has been redeemed by the blood of Christ would disrobe himself of his earthly, citizen's dress, and, for the sake of the Christian name, put on the robe of Christ's righteousness. Strange work has been done to bring honor to man, and not to God. For the sake of Christ, let matters be brought up to the Christian standard. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 10*

To lean upon the arm of the law is a disgrace to Christians; yet this evil has been brought in and cherished among the Lord's chosen people. Worldly principles have been stealthily introduced, until in

practice many of our workers are becoming like the Laodiceans—half-hearted, because so much dependence is placed on lawyers and legal documents and agreements. Such a condition of things is abhorrent to God.*18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 11*

Nor will the Lord endorse the spirit that leads a man to engage in commerce in our institutions, after the manner of the world, and to make the laws of the land his defense. Yet the Lord has instructed me that this very spirit is being manifested by some who occupy positions as leaders. If they continue to follow their own way, God will leave them in the hands of the enemy, that they may be spoiled either through success or through failure. Success will bring them to certain ruin.*18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 12*

The present spiritual condition of some of our church members who stand in high positions of responsibility shows that in the future there must be a great change. God has no place in His mansions for lovers of deception, of fraud, of sin. In the beginning Satan prevailed on man to sin, and he is still carrying on his mischievous work. He puts forth efforts in our churches, and I call upon our people to be on their guard against him.*18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 13*

God calls for staunch, faithful workers who understand the truth and are sanctified through the truth. Our ministers, physicians, and teachers need to be converted anew, that they may be vessels unto honor. In every place Satan has his forces leagued together to counterwork the work of God. Those who give place to the subtle theories that the enemy seeks to introduce into minds do not regard sin as sinful. Those who set in motion an influence opposed to Christ are doing that to undo which will require a lifetime of Christian effort on the part of those who are standing on the platform of truth. The evil seed sown will spring up and produce a root of bitterness, whereby many shall be defiled. Wrong impressions will be made that it will seem impossible to efface.*18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 14*

He who says that which weakens the force of the principles of God's Word can never efface the impressions made by his words. God alone can undo the injurious effects of such words.*18LtMs, Ms*

Could each one who proposes to be a believer in the message for this time multiply himself and his means a thousandfold, we as a people should not be able by our good deeds to retrieve the losses we have sustained on account of our neglect of duty during the last twenty-five years. The guilt of the past is resting upon us, even upon all the camp of Israel. A complete reformation is now needed in all our institutions. We must arouse and by the Lord's help strive to put away the evils now existing and to redeem the time, if possible. The spiritual life of God's people is being enfeebled by the spirit of centralization and of commercialism. We are losing our distinguishing characteristics as Christians. The works of the enemy have been enthroned in many of our institutions, where business is done in accordance with worldly principles, which have come in through unconsecrated men. Great blindness of perception has been revealed. A thorough reformation must now take place. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 16*

### **Soul-Saving**

“Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.” [*Colossians 4:5.*] Precious time has passed into eternity, unused in the Master's service. Men have been doing a work that the Lord has warned them not to do. The actions of the professed religious world are to be no criterion for those to whom God in His great mercy has given advanced light. We can see that the world is in a great moral conflict. Unwarned souls are perishing in their sins, while many of our churches remain content to do little or nothing to let the full light of the gospel, the light of true medical missionary work, shine into the hearts of men and women, that they may behold the way to heaven. We are failing to gain access to souls. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 17*

Christ, the great Teacher, was accused of eating with publicans and sinners. He did eat with them; but it was for the purpose of letting the truth shine forth. His example, always high and noble and pure, was in marked contrast with the example of the Pharisees, the priests, and the rulers of His day. They disregarded the work that He had commissioned them to do. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 18*



Christ met the people where they were—at the guest table, in the streets, by the lakeside, in the synagogues and the temple, and on the crowded thoroughfares of travel. In these places were found the multitudes who were willing to admit that they were sinners. In their hearts Christ could sow the seeds of truth; and after His resurrection and ascension these seeds, scattered in almost every place, sprang up under the teaching of the apostles, and in one day five thousand believers were converted. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 19*

Just before His ascension, Jesus said to His disciples, “All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” [*Matthew 28:18-20.*]*18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 20*

This commission is ours. Not all have the same work to do; but to every man is given his work. To no one man is committed the whole work. No man is to exalt himself or any other man; for whatever man’s position may be, he is not free from defects, and he should guard against self-exaltation, envy, jealousy, selfishness, covetousness. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 21*

“Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance; for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons” with God. [*Colossians 3:23-25.*]*18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 22*

### **God’s Estimate of Men**

In heaven’s sight, the standing of persons in the church is in no wise dependent on the estimation in which they are held by their fellow men; their acceptance by God is dependent on their union with Christ, by whom alone they are enabled to do right, and to whom they are always amenable. Every moment they are accountable to God. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 23*

It matters not how high a position a man may occupy in the work of God; unless he is a follower of the meek and lowly Jesus, he puts the Saviour to open shame. He may be a leader among his brethren, and he may be upheld and sustained in his course; but unless he is converted, unless he receives Christ as his counselor, making his confession of Him before believers and unbelievers, he can never win the crown of eternal life. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 24*

### **A Call to Watchfulness and Prayer**

The time is at hand when the case of every soul will be decided. The Lord calls upon those who are truly converted to watch and pray; for the controversy between truth and error will increase in intensity. The Bible is to be the man of our counsel. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 25*

When our medical missionaries should have been wide-awake, they were asleep; and consequently the enemy has established himself in the midst of them. Physicians have cherished lax principles and have stooped to follow worldly methods. Their inferior piety has enfeebled the church and impaired its usefulness. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 26*

Many of those who should be standing as watchmen on the walls of Zion are Christians only in name; and when they should have been on their guard as men of God's appointment—protesting, counterworking, earnestly praying that the Lord God of heaven would work by His Holy Spirit to counteract the movements that were being made by men who trusted in the arm of flesh—they failed of doing their duty. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 27*

There is need of a most thorough work in our Conferences. God is calling for missionaries who have not upon them the stamp of the specious deceptions of the enemy—missionaries who have not by agreement bound themselves to any other human agencies. To us, as God's chosen people, has been given special light. This light is constantly increasing and is to shine forth through the gospel ministry and through gospel medical missionary workers. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 28*

## Our Influence

No true physician or minister will feel that he is partially his own and that he can do as he pleases. At the present time, some clear-sighted, clean-hearted men are almost neutral in their influence; but they cannot long remain in this position without losing ground spiritually. Unless they reflect the character of Christ Jesus, they will begin to reflect the character of the man of sin.*18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 29*

With the results of sin before them, why are not men fortified against the suggestions of the evil one? Will not our leading brethren keep God's Word before them and be diligent students of His will, that they may not fail as did Adam and Eve? Never should our God-given powers be used to hurt one of His children. Never should we become the agents of Satan to deceive others.*18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 30*

The masterly spirit of self, which many manifest, is abhorrent to God; for it leads to actions that savor of evil. If Satan once gains a place in the mind, not only will he strive to retain all the advantages he has gained, but he will seek to obtain full possession. He will use the person over whom he has gained an influence to influence others. The man whose mind is controlled by Satan cannot be used by God to communicate His grace. With such a man Christ cannot co-operate. The deceived one becomes inflated with thoughts of his own importance. He is filled with zeal to accomplish some work that he regards as being great. Satan and his angels lead him on by putting into his mind pleasing and flattering suggestions. He unites in counsel with worldly associates, linking up with men who are not wise unto salvation. And while following the suggestions and methods of the enemy, he thinks that God is directing his mind.*18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 31*

Let no man be treated as lord and dictator over the gospel ministry or the gospel medical missionary work. The Lord is testing and proving every one to see if in humility men will perform the divine will, taking Christ for their counselor, carefully studying His character, and walking as He walked. To every one who gives himself unreservedly to Christ is assigned a post where he may

engage in acceptable service. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 32*

God's cause is now in need of the influence that protests against evil and strives to counteract it—the influence that Christ has always demanded of His people. Let there be no delay; for the message that I am bearing is from God. While He has been calling upon His people to come out from the world and to be separate and distinct, not touching that which is unclean, human agencies have been counterworking His work by linking up with worldly men, cultivating the spirit of commerce, and depending on worldly lawyers and worldly methods. The Lord is sorely displeased with these men who have made themselves one with the world. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 33*

No one is without influence. Those who, in an effort to be neutral, manifest no positive hostility toward Christ and their brethren may think that they are rendering a service to God; but such a thought is delusive. Upon the minds of those who are endeavoring to stand in a neutral position, satanic agencies are working. The first act of selfishness opens the way for the enemy's forces to enter. Our only safety is in active service for Christ Jesus. He declares: "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." [*Matthew 6:24.*] All your talents, all your capabilities are Mine. I have entrusted you with gifts which are to be put to the very best use as consecrated offerings to Me." *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 34*

If every man who has influence could ascend some mount of vision from which he could behold all his works as Christ beholds them when He declares, "I know thy works;" if the laborer could trace from cause to effect every objectionable word and act, the sight would be more than he could bear. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 35*

My brother, when you have been tempted to cherish feelings of self-exaltation because of the thought that you were a great worker in God's cause; when, in accordance with your judgment, you have endeavored to gather in means and to appropriate it as if you had created it; when you have cherished a spirit of selfish ambition in different movements with which you were prominently connected; when you took pleasure in working out some special schemes that were pleasing to you—if at these times you could have seen the full

results of the influence you were exerting, results for which you are responsible, you would have been appalled. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 36*

Consider these matters. Trace them from cause to effect. The influences set in operation by our words and deeds are like many threads, which bind us in intimate relationship either with God or with the world, and which connect mind with mind, heart with heart. God is fully acquainted with the multitudinous effects of certain influences. Even at times when man is most sure that certain traits of his character are unobserved, there are going forth influences that are a savor of life unto life, or of death unto death. As soon as these influences cease to be decidedly good, they are decidedly bad; and the longer evil influences are exerted, the greater swells the tide of evil; the greater is the number of souls led to perdition. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 37*

#### **A Message of Warning and Mercy**

Those who have sinned against great light are not left without a message of warning and mercy. God says to them: "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see." *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 38*

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." [*Revelation 3:15-22.*] *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 39*

This is the testimony borne concerning the church at Laodicea. This church had been faithfully instructed. In his letter to the Colossians, Paul wrote: "Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis." [*Colossians 4:12, 13.*] Much excellent labor was bestowed upon the Laodicean church. To them was given the exhortation, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." [*Matthew 5:48.*] But the church did not follow up the work begun by God's messengers. They heard, but they failed to appropriate the truth to themselves and to carry out the instruction given them. The result that followed is the result always sure to follow the rejection of the Lord's warning and entreaties. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 40*

In every age the Lord has sent messages to point out the right way; and just as surely as men have united in walking contrary to the plain word of God, so surely have they been used by Satan to carry out his purposes. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 41*

Some to whom the Lord has for years been sending messages have clearly understood and have magnified every word of encouragement, but have treated as if they were of naught the cautions, the warnings, and the reproofs. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 42*

This self-satisfaction is to be dreaded. This is why the Jewish nation did not receive Christ. They rejected the Bible prophecies given in regard to His coming and chose their own way in accordance with their natural preferences. Their spiritual condition need not be portrayed by us; for Christ has clearly represented it to His servant John. The history of the Jews has been recorded for our admonition, that we should not follow their example of unbelief and worldliness. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 43*

Many are assimilating with the world and leaving upon human minds the impression that the special messages of warning given in the *fourteenth of Revelation*, messages that have called us out from the world, are secondary to the medical missionary work. God calls

upon those who have heard these messages to gain an experience very different from that gained by the Jewish nation. He desires His people to come to their senses and to make their lives an expression of genuine faith and spirituality. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 44*

### **The Need of a Reformation**

A failure to reveal the truth in the daily life has resulted in lax views as to what constitutes the truth for this time. Because of this, there exists an inferior piety by which the church is enfeebled and its usefulness impaired. Men and women have come to believe that they are partially their own; that they have a right to take themselves into their own hands and to do as they please, following their own judgment and planning to carry out their ideas as they may choose. Those who believe that they have this right are on losing ground. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 45*

In every health institution that has fallen into worldly practices, the Lord calls for a decided change. Let our workers now come out from the world and be separate. There is to be a full understanding as to who is on the Lord's side. "He that is not with Me," said Christ, "is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad." [*Matthew 12:30.*] *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 46*

Let no one suppose that because a man is constantly busy, he demonstrates his fidelity; for the tempter is constantly busy and is helping those who are endeavoring to labor in accordance with their own devisings. Idolatry of self, of my plans, my devisings, Christ looks upon with contempt. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 47*

We are not to do a particle less than it is in our power to do to advance Christ's kingdom. We are to labor in the spirit and manner in which He labored. He holds every man responsible for working in the right way. Only those who labor for the Master in a Christlike spirit and manner, because of their love for Him and their desire to please Him; only those who refuse to take to themselves any praise and glory will receive the approbation of heaven. *18LtMs, Ms 128, 1903, par. 48*

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*Timothy 4:1-5.]18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 3*

“Sound doctrine” [*Titus 2:1*] is Bible truth; standard truth for the time in which we live; truth that is always to be kept before the people; truth that is adapted to promote increased piety and devotion, confirming God’s people in the most holy faith. “Sound doctrine” means much to the receiver; and it means much, too, to the teacher, the minister of righteousness; for it means that the laborer shall be either true or untrue to his responsibility as the Lord’s messenger-evangelist in any line of service, wherever the gospel may be preached.*18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 4*

Gospel medical missionary workers, as faithful representatives of their Leader, are to bear a message from God. If among this class of workers there should be found those who are not sanctified through the truth; those who are unable to work the works of truth and righteousness, but who in word and act dishonor the truth and lower the standard that should be elevated to represent the medical missionary work in its purity, then faithful work is to be done by God’s ministers. Like Timothy, they are to “reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” [*2 Timothy 4:2.*]*18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 5*

All our medical workers are to use their capabilities in an earnest, righteous way, that there may go forth the impression that the ministry of the Word and the medical missionary work are in reality one united work. Some will need to be watched, lest their natural propensities overrule and cause them to manifest self instead of the Christian example that should always be prominent. When such persons do not labor in accordance with the will and way of God; when in nearly every business transactions they fail of elevating the gospel standard, their associates are not to keep silent; they are to say something to change the evil, lest they become implicated with the ones who have done great injury to the cause and work of God.*18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 6*

Every Christian is a standard-bearer of righteous principles. Let there be no lowering of the standard, no countenancing of wrong movements. It was while men slept that tares were sown among the wheat. It is the unwatchful, sleeping condition of God’s servants that

implicates them with their associates in guilt. The only safe and righteous way to escape being an unfaithful watchman is to watch, and not allow to continue the evils that can be checked. To sustain by silence a work that God cannot approve is to abet Satan's work; and this results in the loss of souls. No one should be at ease until he has done all that it is possible for him to do to counterwork evil. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 7*

Let there be much praying. Let every missionary be on guard, doing all in his power to counterwork deceptive, evil influences. If faithful work were done, even to a limited degree, it would tell on the side of right. If the senses were keen, quickened and illuminated by the Holy Spirit, wrongdoing would be met and counter worked before it found standing room; and many of the objectionable devisings of men would be arrested. Thus the widespread influence of evil would be circumscribed. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 8*

Let the first blow be struck to arrest the evils that ministers and medical missionaries have seen, but have not corrected. The Lord now calls for decided action, in order that the gospel medical missionary work shall not be entirely choked by the tares that the enemy has sown. All our Conferences need not be leavened with the objectionable sentiments that have been expressed. Let not one wrong thing be passed by uncorrected. The Christian medical missionary work is to bear the signature of God and not of man who is not under God's supervision. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 9*

O that every man who has been redeemed by the blood of Christ would disrobe himself of the civilian's dress, and for the sake of the Christian name, for Christ's sake, put on the robe of Christ's righteousness. Strange work has been done to bring honor to the character of man and not the character of God. For the sake of Christ, let matters be brought up to the level of the Christian standard. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 10*

To lean upon the arm of the law is a disgrace to Christians; yet this evil has been brought in and cherished among the Lord's chosen people. Worldly cut garments, worldly ordained principles have been stealthily introduced until in practice we are becoming like the Laodiceans—half-hearted, because so much dependence is placed

on lawyers and legal documents and agreements. Such a condition of things is abhorrent to God. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 11*

Could each one who claims to be a believer in the message for this time multiply himself and his means a thousandfold, we as a people should not be able by our good deeds to retrieve the workings of the last twenty-five years. The guilt of the past is resting upon us. A thorough, complete reformation is now needed in all our institutions. We must arouse and by the Lord's help strive to retrieve the past if possible. The very vitals of God's people are being eaten away by the spirit of colonization and of commercialism. We are losing our distinguishing characteristics as Christians. The works of the enemy have been enthroned in many of our institutions where business is done in accordance with worldly principles which have come in through unconsecrated men. A thorough reformation must now take place. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 12*

### **Soul-Saving**

“Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.” [*Colossians 4:5.*] Precious time that has passed into eternity should have been improved. The actions of the professed religious world are to be no criterion for those to whom God in His great mercy has given advanced light. We can see that the world is in a great moral conflict. Unwarned souls are perishing in their sins, while many of our churches remain content to do little or nothing to let the full light of the gospel, the light of true medical missionary work, shine into the hearts of men and women, that they may behold the way to heaven. We are failing to gain access to souls. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 13*

Christ, the great Teacher, was accused of eating with publicans and sinners. He did eat with them; but it was for the purpose of letting the light of truth shine forth through the revelation of a godly character. His example, always high and noble and pure, was in marked contrast with the example of the Pharisees, the priests, and the rulers of His day. They disregarded the work that He had commissioned them to do. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 14*

Christ met the people where they were—at the guest table, in the

streets, by the lakeside, in the synagogues and the temple, and on the crowded thoroughfares of travel. In these places were found the multitudes who were willing to admit that they were sinners. In their hearts Christ could sow the seeds of truth; and after His resurrection and ascension these seeds, scattered in almost every place, sprang up under the teaching of the apostles, and in one day five thousand were converted. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 15*

Just before His ascension, Jesus came and spake unto His disciples, saying, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:18-20.*] *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 16*

This commission is ours. Not all have the same work to do; but to every man is given his work. To no one man is committed the whole work. No man is to exalt himself or any other man; for whatever man's position may be, he is not free from human defects, and he should guard against self-exaltation, envy, jealousy, selfishness, covetousness. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 17*

"Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance; for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons" with God. [*Colossians 3:23-25.*] *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 18*

### **Love to God and to Man**

The standing of persons in the Christian church, their rights and privileges as church members, is in no wise dependent on their outward condition spiritually; in God's sight, there acceptance is dependent on their union with Christ Jesus, by whom alone they are enabled to do right, and to whom they are always amenable. Accountable to God they are every moment. Love to God as supreme always, and love to their fellow men, is the whole duty of the fallen race. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 19*

In answer to the lawyer's question, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said unto him, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." [*Matthew 22:36-40.*] *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 20*

In these commandments are comprehended all the principles of the decalogue. Perfection of human character is revealed in supreme love to God and unselfish love to man. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 21*

The Lord calls upon those who are truly converted, who watch and pray; for the controversy between truth and error will increase in intensity. To every one who gives himself unreservedly to Christ is assigned a post where he may engage in active service. To us, as God's chosen people, has been given special light. This light is constantly increasing and is to shine forth through the gospel ministry and through gospel medical missionary workers. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 22*

The time is at hand when the case of every soul will soon be decided. The Bible is to be the man of our counsel. No man is to be treated as lord and dictator in regard to gospel medical missionary work; for God will not endorse any work that leads any man to engage in commerce in our institutions after the manner of the world, and to make the laws of the land his defense. Yet the Lord has instructed me that this very thing is being done. God will leave such men in the hands of the enemy, that they may be spoiled either through success or through failure. Success will bring them to certain ruin. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 23*

There is need of most thorough work's being done in our Conferences. God is calling for missionaries who have not upon them the stamp of the specious deceptions of the enemy—missionaries who have not by contract bound themselves to any other human agencies. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 24*

When our medical missionaries should have been wide-awake, they were asleep; and consequently the enemy has established himself

in the midst of them. Many are Christians only in name; and when these professed Christian missionaries should have been on their guard, as men of God's appointment, protesting, counter working, earnestly praying that the Lord God of heaven would work by His Holy Spirit to counteract the movements that were being made by men who trusted in the arm of flesh—they failed of doing their duty. Physicians have cherished lax principles and have stooped to follow worldly methods. Their inferior piety has enfeebled the church and impaired its usefulness. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 25*

### **Our Influence**

No true Christian physician or minister of the gospel will feel that he is partially his own and that he can do as he pleases. At the present time, some clear-sighted, clean-hearted men are almost neutral in their influence; but they cannot long remain in this position without losing ground spiritually. They will begin to reflect the character of the man of sin instead of reflecting the character of the meek and lowly One, who has said, "Learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [*Matthew 11:29.*] *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 26*

Love to God is pure, fragrant—a sweet-smelling savor unto Him. The masterly spirit of self, which many manifest, is abhorrent to Him; for it leads to all kinds of actions that savor of evil. God's cause is now in need of the protesting, counteracting influence that Christ has always demanded of His people. Let there be no delay; for the message that I am bearing is from God. While He has been calling upon His people to come out from the world, and to be separate and distinct, not touching that which is unclean, human agencies have been counter working His work by linking up with worldly men, cultivating the spirit of commerce, and depending on worldly lawyers and worldly methods. God turns away in disgust from these men who have made themselves one with the world. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 27*

Those who have sinned against great light are not left without a message of warning and mercy. God says to them: "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I

will spue thee out of My mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [*Revelation 3:15-22.*]*18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 28*

This is the testimony borne concerning the church at Laodicea. This church had been faithfully instructed. In his letter to the Colossians, Paul wrote: “Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.” [*Colossians 4:12, 13.*] Much excellent labor was bestowed upon the Laodicean church. To them was given the exhortation, “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” [*Matthew 5:48.*] But the church did not follow up the work begun by God’s messengers. They heard, but they failed to appropriate the truth to themselves and to carry out the instruction given them. The result that followed is the result always sure to follow the rejection of the Lord’s warnings and entreaties.*18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 29*

Some to whom the Lord has been sending messages for years have clearly understood and have magnified every word of encouragement, but have treated as if they were of naught the cautions, the warnings, and the reproofs.*18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 30*

This wholeness is to be dreaded. This is why the Jewish nation did not receive Christ. They rejected the Bible prophecies given in regard to His coming and chose their own way in accordance with

their human judgment. Their spiritual condition need not be explained by us; for Christ has given to His servant John a clear representation of their condition. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 31*

God calls upon those who have heard His message of warning for this time, as given in the *fourteenth of Revelation*, to reveal a showing far different from that which was revealed by the Jewish nation. He desires His people to come to their senses and to represent in their lives genuine faith and spirituality. Many are assimilating with the world, and leaving upon human minds the impression that the special messages of warning that have called us out from the world, are secondary to the medical missionary work. The Lord calls for a decided change in every health institution that has been established and that has fallen into worldly practices. Let God's workers now come out from the world and be separate. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 32*

There is to be a full understanding as to who is on the side of Christ. "He that is not with Me," said Christ, "is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad." [*Matthew 12:30.*] Many have fulfilled this saying to the letter. Lax views as to what constitutes truth for this present time are the result of losing the demonstrated character of the truth. As the result, there exists an inferior piety, by which the church is enfeebled and its usefulness impaired. Men and women have come to believe that they are partially their own and that they have a right to take themselves into their own hands and to do as they please, following their own judgment and planning to carry out their ideas as they may choose. Those who believe that they have this right, are on Satan's platform. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 33*

No one really has a neutral influence. Those who, in an effort to be neutral, manifest no positive hostility toward Christ and their brethren, they think that they are rendering a service to God; but such a thought is inspired by Satan. Not the least advantage is to be given to our foe. Upon the minds of those who are endeavoring to stand in a neutral position, unnumbered satanic agencies are working. The first act of selfishness opens the way for the enemy's forces to enter. Let us use none of our influence on Satan's side of the controversy. It is a sad fact that many who are professedly



standing on Christ's platform are doing the enemy's work. Christ declares: "Ye cannot serve God and mammon. All your talents, all your capabilities, are Mine. I have entrusted you with gifts, which are to be put to the very best use as consecrated offerings to Me." [See *Matthew 6:24.*] *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 34*

If every man who has influence could ascend some mount of vision from which he could behold all his works as Christ beholds them when He declares, "I know thy works" [*Revelation 3:15*]; if the laborer could trace from cause to effect every objectionable word and act, the sight would be more than he could bear. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 35*

My brother, at the time when you cherish feelings of self-exaltation because of the thought that you were a great worker in God's cause; when satisfied with your judgment, you gathered in means, and appropriated it as if you had created it; when you revealed a spirit of selfishness in different movements that for years have led you away from Christ, away from the truth of heavenly origin; at the time when you took pleasure in being freed from various responsibilities in order that you might work out some special schemes that Christ has condemned—if at these times you could have seen the full results of the influence you were exerting, results for which you are responsible, you would have been appalled. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 36*

Consider these matters. Trace them out from cause to effect. The influences set in operation by our words and deeds are like many threads which bind us in intimate relationship either with God or with the world and which connect mind with mind, heart with heart, moral influence with moral influence. God is fully acquainted with the multitudinous effects of certain influences. Even at times when man is most certain that certain traits of his character are unobserved, there are going forth influences that are a savor of life unto life or of death unto death. As soon as these influences cease to be decidedly good morally, they are decidedly bad; and the longer they are exerted, the greater swells the tide of good or of evil; the greater is the number of souls led to heaven or to perdition. *18LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 37*

We are not to do a particle less than all we can do to advance Christ's kingdom in the same spirit and manner in which He worked. He holds every man responsible for working in the right way. Let no one suppose that because he is constantly busy, he demonstrates his fidelity; for Satan is constantly busy and is helping those who are endeavoring to labor in accordance with their own devisings. Idolatry of self, of my plans, my devisings, Christ looks upon with contempt. Only those who work for the Him in a Christlike spirit and manner, because of their love for Him and their desire to please Him; only those who refuse to take to themselves any praise and glory will receive the approbation of heaven.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 128a, 1903, par. 38*

## Ms 129, 1903

Lessons From the Past—3

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How Shall Our Youth Be Trained?*18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 1*

John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, received his early training from his parents. The greater portion of his life was spent in the wilderness, that he might not be influenced by beholding the lax piety of the priests and rabbis, or by learning their maxims and traditions, through which right principles were perverted and belittled. The religious teachers of the day had become so blind spiritually that they could scarcely recognize the virtues of heavenly origin. So long had they cherished pride, envy, and jealousy, that they interpreted the Old Testament Scriptures in such a manner as to destroy their true meaning.*18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 2*

It was John's choice to forego the enjoyments and luxuries of city life for the stern discipline of the wilderness. Here his surroundings were favorable to habits of simplicity and self-denial. Uninterrupted by the clamor of the world, he could here study the lessons of nature, of revelation, and of providence. The words of the angel to Zacharias had been often repeated to John by his God-fearing parents. From his childhood his mission had been kept before him, and he accepted the holy trust. To him the solitude of the desert was a welcome escape from society in which suspicion, unbelief, and impurity had become well-nigh all-persuading. He distrusted his own power to withstand temptation and shrank from constant contact with sin, lest he should lose the sense of its exceeding sinfulness.*18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 3*

But the life of John was not spent in idleness, in ascetic gloom, or in

selfish isolation. From time to time he went forth to mingle with men; and he was ever an interested observer of what was passing in the world. From his quiet retreat he watched the unfolding of events. With vision illuminated by the divine Spirit, he studied the characters of men, that he might understand how to reach their hearts with the message of heaven. *18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 4*

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Christ lived the life of a genuine medical missionary. He desires us to study His life diligently, that we may learn to labor as He labored. *18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 5*

His mother was His first teacher. From her lips, and from the scrolls of the prophets, He learned of heavenly things. He lived in a peasant's home, and faithfully and cheerfully He acted His part in bearing the burdens of the household. He had been the Commander of heaven, and angels had delighted to fulfil His word; now He was a willing servant, a loving, obedient son. He learned a trade and with His own hands worked in the carpenter's shop with Joseph. In the simple garb of a common laborer He walked the streets of the little town, going to and returning from His humble work. *18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 6*

With the people of that age, the value of things was determined by outward show. As religion had declined in power, it had increased in pomp. The educators of the time sought to command respect by display and ostentation. To all this the life of Jesus presented a marked contrast. His life demonstrated the worthlessness of those things that men regarded as life's greatest essentials. The schools of His time, with their magnifying of things small and their belittling of things great, He did not seek. His education was gained directly from heaven-appointed sources: from useful work, from the study of the Scriptures and of nature, and from the experiences of life—God's lesson books, full of instruction to all who bring to them the willing hand, the seeing eye, and the understanding heart. *18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 7*

“The child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him.” [*Luke 2:40.*] *18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 8*

Thus prepared, He went forth to His mission, in every moment of His contact with men, exerting upon them an influence to bless, a power to transform, such as the world had never witnessed. *18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 9*

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Satan works in every possible way to ensnare souls. As I consider the state of things in Battle Creek, I tremble for our youth who go there. The light given me by the Lord—that our youth should not collect in Battle Creek to receive their education—has in no particular been changed. The fact that the Sanitarium has been rebuilt does not change the light. That which in the past has made Battle Creek a place unsuitable for our youth makes it unsuitable today, as far as influence is concerned. *18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 10*

When the call came to move out of Battle Creek, the plea was, “We are here and all settled. It would be an impossibility to move without enormous expense.” *18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 11*

The Lord permitted fire to consume the principal buildings of the Review and Herald and the Sanitarium and thus removed the greatest objection raised to moving out of Battle Creek. It was His design, not that one large sanitarium should be rebuilt, but that plants should be made in several places. These smaller sanitariums should have been established where they could have the benefit and advantage of land for agricultural purposes. It is God’s plan that agriculture shall be carried on in connection with our sanitariums and schools. Our youth need the education to be gained from this line of work. It is well, and more than well—it is essential—that efforts be made to carry out the Lord’s plan in this respect. *18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 12*

But a large sanitarium building, different in design, yet capable of accommodating as many patients, was erected on the same site as the old building. Since the opening of this institution a very large number of people have come to it. Some of these are patients, but some are not really sick, but like tourists are seeking for rest and pleasure. The large number at the Sanitarium is no evidence that it is the will of God that such a condition of things should be. Our

sanitariums were not designed to be boarding places for the rich people of the world. *18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 13*

The care of the large number of guests at the Sanitarium requires a large number of helpers, and those in charge of our churches have been asked to send in the names of the most promising young men and young women in the church, that these youth may be communicated with by the managers of the Sanitarium and the most efficient invited to come to the Sanitarium to take the nurses' course. *18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 14*

But shall we encourage our most promising young men and young women to go to Battle Creek, to obtain their training for service where attendance at entertainments, indulgence in worldly dress, and many other evils will tempt them to go astray? The Lord has revealed to me some of the dangers that our youth will meet by evil associations. Many of the wealthy, worldly men and women who patronize the Sanitarium will be a source of temptation to the helpers in this institution. Some of these helpers will become the favorites of wealthy worldlings and will be offered alluring inducements to enter their employ. Through the silent influence of the worldly display of some of the patrons who for a time have stayed at the Sanitarium, the enemy has already been able to sow tares in the hearts of many of our young men and young women. This is the way in which Satan is working. *18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 15*

To fathers and mothers I would say, Be careful what moves you make. Place not your children under the seductive influences and the subtle temptations that they would have to meet were they to go to Battle Creek. It is not God's design that our youth shall be called to this place, to associate with worldly people of all grades, high and low. *18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 16*

Because the Sanitarium is where it should not be, shall the word of the Lord regarding the education of our youth be of no account? Shall we allow the most intelligent of our youth in the churches throughout our Conferences to be called to Battle Creek, to become servants to worldlings, some of them to be robbed of their simplicity by being brought in contact with men and women who have not the

fear of God in their hearts? Shall those in charge of our Conferences allow our youth, who in the schools for Bible workers could be fitted for the Lord's service, to be drawn to a place from which for years the Lord has been calling upon His people to move?*18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 17*

We desire that our youth shall be so trained that they shall exert a saving influence in our churches by working for greater unity and deeper piety. Human minds may not see the necessity for the call to families to leave Battle Creek and settle in places where they can do medical missionary evangelistic work. But the Lord has spoken. Shall we question His word?*18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 18*

### **The Family Firm**

The truth, in all its important bearings, needs to have a much deeper hold upon all who have to do with the training of our youth. Parents are to work skilfully for their own children, helping them while they are still in the home to gain a fitness to work as missionaries for Christ when they leave the home. The children are to be taught to be faithful in labor. They are to learn to relieve the weary mother, sharing her burdens. The elder children may greatly assist her by helping to care for the little ones. And the younger ones may learn to perform many of the simple duties of the home.*18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 19*

Young men and young women should regard a training in home duties as a most important part of their education. The family firm is a sacred, social society in which each member is to act a part, each helping the other. The work of the household is to move smoothly, like the different parts of well-regulated machinery. The mother should be relieved of the burdens that the sons and daughters can take upon themselves.*18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 20*

How important that fathers and mothers should give their children, from their very babyhood, the right instruction. They are to teach them to obey the command, "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." [*Exodus 20:12.*] And the children, as they grow in years, are to appreciate the care that their parents have given them. They are

to find their greatest pleasure in helping father and mother. *18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 21*

Fathers and mothers should do all in their power to carry forward the work of the home in right lines. The law of God, with its holy principles and solemn injunctions, is ever to bear rule. The principles of the Bible are to be taught and practiced. The parents are to teach their children lessons from this holy Book, making these lessons so simple that they will readily be understood. *18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 22*

The more closely the members of the family are united in their work in the home, the more uplifting and helpful will be the influence that father and mother and sons and daughters will exert outside the home. *18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 23*

It is a serious matter to send children away from home, thus depriving them of the care of their parents. It is of the greatest importance that church schools shall be established to which the children can be sent and still be under the watchcare of their mothers and have opportunity to practice the lessons of helpfulness that it is God's design they shall learn in the home. *18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 24*

In our larger schools provision should also be made for the education of younger children. This work is to be managed wisely in connection with the training of more advanced students. The older students should be encouraged to take part in teaching these lower classes. *18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 25*

Much more can be done to save and educate the children of those who at present cannot get away from the cities. This is a matter worthy of our best efforts. Church schools are to be established for the children in the cities; and in connection with these schools, provision is to be made for the teaching of higher studies where these are called for. These schools can be managed in such a way, part joining to part, that they will be a complete whole. *18LtMs, Ms 129, 1903, par. 26*

Let us study the way of the Lord diligently, that we may discern His methods and plans. His wisdom is far reaching. *18LtMs, Ms 129,*



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## Ms 130, 1903

Christ Stilling the Tempest

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Jesus was beside the Sea of Galilee. The view was not one of the surpassing grandeur, yet to Him it was one of peculiar interest. It was in the region round about the Sea of Galilee that He had wrought many of His miracles. And it was beneath the sheltering trees of the mountain side, but a little distance from the Sea of Galilee that, not long before, the twelve disciples had been called to the apostolate and ordained to be fishers of men.*18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 1*

All day Jesus had been teaching and healing, telling the people that the way to be most happy is to seek to be a blessing to others, and that when men and women give themselves wholly to this work, the earth will be filled with the glory of God.*18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 2*

For days Jesus had labored with scarcely any rest. Day after day He had ministered to the crowds that pressed upon Him. His mother and His brothers had sent word by the disciples, desiring to see Him. They feared that He was wearing Himself out by His incessant labors. His brothers were unable to account for His attitude toward the Pharisees, and there were some who feared that His reason was becoming unsettled. But to the message sent, Jesus had answered, "Who is My mother, and who are My brethren? And He stretched forth His hand toward His disciples, and said, Behold My mother and My brethren. For whosoever shall do the will of My Father which is in heaven, the same is My brother, and sister, and mother." [*Matthew 12:48-50.*]*18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 3*

The malicious criticism and misrepresentations with which the Pharisees constantly pursued Christ made His labors much more severe and harassing; and now the close of the day found Him so utterly wearied that He determined to seek retirement in some solitary place across the lake. *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 4*

“When even was come, He saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.” [*Mark 4:35.*] There was still a multitude of people on the shore, and Christ looked upon them with the deepest compassion. But His physical strength had been heavily taxed, and He was unable longer to bear the strain. There is a limit to human endurance, and this is why Christ left the people at this time. He was about to faint with weariness. He must have rest in order to be prepared for future work. *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 5*

As soon as the multitude had been dismissed, the disciples took Him even “as He was” into the boat and hastily set off. [*Verse 36.*] The eastern shore of Gennesaret was not uninhabited, for there were towns here and there beside the lake; yet it was a desolate region when compared with the western side. It contained a population more heathen than Jewish and had little communication with Galilee. Thus it offered Jesus the seclusion He sought, and He now bade His disciples go thither. *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 6*

Overcome with weariness, Christ lay down in the stern of the boat and soon fell asleep. Not long before, to one who, impressed by His words and His wonderful works of healing, had asked the privilege of following Him, He had said, “The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head.” [*Matthew 8:20.*]*18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 7*

Behold the weary, exhausted medical missionary Worker, who for us suffered so much physical discomfort and pain, who was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. He is lying asleep, not on a comfortable bed, His head resting on a soft pillow, but in the bottom of the boat, with a coil of rope under His head. *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 8*

Happy are they who can lie down to rest, wearied with unselfish effort to bless and benefit suffering humanity. The weary, trusting toiler, after courageously doing his best, can go to his rest at peace

with God, saying, “I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep; for Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.” [*Psalm 4:8.*] *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 9*

“And so He giveth His beloved sleep.” [*Psalm 127:2.*] Look at the face of the Saviour, so careworn, yet so peaceful. There is upon it no trace of sin, save the weariness that the sins of others have caused. Love, mercy, purity, goodness are there revealed. Heavenly nobility is there. Soon that dear face was to be marred by the cruelty of those for whom the Son of God came to give His life. Soon the Saviour was to hang on the cross, revealing to the world, to angels, and to men the unspeakable love of God. *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 10*

One of the greatest blessings that will ever come to human beings is spoken of in the words, “They shall see His face”—the face that angels adore. [*Revelation 22:4.*] But who will see it? Will it be those who did not choose to see it in this world, those who turned away from beholding it, choosing rather to look upon evil and unite with sinners? No, no! In that day such ones will not want to see His glorified face. They will turn from it with pain, because on this earth they despised His counsel and would none of His reproof. As the shadows of night settle down upon the lake, the disciples realize that a change has taken place in the weather. The wind sweeps wildly down the mountain gorges and along the eastern shore. The disciples have spent their lives upon the lake, and they see that a fierce storm is upon them. Their fears are aroused. They say little, but work quickly to make everything secure. *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 11*

With a roar the tempest smites the lake, and the waves rush upon one another as if in conflict. The sea wrestles as if in fearful rage. *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 12*

Still Christ sleeps on—the deep sleep of exhaustion. His human nature has been drawn on to its utmost capacity in His effort to impart the virtues of His divine nature to the sick and sorrowing. The tempest roars, the thunder crashes, the lightnings flash, the rain beats on His face, yet He sleeps on. His clothing is drenched. The angels look upon the scene with amazement. *18LtMs, Ms 130,*

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This is part of Christ's appointed lot. The King of glory humbled Himself to the low estate of the fallen race, that He might bring peace and rest to the weary and tempest-tossed and guide the wanderers in the wilderness of sin to the haven of eternal rest.*18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 14*

The disciples have guided their craft safely through many a storm, but now their strength and skill avail nothing. Their boat has become unmanageable. They find that they must let it drive before the gale. They keep a firm hold of the helm and let the boat drive straight before the wind and the sea. The fury of the tempest increases, and they begin to despair of saving themselves. The deck is being flooded, and the waves come in faster and faster. One wave after another is hurled over the ship. Mark says, "The waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full." [*Mark 4:37.*]*18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 15*

Just as all hope is leaving them, there comes to them the thought that Jesus is on board. One of them, touching Him, says in accents of despair, "Master, save, or we perish." [*Matthew 8:25; Luke 8:24.*] That cry reaches Christ's heart. The thunder of the elements could not wake Him, but one alarmed touch from His disciples, one agonized cry, and He was instantly upon His feet.*18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 16*

He rose, and rebuke the wind, and as one having authority over the boisterous elements, said to the sea, "Peace, be still." [*Mark 4:39.*] He had slept as an exhausted man. He awoke as a commander, as one to be obeyed. He showed no signs of alarm, but spoke as one equal with the Father, and the winds and the waves obeyed His voice. He was master of the situation. As He spoke the words, "Peace, be still," the sea became perfectly calm. Nature recognized the voice of her Lord and Master and obeyed.*18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 17*

Thus Christ sought to increase the faith of the disciples and to give an evidence that through all time would testify to the divine character of His mission as the Sent of God.*18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 18*

For us, as well as for the disciples, this miracle was wrought. How often the disciples' experience is ours. When the tempests of temptation gather, and the fierce lightnings flash, and the waves sweep over us, we battle with the storm alone, forgetting that there is One who can help us. We trust in our own strength till hope is lost, and we are ready to perish. Then we remember Jesus, and if we call upon Him to save us, we shall not cry in vain. Though He sorrowfully reproves our unbelief and self-confidence, He never fails to give us the help we need. Whether on the land or on the sea, if we have the Saviour in our hearts, there is no need of fear. Living faith in the Redeemer will smooth the sea of life and will deliver us from danger in the way that He knows to be best.*18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 19*

### **Our Leader**

The Saviour gave Himself to a life of self-denial and self-sacrifice. He laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown and stepped down from His position as commander in the heavenly courts, to take humanity upon Himself and stand at the head of the human race. He came to be tempted as man is tempted, to pass through the vicissitudes through which human beings are called to pass, and to live a life of sinlessness, showing to all the “better part” [*Luke 10:42*] that they may obtain by living for God, through the grace received from heaven. For our sakes He became poor, that we might come into possession of eternal riches. He took our nature upon Him, that we might be partakers of the divine nature and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. He subjected Himself to poverty and temptation, that human beings, seeing His example, listening to His teaching, obeying His lessons, might obtain everlasting life—even an eternal weight of glory.*18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 20*

O Jesus, what humiliation, what suffering, what trial Thou didst endure to procure for us happiness in this world and in the world to come! Thou wast wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Thee, and by Thy stripes we are healed.*18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 21*

It is a marvel to the angels that human beings should choose to be

incapable of realizing how greatly Christ humiliated Himself in their behalf. They marvel that men and women do not rejoice to acknowledge Christ as their Saviour, to accept Him as their Leader, and to follow His example of self-denial. *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 22*

Why are men and women so easily led to follow a course that grieves the Lord Jesus? Why do they choose to stand under the banner of the one who rebelled in the heavenly courts? Why do they not choose to take their position on the side of Christ—the side of Omnipotence? *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 23*

To the angels, the course followed by human beings seems strangely inconsistent. They see how plainly degradation is revealed on the side of unbelief and indulgence of appetite. They see how untiringly Satan is working to destroy the image of God in man. They wonder why beings dependent on their Creator for every breath they draw act so unreasonably and inconsistently; why they choose the side of the one who crucified Christ and who has filled the world with strife and envy and jealousy. *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 24*

Can we, as reasoning beings, regard as wise the choice that leads us to stand under the black banner of rebellion, rather than under the banner of Prince Emmanuel? *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 25*

May God help all who read these words to see their import and to begin to inquire, “What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?” [*Mark 10:17.*] We should not need one moment to decide to step from under the banner of rebellion to the banner of loyalty. *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 26*

Christ is the Lord our righteousness. Let us take our stand on His side now, just now. Let none be ashamed to acknowledge Christ as their Saviour, their counselor, their guide, and their exceeding great reward. Is this sacrificing anything? Is it an honor to be numbered among Satan’s army? Those who make this choice gain nothing. Only death, eternal death, awaits them. *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 27*

Let those who are tempted to choose the world, to strive to gain the

recognition of the world, remember that unless they choose Christ here, they will not have the recognition of heaven. Tempted ones, whom have you chosen as your leader? The one who, though greatly honored in heaven, became a rebel, and who, with all his sympathizers, was cast out? Will you dishonor your Creator and Redeemer by choosing the great apostate as your leader? Christ, the only begotten Son of God, came to this world to redeem the fallen race. He has given us evidence of His great power. He will enable those who receive Him to build up characters free from the tendencies that Satan reveals. You can resist Satan and all his temptations. The battle will be won, the victory gained, by him who chooses Christ as his leader, determined to do right because it is right. *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 28*

Commit the keeping of your souls to God. Our divine Lord is equal to any emergency. With Him, nothing is impossible. He has shown His great love for us by living a life of self-denial and humiliation and dying a death of agony, to save us from eternal ruin. *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 29*

Come to Christ just as you are, weak, helpless, and ready to die. Cast yourselves wholly on His mercy. There is no difficulty within or without that cannot be conquered in His strength. Some have stormy tempers. But He who calmed the stormy sea of Galilee can say to your heart, "Peace, be still." [*Mark 4:39.*] There is no nature that Christ cannot subdue, no temper so stormy that He cannot quell it, if the heart is surrendered to His keeping. *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 30*

No one need despond who commits his soul to Jesus. We have an all-powerful Saviour. Looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith, you can say, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof." [*Psalms 46:1-3.*] *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 31*

Do not think that the Christian life is a life free from temptation. Temptations will come to every Christian. Both the Christian and the



one who does not accept Christ as his leader will have trials. The difference is that the latter is serving a tyrant, doing his mean drudgery, while the Christian is serving One who died to give him eternal life. He must not look upon trial as something strange, but as the means by which he is to be purified and strengthened.*18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 32*

“Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations,” James declares; “knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.” [*James 1:2, 3.*]*18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 33*

In the future life we shall understand things that here greatly perplex us. We shall realize how strong an opponent we had and how angels of God were commissioned to guard us as we followed the counsel of the Word of God.*18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 34*

Christ tells us that our sea will not always be smooth. We shall have tribulation. This is a part of our education, necessary to the formation of a strong, symmetrical character. There is nobility of character for us to gain. Every day we are to acquire a deeper knowledge of Christ.*18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 35*

Christ desires to give all who receive Him power to become the sons of God. He is a very present help in every time of trouble. Let us be ashamed of our wavering faith. Those who are weak in moral power have only themselves to blame that they do not resist the enemy. We have no excuse for failing to do our best. The Bible has been placed in our hands as a guide. It is a light shining in a dark place. All who choose can walk in the light. All who choose can come to Christ and find the help they need.*18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 36*

### **Looking at the Mistakes of Others**

There are those who say, I might have been a Christian could I have seen in the lives of professing Christians anything better than I saw in the lives of those making no profession. They endeavor to excuse their own defects by pointing to the defects of others. To such ones I would say, Did you try to show these professing Christians that they were doing the Saviour great harm by their

unchristlike lives? When you saw them doing that which you knew to be wrong, why did you not say, in the strength of your God-given manhood or womanhood, "I will not bear the name of Christian, and practice deception. I have the Bible, the Word of the living God. I will be an honest Christian. I will not misrepresent the One who gave His life for me. I have the sure word of promise, As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." [See *John 1:12.*] *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 37*

Because others are making mistakes in the Christian life, do not think that you are justified in sinning. Do not think that God will excuse you for being a hypocrite because others practice hypocrisy. What some one else does will not answer your case. It is your privilege to place yourself where you may reach the highest point of Christian excellence. As you strive for the crown of eternal life, praying that you may be made strong in the strength of Him who is invincible, you can help those who seem to have no power to escape from the snare into which they have fallen. *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 38*

"Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] "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." [*Philippians 2:12, 13.*] If you have become weak in spiritual power by following a course of your own choosing and looking at the mistakes of others, resolve that you will now make a decided change. You do Christ a great dishonor by looking at the sins that you suppose others are committing, while you yourself are not following in His footsteps. God is pitiful and full of tender mercy. Rise in the strength of Christ to your God-given manhood. You gain nothing when you attempt to excuse your defects by pointing to the defects of others. Since you can see the faults of some one else so plainly, does it lessen your guilt for you to copy these faults? Why should you blind your eyes and weaken your mental, moral, and spiritual powers because some one else is doing wrong? *18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 39*

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The doctrine of indifference needs to be torn into shreds. It

strengthens the hands of the wrongdoer, puts arguments into the mouths of unbelievers, injures souls, perplexes the anxious, and gives a plea to the caviler. The full truth of God is now to be unfolded. Truth, present truth, is needed now.*18LtMs, Ms 130, 1903, par. 40*

## Ms 131, 1903

Genuine Conversion

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In order to be saved, we must know by experience the meaning of true conversion. It is a fearful mistake for men and women to go on day by day, professing to be Christians, yet having no right to the name. In God's sight, profession is nothing; position is nothing. He asks, Is the life in harmony with My precepts?*18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 1*

There are many who suppose that they are converted, but who are not able to bear the test of character presented in the Word of God. Sad will it be, in the day when every man is rewarded according as his works have been, for those who cannot bear this test.*18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 2*

Many of those whose names are on the church books are stony-ground hearers. In their lives there has been no genuine change. The truth has been kept in the outer court. There has been no real conviction, no genuine conversion, no positive work of grace done in the heart. The feelings have been wrought upon, but deep heart sorrow for sin has not been felt. A fatal deception is upon the mind and has been for years.*18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 3*

Many a one who looks at himself in the great moral looking glass, and is convinced that he is not justified, cleansed, purified, fails to make the needed change in his life. He goes his way to his business and forgets his defects. He may, perhaps, go to a religious meeting, and he may talk of the truth. He may profess to be a medical missionary, but what does this avail if his character has undergone no change? The Holy Spirit has not wrought upon his heart. The work done has been superficial. Too much of the human element is retained in his life. He is not a partaker of the divine nature. He may talk of God and pray to God, but his life reveals that

he is working against God. *18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 4*

Let us not forget that in his conversion and sanctification, man must co-operate with God. "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling," the Word declares; "for it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure." [*Philippians 2:12, 13.*] *18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 5*

A man sees his danger. He sees that he needs a change of character, a change of heart. He is stirred; his fears are aroused. The Spirit of God is working in him, and he works for himself, seeking to find out his defects and to see what he can do, with fear and trembling, to bring about the needed change in his life. His heart is humbled. By confession and repentance he shows the sincerity of his desire to reform. He confesses his sins to God, and if he has injured any one, he confesses the wrong to the one he has injured. While God is working, the sinner, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, works out that which God is working in mind and heart. He acts in harmony with the Spirit's working, and his conversion is genuine. *18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 6*

The nobility and dignity of the man increase as he takes his position against the wily foe, who for so many years has kept him in slavery. He feels a holy indignation arising within him as he thinks that for so long he has been Satan's bondsman, allowing the enemy to lead him to refuse to acknowledge his best friend, lest some should ridicule him. *18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 7*

Let the sinner co-operate with His Redeemer to secure his liberty. Let him be assured that unseen heavenly agencies are working in his behalf. Dear souls in doubt and discouragement, pray for the courage and strength that Christ waits to give you. He has been seeking for you. He longs to have you feel your need of His help. He will reach out His hand to grasp the hand stretched out for aid. He declares, "Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out." [*John 6:37.*] Let mind and heart be enlisted in the warfare against sin. Let your heart soften as you think of how long you have chosen to serve your bitterest foe, while you turned from Him who gave His life for you, who loves you, and who will accept you as His, even though you are sinners. Step out from under the rebel flag, and take

your stand under the bloodstained banner of prince Emmanuel. Instead of feeling ashamed that you are standing under the banner of loyalty, you should feel that you are highly honored in being allowed to serve the Lord of the whole earth. He owns the world. All the gold and the silver are His. "If I were hungry, I would not tell thee," He says; "for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof." [*Psalms 50:12.*] *18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 8*

He has borne long with your persistent rebellion. As you acknowledge that you are His property, that He has bought you with a price, you become His in a peculiar sense. You realize that, during all the years that you were the bondslave of the enemy, you were robbing God of the service that you owed Him. *18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 9*

### **The Divine Life-Giver**

It is by the power of God that we live. With one word He might take from us the breath that keeps life in our bodies. Yet thousands upon thousands, though kept alive by the forbearance of God, use their powers of mind and body against their Creator, and they do this as if it were something to be proud of. Joining the ranks of the enemy, they place themselves under His instruction, to learn how to defeat the plans of God, and to carry their rebellion against Him to the highest point. *18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 10*

As I read the book of *Revelation*, I wonder that many more do not study the wonderful instruction given to John on the Isle of Patmos. Notice the description given of Christ in the first chapter. The apostle says: *18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 11*

"I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last; and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. *18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 12*

"And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; and in the midst of the

seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to His feet, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters. *18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 13*

“And He had in His hand seven stars; and out of His mouth went a sharp, two-edged sword; and His countenance was as the sun shineth in His strength. *18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 14*

“And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last. I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.” *[Verses 10-18.]18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 15*

Read the *twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, and fiftieth Psalms*, and learn from them the greatness of our God. Those who are working on the side of Satan do not know what a fearful loss they are incurring. At the last great day, those who have given themselves to anarchy, and war, and strife will see how many souls have been lost as a result of their failure to take their stand under the rule of Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 16*

The words of the *fifty-second Psalm* describe two men. One has chosen to stand in selfish independence, trusting in himself. To him apply the words: *18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 17*

“Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying more than to speak righteously. Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue. God shall likewise destroy thee forever, He shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him: lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.” *[Verses 2-7.]18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 18*

The other man has chosen God as his guide, and he can

say: *18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 19*

“I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever. I will praise Thee forever, because Thou hast done it; and I will wait on Thy name; for it is good before Thy saints.” [*Verses 8, 9.*] *18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 20*

“The Lord reigneth; He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself; the world also is established, that it cannot be moved. Thy throne is established from old; Thou art from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord; the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea. Thy testimonies are very sure; holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, forever.” [*Psalm 93:1-5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 131, 1903, par. 21*



## Ms 132, 1903

God's Chosen People

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I have been instructed to call the attention of our people to the instruction given by the Lord to Israel regarding the importance of separation from the world. In the *fourth chapter of Deuteronomy* we read: *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 1*

“Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land, which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you. Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. ...*18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 2*

“Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding nation. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon Him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thine heart all the days of thy life; but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons.” [*Verses 1, 2, 5-9.*]*18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 3*

“When the Lord shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations from before thee, ... and

when the Lord thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor show mercy unto them; neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. For they will turn away thy son from following Me, that they may serve other gods; so will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 4*

“But thus shall ye deal with them: ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire. For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God 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; for ye were the fewest of all people; but because the Lord loved you, and because He would keep the oath which He had sworn 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. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 5*

“Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him, and keep His commandments to a thousand generations; and repayeth them that hate Him to their face, to destroy them; He will not be slack to him that hateth Him, He will repay him to his face.” *[Deuteronomy 7:1-10.]18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 6*

### **A Departure from Right**

Under David's rule, the people of Israel gained strength and uprightness from obedience to God's law. But the kings that followed strove for self-exaltation. They took to themselves glory for the greatness of the kingdom, forgetting how utterly dependent they were upon God. They regarded themselves as wise and powerful, because of the honor showed them by fallible, erring men. They became corrupt, immoral, and rebelled against the Lord, turning from Him to the worship of idols. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 7*

God bore long with them, calling them often to repentance. But they refused to hear, and at last God spoke in judgment, showing them how weak they were without Him. He saw they were determined to have their own way, and He gavest them into the hands of their enemies who spoiled their land and took captive the people. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 8*

The alliances made by the Israelites with their heathen neighbors resulted in the loss of their identity as God's peculiar people. They became leavened by the evil practices of those with whom they formed forbidden alliances. Affiliation with worldlings cause them to lose their first love and their zeal for God's service. The advantages they sold themselves to gain brought only disappointment and caused the loss of many souls. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 9*

The experience of Israel will be the experience of all who go to the world for strength, turning away from the living God. Those who forsake the mighty One, the source of all strength, and affiliate with worldlings, placing on them their dependence, become weak in moral power, as are those in whom they trust. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 10*

God comes with entreaties and assurances to those who are making mistakes. He seeks to show them their error and to lead them to repentance. But if they refuse to humble their hearts before Him, if they strive to exalt themselves above Him, He must speak to them in judgment. No semblance of nearness to God, no assertion of connection with Him, will be accepted from those who persist in dishonoring Him by leaning upon the arm of worldly power. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 11*

### **God's Word to Us Today**

Today God's word to His people is: "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters." [2 *Corinthians* 6:17, 18.] "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an 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.] *18LtMs, Ms*

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God's people are to be distinguished as a people who serve Him fully, nobly, wholeheartedly, taking no honor to themselves, and remembering that by a most solemn covenant they have bound themselves to serve the Lord, and Him only.*18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 13*

### **The Sign Between God and His People**

“And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep; for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you; every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death; for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord; whosoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed.” [*Exodus 31:12-17.*]*18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 14*

Do not these words point us out as God's denominated people? and do they not declare to us that so long as time shall last, we are to cherish the sacred, denominational distinction placed on us? The children of Israel were to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations “for a perpetual covenant.” [*Verse 16.*] The Sabbath has lost none of its meaning. It is still the sign between God and His people, and it will be so forever.*18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 15*

Now and ever we are to stand as a distinct and peculiar people, free from all worldly policy, unembarrassed by confederation with those who have not wisdom to discern the claims of God so plainly set forth in His law.*18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 16*

We are to show that we are seeking to work in harmony with

heaven in preparing the way of the Lord. We are to bear witness to all nations, kindreds, and tongues that we are a people who love and fear God, a people who keep holy the seventh-day Sabbath, and we are to show plainly that we have full faith that the Lord is soon to come in the clouds of heaven.*18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 17*

The Lord is testing His people, to see who will be loyal to the principles of His truth. Our work is to proclaim to the world the first, second, and third angels' messages. In the discharge of our duties, we are neither to despise or fear our enemies. To bind ourselves up by contracts, or in partnerships, or business associations with those not of our faith is not in the order of God. We are to treat with kindness and courtesy those who refuse to be loyal to God, but we are never, never to unite with them in counsel regarding the vital interests of His work; for this is not the way of the Lord.*18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 18*

Putting our trust in God, we are to move steadily forward, doing His work with unselfishness, in humble dependence upon Him, committing ourselves and our present and future to His wise providence, holding the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end, remembering that it is not because of our worthiness that we receive the blessings of heaven, but because of the worthiness of Christ and our acceptance, through faith in Him, of God's abounding grace.*18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 19*

I pray that my brethren may realize that the third angel's message means much to us, and that the observance of the true Sabbath is to be the sign that distinguishes those who serve God from those who serve Him not. Let those who have become sleepy and indifferent awake. We are called to be holy, and we should carefully avoid giving the impression that it is of little consequence whether or not we retain the peculiar features of our faith. Upon us rests the solemn obligation of taking a more decided stand for truth and righteousness than we have taken in the past. The line of demarcation between those who keep the commandments of God and those who do not is to be revealed with unmistakable clearness. We are conscientiously to honor God, diligently using every means of keeping in covenant relation with Him, that we may

receive His blessings—the blessings so essential for a people who are to be so severely tried. To give the impression that our faith, our religion, is not a dominating power in our lives is greatly to dishonor God. Thus we turn from His commandments, which are our life, denying that He is our God and we His people.*18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 20*

“Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations; and repayeth them that hate Him to their face, to destroy them; He will not be slack to him that hateth Him, He will repay him to his face.” [*Deuteronomy 7:9, 10.*]*18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 21*

Where shall we be before the thousand generations mentioned in this Scripture are ended? Our fates will have been decided for eternity. We shall either have been pronounced worthy of a home in the everlasting kingdom of God, or we shall have received sentence of eternal death. Those who have been true and faithful to their covenant with God, those who, remembering Calvary, have stood firmly on the side of truth, ever striving to honor God, will hear the commendation, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” [*Matthew 25:23.*] But those who have given God only half-hearted service, allowing their lives to be conformed to the ways and practices of the world, will hear the sad words, “Depart from Me; I know you not.” [*Luke 13:25, 27.*]*18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 22*

### **The Home of the Faithful**

“And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it; and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day; for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of Life.” [*Revelation 21:23-27.*]*18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 23*

“And there shall be no more curse; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him; and they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads.” [*Revelation 22:3, 4.*] *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 24*

Who are these?—God’s denominated people; those who on this earth have witnessed to their loyalty. Who are they?—those who have kept the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ; those who have owned the crucified One as their Saviour. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 25*

“And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reign forever and ever.” [*Verse 5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 26*

“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.” [*Verse 14.*] *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 27*

### **A Right Knowledge of God**

I have a message to bear to those who feel sure that they are prepared to do medical missionary work. Do those engaged in this work realize that we are nearing the end of this earth’s history, and that we should understand fully the work before us? The very first thing that medical missionaries need to do is to gain a right conception of God, not a conception based on their own human judgment, but a conception based on a constant study of God’s Word and of the character and life of Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 28*

God’s Word and His works contain the knowledge of Himself that He has seen fit to reveal to us. We may understand the revelation that He has thus given of Himself. But it is with fear and trembling, and with a sense of our own sinfulness, that we are to take up this study, not with a desire to try to explain God, but with a desire to gain that knowledge which will enable us to serve Him more acceptably. Let no one venture to explain God. Human beings cannot explain themselves, and how, then, dare they venture to explain the Omniscient One? Satan stands ready to give such ones

false conceptions of God. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 29*

To the curious I bear the message that God has instructed me not to frame answers to the questions of those who enquire, in regard to the things that have not been revealed. The things that are revealed belong unto us and to our children. Beyond this, human beings are not to attempt to go. We are not to attempt to explain that which God has not revealed. We are to study the revelation that Christ, the great Teacher, has given of the character of God, that in spirit and word and act we may represent Him to those who know Him not. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 30*

In regard to the personality and prerogatives of God, where He is and what He is, this is a subject which we are not to dare to touch. On this theme silence is eloquence. It is those who have no experimental knowledge of God who venture to speculate in regard to Him. Did they know more of Him, they would have less to say about what He is. The one who in the daily life holds closest communion with God, and who has the deepest knowledge of Him, realizes most keenly the utter inability of human beings to explain the Creator. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 31*

Let men beware how they seek to look into the mysteries of The Most High. As the ark of the Lord was being taken from the land of the Philistines into Canaan, the men of Bethshemesh, curious to know what made the ark so powerful, ventured to look into it. And God “smote of the men of Bethshemesh, because they had looked into the ark of Jehovah, He smote of the people seventy men, and fifty thousand men: and the people mourned, because Jehovah had smitten the people with a great slaughter. And the men of Bethshemesh said, Who is able to stand before Jehovah, this holy God?” [1 Samuel 6:19, 20.] *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 32*

Again, when the ark was being taken from Kirjath-jearim, Uzzah put forth his hand to steady it. “And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of the Lord God.” [2 Samuel 6:7.] *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 33*

Keeping the flocks of his father-in-law in Midian, Moses saw one day a strange sight—a bush burning, and yet not consumed. And



he said, "I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt." But as he drew near, there came to him out of the bush the command, "Draw not nigh hither; for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." "And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God." [*Exodus 3:3, 5, 6.*]*18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 34*

"And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there stood over against him, with his sword drawn in his hand; and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my Lord unto His servant? And the captain of the Lord's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoes from off thy feet; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so." [*Joshua 5:13-15.*] God always has been. He is the great I AM. The psalmist declares, "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting Thou art God." [*Psalm 90:2.*] He is the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity. "I am the Lord, I change not," He declares. [*Isaiah 57:15; Malachi 3:6.*] With Him there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. He is "the same yesterday, today, and forever." [*James 1:17; Hebrews 13:8.*] He is infinite and omnipresent. No words of ours can describe His greatness and majesty.*18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 35*

The Bible teaching of God is the only teaching that it is safe for human beings to follow. We are to regulate our faith by a plain, "Thus saith the Lord." The knowledge of Himself that God desires us to gain from His Word will, if brought into the daily life, make men and women strong to resist evil and fit them to represent Him.*18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 36*

We need to study the simplicity of Christ's teachings. He urges the need of prayer and humility. These are our safeguards against the erroneous reasoning by which Satan seeks to lead us to turn aside to other gods and to accept misleading theories clothed by him in garments of light.*18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 37*

A man who is spiritually blind is easily led by those who improve every favorable opportunity to advance theories and conjectures regarding God. The one deceived by Satan imparts to a fellow being the new light that he supposes he has received, as Eve placed the forbidden fruit in the hand of Adam. Unenlightened heathen are in no worse condition spiritually than is the man who has known the truth, but has accepted error. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 38*

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We should regard it as a great privilege to look upon the works of God and point to them as evidences of His love and goodness. Parents should teach their children to look from nature to nature's God. As we see on every hand the tokens of His love and care for us, our hearts go out in praise and thanksgiving, "Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints. Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name?" [*Revelation 15:3, 4.*]*18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 39*

### **Steadfastly Resisting the Enemy**

Satan presents his theories cautiously at first, and if he sees that his efforts are successful, he brings in theories that are still more misleading, seeking to lead men and women away from the foundation principles that God designs shall be the safeguards of His people. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 40*

Let not our medical missionary workers accept theories that God has not given to any one. God will not excuse men for teaching theories that Christ has not taught. He calls upon His army of workers to fall into line, taking their stand under the banner of truth. He warns them to beware of occupying their time in the discussion of matters that God has not authorized any human being to discuss. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 41*

Let us put on every piece of the Christian armor and steadfastly resist the enemy. We shall have to meet fallen angels and the prince of the powers of darkness. Satan is by no means asleep; he

is wide-awake and is playing the game of life for the souls of the people of God. He will come to them with flattery of all kinds, in the hope of leading them to swerve from their allegiance. He desires to call their attention from the real issues to false theories. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 42*

Ministers and physicians, sound an alarm. Call upon the people of God to be true and faithful. Be on your guard. Remember that as you co-operate with God, you have as your helpers angels that excel in strength. Accept not the theories advanced by those who are not standing on the true foundation, those who are charmed with that [of] which they do not know the true meaning. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 43*

Wake up, my brethren, wake up and lift the danger signal. Sound the warning. Let no man persuade you to accept theories that are opposed to the truths of God's Word. The servants of God have a solemn message to bear to this fallen, sin-cursed world. They are to hold aloft the banner on which is inscribed the words, "The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." [*Revelation 14:12.*] Those who are working in harmony with God will be of one heart and one mind. With unflinching zeal they will proclaim the message, "Prepare to meet thy God." [*Amos 4:12.*] They will not unite with worldlings, but will take their stand firmly in defense of the principles of truth. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 44*

Things must now be called by their right name. Backsliding leaders are not to be honored as men who are holding their confidence firm. God is in earnest with us. We are to sound the note of warning. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 45*

Wake up, for Christ's sake, wake up. May God give success to those who are trying to arouse the sleepy watchmen. Of many of those who profess to be shepherds of the flock, God says, "They are unfaithful. They have left their first love. Unless they repent, I will come suddenly, and will remove their candlestick out of his place." [See *Revelation 2:4, 5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 46*

Go to work now, without delay. How many judgment calls must the Lord make before His people cease to provoke Him to His face? Should He deal with them according to their backsliding, according

to their worldliness and to the way in which they have called darkness light and light darkness, they would have no further calls to repentance, no more evidence or light to trifle with. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 47*

God's people provoke Him by their idolatry and by their union with worldlings. He says, "My Spirit shall not always strive with men. I will not always bear with the perversity of those who lead souls from the narrow way into paths of uncertainty and falsehood. Unless those who have been often reprov'd make a decided change, they will be left to follow their own way." His blessings will be taken from those who choose darkness rather than light, those who choose false guides rather than true. To those who disregard the evidence given them, making no difference between truth and error, the light bestowed will become darkness, and how great will be that darkness. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 48*

God sent Christ into the world as the great Medical Missionary. In our work, we are to bear the messages that He bore when in our world. We are to preach the gospel and heal the sick. Medical missionary workers are to stand before the world as God's representatives, witnessing to the importance of the truth for this time. All with whom they come in contact should see that they have a living connection with the great Medical Missionary who gave His life that through the work of the Holy Spirit men and women might be convinced of sin and led to repentance. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 49*

### **The Circulation of *The Lifeboat***

It is well that efforts should be made to circulate *The Lifeboat*. But our missionary efforts are not to end with the circulation of this paper. The people need present truth—something more than is given them in *The Lifeboat*. Let the truth go forward in advanced lines. There is great danger of limiting the message that should now be borne to arouse men and women. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 50*

Every worker should now come into line. The Lord is soon coming, and we need faithful pastors who will carry the work forward in stronger lines. The bread of heaven must be given to starving souls.

The gospel message must be distinctly proclaimed, that people may be aroused to prepare to meet their God. Christ has commissioned every one who believes the gospel to make known its saving power. "Go ye therefore," He says, "and teach all nations. ... And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:19, 20.*] Let those who are engaged in the circulation of our literature realize more clearly the obligation resting upon them to fulfil this commission. Let them sow beside all waters. *18LtMs, Ms 132, 1903, par. 51*

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### A View of the Conflict

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In vision I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by banners bearing the world's insignia; the other was led by the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel. Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust as company after company from the Lord's army joined the foe; and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God. An angel flying in the midst of heaven put the standards of Emmanuel into many hands, while a mighty general cried with a loud voice, "Come into line. Let those who are loyal to the commandments of God and the testimony of Christ now take their position. Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters. Let all who will come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." [See *Revelation 12:17*; *2 Corinthians 6:17, 18*; *Judges 5:23*.] *18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 1*

The battle raged. Victory alternated from side to side. Now the soldiers of the cross gave way, "as when a standard bearer fainteth." [*Isaiah 10:18*.] But their apparent retreat was but an effort to gain a more advantageous position. Shouts of joy were heard. A song of praise to God went up, and angel voices united in the song, as Christ's soldiers planted His banner on the walls of fortresses till then held by the enemy. The Captain of our salvation was ordering the battle and sending support to His soldiers. His power was mightily displayed, encouraging them to press the battle to the gates. He taught them terrible things in righteousness as He led

them on step by step, conquering and to conquer. *18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 2*

At last the victory was gained. The army following the banner with the inscription “The commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus” was gloriously triumphant. [*Revelation 14:12.*] The soldiers of Christ were close beside the gates of the city of God, and with joy the city received her King. The kingdom of peace and joy and everlasting righteousness was established. God’s will was done on earth, as it is done in heaven. *18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 3*

Now the church is militant. Now we are confronted with a world in midnight darkness, almost wholly given over to idolatry. But the day is coming when the battle will have been fought, the victory won. The will of God is to be done on earth, as it is done in heaven. Then the nations will own no other law than the law of heaven. All will be a happy, united family, clothed with the garments of praise and thanksgiving—the robe of Christ’s righteousness. All nature, in its surpassing loveliness, will offer to God a constant tribute of praise and adoration. The world will be bathed in the light of heaven. The years will move on in gladness. The light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold greater than it is now. Over the scene the morning stars will sing together, and the sons of God will shout for joy, while God and Christ will unite in proclaiming, “There shall be no more sin, neither shall there be any more death.” [See *Revelation 21:4.*] *18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 4*

This is the scene that is presented to me. But the church must still fight against seen and unseen foes. Satanic agencies in human form are on the ground. Men have confederated to oppose the Lord of hosts. These confederacies will continue until Christ shall leave His place of intercession before the mercy seat and shall put on the garments of vengeance. Satanic agencies are in every city, busily organizing into parties those opposed to the law of God. Professed saints and avowed unbelievers take their stand with these parties. This is no time for the people of God to be weaklings. We cannot afford to be off our guard for one moment. *18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 5*



“Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the enemy. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” [*Ephesians 6:10-17.*] *18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 6*

“This I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.” [*Philippians 1:9-11.*] *18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 7*

“Let your conversation be as becometh the gospel of Christ; ... stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; and in nothing terrified by your adversaries; which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. For unto you it is given in behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake.” [*Verses 27-29.*] *18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 8*

There are revealed in these last days visions of future glory, scenes pictured by the hand of God, and these should be dear to His church. *18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 9*

What sustained the Son of God in His betrayal and trial? He saw of the travail of His soul, and was satisfied. He caught a view of the expanse of eternity and saw the happiness of those who through His humiliation should receive pardon and everlasting life. He was wounded for their transgressions, bruised for their iniquities. The chastisement of their peace was upon Him, and with His stripes

they were healed. His ear caught the shout of the redeemed. He heard the ransomed ones singing the song of Moses and the Lamb. *18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 10*

We must have a vision of the future and of the blessedness of heaven. Stand on the threshold of eternity, and hear the gracious welcome given to those who in this life have co-operated with Christ, regarding it as a privilege and an honor to suffer for His sake. As they unite with the angels, they cast their crowns at the feet of the Redeemer, exclaiming, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. ... Honor and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." [*Revelation 5:12, 13.*] *18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 11*

There the redeemed ones greet those who directed them to the uplifted Saviour. They unite in praising Him who died that human beings might have the life that measures with the life of God. The conflict is over. All tribulation and strife are at an end. Songs of victory fill all heaven as the redeemed stand around the throne of God. All take up the joyful strain, "Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and lives again, a triumphant conqueror." *18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 12*

"I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with 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." [*Revelation 7:9, 10.*] *18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 13*

"These are they which came out of much 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 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." [*Verses 14-17.*] "And there shall be no more

death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.” [*Revelation 21:4.*] *18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 14*

Will you catch the inspiration of the vision? Will you let your mind dwell upon the picture? Will you not be truly converted, and then go forth to labor in a spirit entirely different from the spirit in which you have labored in the past, displacing the enemy, breaking down every barrier to the advancement of the gospel, filling hearts with the light and peace and joy of the Lord? Shall not this miserable spirit of fault-finding and murmuring be buried, never to have a resurrection? Shall not the incense of praise and thanksgiving ascend from hearts purified and sanctified and glorified by the presence of Christ? Shall we not in faith lay hold of sinners, and bring them to the cross? *18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 15*

Who will this day consecrate themselves to the service of the Lord? Who will now pledge themselves not to affiliate with the world, but to come out from the world, and be separate, refusing to pollute the soul with the worldly schemes and worldly practices that have been keeping the church under the enemy’s influence? *18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 16*

We are in this world to lift the cross of Calvary. As we lift this cross, we shall find that it lifts us. Let every Christian stand in his lot and place, catching the inspiration of the work that Christ did for souls while in this world. We need the ardor of the Christian hero, who can endure the seeing of Him that is invisible. Our faith is to have a resurrection. The soldiers of the cross are to exert a positive influence for good. Christ says, “He that is not for Me is against Me, and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad.” [*Matthew 12:30.*] Indifference in the Christian life is a manifest denial of Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 17*

Should we not see in the world today medical missionaries who in all the features of their work are worthy of the name they bear? who aspire to the doing of deeds worthy of valiant soldiers of Christ? We are living near the close of the great conflict, when many souls are to be rescued from the slavery of sin. We are living in a time when to Christ’s followers the promise specially belongs, “Lo, I am with

you alway, even unto the end of the world.” [*Matthew 28:20.*] He who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, He who has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light, bids us let our light shine brightly before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father who is in heaven. In such rich measure has light been given to God’s people that Christ is justified in telling them that they are to be the light of the world.*18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 18*

To our physicians and ministers I send the message, Lay hold of the Lord’s work as if you believed the truth for this time. Medical missionary workers and workers in the gospel ministry are to be bound together by indissoluble ties. Their work is to be done with freshness and power. Throughout our churches there is to be a reconversion and a reconsecration to service. Shall we not, in our work in the future, and in the gatherings that we hold, be of one accord? Shall we not wrestle with God in prayer, asking for the Holy Spirit to come into every heart? The presence of Christ, manifest among us, would cure the leprosy of unbelief that has made our service so weak and inefficient. We need the breath of the divine life breathed into us. We are to be channels through which the Lord can send light and grace to the world. Backsliders are to be reclaimed. We are to put away our sins, by confession and repentance, humbling our proud hearts before God. Floods of spiritual power are now to be poured forth upon those prepared to receive it.*18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 19*

Let us now consecrate ourselves to the proclamation of the message, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.” [*Isaiah 40:3.*] Divine and human instrumentalities are to unite for the accomplishment of one great object. “The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” [*Revelation 22:17.*]*18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 20*

“They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.” [*Daniel 12:3.*]*18LtMs, Ms 134, 1903, par. 21*

## Ms 135, 1903

### Establishing the Foundation of Our Faith

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November 4, 1903 [typed]

Portions of this manuscript are published in *3MR 412-414*.

My husband, Elder Joseph Bates, Father Pierce, Elder Edson, a man who was keen, noble, and true, and many others whose names I cannot now recall were among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844, searched for truth. At our important meetings, these men would meet together and search for the truth as for hidden treasure. *18LtMs, Ms 135, 1903, par. 1*

I met with them, and we studied and prayed earnestly; for we felt that we must learn God's truth. Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light and studying the word. As we fasted and prayed, great power come upon us. But I could not understand the reasoning of the brethren. My mind was locked, as it were, and I could not comprehend what we were studying. Then the Spirit of God would come upon me, I would be taken off in vision, and a clear explanation of the passages we had been studying would be given me, with instruction as to the position we were to take regarding truth and duty. *18LtMs, Ms 135, 1903, par. 2*

A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of God was plainly marked out before me, and I gave my brethren and sisters the instruction that the Lord had given me. They knew that when not in vision I could not understand these matters, and they accepted as light direct from heaven the revelations given me. The leading points of our faith as we hold them today were firmly established. Point after point was clearly defined, and all the brethren came into harmony. *18LtMs, Ms 135, 1903, par. 3*

The whole company of believers were united in the truth. There were those who came in with strange doctrines, but we were never

afraid to meet them. Our experience was wonderfully established by the revelation of the Holy Spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 135, 1903, par. 4*

For two or three years my mind continued to be locked to the Scriptures. In 1846 I was married to Elder James White. It was some time after my second son was born that we were in great perplexity regarding certain points of doctrine. I was asking the Lord to unlock my mind, that I might understand His Word. Suddenly I seemed to be enshrouded in clear, beautiful light, and ever since, the Scriptures have been an open book to me. *18LtMs, Ms 135, 1903, par. 5*

I was at that time in Paris, Maine. Old Father Andrews was very sick. For some time he has been a great sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism. He could not move without intense pain. We prayed for him. I laid my hands on his head, and said, "Father Andrews, the Lord Jesus maketh thee whole." He was healed instantly. He got up and walked about the room, praising God, and saying, "I never saw it on this wise. Angels of God are in this room." The glory of God was revealed. Light seemed to shine all through the house, and an angel's hand was laid upon my head. From that time to this, I have been enabled to understand the Word of God. *18LtMs, Ms 135, 1903, par. 6*

After the passing of the time, we were opposed and cruelly falsified. Erroneous theories were pressed in upon us by men and women who had gone into fanaticism. I was directed to go to the places where these theories were being advocated, and as I went, the power of the Spirit was wonderfully displayed in rebuking the errors that were creeping in. *18LtMs, Ms 135, 1903, par. 7*

## **Ms 136, 1903**

Extracts from recent Testimonies

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1903

Compiled from earlier manuscripts.

Extracts from recent testimonies, relating to the work that Christians can do to advance the cause of present truth. *18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 1*

From *Review, September 10, 1903 (Lt 173, 1902)*:

### **The Need of an Awakened Church**

Many are readily satisfied with offering the Lord trifling acts of service. Their Christianity is feeble. Christ gave Himself for sinners. With what anxiety for the salvation of souls we should be filled as we see human beings perishing in sin! These souls have been bought at an infinite price. The death of the Son of God on Calvary's cross is the measure of their value. Day by day they are deciding a question of life and death, deciding whether they will have eternal life or eternal death. And yet men and women professing to serve the Lord are content to occupy their time and attention with matters of little importance. They are content to be at variance with one another. If they were consecrated to the work of the Master, they would not be striving and contending like a family of unruly children. Every hand would be engaged in service. Every one would be standing at his post of duty, working with heart and soul as a missionary of the cross of Christ. The Spirit of the Redeemer would abide in the hearts of the laborers, and works of righteousness would be wrought. The workers would carry with them into their service the prayers and sympathies of an awakened church. They would receive their directions from Christ and would find no time for contention or strife. *18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 2*

Messages would come from lips touched by a live coal from the divine altar. Earnest, purified words would be spoken. Humble,

broken-hearted intercessions would ascend to heaven. With one hand the workers would take hold of Christ, while with the other they would grasp sinners and draw them to the Saviour. *18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 3*

Work is what the churches need. They need an unreserved consecration to service. Jesus wept over the obduracy of Jerusalem. Whose hearts break today because of the peril of those in darkness? Who among those who have received such great light and such rich gifts mingle their tears with the tears of their Redeemer? *18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 4*

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### **A Lesson From the Parable of the Ten Virgins**

From unpublished MS., July 31, 1903 (*Lt 161, 1903*):

The signs of the times are fulfilling in our world, yet the churches generally are represented as slumbering. Shall we not take warning from the experiences of the foolish virgins, who when the call came, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh! go ye out to meet Him," found that they had no oil in their lamps. And while they went to buy oil, the Bridegroom went in to the marriage supper with the wise virgins, and the door was shut. When the foolish virgins reached the banqueting hall, they received an unexpected denial. The master of the feast declared, "I know you not." [*Matthew 25:6-12.*] They were left standing without, in the empty street, in the blackness of the night. *18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 5*

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### **Preparing for the Judgment**

From unpublished MS., April 5, 1903 (*Ms 21, 1903*):

Suppose that today Christ should appear in the clouds of heaven. Who of this congregation would be ready to meet Him? Suppose that we should be translated into the kingdom of heaven just as we are. Would we be prepared to unite with the saints of God, to live in



harmony with the royal family, the children of the heavenly King? What preparation have you made for the Judgment? Have you made your peace with God? Are you laboring together with God? Are you seeking to help those around you, those who are ready to die, those in your home, in your neighborhood, who are not keeping the commandments of God?*18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 6*

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### **Open Doors for Service**

From unpublished MS., May, 1903 (*Ms 57a, 1903*):

A thousand times more work for God might be accomplished if all His children would fully consecrate themselves to Him, using their talents aright. If they would improve every opportunity for doing good, doors for service would be opened before them. They would be called to bear greater responsibilities. Let all ask of God, and they will receive wisdom to carry on His work under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. As they receive God's blessing, they will rejoice in the work.*18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 7*

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### **Suggestions to Workers**

From unpublished MS. July 23, 1902 (*Ms 106, 1902*):

The greatest help that can be given to the churches is to teach them to work for God and to depend on Him, not on the ministers.*18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 8*

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From unpublished MS. February 1, 1902 (*Lt 22, 1902*):

Individual, constant, united efforts will bring the reward of success. Those who desire to do a great deal of good in our world must be willing to do it in God's way by doing little things. He who wishes to reach the loftiest heights of achievement by doing something great and wonderful will fail of doing anything.*18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par.*

Steady progress in a good work, the frequent repetition of one kind of faithful service, is of more value in God's sight than the doing of one great work and wins for His children a good report, giving character to their efforts. Those who are true and faithful to their divinely appointed duties are not fitful, but steadfast in purpose, pressing their way through evil as well as good reports. They are instant in season and out of season. *18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 10*

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### **The Circulation of Literature in Our Restaurants**

From unpublished testimony, October 13, 1902 (*Lt 157, 1902*):

Those who come to our restaurants should be supplied with reading matter. Leaflets treating on the lessons of Christ should be given them. The burden of supplying this reading matter should be shared by all our people. All who come should be given something to read. It may be that many will leave the tract unread, but one among those in whose hands you place it may be searching for light. He will read and study what you give him and then, perhaps, will pass it on to others. *18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 11*

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### **Coming of the Lord Near**

From unpublished MS., October 6, 1902 (*Ms 118, 1902*):

Let us remember that the coming of the Lord is nearer than when we first believed. What a wonderful thought it is that the great controversy is nearing its end. In the great closing work we shall meet with perplexities that we know not how to deal with, but let us not forget that the three great powers of heaven are working, that a divine hand is on the wheel, and that God will bring His purposes to pass. He will gather from the world a people who will serve Him in righteousness. *18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 12*

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### **Determined Efforts, in View of the Judgment**

From unpublished MS., June 24, 1903 (*Lt 115, 1903*):

The judgments of God are in our land. The Lord is soon to come. In fire and flood and earthquake, He is warning the inhabitants of this earth of His soon approach. O that the people may know the time of their visitation! *18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 13*

We have no time to lose. We must make more determined efforts to lead the people of the world to see that the day of judgment is at hand. Our understanding needs to be quickened by the Holy Spirit. We need to stand constantly in a humble, contrite attitude, that we may see the Lord's design, and be prepared to make known His will from day to day, not only in word, but in deed. *18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 14*

Oh, if our people would feel as they should the responsibility resting upon them to give the last message of mercy to the world, what a wonderful work would be done! We need the impartation of the Holy Spirit, that we may realize how closely heavenly things are bound up with God's church on this earth. *18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 15*

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### **The Circulation of Our Larger Denominational Books**

From a leaflet dated December 6, 1902 (*Ms 157, 1902*):

*Christ's Object Lessons* is to live and do its appointed work, but not all the thought and effort of God's people is to be given to its circulation. The larger books should be sold everywhere. These books contain present truth for this time—truth that is to be proclaimed in all parts of the world. Nothing is to hinder their sale. *18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 16*

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From unpublished MS., August 29, 1902 (*Lt 137, 1902*):

The larger books contain present truth for this time—truth that is to be proclaimed in all parts of the world. Our canvassers are to circulate the books that give definite instruction regarding the testing messages that are to prepare a people to stand on the platform of eternal truth, holding aloft the banner on which is inscribed, “The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.” [*Revelation 14:12.*]18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 17

I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived. Our smaller books, with our pamphlets and journals, can and should be used in connection with our larger books.18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 18

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### **Strength to Resist Temptation Gained by Activity**

From *Review*, November 11, 1902 (*Ms 126, 1902*):

Before His ascension, Jesus told His disciples not to depart from Jerusalem till they had received the promise of the Father. “Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence,” He declared. “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 1:5, 8.*]18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 19

The day of Pentecost came. Great additions were made to the church. In one day five thousand were converted. The disciples began to think that they had a work to do in Jerusalem in shielding the members of the church from the snares of the enemy. They did not realize that strength to resist temptation is best gained by active service. They did not educate the new church members to become workers together with God in carrying the gospel to those who had not heard it. Instead, they were in danger of being satisfied with what had been accomplished. To scatter His representatives abroad, where they could work for others, the Lord permitted persecution to come upon His church. Stephen and several others died for their faith; then the members of the church were scattered; and the gospel was proclaimed with power “in all Judea, and in

Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” [Verse 8.] *18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 20*

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### **The Need of Studying the Testimonies**

From unpublished MS., [July 15,] 1903 (*Lt 148, 1903*):

I have been impressed to call upon the members of our churches to study the *last two volumes of Testimonies for the Church*. When I was writing the instruction contained in these books, I felt the deep moving of the Spirit of God. They are full of precious matter. In the visions of the night the Lord told me that the truth contained in these books must be brought before the members of our churches, because there are many who are indifferent in regard to the salvation of their souls. *18LtMs, Ms 136, 1903, par. 21*

## Ms 137, 1903

### The Personality of God

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Previously unpublished. +NoteOne or more typed copies of this document contain additional Ellen White handwritten interlineations which may be viewed at the main office of the Ellen G. White Estate.

The word of the Lord to me is that I am to repeat the instruction that God has given me, showing what He has revealed for the benefit of His people and the way in which He has presented His word to them. If God had desired to have Himself represented as being in the things of nature—in flower and leaf and tree—Christ would have spoken of this when He was in the earth. But where in the teaching of Christ is God spoken of as He is in *Living Temple*? In *Patriarchs and Prophets* God has presented to His people the way in which they are to view the plan of salvation. The instruction contained in this book is not an idle tale. It is the presentation of truth in accordance with the Word of God. *18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 1*

In the beginning of my work, when the Lord first commissioned me to proclaim the truth, I was called upon to rebuke those holding sophistries similar to those presented in *Living Temple*. I could not understand the sentiments held, but the Lord gave me a message to bear before the companies that I was to meet. I bore the message, and all controversy was at an end. Evidence was given of the power of God working through His humble instrument, and those who were willing to receive this evidence did not make the least attempt to oppose the message. *18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 2*

Again and again during my experience in the Lord's work, I have been called upon to meet these erroneous sentiments. In every case, clear, powerful light has been given that God is the eternal, self-existent One. From my girlhood I have been given plain instruction that God is a person, and that Christ is "the express image of His person." [*Hebrews 1:3*.] God always has been. That

which concerns us is not the how or the wherefore. *18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 3*

In the Word God is spoken of as the everlasting God. This name embraces past, present, and future. God is from everlasting to everlasting. He is the Eternal One. "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms; and He shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them. Israel shall dwell in safety alone; the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew. Happy art thou, O Israel; who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thine excellency." [*Deuteronomy 33:27-29.*]*18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 4*

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep; in the morning they are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up, in the evening it is cut down, and withereth. For we are consumed by Thine anger, and by Thy wrath are we troubled. Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance. For all our days are passed away in Thy wrath; we spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. *18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 5*

"Who knoweth the power of Thine anger? Even according to Thy fear, so is Thy wrath. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Return, O Lord, how long; and let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants. O satisfy us early with Thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish Thou the work of our hands upon

us; yea, the work of our hands, establish Thou it.” [*Psalm 90:2-17.*]18*LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 6*

“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him will I trust. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust. His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.18*LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 7*

“Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high, because he hath known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him; and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him My salvation.” [*Psalm 91:1-16.*]18*LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 8*

“The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He girded Himself; the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved. Thy throne is established of old; Thou art from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord; the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea. Thy testimonies are very sure; holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, forever.” [*Psalm 93:1-5.*]18*LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 9*

In view of these Scriptures, who will dare to interpret God and place



in the minds of others the sentiments regarding Him that are contained in *Living Temple*? These theories are the theories of the great deceiver, and in the lives of those who receive them there will be sad chapters. This is Satan's device to unsettle the foundation of our faith, to shake our confidence in the Lord's guidance and in the experience that He has given us. Many things of like character will in the future arise. I entreat our medical missionary workers to be afraid to trust the suppositions and devising of any human being who entertains the thought that the path over which the people of God have been led for the last fifty years is a wrong path. Beware of those who, not having had any decided experience in the leading of the Lord's Spirit, would suppose that this leading is all a fallacy; that we have not the truth; that we are not the people of the Lord, gathered by Him from all countries and nations. Beware of those who would tear down the foundation, upon which we have been building for the last fifty years, to establish a new doctrine. I know that these new theories are from the enemy. *18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 10*

Let those who would bring in fanciful ideas of God awake to a sense of their danger. This is too solemn a subject to be trifled with. *18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 11*

The root of idolatry is an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. It is because men have not faith in the presence and power of God that they have been putting their trust in their own wisdom. They have been devising and planning to exalt themselves and find salvation in their own works. A deceptive influence from satanic agencies is coming in, because leaders whom the Lord has warned and entreated and counseled are choosing their own wisdom in the place of the wisdom of God. To such ones the warning comes, "Talk no more exceedingly proudly; let not arrogance come out of your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed." [*1 Samuel 2:3.*] *18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 12*

God declares, "The heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool; where is the house that ye build unto Me; and where is the place of My rest? For all these things hath Mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord; but to this man will I

look, even to him that is poor, and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at My word.” [*Isaiah 66:1, 2.*] Though heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain God, He, the high and holy One, reveals Himself to the humble and contrite, filling the hearts of His chosen ones with the light of His presence. *18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 13*

“Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.” [*Job 28:28.*] Neither by searching the recesses of the earth nor in vain endeavors to penetrate the mysteries of God’s being is wisdom found. It is found, rather, in humbly receiving the revelations that He has been pleased to make and in conforming the life to His will. *18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 14*

He who knows the heart of man will render to every one according as his work shall be. In this life He will give to the humble, teachable ones, who look to Him in faith and dependence, wisdom and understanding, and in the life to come He will bestow on them the gift of immortality. *18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 15*

Let us search the Word of God diligently, that we may obtain the wisdom that we need in order to honor Him, that we may purify our hearts from all defilement and be prepared to enter the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for those who love Him. There we shall gain a true knowledge of God. Throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity we shall delight in His personal presence. *18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 16*

John the Revelator writes, “I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea. And I ... saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away. And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write; for these words are true and faithful. And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha

and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son.” [Revelation 21:1-7.]18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 17

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“O Lord, Thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my down sitting and mine uprising, and Thou understandest my thoughts afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. ... Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid Thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.” [Psalm 139:1-3, 5, 6.]18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 18

“Great is our Lord, and of great power; His understanding is infinite.” [Psalm 147:5.] “The ways of man are before the Lord, and He pondereth all his goings.” [Proverbs 5:21.] “He revealeth the deep and secret things. He knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with Him.” [Daniel 2:22.] “Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world.” [Acts 15:18.] “O the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been His counselor? Or who hath first given to Him, and it shall be recompensed to him again? For of Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things; to whom be glory forever.” [Romans 11:33-36.]18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 19

“That which is revealed belongeth unto us and to our children.” [Deuteronomy 29:29.] But let not finite man attempt to interpret God. Here silence is eloquence. The Omniscient One is above discussion by finite, erring beings. And since God understands our thoughts afar off, since He is acquainted with all our ways, since there is not a word in our tongues that He does not know, might we not better be very careful how we speak of Him? Will he who speculates in regard to God care to meet his words in that day when all things are brought to light, when falsehood and truth are placed in sharp contrast? God is the all-wise, omniscient One, knowing all things. He can speedily bring to naught the foolish

devisings of man. *18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 20*

The enemy is seeking to bring in among the people of God spiritualistic theories, which if accepted, would undermine the foundation of the faith that has made us what we are. He leads men to present fables clothed with Scripture. There are those who assert that Sister White's writings are in harmony with these teachings. I declare this to be false. Men may misapply Scripture; they may misinterpret my words; but God understands their devising. How thankful I am for this! When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard for us against him. *18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 21*

“The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse; because that when they knew God”—by the witness of His Holy Spirit, to testimonies borne to them—“they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.” The Lord sent them light, but they did not receive it. “Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like unto corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.” [*Romans 1:18-23.*]*18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 22*

This Scripture is applicable to all who regard God as He is represented in *Living Temple*. Those who continue to accept the sophistry in this book will be led on and on in delusion, just as were many to whom I was commissioned to bear a testimony after the passing of the time in 1844. *18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 23*

I know that the leaders in the medical missionary work do not know whither their steps are tending. I call upon them to stop before they take another step to tear away the strongholds of our faith. *18LtMs, Ms 137, 1903, par. 24*

## Ms 138, 1903

How We Can Help the Southern Work

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My Dear Brethren and Sisters everywhere,—

I wish to ask if you would not regard it as a privilege to lay aside a certain sum weekly for the Southern field. Will you not put in a prominent place in your home a box with the inscription, “For the Work Among the Colored People of the South”? Will you not ask your children to put into this box the money that they would otherwise spend for candy and other needless things? When visitors come to your home, they will see the box and will ask in regard to it. Let the children tell the story of their effort to help a needy missionary field by denying self. *18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 1*

The giving that is the fruit of self-denial is a wonderful help to the giver. It imparts an education that enables us more fully to comprehend the work of Him who went about doing good, relieving the suffering and supplying the needs of the destitute. The Saviour lived not to please Himself. In His life there was no trace of selfishness. Though in a world that He Himself had created, He claimed no part of it as His home. “Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests,” He said, “but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head.” [*Luke 9:58.*] *18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 2*

I ask the children to show an unselfish interest in the work in the South. Will they not give their mites to help in this work? There are many ways in which they might earn money for this purpose. One of our brethren bought wall pockets and sold them to our sisters at the cost price. Those who bought them sold them to their friends and neighbors at an advance and gave the proceeds to the Southern work. My son has often written me how much the means thus

raised helped in the first establishment of the work. Cannot the children make simple, useful household articles and sell them, telling those to whom these things are offered of the work to which the money thus raised is to be devoted?*18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 3*

Earnest, continuous effort in this direction will accomplish much. Every gift, however small, will help. Think of how much has been accomplished by the widow's mite. How many, by Christ's recognition of this gift, have been inspired with a determination to do something for the Lord, even though they were so poor that they could give but a small sum.*18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 4*

Let those who are spending small or large sums for self-gratification ask themselves, Can I not, for Christ's sake, deny self? Are you using tea, coffee, or other harmful things? Will you not give up their use, and send the money thus saved to those who are trying to help the colored people? The good thus accomplished will be twofold: you yourself, by giving up these harmful indulgences, will be helped mentally and physically; and by your gifts the needy colored people of the South will be helped.*18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 5*

### **All Can Do Something**

We are not to wait for something great to do. We are to perform faithfully the duty lying nearest us, small though it may be. Faithfulness in the performance of small duties fits us for the bearing of larger responsibilities.*18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 6*

Have you only one talent? Put it out to the exchangers, by wise investment increasing it to two. Do with your might what your hands find to do. Use your talent so wisely that it will fulfil its appointed mission.*18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 7*

You may be tempted to say, I will make no effort. What good could one talent accomplish. But do not yield to the temptation. Think of the punishment of the slothful servant, who, entrusted with one talent, refused to put it to use. "Take therefore the talent from him," was the command, "and give it unto him which hath ten talents." [*Matthew 25:28.*]*18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 8*

Because you have but one talent, let your effort be all the more earnest. The Lord has given you a work as verily as He has given a work to the one who has five talents. If you trade wisely on the one talent entrusted to you, God will give you ability to use a larger number. *18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 9*

### **Children to be Missionaries**

Fathers and mothers, teach your children how to exercise their physical and mental capabilities in useful work. How much better for them to be usefully employed than to be reading stories, preparing themselves to become mental inebriates. Teach them that God has a part for them to act in His great missionary work. Do not allow their physical, mental, or moral powers to be misdirected. Your children belong to God, and you are to teach them how to cooperate with Him, how to use the powers of mind and body in His service. *18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 10*

The Lord will bless them as they work for Him. They can be His helping hand. As they do their work in the home with faithfulness, they are laboring in unity with Christ for the formation of Christlike characters. They are helping to bear the burdens of the household, and the mother is not obliged to be a slave to the family. *18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 11*

Children can be acceptable missionaries in the home and in the church. God would have them taught that they are in this world for useful service, not merely for play. They can be trained to do missionary work that will prepare them to fill wider spheres of usefulness. *18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 12*

Parents, help your children to prepare for the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for those that love Him. Help them to fulfill God's purpose for them. Let your training be such that it will help them to be an honor to the One who died to secure for them eternal life in the kingdom of God. Teach them to respond to the invitation, "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:29, 30.*] *18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 13*

Let parents and children work earnestly to help others. Thus the good work will deepen and broaden. Higher education is that education which leads human beings to be laborers together with God, practicing self-denial and self-sacrifice, revealing compassion and sympathy. Those who have gained such an education will be acknowledged by God in the heavenly courts, in the presence of Christ and the angels. *18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 14*

### **An Opportunity to Co-operate With Christ**

The Southern field is calling for the help that you can give. In this field there is need of schools, sanitariums, and meeting houses. Without these facilities, the work cannot be carried forward as it should be. Will you not do what you can to place the work in this field on a solid basis? Will you not come up to the help of the Lord just now? There is not a moment to lose. Christ is asking for your co-operation. *18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 15*

*The Southern Watchman* is an excellent paper, and one way in which you can help is by getting subscriptions for it. I urge our church members to take this paper and to ask others to take it. It contains reading matter that is just what is needed by those not of our faith. Show this paper to your friends and neighbors. Many will subscribe for it if it is brought to their notice. It will be to them as a messenger of the gospel. Are there not children who will try to get subscribers for *The Watchman*? *18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 16*

My brethren and sisters, will you not do your best at this time to help the Southern field, not only by making gifts, but by teaching your children to work for it. I have tried to keep this field before our people as a legacy from the Lord. It has been strangely neglected, and we are now to do all that we can to redeem the time. *18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 17*

I hope and pray that the parents and children in our ranks will be led by the Holy Spirit so to work that the Lord can bestow on them the blessing that is for every true-hearted, consecrated missionary, be he old or young. I beg of you not to neglect this opportunity to be co-laborers with Christ. Work for God in whatever way may open before you. Help in the way that I have mentioned. Let parents and



children unite in the effort that the Lord has shown me they can make for the advancement of His work in the South.*18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 18*

Think of the many, many colored people who need to be taught to read the Word of God. Think of the thousands who have not yet heard the message of salvation. Do you not desire to do something to advance the work of God among them? Think of how untiringly Christ worked when in our world! In the temple and the synagogues, in the streets of the cities, in the market place, in the workshop, by the seaside, and among the hills He preached the gospel and healed the sick. His life was one of unselfish service, and it is to be our lesson book. The work that He began we are to carry forward.*18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 19*

I leave these words with you. May the Lord help you all to understand the urgency of the call for help. We have no time to lose. God will help you, His angels will be with you, as you do your part to advance His work.*18LtMs, Ms 138, 1903, par. 20*

## Ms 139, 1903

### The Message of Revelation

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I am not able to sleep past one o'clock. Things are presented to me that keep me wide-awake.*18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 1*

There are dangers before us that we are to avoid. Christ has laid down for His church great principles that are to be made known to the world in good works. His instruction on this point is given with authority. The principles to be maintained are valid for all time, shedding from age to age a clear, definite, steady light to be regarded by every tempest-tossed church that shall exist in our world. These principles are not to be confused with worldly-policy plans, but are to stand free from any binding about of God's people.*18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 2*

In endeavoring to harmonize with worldly sentiments. Dr. Kellogg does not discern the influences that are exercised upon the commandment-keeping people of God. His spiritual eyesight is not clear. Not all of his work is approved by God. No one who has had the light of truth before him for years, and has not yielded to its influence, can be expected to be sensitive to the clear, gospel sentiments of the truth. There is constant danger that the obedient and the disobedient in the world and in the nominal churches will become so amalgamated that the line of demarcation between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not will become confused and indistinct.*18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 3*

The exaltation of a so-called medical missionary work, while the character of true medical missionary work has not been understood, has dishonored and displeased God. There is danger that the

church, instead of being built upon the foundation Jesus Christ, will be marred by the introduction of objectionable, base material; that worldly-policy principles will steal in as a supposed necessity in order to maintain influence with unbelievers; that wood, hay, and stubble will take the place of gold, silver, and precious stones—representations of heavenly principles that abide through time and through eternity. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 4*

Dr. Kellogg has not magnified the holy principles God would present to His people. The Lord does not acknowledge the methods that he has brought into the medical missionary work. These methods are confusing to the minds of God's people. Let Dr. Kellogg step from between his fellow physicians and the light of heaven for this time. Then they will be able to see with anointed eyes how closely the medical missionary work is to be bound up with the proclamation of the message for this time. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 5*

The Lord has presented before me the dangers that are threatening His people who have the sacred work of proclaiming the third angel's message with clearness and distinctness. God's people must beware lest they be ensnared by unsanctified propositions. Our young people must not be placed where they will be misled by wrong sentiments. The truth is not to be blanketed. The message for these last days is to be given in no indistinct utterance. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 6*

“And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with Him an hundred and forty and four thousand, having His Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of the harpers harping with their harps: and they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders; and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.” [*Revelation 14:1-5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 7*

This Scripture represents the character of the people of God for these last days. The everlasting gospel is to be preached, and it is to be practiced in true missionary work carried forward not after the wisdom that men may devise, but after the wisdom of God. All who walk in safe paths are to understand that the third angel's message is of consequence to the whole world and must be carried to the world in clear, straight lines, and in its distinctive features, as Christ revealed it to John. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 8*

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come; and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 9*

“And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever; and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” [Verses 6-12.] This is the message we have to bear; this is the work we have to do. This is the message God has kept before the Seventh-day Adventist people. The truth of this message will not decrease, but will increase in force and importance as we are brought down to the close of the work of God on earth. We have no time to lose. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 10*

“And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow

them.” [Verse 13.] Since the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels’ messages, many standard bearers have fallen asleep in Jesus; they have laid off their armor, but their works do follow them. The work advances, and the faithful ones hold the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 11*

This vision that Christ presented to John, presenting the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, is to be definitely proclaimed to all nations, people, and tongues. The churches, represented by Babylon, are represented as having fallen from their spiritual state to become a persecuting power against those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. To John this persecuting power is represented as having horns like a lamb, but as speaking like a dragon. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 12*

“And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb; and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” [Revelation 13:11-17.] *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 13*

As we near the close of time, there will be greater and still greater external parade of heathen power; heathen deities will manifest their signal power and will exhibit themselves before the cities of the world, and this delineation has already begun to be fulfilled. By a variety of images the Lord Jesus represented to John the wicked

character and seductive influence of those who have been distinguished for their persecution of God's people. All need wisdom carefully to search out the mystery of iniquity that figures so largely in the winding up of this earth's history. God's presentation of the detestable works of the inhabitants of the ruling powers of the world who bind themselves into secret societies and confederacies, not honoring the law of God, should enable the people who have the light of truth to keep clear of all these evils. More and more will all false religionists of the world manifest their evil doings; for there are but two parties, those who keep the commandments of God and those who war against God's holy law.*18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 14*

One of the marked characteristics of these false religious powers is that while they profess to have the character and features of a lamb, while they profess to be allied to heaven, they reveal by their actions that they have the heart of a dragon, that they are instigated by and united with satanic power, the same power that created war in heaven when Satan sought the supremacy and was expelled from heaven.*18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 15*

Now, in these last days of this earth's history, the commandment-keeping people of God by keeping His law are to make earnest efforts to exalt the Lord God of heaven. The Word of God is specific, marking to a certainty the opposing influences against the seventh-day Sabbath which is the sign of God, and by which the loyalty of His people is tested. "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep; for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death; for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord; whosoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed."

[Exodus 31:12-17.]18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 16

The Sabbath was God's sign between Him and His people, an evidence of His kindness, mercy, and love, a token by which His people are distinguished from all false religionists of the world. And God has pledged Himself that He will bless them in their obedience, showing Himself that He is their God, and has taken them into covenant relation with Himself, and that He will fulfil His promise to all that are obedient. Not upon the first day, but upon the seventh day, God rested and was refreshed—satisfied with His work of creation. Then the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy, and now man's observance of the Lord's day of rest will again cause joy among the angels of heaven. The time in which we live is a time when the church militant will realize the oppressive power of persecution, because they keep the Sabbath of creation which God has sanctified and blessed.18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 17

The observance of the Sabbath is a line of demarcation between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not. It is God's great memorial of the fact that in six days He created the heavens and the earth and in the seventh day He rested and was refreshed. It is His memorial to preserve among the nations a clear, definite, unmistakable knowledge of the only true God, an evidence that He is a God above all gods. For this reason He set apart the day on which He rested after creating the world, a day in which no common work should be done. God has given men six days in the week in which to labor and do all their work; the one day wherein He rested after creating the world and all things that are therein was to be His own holy day, when men should worship Him, the Creator of the heavens and the earth. This portion of time is especially set apart for rest and for worship, that men may look upon the heavens and the earth and honor, worship, praise, and exalt the God who created all things by Jesus Christ.18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 18

By observing the Sabbath day wherein God rested, the knowledge of God would be preserved. It is a "sign between Me and you ... that ye may *know* that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you." [Verse 13.] Those who keep the Sabbath holy as the Lord has specified reveal that they are His peculiar people, and that He who made the

heavens and the earth is their God. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 19*

In His ministerial labors Christ declared to the Pharisees and to the Sadducees and to all the Gentile world, "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." [*Matthew 5:17-19.*] Thus did He rebuke the pretentious piety of the Pharisees, and thus did He correct their erroneous ideas of the law of God. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 20*

In the very time in which we live, the Lord has called His people and has given them a message to bear. He has called them to expose the wickedness of the man of sin who has made the Sunday law a distinctive power, who has thought to change times and laws, and to oppress the people of God who stand firmly to honor Him by keeping the only true Sabbath, the Sabbath of creation, as holy unto the Lord. He has called them to bear the sign of God, to exalt the Lord in keeping holy His law; for it is a transcript of His character. No part of the law of God and their covenant obligation to keep that law holy is to lose its binding claims upon all the world. Those who have had the light upon keeping the law of Jehovah are to stand firmly in the faith, and to make that light shine forth in clear, distinct rays. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 21*

The *thirteenth chapter of Revelation* presents a power that is to be made prominent in these last days. Let all understand that it is Christ, the Captain of the Lord's host, who gave these visions to John. Christ came in person to the lonely isle of Patmos and showed John the things that must be, that were of the highest importance to His people. (?) (Through the person of His highest angels. He had veiled His own glory.) This message is to come to God's people straight, sharp, and clean from all mixture of human wisdom and tradition. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 22*

The enmity between the seed of the woman and the serpent is



clearly defined by the Lord. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." "And unto Adam He said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat of the herb of the field. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." [*Genesis 3:15, 17-19.*]*18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 23*

By following his own way, by acting in harmony with Satan's temptations and in opposition to the known will of God man vainly attempted to elevate and bless himself. Thus he gained an experimental knowledge of disobedience to God's commandments. Thus he knew good and evil; thus he lost his fidelity and loyalty to God and opened the floodgates of evil and suffering to the whole human family. How many today are making the same experiment! When will man learn that the only means for his safety is through a full confidence in a "thus saith the Lord."*18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 24*

Satan is seeking to intrude his own inventions upon the children of God through human methods. He is seeking to be received as God, or even to be placed above God. In changing the Sabbath to the first day of the week, he leads men to disbelieve God's declarations, and so to regard their own ways and plans that they appear exceeding wise in their own eyes and in their perverted judgment. Through human policy he leads men to regard the expressed commandments of God as of less force than human tradition and to regard a deviation from that law which is always holy and just and good as of little account. He sees that by thus preventing human agencies from walking as obedient children in harmony with God, he can hinder the accomplishment of God's work in our world.*18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 25*

But Satan's connivings with human agencies who stand in responsible positions are just as much to be feared and shunned now, after the experiment of sin has been tried, as it was in the

case of our first parents. I am instructed to say that the men who are placed in positions of responsibility in the work of God have overestimated their right to control others. The position a man occupies does not change his character. Some have seemed to feel that they must devise for churches and for sanitariums, and that there was to be no questioning of their judgment. Let them learn of Jesus at every step. He should be the chief authority for every man.*18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 26*

The One who has often been our Instructor says, "How hard it is for man to walk humbly with his God, in a contrite spirit taking God's way and rejecting Satan's propositions which seem to present great worldly advantages." The influence of man's having his own way in the place of firmly standing on the solid foundation, that God alone has laid, has been repeated over and over again. Refusing to walk in the straight paths that God has signified will bring them to confusion and will not teach wisdom to others who have the same test and trial. When will man learn that God is God, and not a man that He should change?*18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 27*

Some who have departed from the right way have been in a continual fever to grasp responsibilities that God has not laid upon them. God calls upon every minister and every physician to maintain the simplicity of the truth. The Son of God who is revealed in both the old and new testaments is the Saviour of our world today. From Him every medical missionary is to receive his training. Unless he shall separate himself from the prince of the power of the air, he will mislead souls who have confidence in him. Let all beware of men who are so educated and uplifted that their plans cannot be understood by the common people.*18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 28*

The intrigues of sin surpass infinite conception. Every calamity, every suffering and death is an evidence, not only of the power of evil, but of the truth of the living God. Having known the truth, the Word of the living God, which abideth forever, and which through obedience gives life, man's weakness in conforming to Satan's ingenuity is surpassingly strange. All who are taught of God recognize Christ as His Son. All who disbelieve the known declarations of God demonstrate the popularity of sin, and are not

working on the side of life and immortality which are brought to light through perfect sanctification of the truth. Unless they make a change in character, in words, and in spirit, souls will be lost. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 29*

There is no middle path to Paradise restored. The message given to man for these last days is not to become amalgamated with human devising. We are not to lean upon the policy of worldly lawyers. We must be humble men of prayer, not acting like those who are blinded by Satan's agencies. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 30*

Many have a faith, but not a faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Saving faith is not simply a mere belief of the truth. "The devils also believe and tremble." [*James 2:19.*] The inspiration of the Spirit of God gives to men a faith that is an impelling power, a power that molds character and leads men higher than mere formal actions. The words, the actions, and the spirit are to bear testimony to the fact that we are followers of Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 31*

The greatest light and blessing that God has bestowed is not a security against transgression and apostasy in these last days. Those whom God has exalted to high positions of trust may turn from heaven's light to human wisdom. Their light will then become darkness, their God-entrusted capabilities a snare, their character an offense to God. God will not be mocked. A departure from Him has been and always will be followed by its sure results. The commission of acts that displease God will, unless decidedly repented of and forsaken instead of seeking to justify them, lead the evil doer on step by step in deception, till many sins are committed with impunity. All who would possess a character that would make them laborers together with God and receive the commendation of God must separate themselves from the enemies of God, and maintain the truth which Christ gave to John to give to the world. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 32*

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last; and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna,

and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea! And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; and in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire; and His feet were like unto fine brass as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters. And He had in His right hand seven stars; and out of His mouth went a sharp, two-edged sword; and His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as one dead! And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last; I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forever more, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in My right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches; and the seven candlesticks are the seven churches." [*Revelation 1:10-20.*]*18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 33*

The revelation of Christ to John is a wonderful, dignified, exalted, solemn message. To present this message with decided emphasis demands all the talents of capabilities that God has given to man. When John received it, he was worked by the Holy Spirit, for Christ Himself came from heaven and told him what to write.*18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 34*

Those who claim to be disciples of Christ often express hardness of heart and blindness of mind, because they do not choose and practice God's way instead of their own. Selfish motives come in and take possession of mind and character, and in their self-confidence they suppose their own way to be full of wisdom. They are not particular to follow the ways and words of God. Circumstances, they say, alter cases. Worldly policy comes in and they are tempted and drawn away. They move according to their own unsanctified desires, making crooked paths for their own feet and for the feet of others to tread in. The lame and weak suppose them to be led by God and therefore think that their judgment must

be right. Thus many follow in false paths that are not cast up for the ransomed of the Lord to walk in. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 35*

The leaders are responsible not only for their own unsanctified mistakes, but for the mistakes of those who follow their example. When reprov'd for bringing in wrong principles they manifest a perverse spirit, a spirit that will not be corrected or humbled. "Shall I not judge for these things, saith the Lord of hosts?" [*Jeremiah 5:9.*] Their own wisdom and their own judgment they hold fast as a precious possession and sullenly pursue their own ways. This is the reason that the Holy Spirit of God is not manifest in our churches. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 36*

If those who have had the blessings of being corrected would humble themselves before God, and gladly take the Lord's way, reforming their own ways, Jesus Christ would bestow upon them rich gifts and grant answers to humble, contrite prayers. By walking in the light given, they would better understand their own individual character. Those who think they can improve upon God's plan, that some other course would be better than that which Christ has laid down in His Word, savor not the things that be of God, but those that be of men. They harden their hearts and close their eyes in regard to the ways of the Lord and prefer their own ways. Unless these are transformed in every respect, in thought, in word, and in deed, they will be requested to take the lowest seat. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 37*

If men only knew that their own wisdom exercised without Christ is a dangerous element that will mislead! If those who occupy positions of trust would be benefited by the intercessions of Christ, and receive the rich blessings of His commendation, if they would be owned of God in the judgment, they must hear His counsels and be governed by His will; they must hold their confidence firm unto the end, never deviating from a plain "thus saith the Lord." Prevarication, even in the slightest shadow, must not be seen; every jot and tittle of this must be put away, because no falsehood can honor God. There is no man who works in obedience to Christ's life in this world, who does all in Christ's name and to His glory, but will be honored. Those who hope to gain worldly recognition, who desire to be the highest in authority, and yet refuse to maintain

Bible principles, principles of unselfish character in the service of God—however they may be exalted by those who themselves have not wisdom to obey God in keeping all His commandments—such exaltation and honor is of no value, for it is not recognized or endorsed in the heavenly courts. Seeking to stand as supreme in wisdom by securing the approval of men does not exalt them one tittle with God. “Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” [*James 1:17.*] *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 38*

But few in our churches are Christians. But few are bright and shining lights amid the moral darkness of this world. Were those who occupy positions as teachers worked by the Holy Spirit, Satan could not take possession of their hearts and minds. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 39*

We call for a decided, earnest seeking of God. Satan has come down in great power to our world and is working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 40*

There is hope for our churches if they will heed the message given to the Laodiceans. Sabbath after Sabbath they meet together and with effort sing the songs that are assigned, but that do not come from heart. The joy of Christ in the heart will make songs to come from inspired lips and warm, thankful hearts. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 41*

The Lord would be much better glorified if His people possessed the spirit of meekness and humility. Personal labor is needed in our churches. Men and women inspired with an evangelistic spirit should go forth and invigorate others with the hope of the gospel. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 42*

Let all our assemblies be stirred by the old heart-searching truths of the gospel. These truths will bring conviction to souls. Say to those assembled, “When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth? Be warned, be entreated to arise from lethargy, and remove this self-complacent spirit.” [See *Luke 18:8.*] When true faith is exercised, the Spirit of God will mold and fashion the soul that it

may become a pure and holy place, a dwelling place for God. When Christ is “formed within, the hope of glory,” a new life is imparted. [*Colossians 1:27.*] *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 43*

Satan is busily at work in our crowded cities. His work is to be seen in the confusion, the strife and discord between labor and capital, and the hypocrisy that has come into the churches. That men may not take time to meditate, Satan leads them into a round of gaiety and pleasure-seeking, of eating and drinking. He fills them with ambition to make an exhibition that will exalt self. Step by step, the world is reaching the conditions that existed in the days of Noah. Every conceivable crime is committed. The lust of the flesh, the pride of the eyes, the display of selfishness, the misuse of power, the cruelty, and the force used to cause men to unite with confederacies and unions—binding themselves up in bundles for the burning of the great fires of the last days—all these are the working of satanic agencies. This round of crime and folly men call “life.” *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 44*

Death, eternal death, will soon be the portion of all who reject Christ. All heaven is looking on to see what is being done by those who know the truth. Many are in the condition that Christ speaks of as “neither cold nor hot.” [*Revelation 3:15.*] The works of such testify against them that they are not walking, and working, and praying, and teaching the Word of life. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 45*

The world, who act as though there were no God, absorbed in selfish pursuits, will soon experience sudden destruction and shall not escape. Many continue in the careless gratification of self until they become so disgusted with life that they kill themselves. Dancing and carousing, drinking and smoking, indulging their animal passions, they go as an ox to the slaughter. Satan is working with all his art and enchantments to keep men marching blindly onward until the Lord arises out of His place to punish the inhabitants of earth for their iniquities, when the earth shall disclose her blood and no more cover her slain. The whole world appears to be in the march to death. *18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 46*

Will the message to the Laodicean church now be heeded? Christ

represents Himself as being disgusted with the churches of today. He cannot endure their taste; but yet He offers for them a word of hope. "As many as I love I rebuke and chasten. Be zealous therefore, and repent." [*Verse 19.*] Let every one heed the words that come to the people of God today, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." [*Isaiah 60:1.*] Shall we by confessing our sins seek the Lord before the terrible spirit from beneath becomes the sole ruling power in our lives?*18LtMs, Ms 139, 1903, par. 47*



## Ms 140, 1903

The Fall of Our First Parents

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Sin originated with the angel who, next to Christ, had been most honored of God and was highest in power and glory among the inhabitants of heaven. Lucifer, "son of the morning," was first of the covering cherubs, holy and undefiled. [*Isaiah 14:12.*] He stood in the presence of the great Creator, and the ceaseless beams of glory enshrouding the eternal God rested upon him. "Thus saith the Lord God: Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering. ... Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so. Thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee." [*Ezekiel 28:12-15.*]*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 1*

Little by little, Lucifer came to indulge the desire of self-exaltation. The Scripture says: "Thine heart was lifted up because of thine beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness." [*Verse 17.*] "Thou hast said in thine heart, ... I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; ... I will be like the Most High." [*Isaiah 14:13, 14.*] Though all his glory was from God, this mighty angel came to regard it as pertaining to himself. Not content with his position, though honored above the heavenly host, he ventured to covet homage due alone to the Creator. Instead of seeking to make God supreme in the affections and allegiance of all created beings, it was his endeavor to secure their service and loyalty to himself. And coveting the glory with which the infinite Father had invested His Son, this prince of angels aspired to power that was the prerogative of Christ alone.*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 2*

Cast out of heaven, Satan's enmity against God found a new field in plotting the ruin of the human race. In the happiness and peace of the holy pair in Eden, he beheld a vision of the bliss that to him was forever lost. Moved by envy, he determined to incite them to disobedience and bring upon them the guilt and penalty of sin. He would change their love to distrust and their songs of praise to reproaches against their Maker. Thus he would not only plunge these innocent beings into the same misery which he himself was enduring, but would cast dishonor upon God and cause grief in heaven. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 3*

Our first parents were not left without a warning of the danger that threatened them. Heavenly messengers opened to them the history of Satan's fall and his plots for their destruction, unfolding more fully the nature of the divine government, which the prince of evil was trying to overthrow. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 4*

Like the angels, the dwellers in Eden had been placed on probation; their happy estate could be retained only on condition of fidelity to the Creator's law. They could obey and live or disobey and perish. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 5*

The tree of knowledge was made the test of their obedience and their love to God. The Lord had seen fit to lay upon them but one prohibition as to the use of all that was in the garden; but if they should disregard His will in this particular, they would incur the guilt of transgression. Satan was not to follow them with continual temptations; he could have access to them only at the forbidden tree. Should they attempt to investigate its nature, they would be exposed to Satan's wiles. They were admonished to give careful heed to the warning which God had sent them and to be content with the instruction which He had seen fit to impart. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 6*

In order to accomplish his work unperceived, Satan chose to employ as his medium the serpent—a disguise well adapted for his purpose of deception. The serpent was then one of the wisest and most beautiful creatures on the earth. It had wings and, while flying through the air, presented an appearance of dazzling brightness, having the color and brilliancy of burnished gold. Resting in the rich-

laden branches of the forbidden tree, and regaling itself with the delicious fruit, it was an object to arrest the attention and delight the eye of the beholder. Thus in the garden of peace lurked the destroyer. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 7*

The angels had cautioned Eve to beware of separating herself from her husband while occupied in their daily labor in the garden; with him she would be in less danger from temptation than if she were alone. But absorbed in her pleasing task, she unconsciously wandered from his side. On perceiving that she was alone, she felt an apprehension of danger, but dismissed her fears, deciding that she had sufficient wisdom and strength to discern evil and to withstand it. Unmindful of the angel's caution, she soon found herself gazing with mingled curiosity and admiration upon the forbidden tree. The fruit was very beautiful, and she questioned with herself why God had withheld it from them. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 8*

Now was the tempter's opportunity. As if he were able to discern the workings of her mind, he addressed her, "Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" [*Genesis 3:1.*] Eve was surprised and startled as she thus seemed to hear the echo of her thoughts. But the serpent continued, in a musical voice, with subtle praise of her surpassing loveliness; and his words were not displeasing. Instead of fleeing from the spot, she lingered wondering to hear the serpent speak. Had she been addressed by a being like the angels, her fears would have been excited; but she had no thought that the fascinating serpent could become the medium of the fallen foe. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 9*

To the tempter's ensnaring question she replied, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die; for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." [*Verses 2-5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 10*

By partaking of this tree, he declared, they would attain to a more

exalted sphere of existence and enter a broader field of knowledge. He himself had eaten of the forbidden fruit and as a result had acquired the power of speech. And he insinuated that the Lord jealously desired to withhold it from them, lest they should be exalted to equality with Himself. It was because of its wonderful properties, imparting wisdom and power, that He had prohibited them from tasting or even touching it. The tempter intimated that the divine warning was not to be actually fulfilled; it was designed merely to intimidate them. How could it be possible for them to die? Had they not eaten of the tree of life? God had been seeking to prevent them from reaching a nobler development and finding greater happiness. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 11*

Satan represented to the holy pair that they would be gainers by breaking the law of God. Though he himself had found sin to result in infinite loss, he concealed his own misery, in order to draw others into the same position. So now the transgressor seeks to disguise his true character; he may claim to be holy; but his exalted profession only makes him the more dangerous as a deceiver. He is on the side of Satan, trampling upon the law of God and leading others to do the same, to their eternal ruin. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 12*

Eve really believed the words of Satan, but her belief did not save her from the penalty of sin. She disbelieved the words of God, and that was what led her to her fall. In the judgment men will not be condemned because they conscientiously believed a lie, but because they did not believe the truth, because they neglected the opportunity of learning what is truth. Notwithstanding the sophistry of Satan to the contrary, it is always disastrous to disobey God. We must set our hearts to know what is truth. All the lessons which God has caused to be placed on record in His Word are for our warning and instruction. They are given to save us from deception. Their neglect will result in ruin to ourselves. Whatever contradicts God's Word we may be sure proceeds from Satan. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 13*

The serpent plucked the fruit of the forbidden tree and placed it in the hands of the half-reluctant Eve. Then he reminded her of her own words, that God had forbidden them to touch it, lest they die.

She would receive no more harm from eating the fruit, he declared, than from touching it. Perceiving no evil results from what she had done, Eve grew bolder. "When she saw that the tree was good for food, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat." [Verse 6.] It was grateful to the taste, and as she ate, she seemed to feel a vivifying power and imagined herself entering upon a higher state of existence. Without fear, she plucked and ate. And, having transgressed herself, she became the agent of Satan in working the ruin of her husband. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 14*

It was by accepting the suggestions of Satan that man fell into sin. The great deceiver misrepresented the character of God. He so worked on the minds of Adam and Eve that he led them to commit sin. They were deceived by his misrepresentations and deceptions. Ever since that time, it has been Satan's work to deceive and mislead the minds of the human family. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 15*

What sadness and suffering have come to our world as a result of Eve's accepting the suggestions of the great deceiver. The guilty race was forbidden access to the tree of life; angels guarded that life-giving tree with a flaming sword, that sin might not be immortalized. They became subject to disease and death. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 16*

### **A Divine Sin-Bearer**

To redeem man from the results of the fall, Christ, the Son of God, volunteered to bear the penalty of transgression. Nearly two thousand years ago a voice of mysterious import was heard in heaven, from the throne of the Highest, "Lo, I come." "Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldst not, but a body hast Thou prepared Me. ... Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of Me,) to do Thy will, O God." [*Hebrews 10:5, 7.*] In these words is announced the purpose that had been hidden from eternal ages. Christ was about to visit our world and to become incarnate. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 17*

Who is this that thus announced His purpose of becoming incarnate

and visiting a guilty world?*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 18*

We ask Isaiah who He is, and he answers, “Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” [*isaiah 9:6.*]*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 19*

We ask John, the beloved disciple, and what does he reply?—“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. ... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, ... full of grace and truth.” [*John 1:1, 3, 14.*]*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 20*

We ask Christ Himself, Who art Thou? and the answer comes, “Before Abraham was, I AM.” “I and My Father are one.” “For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom He will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son.” [*John 8:58; 10:30; 5:21, 22.*]*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 21*

We ask Paul, the chief of the apostles, “Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in His apparel, travelling in the greatness of His strength?” and the apostle breaks forth into words of adoring transport: “Without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” [*Isaiah 63:1; 1 Timothy 3:16.*]*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 22*

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory

of God the Father.” [Philippians 2:5-11.]18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 23

“In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins; who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature; for by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible, and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by Him, and for Him; and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.” [Colossians 1:14-17.]18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 24

The revelator, writing of what he saw in vision on the Isle of Patmos, says:18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 25

“I heard a voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a great voice, Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honor, and glory, and blessing. And every created thing which is in the heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and in the sea, and all things that are in them, heard I saying, Unto Him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb, be the blessing and the honor and the glory and the dominion, forever and ever. And the four living creatures said, Amen. And the elders fell down and worshiped.” [Revelation 5:11-14.]18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 26

Christ left His position in the heavenly courts and came to this earth to live the life of human beings. This sacrifice He made in order to show that Satan’s charge against God is false—that it is possible for man to obey the laws of God’s kingdom. Equal with the Father, honored and adored by the angels, in our behalf Christ humbled Himself and came to this earth to live a life of lowliness and poverty—to be a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Yet the stamp of divinity was upon His humanity. He came as a divine Teacher, to uplift human beings, to increase their physical, mental, and spiritual efficiency.18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 27

There is no one who can explain the mystery of the incarnation of Christ. Yet we know that He came to this earth and lived as a man

among men. The man Christ Jesus was not the Lord God Almighty, yet Christ and the Father are one. The Deity did not sink under the agonizing torture of Calvary, yet it is none the less true that “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.*] *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 28*

In every possible way Satan sought to prevent Jesus from developing a perfect childhood, a faultless manhood, a holy ministry, and an unblemished sacrifice. But he was defeated. He could not lead Jesus into sin. He could not discourage Him or drive Him from the work He had come to this earth to do. From the desert to Calvary the storm of Satan’s wrath beat upon Him, but the more mercilessly it fell, the more firmly did the Son of God cling to the hand of His Father and press on in the blood-stained path. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 29*

Christ was crucified, and in His death the powers of hell seemed to prevail. But even when on the cross the Saviour cried, “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?” He was conqueror over the power of darkness. [*Matthew 27:46.*] When the words, “It is finished” [*John 19:30*], came from His pale, trembling lips, darkness like the darkness of midnight hid His dying agony from the eyes of the spectators. Through long hours of agony He had been gazed upon by the jesting multitude. Now He was mercifully hidden by the mantle of God. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 30*

At His death, there was a violent earthquake. The people were shaken together in heaps. The wildest confusion and consternation ensued. In the surrounding mountains, rocks were rent asunder and went crashing down into the plains. Sepulchers were broken open, and the dead were cast out of their tombs. Creation seemed to be shivering to atoms. It was as if nature itself were protesting against the murder of the Son of God. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 31*

Christ’s death on the cross paid the ransom for every human being. All may overcome, because Christ has made an atonement for the sins of the whole world. To all He offers the power of redeeming grace. But He forces no one to accept this grace. Man is left to make his own choice. Those who will not receive Christ as their



Saviour, and in His power turn from evil, are left to themselves. Christ has died for them in vain. By their sinful lives they crucify the Son of God afresh and put Him to open shame. Unless they change, they can never wear the crown of life.*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 32*

Those who receive Christ, through faith in Him gaining the victory over sin, will meet with the glad recognition from God before the heavenly universe in the last great day.*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 33*

### **Christ's Work**

That which distinguished Christ as the great Medical Missionary, that which gave Him His highest authority, was His power to forgive sins. The Jewish leaders thought that He was assuming a power that did not belong to Him. They did not understand that He had purchased every soul, that human beings were His heritage. Therefore the exercise of His high right shocked the Jewish dignitaries.*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 34*

Had they known Christ as He is revealed in the prophecies, they would have been prepared for His advent and would have received Him as the Messiah. But their understanding was darkened by false conceptions, imaginary ideas, fanciful representations. They were looking for the Messiah to come as a king, to take His place on the throne of David to rule over all the nations. He came as a humble, unknown man, and keenly disappointed, they refused to accept Him.*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 35*

Which were at fault, their preconceived opinions, or the facts as they occurred?*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 36*

I am instructed to say that when men turn aside from a "Thus saith the Lord," because they do not study His Word critically and diligently, they will receive false, fanciful statements and will circulate them by pen and voice. And, because these men occupy positions of responsibility, their fanciful representations will be accepted as truth.*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 37*

Christ exercised His prerogative to forgive sins as in harmony with His divine nature. What did He say to the poor paralytic? “Be of good cheer; thy sins are forgiven thee.” [*Matthew 9:2.*]18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 38

The Pharisees caught at these words as blasphemy and conceived that they could present this as sin worthy of death. They said in their hearts, “He blasphemeth; who can forgive sins but one, even God?” [*Mark 2:7.*]18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 39

Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is it easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins,” He said, turning to the paralytic, “Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.” [*Matthew 9:4-6.*]18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 40

Before giving physical healing, Christ removed the load of sin resting on the paralytic’s heart. He knew what his experience had been. He knew how the priests and rulers had condemned him, charging his suffering upon him as the punishment of justice. The cry of the sick man’s heart had been, “My sins! my sins! What shall I do?” It was not physical restoration that he desired so much as relief from the burden of sin. If he could see Jesus, and receive the assurance of forgiveness and peace with Heaven, he would be content to live or die, according to God’s will. His cry was, “O that I might come into His presence!”18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 41

In healing the paralytic, Christ gave indisputable evidence of His Messiahship, and there were those who went from the scene of the miracle to search as never before the prophecies concerning the Messiah.18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 42

Satan understood Christ’s power. He knew that in his work of afflicting and destroying the race, he had One to contend with who was greater than he. He knew that there was a limit to his own power, that he was standing in opposition to One who could say to him, “Thus far shalt thou go, and no farther.”18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 43

While Christ stood forth as the Son of man, in His own personality,

He was at the same time one with the Deity. He stood within the light surrounding the throne of God, and His words were spoken with power and authority. "The Father is in Me, and I in Him," He declared. [*John 10:38.*] "No man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him." [*Matthew 11:27.*] "Whatsoever the Father doeth, that also doeth the Son likewise." [*John 5:19.*] "I and My Father are one." [*John 10:30.*] "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." [*John 14:9.*] Christ and God are one, and yet they are distinct personalities. Christ spoke with conscious authority, as one possessing in Himself power that would enable Him to perform His work. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 44*

Christ was called a sinner, and the truth of His words was disputed. "He is a sinner," said the Jews. [*John 9:24.*] "He eateth with publicans and sinners," and they sneered at Him for doing this. To the charge Jesus made answer, "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." [*Matthew 9:11, 13.*] To the homes of the publicans He went when invited, sitting at their tables as an honored guest, in word and act setting all present a godly example. Upon their thirsty hearts His words fell with blessed, life-giving power. The questions that He asked shed light into their minds. Wherever He went, He sowed the seeds of truth, confirming the convicted and drawing souls to the light of His wisdom. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 45*

Christ adapted His teaching to the necessities of His hearers. To Him the heart of every man was as an open book, and His words brought light to many a one who was troubled and perplexed in regard to the salvation of their souls. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 46*

On one occasion Jesus entered a synagogue on the Sabbath and saw there a man who had a withered hand. The Pharisees watched Him, eager to see what He would do. The Saviour well knew that in healing on the Sabbath He would be regarded as a transgressor, but He did not hesitate to break down the wall of traditional requirements that barricaded the Sabbath. Jesus bade the afflicted man stand forth, and then asked, "Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath day, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill?" It was a maxim among the Jews that a failure to do good, when one had

opportunity, was to do evil; to neglect to save life was to kill. Thus Jesus met the rabbis on their own ground. “But they held their peace. And when He had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, He saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out; and his hand was restored whole as the other.” [*Mark 3:4, 5.*]*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 47*

How wide the contrast between the spirit of the scribes and Pharisees and the spirit of Christ. No external observance can compensate for the lack of kindness and compassion.*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 48*

When the Pharisees saw what He had done, they “went out, and held a council against Him, how they might destroy Him.” [*Matthew 12:14.*] What was Christ doing while they were thus engaged? He was healing the multitudes that followed Him—doing genuine medical missionary work.*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 49*

In Christ the world was to see what man may and can be by becoming a partaker of the divine nature. The enemy was ever on Christ’s track, ready to discover the first departure from heaven’s law. Could he have discovered the least inconsistency in the Saviour’s life, how he would have exulted. But Christ knew what was at stake. He knew that the salvation of every human being depended on His loyalty to right. Satan could find no inconsistency between Christ’s teaching and His daily life. The law of God was magnified and honored in its living representative.*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 50*

To those who were trying to find spot or stain in His life, Christ could say, “Which of you convinceth Me of sin?” [*John 8:46.*] And there was not one who dared accept the challenge. Never did a word of prevarication or untruth pass His lips. Truth was His authority and gave force to His requirements, His commandments, His reproofs. Truth never languished on His lips, never suffered in His hands. He Himself was truth. “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life,” He declared. [*John 14:6.*] “To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth.” With the freshness of a new revelation, truth fell from His lips. He

was the word and wisdom of God. “Every one that is of the truth heareth My words,” He said. [*John 18:37.*]*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 51*

The words that Christ uttered were not mere sentiment or opinion. They were pure, unadulterated truth. Suppositions and fables never passed His lips. False theories He met as dangerous evils. “No lie is of the truth,” He declared. [*John 2:21.*] He bore a message that unfolded truth of the highest order. “What is the chaff to the wheat,” He said when He heard the words of prevarication and deception. [*Jeremiah 23:28.*] Science was not the theme upon which Christ dwelt. But gospel truth—the truth which had been framed from eternity—entered into His every purpose. His life was one of pure, holy, disinterested benevolence—a life unmarred by the slightest taint of selfishness.*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 52*

Who, I ask, is today learning of Christ? His Word declares that the gospel that He proclaimed was to be preached to all nations for a witness, and that then the end was to come. Who are learning of Christ His meekness and lowliness? Who are Christians, in the true sense of the word? Compare your lives with the pattern. How could you, with the example that many of you are setting, be admitted into the heavenly courts? Who of those who profess to be medical missionaries heed the voice of the great Teacher?*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 53*

Christ’s work is to be more decidedly done by His people. A larger work for Him is to be done in our sanitariums. It is nothing in the favor of any sanitarium that multitudes come to it, unless in coming they become acquainted with the truth for this time and hear the last message of mercy to be given to a fallen world.*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 54*

The Lord has given me a message to bear to His people. I bear it in presenting something of the life of One who died that He might make it possible for human beings to be as He was in this world.*18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 55*

Christ has such infinite fulness that He can supply the needs of all who serve Him in sincerity. He will impart to them every qualification that they require. He gives to all the invitation, “Come unto Me, all

ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” [Matthew 11:28-30.] *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 56*

The submission which Christ asks is that which results from the surrender of the will to the requirements of the gospel. The heart is to fear and tremble at the word of the Lord. How is this preparation for service to be obtained? By earnest prayer; by putting away all selfishness, all human devising, all prevarication. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 57*

We need to understand what a tyrant unsanctified self is and what cruel things it will urge human beings to do. Through it Satan controls mind and judgment until men become depraved, deformed in character. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 58*

When we break away from the tyranny of self and place ourselves under the guidance of Christ, the Holy Spirit takes the things of God and shows them to us, leading us into all truth. On one side Satan frames his deceptive science, to lead minds astray, to take the time that ought to be given to the things of God. On the other hand, Christ holds out the remedy for sin, presenting the clear statements of truth to the sinsick soul with living power, that he may separate himself from the deceptive, lying suppositions of the father of lies, and put into the heart a power that will prepare it to be molded by the Holy Spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 59*

Satan has a variety of scientific lies framed, to be used on special occasions. He waits his opportunity to take souls captive. Christ takes the torch of truth from the divine altar and brings it to those in darkness, that they may see their helplessness and the contrast between their lives and the purity and glory of the truth of God. Let us break away from the enemy. This will take a tremendous struggle. But Christ is our Advocate in the heavenly courts. If we will accept the help that He offers, we shall be enabled to overcome self. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 60*

Shall we not receive the remedy that Christ holds out to us, the remedy that will cleanse the soul from sin? It is a shame to commit sin. The promise is, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to

forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” [1 *John 1:9.*] Let us now confess our sins and put them away, that we may be vessels unto honor, and that at last we may meet the Sin-bearer with joy and not with grief. *18LtMs, Ms 140, 1903, par. 61*

## Ms 141, 1903

### A Warning Against Colonization

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We are nearing the closing scenes of this earth’s history, when the predictions of Revelation, yet unfilled, are to be fulfilled. The book of *Revelation* is now to be studied and understood by the people of God. It does not conceal, but forewarns, telling us what will be in the future. *18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 1*

Our work now is to husband the goods that God has given us, to be true and faithful, and to co-operate with the Lord at every step. Unless we do this, there will be serious misconceptions, and the work that God would have done will not be done. *18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 2*

Medical missionary work is yet in its infancy. The meaning of genuine medical missionary work is known by but few. Why?—Because God’s money has been misapplied. Practical evangelistic work is being done in many places, but the workers who go forth as did the disciples are collected in one place, as they have been in the past, notwithstanding God’s warning that this should not be. *18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 3*

The men and women who should be in the field as medical missionaries, helping those engaged in the gospel ministry, are collected in Battle Creek, acting over the same program that has been acted over in the past, confining the forces, binding them up in one place. God has spoken against this by sending His judgments on the institutions in Battle Creek. But every movement on the part of those heeding the warnings, to change the order of things, has been made very hard by the misconceptions of some regarding the way in which the medical missionary work should be carried forward. *18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 4*



God has not given us the work of erecting immense sanitariums, to be used as health resorts for all who may come. Neither is it His purpose that medical missionary workers shall spend a long term of years in college before they enter the field. Let the young men and women who know the truth go to work, not in places where the truth has been proclaimed, but in places that have not heard the message, and let them work as canvassers and evangelists. Let the teachers of these youth take them away from the place where God has indicated by His judgments that they should not be.*18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 5*

To build up a school in Battle Creek would place our young people under influences that would counteract the influence that God has declared should be exerted on His people in the last days of this earth's history.*18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 6*

I am obliged to say that the making of so large a plant in Battle Creek, calling together those who should be engaged in medical missionary work in many places, is doing just what God has specified should not be done. In the Battle Creek Sanitarium the nurses will be brought into close contact with men and women of the world, who are not inclined to piety or religion. The erection of large buildings in Battle Creek is not according to the light that for years the Lord has been giving. For years God has shown me by revelation that it is a mistake to make Battle Creek a great center. If schools are to be established, let it be out of Battle Creek. And let these schools be carried forward, not after worldly wisdom, but in harmony with the directions that the Lord has given.*18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 7*

The interests that the Lord has declared should not be in Battle Creek are not now to be brought back and re-established in Battle Creek. The force that would be needed in Battle Creek, to carry forward the work of these interests, should be used in doing gospel missionary work in the various cities of America.*18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 8*

“Break up the large centers,” has been the word of the Lord. “Carry the light to many places.” The nurses should understand that the Sanitarium will be conducted too much like an institution of the

world to fit them for medical missionary work.*18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 9*

The work of proclaiming the truth in all parts of the world calls for small sanitariums in many places, not in the heart of the cities, but in many places where city influence will be as little felt as possible.*18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 10*

The fact that many patients are coming to the new Sanitarium in Battle Creek is not to be read as a sign that it was right to rebuild the Sanitarium in Battle Creek. On the contrary, it is to be regarded as a sign that reads the other way. Many men and women will come who are not really sick. Workers will be required to wait on them. But this is not the work that God has given His medical missionaries. Our charge has been given us by the greatest Medical Missionary that this world has ever seen. Standing but a step from His Father's throne, Christ said to His disciples:*18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 11*

“All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” [*Matthew 28:18, 19.*] He did not tell them to establish a seminary in Jerusalem and to gather together students to be instructed in the higher classics. “Go ye into all the world,” He said, “and preach the gospel to every creature,” “teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” [*Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:20.*]*18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 12*

Do not gather together those to whom God has given this commission and make them believe that they have to spend years in college in order to obtain a training for the Lord's work. Christ's presence is of more value than years of training. Let our young people come under the yoke of Christ and by faith go forth as gospel medical missionaries, taking with them the promise, “Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” [*Verse 20.*] Let them go forth two and two, depending on God, not on man, for their wisdom and their success. Let them search the Scriptures, and then present the truths of God's Word to others. Let them be guided by the principles that God has laid down.*18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par.*

Let our ministers who have gained an experience in preaching the Word learn how to give simple treatments and then go forth as medical missionary evangelists. *18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 14*

Workers—gospel medical missionaries—are needed now. We cannot afford to spend years in preparation. Soon doors now open to the truth will be forever closed. Carry the message now. Do not wait, allowing the enemy to take possession of fields now open before you. Let little companies go forth to do the work to which Christ appointed His disciples. Let them labor as evangelists, scattering our publications, talking of the truth to those they meet, praying for the sick, and, if need be, treating them, not with drugs, but with nature's remedies. Let the workers remember always that they are dependent on God. Let them not trust in human beings for wisdom, but in the One who declares, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." [*Verse 18.*] Thus we labored in the early history of the message. *18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 15*

My brother, my sister, you have your Bible. It is your directory. When Christ reveals His power to you, there will go with you an influence that will bring success. You are needed in the field. You will go directly contrary to the way that God has marked out if you trust in man and make flesh your arm. I raise the danger signal. What message has God given you? Is it that you are to teach what this doctor says or what that doctor says? No, no! You are to teach, Christ declares, "all things whatsoever I have commanded you." [*Verse 20.*] Do as Jesus has told you to do, uniting your heart with His heart, your mind with His mind; and you will be blessed in your work. When you get into difficulty, come together, and bring the matter to the Lord. He will hear your prayers. Do not trust in your own wisdom. Ask God, and He will help you. But however prudent or however wise a man may seem to be, without the help that Christ bestows, he will never make a success. *18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 16*

"Then began He to upbraid the cities wherein most of His mighty works were done, because they repented not." [*Matthew 11:20.*] Light was given them, but they were not willing to renounce their

worldly-wise plans and their sinful practices. They repented not under the mighty influence of the Holy Spirit, but clung to their natural and cultivated tendencies to wrong.*18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 17*

“Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida!” Christ continued; “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 unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell; for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.” [*Verses 21-24.*]*18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 18*

These words are applicable to Battle Creek.*18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 19*

“At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.” [*Verse 25.*] “The wise and prudent”—those who think themselves wise. God’s Word is to be studied. Divine revelations will be made to those who seek for wisdom that comes from above.*18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 20*

“All things are delivered unto Me of My Father; and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him.” “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” [*Verses 27-30.*]*18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 21*

This counsel, acted upon, will unite us with the greatest Teacher that the world has ever seen. He has set an example that it will always be safe for us to follow. But human teachers often exhibit unchristlike traits of character. They often set a wrong example.

They often cherish wrong sentiments in regard to religious things and give explanations of the Scriptures that they and their students have to unlearn. *18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 22*

Christ's lessons are simple and easily comprehended. Those who wear His yoke jealously guard the mind, the heart, the practices from anything that would bring dishonor to the Saviour. They remember that Christ is their Teacher, and that they must not make rash statements. *18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 23*

Human theories are followed in the schools where human wisdom guides. The knowledge gained in these schools shows that divine guidance is needed. Many things are taught that are not a help, but a hindrance. Christ, the great Teacher, says, "Learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart." [*Verse 29.*] The education that I will give will prune from you the ambitious desire to exalt self and to speak great swelling words of self-importance. Christ wants men to obey His directions. He wants them to work as He worked. He will teach and lead the one whose heart is meek and lowly. *18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 24*

God calls for a reformation among those who know the truth. A mere intellectual assent to the truth is worthless. Unless our hearing of the truth is accompanied by conviction, and by a faithful practice of the truth, trial and persecution will find us unprepared. We shall not be able to stand the test; for we have entwined ourselves about frail human supports. *18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 25*

Christ is our only hope. He will receive us and lead us into all truth if we come to Him. But we must surrender wholly to Him. He says, "He that is not with Me is against Me, and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad. Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men; but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him; but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." [*Matthew 12:30-32.*] *18LtMs, Ms 141, 1903, par. 26*

## Ms 142, 1903

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“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 3:12-19.*]18*LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 1*

Many of the Auditing Committee have not been men wise concerning the things which they were handling. Wrong decisions have been made, born of self in lack of sound judgment. Those who were counted worthy to hold forth the Word of life and minister to souls ready to perish deserve different treatment from that which they have received. The Auditing Committee has not always tried, with most humble prayer for guidance, to act in every case toward the servants of Jesus Christ as they would to the person of Christ, or as they themselves would wish to be treated. But, said Christ, “Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not

to me.” [Matthew 25:45.] *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 2*

It is a very serious matter that men, by the word of their own mouth, and some in a hardened, sang-froid manner have decided what means shall go to the workers in the field. If a worker has been unfortunate enough to make a mistake or to incur the displeasure of the men sitting in judgment upon these matters, words are spoken in disparagement that do not give the one accused a fair chance to explain himself. Hasty decisions are made, and the discouragement brought to the mind by these things is not small. But as the workers are scattered, and no one goes to their homes to inquire in regard to these matters, the brethren are entirely ignorant as to the result of their decisions. Some few, who have had the courage to protest, have been treated in a discourteous, arbitrary, and overbearing manner. It cannot be said of the men who have acted thus, as the unholy scribe said of Jesus, “Master, we know that Thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest Thou for any man: for Thou regardest not the person of men.” [Matthew 22:16.] *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 3*

I will give you a chapter in my experience. We have found it necessary to build a home, and have hired carpenters, painters, and others to do the several portions of the work. The masterworkman has two dollars per day, working eight hours only. As soon as the eight hours are over, the tools are laid aside, and work ceases. These men do not receive according to the amount of work done, but according to the hours worked. If a man is not an apt, quick worker, but loiters over his work, that is the loss of the one who pays him. Another may be a much quicker workman, showing that he has intellect and can use it; his aptitude and correct judgment may be a treasure to him and a satisfaction to his employer; but he may receive only the same wages. After the week’s work is done, and the payment is made, the amount of work done has nothing to do with the sum received. A slow, unprofitable man never thinks it his duty to make up for his want of sharp thought, but receives his pay as his right. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 4*

These men have not the burden of dealing with human minds. Senseless timber and building material are all they are dealing with.

They can hammer just as hard and loud and energetically as they please, and it hurts not the soulless material. But God's shepherds, who are to watch as well as labor for souls, as they that must give an account, cannot work in this way. The chosen missionary must go forth under all circumstances, moving his family from place to place, from country to country. This moving is expensive; for this one move has cost us about 125 pounds sterling. In order to exert a good influence, the wife of a missionary must set a proper example in neat and tidy dress. Her children must be educated and trained with much painstaking effort; for everything must be made to tell in missionary lines. The laborer who represents Christ must dress plainly and yet properly, as becoming a minister of Christ. The ministers of our Conferences cannot say that they have a home; for they are sometimes in this country and sometimes in that. The people for whom they labor are poor; but Christ came to preach the gospel to the poor, for He says: *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 5*

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me; because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.” [*Isaiah 61:1-3.*] *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 6*

This is the work the Lord's shepherds are required to do. Money is consumed in traveling from place to place, in settling and unsettling every few months, in buying household goods and selling them or venturing transportation. The entire family have no release from their efforts; for they must always appear cheerful and fresh, that they may bring sunshine into the minds of those who need help. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 7*

The question has been asked me, “Are you employed by the General Conference?” I am. “How many hours do you give?” Hours? God's servants keep no record of hours. We must be ready in season and out of season to speak to this young man and that



young woman, to write letters to those in peril, and to hold interviews requiring the most earnest, anxious labor, praying for and with the erring and the tempted. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 8*

My practice is to arise at three o'clock A.M. and write twelve or fifteen pages for the papers before my breakfast. Those who write, as well as talk, the truth, have double labor. The eight-hour system finds no place in the program of the minister of God. He must watch his chance to minister; he must be ready to entertain visitors. He must keep up life and energy of character; for he cannot exert a pleasing, saving influence if he is languid. If he occupies responsible positions, he must be prepared to attend board and council meetings, spending hours of wearisome brain- and nerve-taxing labor, while others are asleep, in devising and planning with his co-laborers. Who among God's workers counts his hours of labor as do mechanics? Yet this kind of labor taxes the mind and draws upon every fiber of the being in such a way as the common laborer cannot appreciate. "When do you find opportunity to throw off care and responsibility?" I am asked; and I answer, At no period of time can I lay down the burden. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 9*

I wish my brethren to take this as a representation of the truth, and no fiction. Those who have a due appreciation of service are God's minute men and must say with Isaiah, "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." [*Isaiah 6:8.*] Those who are laborers together with God must ever consider the duties devolving upon a gospel minister. He cannot say, I am my own; I will do what I please with my time. No one who has given his life to God's work as His minister lives unto himself. His work is to follow Christ, to yoke up with Christ, and to be a willing agent and co-worker with the Master, receiving His Spirit day by day, and working as Christ worked, neither failing nor being discouraged. He is chosen of God as a faithful instrument to promote missionary work in all lands and must ponder well the path he travels. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 10*

Will my brethren consider these things which the Lord has brought before my mind in a most impressive manner? Will those who have never carried the burden of such work, and who suppose that the chosen and faithful ministers of God have an easy time, bear in

mind that the sentinels of God are on duty constantly? Their labor is not measured by hours. When their accounts are audited, if selfish men shall, with voice or stroke of pen, limit the worker in his wages, they discourage and depress him. Every minister must have a salvage to work upon, that he may have something with which to lead out in good enterprises, building churches and advancing the cause of God in every line, pushing the work with zeal and laying up in store for himself a good foundation, against the time to come, that he may lay hold on eternal life. "For I the Lord love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering." [*Isaiah 61:8.*] And He tells us, "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn." [*1 Corinthians 9:9.*] This is a figure of those who work under the eye of God to advance His cause in lifting the minds of men from the contemplation of earthly things to the heavenly. These God loves, and He would have men respect their rights. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 11*

Organization is a good thing, but I have the word of the Lord plain and decisive, that all who see the necessity of organization must themselves become an example by being organized and carrying out to the letter the principles of organization in their life practice. It means a great deal to be missionaries in heart and voice and action. Organization, carried out in the life as God means it shall be, brings to every soul who is engaged in the work of God a submission to the divine will of God. It leads them to give themselves to God, to be worked by His Holy Spirit. Any one who supposes that it does not mean this is no longer to stand in responsible positions, having voice to control in the great closing work for these last days. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 12*

A zeal, not at all after the likeness of Christ, not at all after His Word, has been manifested by men who are not in subjection to God to bring their fellow men into subjection to their plans and ideas. But the meek and lowly Jesus is our pattern. He had all self-denial, all subjection to God, and yet all the ambition of a conqueror. He longs to extend His sway over every human mind; but O, how unlike the meekness of His Spirit is the spirit of men placed in positions of power by their fellow men! Christ longs to manifest His grace and stamp His character and image upon the whole world. He was offered the kingdoms of this world by the one

who revolted in heaven to buy His homage to the principles of evil, but He would not be bought. Satan knew that if he could not overthrow Christ with his masterly temptations, he would lose all he had tried to gain in heaven—to be first and have absolute authority. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 13*

The world's Redeemer hungered and thirsted for sympathy and cooperation, that His kingdom might extend and embrace the whole world. He bought the whole earthly territory; it is His purchased inheritance, and He would have man free and pure and holy as the character of God. For the joy that was set before Him, He endured the cross and despised the shame. His earthly pilgrimage of toil and self-sacrifice was cheered by the prospect that He would not have all this travail for naught, but would win back the world to its loyalty to God by giving His life for the life of the world. And there are triumphs yet to be accomplished through the blood shed for the world, that will bring everlasting joy to God and to the Lamb. The heathen will be given Him for His inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession. Christ will not be satisfied till His victory is complete. He will see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 14*

But those who care for the glory of Jesus Christ will not swell themselves into large proportions, as some have done in connection with the cause and work of God. Their course has been one which hurts and wounds and forces. They work after the line in which the great deceiver has worked since he fell. They would not submit to be ruled and controlled by the Holy Spirit, but have had the spirit of forcing everything to their own ideas, when their brethren in the faith were conscientiously seeking to share the sympathy of Christ, and rejoiced in the success of Christ's work. These men must be converted, or their hands will slip off the work, and they, who so eagerly and selfishly sought to work others, will be lost. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 15*

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### **Proper Remuneration for Ministers**

*Testimony for the Church 32:130, 131; Testimonies for the Church*

Instead of bringing the expense of the work down to a low figure, it is your duty to bring the minds of the people to understanding that the "laborer is worthy of his hire." [Luke 10:7.] ... The churches need to be impressed with the fact that it is their duty to deal honestly with the cause of God, not allowing the guilt of the worst robbery to rest upon them, that of robbing God in tithes and offerings. When settlements are made with the laborers in His cause, they should not be forced to accept small remuneration because there is a lack of money in the treasury. Many have been defrauded of their just dues in this way, and it is just as criminal in the sight of God as for one to keep back the wages of those who are employed in any other regular business. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 17*

There are men of ability who would like to go out and labor in our several Conferences; but they have no courage, for they must have means to support their families. It is the worst kind of generalship to allow a Conference to stand still or to fail to settle its honest debts. There is a great deal of this done; and whenever it is done, God is displeased. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 18*

If the presidents and other laborers in our Conferences impress upon the minds of the people the character of the crime of robbing God, and if they have a true spirit of devotion and a burden for the work, God will make their labors a blessing to the people, and fruit will be seen as the result of their efforts. Ministers have failed greatly in their duty to so labor with the churches. There is important work to be done aside from that of preaching. Had this been done, as God designed it should be, there would have been many more laborers in the field than there now are. And had the ministers done their duty in educating every member, whether rich or poor, to give as God had prospered him, there would be a full treasury from which to pay the honest debts to the workers, and this would greatly advance missionary work in all their borders. God has shown to me that many souls are in danger of eternal ruin through selfishness and worldliness; and the watchmen are guilty, for they have neglected their duty. This is a state of things that Satan exults to see. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 19*

All branches of the work belong to the ministers. It is not God's order that some one should follow after them and bind off their unfinished work. It is not the duty of the Conference to be at the expense of employing other laborers to follow after and pick up the stitches dropped by negligent workers. It is the duty of the president of the Conference to have an oversight of the laborers and their work and to teach them to be faithful in these things; for no church can prosper that is robbing God. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 20*

The Word of God speaks of the "hire of the laborers, ... which is of you kept back by fraud." [*James 5:4.*] This is generally understood to apply to wealthy men who employ servants and do not pay them for their labor; but it has a broader meaning than this. It applies with great force to those who have been enlightened by the Spirit of God and yet in any degree work upon the same principle that these men do hiring servants grinding them down to the lowest price. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 21*

*Testimonies for the Church 2:339, 340* *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 22*

Some go from their homes to labor in the gospel field, but do not act as though the truths which they speak were a reality to them. Their actions show that they have not experienced the saving power of the truth themselves. When out of the desk, they appear to have no burden for the truth. They labor sometimes apparently to profit, but more frequently to no profit. Such feel as much entitled to the wages they receive as though they had earned them; notwithstanding their unconsecration has cost more labor, anxiety, and pain of heart to those laborers who have the burden of the work upon them than all their efforts have done good. Such are not profitable workmen. But they will have to bear this responsibility themselves. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 23*

*Testimonies for the Church 2:340, 341, 344, 345* *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 24*

The churches give of their means to sustain the ministers in their labors. What have they to encourage them in their liberality? Some ministers labor from month to month and accomplish so little that the churches become disheartened; they cannot see that anything

is being done to convert souls to the truth or to make those who are church members more spiritual or fervent in their love to God and His truth. Those who are handling sacred things should be wholly consecrated to the work. ...*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 25*

A faithful shepherd will not study his own ease and convenience, but will labor for the interest of the sheep. ... He has but one object in view: to save the wandering and lost sheep, at whatever expense it may be to himself. His wages will not influence him in his labor, nor turn him from his duty. He has received his commission from the Majesty of heaven, and he expects his reward when the work entrusted to him is done. ...*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 26*

Selfish interest must be swallowed up in deep anxiety for the salvation of souls. Some ministers have labored, not because they dared not do otherwise, not because the woe was upon them, but having in view the wages they were to receive. Said the angel, "Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for naught? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for naught. I have no pleasure in you, saith the Lord of Hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand." [*Malachi 1:10.*]*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 27*

It is entirely wrong to hire every errand that is done for the Lord. The treasury of the Lord has been drained by those who have been only an injury to the cause. If ministers give themselves wholly to the work of God, and devote all their energies to building up His cause, they will have no lack. As regards temporal things, they have a better portion than their Lord and better than His chosen disciples, whom He sent forth to save perishing man. Our great Exemplar, who was in the brightness of His Father's glory, was despised and rejected of men.*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 28*

*Testimonies for the Church 3:496**18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 29*

Independent men of earnest endeavor are needed, not men as impressible as putty. Those who want their work made ready to their hand, who desire a fixed amount to do and a fixed salary, and who wish to prove an exact fit without the trouble of adaptation or training, are not the men whom God calls to work in His cause. A man who cannot adapt his abilities to almost any place if necessity

requires is not the man for this time. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 30*

*Testimonies for the Church 1:375, 376* *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 31*

The last merciful message is entrusted to God's humble, faithful servants of this time. God has led along those who would not shun responsibility and has laid burdens upon them and has through them presented to His people a plan of systematic benevolence in which all can engage and work in harmony. This system has been carried out and has worked like magic. It liberally sustains the preachers and the cause. ... Everything is made convenient and easy for the preachers, that they may work, free from embarrassment. Our people have taken hold with a will and an interest which is not to be found among any other class. And God is displeased with preachers who now complain and fail to throw their whole energies into this all-important work. They are without excuse; yet some are deceived and think that they are sacrificing much, and are having a hard time, when they really know nothing about suffering, self-denial, or want. ... *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 32*

Some have thought it would be easier to labor with their hands and have often expressed their choice to do so. Such do not know what they are talking about. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 33*

*Testimonies for the Church 1:443* *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 34*

The future usefulness of young preachers depends much upon the manner in which they enter upon their labors. Brethren who have the cause of God at heart are so anxious to see the truth advance that they are in danger of doing too much for ministers who have not been proved by helping them liberally to means and giving them influence. Those who enter the gospel field should be left to earn themselves a reputation, even if it must be through trials and privations. They should first give proof of their ministry. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 35*

*Testimonies for the Church 1:446* *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 36*

Men who are chosen of God to labor in this cause will give proof of

their high calling and will regard it as their highest duty to grow and improve until they shall become able workmen. Then, as they manifest an earnestness to improve upon the talent which God has entrusted to them, they should be helped judiciously. But the encouragement given them should not savor of flattery, for Satan himself will do enough of that kind of work. Men who think that they have a duty to preach should not be sustained in throwing themselves and their families at once upon the brethren for support. They are not entitled to this until they can show good fruits of their labor. There is danger now of injuring young preachers, and those who have but little experience, by flattery and by relieving them of burdens in life. When not preaching, they should be doing what they can for their own support. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 37*

MS. published in *Gospel Workers, 306, 307 [1892 edition]* *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 38*

When missions are opened in foreign lands, it is of especial importance that the work be started right. The laborers should be careful that they do not restrict it by narrow plans. While the state of the treasury demands that economy be exercised, there is danger of an economy which results in loss rather than gain. This has actually been the case in some of our missions where the workers have bent their powers almost wholly to planning how to get along in the least expensive manner. With different management, far more might have been accomplished; and on the whole less means would have been taken from the treasury. ... *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 39*

Much wisdom is needed in planning how to bring the truth before the people. In some places the work must begin in a small way and advance slowly. This is all that the laborers can do. But in many places a wider and more decided effort might be made at the outset, with good results. The work in England might now be much further advanced than it is if our brethren, at the beginning of the work there, had not tried to work in so cheap a way. If they had hired good halls and carried forward the work as though we had great truths, which would surely be victorious, they would have had greater success. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 40*



MSS. published in *Gospel Workers*, 356-358 [1892 edition]18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 41

Our missionary workers must learn to economize. The largest reservoir, though fed by abundant and living springs, will fail to supply the demand if there are leakages which drain off the supply. It must not be left for one man to decide whether a certain field will warrant large efforts. If the workers in one field so fashion the work as to incur large expenses, they are barring the way so that other important fields—fields which perhaps would better warrant the outlay—cannot be entered. Our youngest laborers must be content to work their way among the people slowly and surely, under the advice of those who have had more experience. ... A more humble manner of working would show good results. ... All should strive by wise management and earnest labor to gather enough to pay their own expenses. They should labor to make the cause self-sustaining and should teach the people to rely upon themselves.18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 42

Our ministers should not feel at liberty to pay large sums for halls in which to hold meetings, when they do not feel the burden of following up the interest by personal labor. The results are too uncertain to warrant the using up of means so rapidly. ... It is not wisdom for a single individual to strike out as though he had some great talent, as though he were a Moody or a Sankey, and make a lavish outlay of means. ...18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 43

Our laborers must learn to exercise economy, not only in their efforts to advance the cause of truth, but in their own home expenses. They should locate their families where they can be cared for at as little expense as possible. ... One family may require for its support twice the amount that would suffice for another family of the same size. In the article this is shown to be through many little leaks, and by mismanagement and lack of tact and skill, and by the disability of the wife to save.18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 44

Those who have not habits of economy should learn the lesson at once. All should learn how to keep accounts. Some neglect this work as nonessential, but this is wrong. All expenses should be accurately stated. This is something that many of our laborers will

have to learn. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 45*

*Testimonies for the Church 3:20818LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 46*

Every opportunity should be improved to extend the truth to other nations. This will be attended with considerable expense, but expense should in no case hinder the performance of this work. Money is of value only as it is used to advance the interest of the kingdom of God. The Lord has lent men means for this very purpose, to use in sending the truth to their fellow men. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 47*

MS. published in *Gospel Workers, 173 [1892 edition]* *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 48*

Some of our ministers feel that they must every day perform some labor that they can report to the Conference. And as the result of trying to do this, their efforts are too often weak and inefficient. They should have periods of rest, of entire freedom from taxing labor. But these cannot take the place of daily physical exercise. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 49*

*Special Testimonies, Series A 10:17-19; March 14, 189718LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 50*

Ministers have just as much right to their wages as have the workers employed in the Review and Herald office and the laborers in the Pacific Press publishing house. A great robbery has been practiced in the meager wages paid to some of the workers. If they give their time and thought and labor to the service of the Master, they should have wages enough to supply their families with food and clothing. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 51*

The tithe is required of the minister. He does his share according to his ability and should receive his due. The ministers are often placed where they have to lead out in donations in the places where they labor and in defraying the expenses of tents, besides providing food for themselves. Many have families at home to support. If they were not traveling from place to place, less expensive clothing could be worn; the extra money paid for tents and camp-meetings and in donations so frequently leave them no surplus that they feel

restrained from acting a part in various enterprises which they would be pleased to participate in. This is expected of them, and in order to do this, they pledge. This pledge they are often a long time in paying; it hangs upon them as a debt which they are frequently unable to lift. It is a great self-denial on the part of these men to thus separate from their families. They are forced to take up with all kinds of fare and to eat all kinds of food, especially in countries where the standard of truth is first lifted. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 52*

The light which the Lord has given me on this subject is that the means in the treasury for the support of the ministers in the different fields is not to be used for any other purpose. If an honest tithe were paid, and the money coming into the treasury were carefully guarded, the ministers would receive a just wage. The Auditing Committee has often been composed of men who were farmers. These could dress in coarse clothing appropriate for the work they were doing. They raised all they needed as a family to subsist upon, and they knew not what the outlay of a minister must necessarily be when he goes into a new field to labor for perishing souls. The outlook is often hard and discouraging. Some fields, when the work is first opened up, are encouraging; but there are other fields which are not so. Both must receive the truth. The minister must labor and pray. He must visit the different families. Frequently he finds the people so poor that they have little to eat and no room in which to sleep. Often means have to be given to the very needy to supply their hunger and cover their nakedness. Then what injustice to have a company of men as Auditing Committee who, by a dash of the pen, will disappoint a distressed minister who is in need of every cent that he has been led to expect. There would be just as much fairness in having a committee decide whether the men employed in our institutions should have their stipulated wages or should have them curtailed as the human agent—who will himself be in no wise affected by the strait places they may pass through—shall decide. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 53*

### **Business Meetings**

MS. published in *Gospel Workers, 229-232 [1892 edition]* *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 54*

In all our business meetings, as well as our social and religious meetings, we want Jesus by our side as a Judge and Counselor. There will be no tendency to lightness where the presence of the Saviour is recognized. Self will not be made prominent. There will be a realization of the importance of the work that is to be done. There will be a desire that the plans to be laid may be directed by Him who is mighty in counsel. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 55*

Could our eyes but be opened, we would behold the angels of heaven in our assemblies. Could we but realize this, there would be no desire to hold to our opinions upon important points, which so often retard the process of the meeting and the work. If there were more real praying done, if there were more solemn consideration given to weighty matters, the tone of our business meetings would be changed, elevated. All would feel that the assembly had met to lay plans for the advancement of the work and that the object of the work is only to save souls. ...*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 56*

All that we do, and all that we say, is transferred to the books of heaven. Let us not be guilty of bringing down God's work to the level of common business transactions. Our standard must be high; our minds must be elevated. ...*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 57*

In our business meetings, it is important that precious time should not be consumed in debating points that are of small consequence. The habit of petty criticism should not be indulged. ...*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 58*

In our business connection with the work of God, and in handling sacred things, we cannot be too careful to guard against a spirit of irreverence; never, for an instant, should the Word of God be used deceitfully to carry a point which we are anxious to see succeed. ... Our every thought, word, and action should be subject to the will of Christ. Levity is not appropriate in meetings where the solemn work and Word of God are under consideration. ... Let us bear in mind that Jesus is in our midst. Then an elevating, controlling influence from the Spirit of God will pervade the assembly. There will be manifested that wisdom which is from above, that is first pure, then peaceable, full of mercy and good fruits, which cannot err. In all the plans and decisions there will be that charity that "seeketh not her

own;” which is “not easily provoked,” that “thinketh no evil.” [1 *Corinthians 13:5.*] ... Self must be hid in Jesus, then the judgment will not be one-sided and warped, so that there can be no dispassionate decisions. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 59*

MS. published in *Gospel Workers, 175 [1892 edition]* *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 60*

Do not engage in brain labor immediately after a meal. Exercise moderately, and give a little time for the stomach to begin its work. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 61*

This is not a matter of trifling importance. We must pay attention to it if healthful vigor and a right tone are to be given to the various branches of the work. The character and efficiency of the work depend largely upon the physical condition of the workers. Many committee meetings, and other meetings for counsel, have taken an unhappy tone from the dyspeptic condition of those assembled. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 62*

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#### **Unpublished MS.**

Those who made and executed the plans appropriating God's intrusted money in large wages for themselves were not profited thereby in a single instance, although they may imagine that they were. In accepting this money they revealed that they could not be trusted to handle the Lord's goods. This action will stand against them, revealing that they were actuated by principles that God has not given us any liberty to adopt in His work. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 63*

The action in this matter instituted in \_\_\_\_\_ robbed the cause of God of money which He would have employed in advancing the work where the banner of truth has not been uplifted. The payment of such large wages was entirely contrary to the plan of God in any line of His work; it was contrary to the example of Christ in His life. The greatest Teacher the world ever knew gave every institution in our world a pattern of self-denying, self-sacrificing principle. *18LtMs,*

Those who change God's order of things in order to follow the counsel of selfish men will be prompted to cut down the wages of men whose work is, in the sight of God, of such a character that through Him their influence is bringing means into the treasury to sustain His cause. All this departure from the light that God has given is turning the back to God and not the face. This action before the universe of heaven and before men reveals the character and disposition of the men who are handling sacred things. And under the inspiration of the same selfish spirit these very men, if they see a chance, will cut down the wages of the laborers in the vineyard of the Lord without their consent and without understanding their situation. In many cases this action brings families into strait places, and those who have the power in their hands know little what may be the consequences of deducting from the wages of the laborers. It is just as much the right of the ones employed in this cause to have a voice in such transactions as it is of men employed in various branches of trade. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 65*

God's cause can afford to be fair and true, it can afford to deal on right principles. When any such work as cutting down wages is contemplated, let a circular be published setting forth the true situation, and then ask those employed by the Conference if, under pressure of lack of means, they could do with less means of support. All the arrangements with those in God's service should be conducted as a sacred transaction between man and his fellow man. Men have no right to handle things as coolly and indifferently as they have done, treating the workers together with God as though they were inanimate objects to be handled about, without any voice or expression of their own. I have been shown that men have sat on the auditing committees who have not had discrimination or judgment. Farmers who have no real understanding of the situation of the workers have again and again brought real oppression and want into families. Their management has given occasion for the enemy to tempt and discourage the workers, and in some cases has driven them from the field. It is not justice nor righteousness to deal in so cool a manner with this phase of the work. God is not glorified by any such arrangements. The inward fountain of life needs cleansing, and the human will

needs to be under the sanctification of the Spirit of God.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 66*

Many know little of what this means, “Putting on the new man, which after Christ is created in righteousness and true holiness.” [*Ephesians 4:24.*] The work of the Holy Spirit is to fashion the man after Christ’s likeness. The man is not to use the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit is to use the man. Read *1 Peter 3:8-12; Matthew 5:7-9, 13-16; 7:15-20.*<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 67*

“Work out your own salvation with”—a pompous, overbearing spirit? —No; if this is to be a doer of the Word, many connected with our institutions will receive a reward. But the Word of the Lord is, “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” [*Philippians 2:12, 13.*] “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, 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 walk (work) in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.” [*Galatians 5:22-26.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 68*

God sees every transaction: nothing is hid from Him. There is too much responsibility assumed by men who have not cultivated the love and compassion and sympathy and tenderness that characterized the life of Christ. In dealing with some of their brethren who have not followed their counsel or who may have questioned their course of action or whom may have had dealings with them that did not please them, they manifest no love, although these souls are the purchase of the blood of Christ and may be more precious in the sight of God because of their simplicity and their integrity in maintaining the right at any cost. When the brethren who for some reason dislike these persons have a chance, they will give encouragement to a spirit that is in harmony with the attributes of Satan rather than the Spirit of the living God. They will do things to hurt their souls and will manage in such a manner as to humble and oppress them. These souls are God’s property, precious in His sight, and He will judge those who do things of this character. It is time that all such transactions were repented of, and these sins

were going beforehand to the judgment that they may be blotted out. When the Holy Spirit shall work upon the minds of the human agents and bring these things to remembrance, will they confess their sins? Will they make everything right with their brethren?*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 69*

Let the prayer go up to God, "Create in me a clean heart;" for a pure, cleansed soul has Christ abiding therein, and out of the heart are the issues of life. [*Psalm 51:10.*] The human will is to be yielded to Christ. Instead of passing on, closing the heart in selfishness, there is need of opening the heart to the sweet influences of the Spirit of God. Practical religion breathes its fragrance everywhere. It is a savor of life unto life.*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 70*

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*MS. 43a, 1898*

#### **The Laborer is Worthy of His Hire**

Some matters have been presented to me in regard to the laborers who are seeking to do all in their power to win souls to Jesus Christ. The ministers are paid for their work, and this is well. And if the Lord gives the wife as well as the husband the burden of labor, and if she devotes her time and her strength to visiting from family to family, opening the Scriptures to them, although the hands of ordination have not been laid upon her, she is accomplishing a work that is in the line of ministry. Should her labors be counted as naught, and her husband's salary be no more than that of the servant of God whose wife does not give herself to the work, but remains at home to care for her family?*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 71*

While I was in America, I was given light upon this subject. I was instructed that there are matters that need to be considered. Injustice has been done to women who labor just as devotedly as their husbands, and who are recognized by God as being as necessary to the work of ministry as their husbands. The method of paying men laborers and not their wives is a plan not after the Lord's order. Injustice is thus done. A mistake is made. The Lord does not favor this plan. This arrangement, if carried out in our



Conferences, is liable to discourage our sisters from qualifying themselves for the work they should engage in. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 72*

A mistake is made when the burden of the work is left entirely upon the ministers. This plan was certainly arranged without the mind of God. Some women are now teaching young women how to work successfully as visitors and Bible readers. Women who work in the cause of God should be given wages proportionate to the time they give to the work. God is a God of justice, and if the ministers receive a salary for their work, their wives, who devote themselves just as interestedly to the work as laborers together with God, should be paid in addition to the wages their husbands receive, notwithstanding that they may not ask this. As the devoted minister and his wife engage in the work, they should be paid proportionate to the wages of two distinct workers, that they may have means to use as they shall see fit in the cause of God. The Lord has put His Spirit upon them both. If the husband should die, and leave his wife, she is fitted to continue her work in the cause of God and receive wages for the labor she performs. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 73*

Seventh-day Adventists are not in any way to belittle woman's work. If a woman puts her housework in the hands of a faithful, prudent helper, and leaves her children in good care, while she engages in the work, the Conference should have wisdom to understand the justice of her receiving wages. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 74*

Women helped our Saviour by uniting with Him in His work. And the great apostle Paul writes, "Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord. And I entreat thee also, true yoke fellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellow laborers, whose names are in the book of life." [*Philippians 4:1-3.*] *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 75*

If women do the work that is not the most agreeable to many of those who labor in word and doctrine, and if their works testify that they are accomplishing a work that has been manifestly neglected,

should not such labor be looked upon as being as rich in results as the work of the ordained ministers? Should it not command the hire of the laborer? Would not such workers be defrauded if they were not paid?*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 76*

This question is not for men to settle. The Lord has settled it. You are to do your duty to the women who labor in the gospel, whose work testifies that they are essential to carrying the truth into families. Their work is just the work that must be done. In many respects a woman can impart knowledge to her sisters that a man cannot. The cause would suffer great loss without this kind of labor. Again and again the Lord has shown me that women teachers are just as greatly needed to do the work to which He has appointed them as are men. They should not be compelled by the sentiments and rules of others to depend upon donations for their payment any more than should the ministers.*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 77*

Letters have come to me from several, asking my advice upon the question, Should ministers' wives adopt infant children? Would I advise them to do this kind of work? To some who were regarding this matter favorably I answered, No; God would have you help your husband in his work. The Lord has not given you children of your own; His wisdom is not to be questioned. He knows what is best. Consecrate your powers to God as a Christian worker. You can help your husband in many ways. You can support him in his work by writing for him, by keeping your intellect improved. By using the ability God has given you, you can be a homekeeper. And more than this, you can help to give the message. There are women who should labor in the gospel ministry. In many respects they would do more good than the ministers who neglect to visit the flock of God. Husband and wife may unite in this work, and when it is possible, they should. The way is open for consecrated women. But the enemy would be pleased to have the women whom God could use to help hundreds, binding up their time and strength on one helpless little mortal that requires constant care and attention.*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 78*

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Extracts from testimony addressed "To My Brethren in Responsible

Positions in the Work,” received April 2, 1899: *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 79*

“Has there not been seen in modern Israel manifestations similar to these? (Referring to rebellion on return of twelve spies.) Has not the loud, boisterous voice of rebellion been heard in your council meetings and in your board meetings? Has not human prejudice been revealed as you have settled up accounts with the ministers? The spirit manifested by the men belonging to the auditing committee showed that these men were as destitute of the divine nature and the Spirit and grace of God as the hills of Gilboa were destitute of dew and rain. This is where Elder Olsen’s influence should have been seen and felt as was the influence of Caleb and Joshua. He was responsible for the injustice done in those meetings when he suffered evil, unprincipled actions to go unrepented. His voice could have turned the whole current of the stream of evil that was by his silence encouraged to swell to immense proportions. Men having no experimental knowledge of ministerial work should never be called to the auditing committee. The Lord has spoken regarding this matter: ‘Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. And let them judge the people at all seasons.’ [*Exodus 18:21, 22.*] *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 80*

“These men are to be carefully selected. They are to be men who have moral perception, men who are acquainted with the work they are handling. God declares, Behold, all souls are Mine. He has said again and again that He is present in all your council meetings, in all your auditing of accounts. He knows just how every person is dealt with, and He keeps a record of all these things. Sacred things have been handled as common matters. The Lord’s work has been done just as men chose to have it done.” *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 81*

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“Sunnyside,” Cooranbong

Dear Brother Mountain,—

I have read your letter written to Brother Hickox. I know you to be a very kind man, tenderhearted, pitiful, and courteous; but as I read your letter, I saw that you need light on some points. When to your certain knowledge a brother has made a mistake, and has suffered in consequence, and lies under the burden of financial difficulty, then it is the time when you should make every effort to help him out of the ditch into which he has fallen through his own lack of wisdom. It is not best to give him the impression that all eyes are watching him to find something to criticize.<sup>18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 82</sup>

I read that it was thought that Brother Hickox’s board for the time he was in Wellington should not be charged to the Conference, and this amount was deducted from his salary. Why was Brother Hickox in Wellington? On his own business, or for the advancement of the cause of truth? I understand that Brother Farnsworth stopped Brother Hickox’s work and requested him to make tents for the Conference. Brother Hickox writes to me: “We did as we were directed, both of us working day and night. We were put to extra expense to do this work; for we were compelled to stay at an hotel for one week, and I thought it only reasonable that the Conference should pay this expense. I did not do this work expecting extra pay, nor do I now wish it; but I thought it only just that we should be saved this extra item of expense. The Conference has cut down our, or rather my wages; for they never gave my wife anything for her labors. We have never asked anything, and if the money is not to be had, we do not complain at the reduction.”<sup>18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 83</sup>

Brother Hickox says that he has paid his own travelling expenses, and that this is the reason he has not paid his tithe. I wish now to speak to Brother Farnsworth. Before I sent for Brother Hickox to come to Australia, I was shown his case, and I saw that the management of it was not such as to give him courage and confidence. A narrow course of action was pursued, which showed lack of appreciation and real, sanctified wisdom. Such closeness in

calculation, such injudicious movements could just as verily be placed to your own account as to his. I saw that when the spirit of criticism and suspicion came in, a course of action would be pursued toward the one supposed to be erring that would give him no chance for his life, and that if Brother Hickox was to be preserved to the cause of God, he must be placed for a time in connection with us, that we might know how to treat his case. I was shown that we must act discreetly, tenderly, wisely with this brother, and the Lord would give him courage; and that in time he would prove an acceptable laborer in the cause of God. His past errors were not unpardonable, but we must immediately change his associations, else his courage would be sapped, and he would have no strength to resist the temptations which would arise. The Lord laid upon me the burden of sending for Brother Hickox. This Conference will pay his expenses from New Zealand.*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 84*

Rather than be idle, Brother Hickox labored with his hands to settle a rent bill. His painting the house or fence for Sister Teasdale was a matter to be commended, not condemned. For his work Sister Teasdale allowed him a certain sum on the rent of the house. What offense was there in this? I answer, None. And if any of the brethren are tempted over this matter, tell them that God says, "I will have mercy and not sacrifice." [*Matthew 9:13.*]*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 85*

If a minister, during his leisure time, engages in labor in his orchard or garden, shall he deduct that time from his salary? Certainly not, any more than he should put in his time when he is called to work over hours in ministerial labor. Some ministers spend many hours in apparent ease, and it is right that they should rest when they can; for the system could not endure the heavy strain, were there no time for letting up. There are hours in the day that call for severe taxation, for which the minister receives no extra salary; and if he chooses to chop wood several hours a day, or work in his garden, it is as much his privilege to do this as to preach. A minister cannot always be preaching and visiting, for this is exhaustive work. The light given me is that if our ministers would do more physical labor, they would reap blessings healthwise. After his day's work of preaching and visiting and study, the minister should have time in

which to attend to his necessities. If he has only a limited salary, he may contrive to add to his little fund. The narrow-minded may see in this something to criticize, but the Lord commends such a course. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 86*

I have been shown that at times those in the ministry are compelled to labor day and night and live on very meager fare. When a crisis comes, every nerve and sinew is taxed by the heavy strain. If these men could go aside and rest a while, engaging in physical labor, it would be a great relief. Thus men might have been saved who have gone down to the grave. It is a positive necessity to physical health and mental clearness to do some manual work during the day. Thus the blood is called from the brain to other portions of the body. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 87*

Did any one feel a burden for Brother Hickox when he was tentmaking in Wellington, any distress that he should thus work day and night and receive little or nothing for his labors? Will you consider this thing, my brethren? I greatly feared that the enemy would work the ruin of Brother Hickox, and for this reason we sent for him. We can now help him where he needs help. If our ministers are to receive the treatment that Brother Hickox has received, I must make an open protest. I would not, could not, sustain it. When a minister has performed his ministerial duties, he must have time for his family responsibilities. He is not to be watched and criticized if every moment of his time is not employed in the special work of preaching and visiting. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 88*

I have also been shown that the women who labor with their husbands should be paid for their time. God says, I hate robbery for burnt offerings. We are to have bowels of compassion one for another. When a man has been humiliated by his mistakes and is in need, his brethren, with the love of Christ in their hearts, are to come forward and help where they can. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 89*

#### **Extracts From Recent Testimonies Concerning the Wage Question**

“But those who will not work without the wages they themselves stipulate are represented by those first called in the parable, who at

the close of the day found themselves last.”*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 90*

“Those in positions of responsibility can act their part in reducing the debt. Ministers, editors, presidents of Conferences should now make sacrifices and take smaller wages instead of higher. None will be compelled to do this, but thus they could set a right example before the people. The large sum paid out for wages would be greatly lessened, and will be if all hearts are enlisted in the work.”*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 91*

“Some have received wages disproportionate to the wage received by others who were doing hard and trying work. They say that they have received these wages because of their talents. Who gave them their talents, their supposed ability?”*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 92*

“A terrible debt is hanging over the office and the Conference, and God is testing the men connected with His institutions. Let each reduce the wages he has been receiving. This, however, does not apply to the common workers who receive much less than others and cannot be expected to detract from their wages. They have little enough.”*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 93*

“Since the increase of wages, there has been a steady increase of the spirit of covetousness, which is idolatry. Some have coveted higher and still higher wages. The Lord desires that the souls of those who have indulged this spirit be purified from this plague.”*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 94*

“There is then a willingness to ask smaller wages from the Conference, which has been drawn upon too heavily, so that it has not been able to plant the standard of truth in new places as it should have done. Those connected with the work of God, who have been receiving high wages, should now come forward with a liberal spirit and say, We will do as much work for smaller wages. We will practice economy in all lines.”*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 95*

“Covetousness is idolatry, and the sooner this is purged from those who claim to be God’s chosen people, the sooner will they clearly discern the great grace and amazing love of God. Every root and

branch of covetousness must be cut away. Not only must the tops be cut off, but the roots must be dug out.*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 96*

“Since those in connection with the ministry and our institutions have been receiving large wages, the central power has been looked upon as a common thing. The people say, ‘We pay our tithe to support the ministers. It is difficult for us to obtain money. But those at the heart of the work receive large wages. They talk to us of self-denial and self-sacrifice, but what sacrifice do they make? Those who audit the accounts know something in regard to this matter.’ Thus unbelief has leavened the minds of the people.”*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 97*

“Testimonies have been given that there should be more ministers in the field, and the question has been asked, How can this be done? I will answer, Present a faithful message to every church, calling upon each to bring their tithe into the storehouse, that there may be meat in the Lord’s house. Let those ministers who have taken all the wages appointed them give to the churches an example of self-denial and self-sacrifice. Take less from the Lord’s treasury. Then some other soul who feels a burden to minister can share your wages. The Lord is moving upon the hearts of young men to go to the waste places of the earth, telling men the old, old story of the love of Jesus.*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 98*

“My brethren, do not bury your means in houses and lands, that you may enrich yourselves, but study the <self-sacrifice and self-denial of <Christ’s life>. With the Conference now under a load of debt, what better thing can ministers and churches do than to heed the words of Christ, ‘Sell that ye have, and give alms, provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not.’ [*Luke 12:33.*] Do not talk about your meager wages. Do not cultivate a taste for expensive articles of dress. Let the work advance as it began, in simple self-denial and faith.”*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 99*

“Sanctification through the truth bears fruit to the glory of God. Under its power men are stripped of the ambition that contends for the supremacy, stripped of the selfishness which leads men



connected with our institutions to grasp in their covetousness all they can obtain from the treasury in large wages, when they know that their brethren, laboring just as hard in the fields where the wear and tear is great, and often under heavy pressure of circumstances, do not receive half of what they receive. The men in our institutions who have placed such a high estimate upon their services are not sanctified by the Holy Spirit. They have not that sanctification which gives them sensitive consciences, leading them to love God supremely and their neighbor as themselves. Their influence and example are detrimental. They do that which they would not wish their brethren to know—they grasp from the treasury. They are blind and cannot see that by so doing they are depriving others of the wages they should receive. Their selfishness shuts them away from the sanctification of the Spirit of God.”*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 100*

“When the men who have been drawing what they should not from the Lord’s treasury shall turn to God with full purpose of heart, they will abhor their selfish covetousness. Why?—Because they will see that Christ, the Majesty of heaven, the King of Glory, came to our world to live the commandments, to give the world an example of the character all must form who would live in God’s presence. Those who have estimated their services above the services of those who are doing harder work than they, those who set their own price on their work and supply themselves from the Lord’s treasury, are not laying up treasure in heaven.”*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 101*

“Those who behold Jesus lose sight of self. By the eye of faith they behold Him who is invisible. They see the King in His beauty, and the land that is very far off. They practice economy, and reveal justice and righteousness, mortifying self in the place of exalting self. They do not expend unnecessary means upon themselves. They do not confederate together to follow underhand methods in order to draw a large supply of means from the treasury. They see that they have no more right to high wages than have those who work for smaller wages. They bind about their wants, practicing the economy which they teach to others. The means which others use for display, they give to the cause, practicing self-denial as did Christ.”*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 102*

“If they would be content with lower wages, their spiritual danger would be far less.” *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 103*

“God calls for a reformation among Seventh-day Adventists. He calls upon His people to prepare themselves to do the highest service. He calls upon them to humble their proud hearts at His altar, confessing their sins, banishing human ideas from their plans. Christ’s standard of perfection adjusts the matter of every man’s salvation. He says, ‘I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world.’ [*John 17:6.*] ‘If ye love Me, keep My commandments.’ [*John 14:15.*] We are not to keep only those commandments which do not interfere with human inclination, thinking this is our whole duty. God requires full and willing obedience. The day of final reward will be a day of great astonishment to those who have done well in serving themselves, making everything convenient for self, placing their own value upon the work they perform and requiring the highest wages, but failing to keep the commandments of God.” *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 104*

“Some would think that they were not paid sufficient for their work and would appropriate money or goods to supply this fancied deficiency. This would bring in untold evil.” *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 105*

“For this reason the Lord directed Peter to deal as he did with the first departure from truthful dealing.” *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 106*

“As with Ananias and Sapphira, so it was with Judas. His covetousness led him to steal from the Lord’s treasury. He carried the bag containing the gifts made by Christ’s followers to sustain the work, and he appropriated sums of money which he never allowed to appear on the account. He reasoned that his labors were not sufficiently appreciated, and therefore that it was right for him to pay himself in accordance with his own ideas. This principle acted upon perverted his conscience.” *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 107*

“This can be done and should be done. (Speaking of reducing expenses so as to make schools self-sustaining.) The Lord is not pleased with the kind of management that has been revealed in the past, for it shows a lack of judgment. Let teachers take less wages, and let students’ fees be raised. Let the strictest economy be

practiced in the provisions made for the table.”*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 108*

“One man will think that he should be greatly favored, because he is doing a line of work which among unbelievers would command large wages. Becoming dissatisfied, he will sell himself to the highest bidder. For the safety of the principles which should control all who labor in our institutions, the Lord bids me say to all who carry responsibilities, Disconnect from all such without delay; for this is the evil leaven of selfishness and covetousness. They are measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves. The worst thing you can do for them is to seek to retain them, even though they be editors or managers. God is not with such a man, and you cannot with any safety hold on to him. An atmosphere of unbelief surrounds his soul. The comparisons he has made have led him to double-dealing. He says to himself, If such a one receives such a sum, I should receive just as much. He becomes wise above what is written in the law and appropriates means for his own use. Thus he robs the treasury. God looks upon this as He looked upon the sin of Achan. He sees that such men cannot give the right mold to the work. They cannot supply the necessities of those who are laboring in hard fields, who have to give part of their wages to the needs of these fields. God sees every such case, and He will pass judgment on those who thus measure themselves, selfishly taking care that they receive all they think they should have.”*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 109*

“But many in God’s service are harsh and discourteous. Their spirits are loveless; for they are eaten up by selfishness and covetousness. They think they have a right to make their own terms regarding the value of their labor, and they become oppressive. By taking from the treasury money which should go to supply the needs of their brethren in God’s service, they rob God. If, after testing them, God sees that they will not repent, He removes them and gives their places to men who were looked upon as not being qualified for any such responsibility. If those who are thus raised up by the Lord remain true and loyal, the Lord will work through them in a remarkable manner.”*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 110*

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### **The Payment of Workers**

The Lord will greatly bless those who are so intensely interested in the advancement of His cause that they are willing to go into unpromising, unworked places to labor for the salvation of souls. No one can do the work Brother Shireman has done without meeting and overcoming many difficulties. He has entered needy, unpromising places and has done a noble work to advance the truth. His efforts have been in accordance with the will of the Lord. And God has honored his faith by giving him success. At the beginning his work was small, but the Lord was with him as he advanced, working, praying, believing, receiving, and imparting. The efforts of those who united with Brother Shireman and his wife were a great encouragement to them. The blessing of the Lord has attended these efforts. The workers have made friends, and souls have been converted. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 111*

The Lord does not measure the value of service as man measures it. Man's spiritual eyesight has been dimmed, so that a true estimate has not been placed on the efforts that have been made for the Lord. Men's work has been estimated by the number of sermons preached, and this has decided in regard to the remuneration they have received. To treat Brother Shireman in this way would be discouraging to him and to those who might engage in similar work. Brother Shireman has been in continuous service, though this may not appear on the reports he has sent in to the Conference. His remuneration should not be measured by the number of sermons he has preached. He should receive pay for the time spent in erecting buildings to be used in the Lord's work. All who are spiritually wide-awake know that when Brother Shireman was erecting his school, he was as surely doing the work of the Lord as any minister. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 112*

The laborer is worthy of his hire. Brother Shireman has shown what can be done in places apparently the most unpromising. He is a man that does not shrink responsibilities. He realizes the value of souls. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 113*

Let those who have to do with the payment of the workers compare the results of Brother Shireman's work with the results of the work of some ministers who have received full wages. The wages paid should be in accordance with the work done. Many receive wages to which they have no right unless they press into new fields and plant the standard of truth in new territory. There are those paid for full time who do not enter into aggressive warfare. They do not present the truth to those who have never heard it. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 114*

There are workers who are so conscientious that their interests must be guarded by their brethren, else they will cheat themselves. They will do without things that they really need. These faithful, unselfish workers are to be looked after by their fellow workers, else injustice will be done to them. Into all business transactions we are to bring the love and benevolence so plainly pointed out in the Word of God. The Lord requires us to deal with justice and mercy. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 115*

There is a great work to be done, and those who have a burden for souls will be found in new places, hunting and fishing for men. If these workers are encouraged, the Lord's cause will advance in every line. Many more should work as Brother Shireman has been working. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 116*

What does it mean to be a minister? Does it mean merely to give discourses from the desk? No; no. Sermonizing is not the highest service. To work in the spirit of the gospel does not mean merely to preach the gospel; it means to live the gospel. God asks, What does the worker do for the good of those for whom he labors? Under his efforts do they increase in spirituality? God sends men forth to labor, not merely to preach, but to minister, to hunt for the lost sheep, to devise ways of bringing sinners back to Christ. As the result of unselfish, diligent labor, lost and perishing souls will be saved. When ministers show that they are true shepherds, when they watch for souls as they that must give an account, the word of the Lord will be with power, and His name will be glorified. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 117*

God measures men by the law which is a transcript of His

character. This law points out His justice and benevolence, the attributes which are to be sacredly cherished by those in His service. In the great day of God this law will try every soul. Many now low in man's estimation will then be seen to stand high in the estimation of God. Then those who have worked with integrity and diligence will be justly rewarded. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 118*

In this life those who work for God are to receive remuneration for their labor; and those who decide what each worker shall receive are to be very careful to meet the mind of God in their decisions. Scrupulous care should be taken in settling the accounts of the laborers. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 119*

Satan works in every way to pervert the principles of those who are laboring in God's cause. He comes to them as he came to Adam and Eve, presenting falsehood as truth. He sends messages purporting to be from the Lord. He knows that he can greatly hinder the Lord's work if he can lead the people to look to a man in responsible position as an example. Let God's people remember that men in positions of trust are only human. Position does not make the man. Those upon whom the Lord has bestowed honor by entrusting them with responsibilities in connection with His work are never to give place to self-exaltation. They are to lose sight of self, looking ever to Christ. They are to be tender, true, and faithful, watching for souls as they that must give an account. The truth is honored by those who represent it in the beauty of holiness. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 120*

Let the one to whom God gives success in his work keep on the garments of humility and contrition, if he desires to remain of value in the sight of heaven. Whether he be a successful evangelist, a gifted teacher, a clear writer, a man of faith, or a man of prayer, let him never place human merit where God should be. Only those who are cleansed from all self-exaltation can become complete in Christ. While the workers keep their eyes fixed on Christ, they are safe. When they lose sight of Him, they are in the greatest danger. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 121*

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God's people are to learn the meaning of temperance in all things.

They are to practice temperance in eating and drinking and dressing. All self-indulgence is to be cut away from their lives. Before they can really understand the meaning of true sanctification and of conformity to the will of Christ, they must, by co-operating with God, obtain the mastery over wrong habits and practices. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 122*

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“Behold, I will send My messenger, 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 a refiner’s fire, and like fuller’s soap? And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier 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 former years. And I will come near you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterer, and against the false swearer, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts. For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.” [*Malachi 3:1-6.*] *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 123*

“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.” [*Verses 13-15.*] *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 124*

Worldly policy and worldly dealing have been brought into the church. There has been an unholy trafficking in sacred things. This the Lord hates. Selfishness and covetousness have led men to make merchandise of souls bought with the precious blood of Christ. By the adoption of worldly principles, the church has sold

herself to the world. Ungodliness has triumphed.*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 125*

Our work is to present to the world the high and holy principles that all must cherish who are accepted as God's subjects. The church is not to be converted to worldly policy. It is to hold up before the world the uplifting, sanctifying principles of the truth of God.*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 126*

Our work is to fulfil the commission that Christ gave to His disciples just before His ascension: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:18-20.*] "So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." [*Mark 16:19, 20.*]*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 127*

The proclamation of the third angel's message is our work. We are to present the truth in regard to the Sabbath of the Lord. God's sanctified memorial has been torn down, and in its place a false Sabbath, bearing no sanctity, stands before the world. Satan has led men to declare that this is the true Sabbath, and in the belief of this delusion millions are passing into eternity. And the people to whom God has given His great truth are burying their talents in the earth, hiding their light under a bushel. They are allowing the cares of this world to engross the time and attention that should be given to the Lord's work.*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 128*

Let us do all in our power to redeem our neglect. Clothing ourselves with Christlike zeal, let us warn men and women of their danger. Let us no longer delay to shine as lights in the world.*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 129*

Those who gain the blessing of sanctification must first learn the meaning of self-sacrifice. Before we can possess the faith that works by love and purifies the soul, we must learn the meaning of Christlike self-denial and benevolence.*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par.*



If those now entering the field as laborers feel that they may relax their efforts, that self-denial and strict economy not only of means but of time are not essential, the work will retrograde. The workers at the present time should have the same degrees of piety, energy, and perseverance that the leaders had. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 131*

The work has been extended so that it now covers a large territory, and the number of believers has increased. Still there is a great deficiency, for a larger work might have been accomplished had the same missionary spirit been manifested as in the earlier days. Without this spirit the laborer will only mar and deface the cause of God. The work is really retrograding instead of advancing as God designs it should. Our present numbers and the extent of our work are not to be compared with what they were in the beginning. We should consider what might have been done had every worker consecrated himself, in soul, body, and spirit, to God as he should have done. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 132*

There should be one hundred laborers in the field where now there is one. Much more could be done to advance the work if all would heed the lesson Christ has given in economy. After miraculously feeding the five thousand, He said, "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." [*John 6:12.*] These words will confront every one who has lavished on self the money entrusted to him by the Lord for the blessing of humanity. He who regards his brother as beneath his notice because he is poor, and who uses the Lord's goods to gratify his selfish desires, is robbing God and ruining his own soul. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 133*

After the multitude had been fed, there was an abundance of food left. And He who had all the resources of infinite power at His command, whose power is limitless, whose bounty cannot be measured, gave thought to the broken fragments, the remains of the feast. "Gather up the fragments that remain," He said, "that nothing be lost." [*Verse 12.*] The fragments were as great an evidence of His power as was the food that had satisfied the hunger of the multitude. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 134*

The lesson taught in this command is to guide us in our labor. Economy is to be brought into all lines of God's work. We should neglect nothing that will tend to benefit a human being. Let everything be gathered up that will relieve the necessity of earth's hungry ones. And there should be the same carefulness in spiritual things.*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 135*

The Lord has put into the hands of men an abundance of means for the carrying forward of His work. His gifts are to be used wisely. There is to be no extravagance. Nothing is to be wasted. How can anyone spend the Lord's money wastefully when thousands of his fellow beings are dying from hunger?*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 136*

The gospel is to be proclaimed to all nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples. It is the power of God only to those who receive Christ as a personal Saviour. Men and women are to be encouraged to consecrate themselves to the Lord's work, to use their gifts for the upbuilding of His kingdom.*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 137*

The money that is worse than thrown away would carry the Word of God to all parts of the world. Those who gather to themselves all the money they can obtain are robbing God of the means which He designs should be used in establishing sanitariums, schools, orphan asylums, and homes for the aged and dependent. What a terrible account they will have to settle with God. He gave them their money to use in feeding the hungry and clothing the naked, in helping the widow and the fatherless. O that the rich men of our world would see the good they might do with their wealth if they would devote it to the uplifting of their fellow beings!*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 138*

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." [*Matthew 6:19-21.*]*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 139*

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The Lord has an advance work for His people to do. Read the *fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah*. The entire chapter contains important lessons, which God requires us to study and practice. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 140*

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## **Auditing**

Those who write, as well as talk, the truth have double labor. The eight-hour system finds no place in the program of the minister of God. He must watch his chance to minister; he must be ready to entertain visitors. He must keep up life and energy of character; for he cannot exert a pleasing, saving influence if he is languid. If he occupies responsible positions, he must be prepared to attend board and council meetings, spending hours of wearisome brain- and nerve-taxing labor, while others are asleep, in devising and planning with his co-laborers. Who among God's workers counts his hours of labor as do mechanics? Yet this kind of labor taxes the mind and draws upon every fiber of the being in such a way as the common laborer cannot appreciate. "When do you find opportunity to throw off care and responsibility?" I am asked; and I answer, "At no period of time can I lay down the burden." *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 141*

Will my brethren consider these things which the Lord has brought before my mind in a most impressive manner? Will those who have carried the burden of such work, and who suppose that the chosen and faithful ministers of God have an easy time, bear in mind that the sentinels of God are on duty constantly? Their labor is not measured by hours. When their accounts are audited, if selfish men shall, with voice or stroke of pen, limit the worker in his wages, they discourage and depress him. Every minister must have a salvage to work upon, that he may have something with which to lead out in good enterprises, building churches and advancing the cause of God in every line, pushing the work with zeal, and laying up in store for himself a good foundation, against the time to come, that he may lay hold on eternal life. "For I the Lord love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering." [*Isaiah 61:8.*] And He tells us, "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn." [1

*Corinthians 9:9.*] This is a figure of those who work under the eye of God to advance His cause in lifting the minds of men from the contemplation of earthly things to heaven. These God loves, and He would have men respect their rights.*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 142*

Organization is a good thing, but I have the word of the Lord plain and decisive, that all who see the necessity of organization must themselves become an example by being organized, and carrying out to the letter the principles of organization in their life practice. It means a great deal to be missionaries in heart and voice and action. Organization, carried out in the life as God means it shall be, brings to every soul who is engaged in the work of God a submission to the divine will of God. It leads them to give themselves to God, to be worked by His Holy Spirit. Any one who supposes that it does not mean this is no longer to stand in responsible positions, having voice to control in the great closing work for these last days.—Taken from manuscript on auditing, written at Avondale, Cooranbong, N.S.W., January 12, 1896.*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 143*

### **Proper Remuneration for Ministers**

The light which the Lord has given me on this subject is that the means in the treasury for the support of the ministers in the different fields is not to be used for any other purpose. If an honest tithe were paid, and the money coming into the treasury were carefully guarded, the ministers would receive a just wage. The Auditing Committee has often been composed of men who were farmers. These could dress in course clothing appropriate for the work they were doing. They raised all they needed as a family to subsist upon, and they knew not what the outlay of a minister must necessarily be when he goes into a new field to labor for perishing souls. The outlook is often hard and discouraging. Some fields, when the work is first opened up, are encouraging; but there are other fields which are not so. Both must receive the truth. The minister must labor and pray. He must visit the different families. Frequently he finds the people so poor that they have little to eat and no room in which to sleep. Often means have to be given to the very needy to supply their hunger and cover their nakedness. Then what injustice to have

a company of men as Auditing Committee who, by a dash of the pen, will disappoint a distressed minister who is in need of every cent that he has been led to expect. There would be just as much fairness in having a committee decide whether the men employed in our institutions should have their stipulated wages or should have them curtailed as the human agent, who will himself be in nowise affected by the strait places they may pass through, shall decide. —*Special Testimonies, Series A 10:18, 19; March 14, 1897. 18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 144*

### **Business Meetings**

Those who made and executed the plans appropriating God's intrusted money in large wages for themselves were not profited thereby in a single instance, although they may imagine that they were. In accepting this money they revealed that they could not be trusted to handle the Lord's goods. This action will stand against them, revealing that they were actuated by principles that God has not given us any liberty to adopt in His work. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 145*

Those who change God's order of things in order to follow the counsel of selfish men will be prompted to cut down the wages of men whose work is, in the sight of God, of such a character that through Him their influence is bringing means into the treasury to sustain His cause. All this departure from the light that God has given is turning the back to God, and not the face. This action before the universe of heaven and before men reveals the character and disposition of the men who are handling sacred things. And under the inspiration of the same selfish spirit, these very men, if they see a chance, will cut down the wages of the laborers in the vineyard of the Lord without their consent and without understanding their situation. In many cases this action brings families into straight places, and those who have the power in their hands know little what may be the consequences of deducting from the wages of the laborers. It is just as much the right of the ones employed in this cause to have a voice in such transactions as it is of men employed in various branches of trade. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 146*

God's cause can afford to be fair and true, it can afford to deal on right principles. When any such work as cutting down wages is contemplated, let a circular be published setting forth the true situation, and then ask those employed by the Conference if, under the pressure of lack of means, they could do with less means of support. All the arrangements with those in God's service should be conducted as a sacred transaction between man and his fellow man. Men have no right to handle things as coolly and indifferently as they have done, treating the workers, together with God, as though they were inanimate objects to be handled about, without any voice or expression of their own. I have been shown that men have sat on the auditing committees who have not had discrimination or judgment. Farmers who have no real understanding of the situation of the workers have again and again brought real oppression and want into families. Their management has given occasion for the enemy to tempt and discourage the workers, and in some cases has driven them from the field. It is not justice nor righteousness to deal in so cool a manner with this phase of the work. God is not glorified by any such arrangements. The inward foundation of life needs cleansing, and the human will needs to be under the sanctification of the Spirit of God.— Unpublished manuscript. *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 147*

### **The Laborer is Worthy of His Hire**

Some matters have been presented to me in regard to the laborers who are seeking to do all in their power to win souls to Jesus Christ. The ministers are paid for their work, and this is well. And if the Lord gives the wife as well as the husband the burden of labor, and if she devotes her time and her strength to visiting from family to family, opening the Scriptures to them, although the hands of ordination have not been laid upon her, she is accomplishing a work that is in the line of ministry. Should her labors be counted as nought and her husband's salary be no more than that of the servant of God whose wife does not give herself to the work, but remains at home to care for her family? *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 148*

While I was in America, I was given light upon this subject. I was instructed that there are matters that need to be considered. Injustice had been done to women who labor just as devotedly as

their husbands and who are recognized by God as being as necessary to the work of ministry as their husbands. The method of paying men-laborers and not their wives is a plan not after the Lord's order. Injustice is thus done. A mistake is made. The Lord does not favor this plan. This arrangement, if carried out in our Conferences, is liable to discourage our sisters from qualifying themselves for the work they should engage in.*18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 149*

A mistake is made when the burden of the work is left entirely upon the ministers. This plan was certainly arranged without the mind of God. Some women are now teaching young women how to work successfully as visitors and Bible readers. Women who work in the cause of God should be given wages proportionate to the time they give to the work. God is a God of justice, and if the ministers receive a salary for their work, their wives, who devote themselves just as interestedly to the work as laborers together with God, should be paid in addition to the wages their husbands receive, notwithstanding that they may not ask this. As the devoted minister and his wife engage in the work, they should be paid proportionate to the wages of two distinct workers, that they may have means to use as they shall see fit in the cause of God. The Lord has put His Spirit upon them both. If the husband should die and leave his wife, she is fitted to continue her work in the cause of God and receive wages for the labor she performs.—*Ms 43a, 1898; M. H., March 22, 1898.18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 150*

### **Auditing**

Many of the auditing committees have not been men wise concerning the things which they were handling. Wrong decisions have been made. Those who were counted worthy to hold forth the Word of life and minister to souls ready to perish deserve different treatment from that which they have received. The auditing committee has not always tried, with most humble prayer for guidance, to act in every case toward the servants of Jesus Christ as they would to the person of Christ, or as they themselves would wish to be treated. But, said Christ, "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to Me." [*Matthew 25:45.*] *18LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 151*

It is a very serious matter that men, by the word of their own mouth, and some in a hardened, sang-froid manner have decided what means shall go to the workers in the field. If a worker has been unfortunate enough to make a mistake or to incur the displeasure of the men sitting in judgment upon these matters, words are spoken in disparagement that do not give the one accused a fair chance to explain himself. Hasty decisions are made, and the discouragement brought to the mind by these things is not small. But as the workers are scattered, and no one goes to their homes to inquire in regard to these matters, the brethren are entirely ignorant as to the result of their decisions. Some few, who have had the courage to protest, have been treated in a discourteous, arbitrary, and overbearing manner. It cannot be said of the men who have acted thus, as the unholy scribe said of Jesus, "Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men." [*Matthew 22:16.*]—Taken from Manuscript on Auditing, written at Avondale, Cooranbong, N.S.W., January 12, 1896.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 142, 1903, par. 152*



## Ms 143, 1903

Unity

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The light given me is that we are to learn to answer the prayer recorded in the *seventeenth chapter of John*. We are to make it our first study. Every gospel minister, every medical missionary, is to learn the science of Christ's prayer. My brethren and sisters, I ask you to heed these words and to bring to your study a calm, humble, contrite spirit and the healthy energies of a mind under the control of God. Those who learn the lessons contained in this prayer will not make one-sided developments, which no future training will ever correct. *18LtMs, Ms 143, 1903, par. 1*

The Lord calls for men of genuine faith and sound minds—men who recognize the distinction between the true and the false. Last night, I heard important instruction given by One of authority. He said that each one must now be on guard, studying and practicing the lessons given in the *seventeenth chapter of John* and preserving a living faith in the truth for this time. We need now to search for the truth as for hid treasures. We need that self-control that will enable us to bring our habits into harmony with the prayer of Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 143, 1903, par. 2*

God designs His children shall blend in unity. Do they not expect to live together in the same heaven? Is Christ divided against Himself? Will He give His people success before all the rubbish of evil-surmising and discord is swept away, before the laborers, with unity of purpose, devote heart and mind and strength to the work so holy in God's sight? *18LtMs, Ms 143, 1903, par. 3*

Union brings strength; disunion, weakness. United with one another, working together in harmony for the salvation of men, we shall indeed be "laborers together with God." [1 *Corinthians 3:9*.] Those who refuse to work in harmony greatly dishonor God. The

enemy of their souls delights to see them working at cross purposes with one another. Such ones need to cultivate brotherly love and tenderness of heart. If they could draw aside the curtain veiling the future, and see the result of their disunion, they would surely be led to repent. *18LtMs, Ms 143, 1903, par. 4*

The world is looking with gratification at the disunion among Christians. Infidelity is well pleased. God calls for a change among His people. Union with Christ and with one another is our only safety in these last days. Let us not make it possible for Satan to point to our church members, saying, "Behold how these people, standing under the banner of Christ, hate one another. We have nothing to fear from them while they spend more strength in fighting one another than in warfare with my forces." *18LtMs, Ms 143, 1903, par. 5*

After the descent of the Holy Spirit, the disciples went forth to proclaim a risen Saviour, their one desire the salvation of souls. They rejoiced in the sweetness of communion with saints. They were tender, thoughtful, self-denying, willing to make any sacrifice for the truth's sake. In their daily association with one another they revealed the love that Christ had commanded them to reveal. By unselfish words and deeds they strove to kindle this love in other hearts. *18LtMs, Ms 143, 1903, par. 6*

The unbelievers were ever to cherish the love that filled the hearts of the apostles after the descent of the Holy Spirit. They were to go forward in willing obedience to the new commandment, "As I have loved you, that ye also love one another." [*John 13:34.*] So closely were they to be united to Christ that they would be enabled to fulfil His requirements. The power of a Saviour who could justify them by His righteousness was to be magnified. *18LtMs, Ms 143, 1903, par. 7*

But the early Christians began to look for defects in one another. Dwelling upon mistakes, encouraging suspicion and doubt, giving way to unkind criticism, they lost sight of the Saviour and of the great love He had revealed for sinners. They became more strict in regard to outward ceremonies, more particular about the theory of the faith, more severe in their criticisms. In their zeal to condemn

others, they themselves erred. They forgot the lesson of brotherly love that Christ had taught. And, saddest of all, they were unconscious of their loss. They did not realize that happiness and joy were going out of their lives, and that soon they would walk in darkness, having shut the love of God out of their hearts.*18LtMs, Ms 143, 1903, par. 8*

The apostle John realized that brotherly love was waning in the church, and he dwelt particularly upon this point. Up to the day of his death, he urged upon believers the constant exercise of love for one another. His letters to the churches were interwoven with this thought. "Beloved, let us love one another," he wrote; "for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. ... God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ... Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." [*1 John 4:7, 9, 11.*]*18LtMs, Ms 143, 1903, par. 9*

In the church of God today brotherly love is greatly lacking. Many of those who profess to love the Saviour neglect to love those who are united with them in Christian fellowship. We are of the same faith, members of one family, all children of the same heavenly Father, with the same blessed hope of immortality. How close and tender should be the tie that binds us together. The people of the world are looking at us to see if our faith is exerting a sanctifying influence upon our hearts, making us Christlike. They are ready to discover every defect in our lives, every inconsistency in our actions. Let us give them no occasion to reproach our faith.*18LtMs, Ms 143, 1903, par. 10*

It is not the opposition of the world that endangers us the most; the evil cherished in the hearts of professed Christians works our most grievous disaster and retards most the progress of God's cause. There is no surer way of weakening ourselves in spiritual things than by being envious, suspicious of one another, full of fault-finding and evil-surmising. "This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown of peace of them that make

peace.” [*James 3:15-18.*]*18LtMs, Ms 143, 1903, par. 11*

Harmony and unity existing among men of varied dispositions is the strongest witness that can be borne that God has sent His Son into the world to save sinners. It is our privilege to bear this witness. But in order to do this, we must place ourselves under Christ’s command. Our characters must be moulded in harmony with Christ’s character; our wills must be surrendered to His will. Then we shall sit together without a thought of collision.*18LtMs, Ms 143, 1903, par. 12*

Little differences, dwelt upon, lead to actions that destroy Christian fellowship. Let us not allow the enemy thus to gain the advantage over us. Let us keep drawing nearer to God and to one another. Then we shall be as trees of righteousness, planted by the Lord and watered with the river of life. And how fruitful we shall be. Did not Christ say, Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit? [*John 15:8.*]*18LtMs, Ms 143, 1903, par. 13*

The heart of the Saviour is set upon His followers’ fulfilling God’s purpose in all its height and depth. They are to be one in Him, even though they are scattered the world over. But God cannot make them one with Christ and with one another unless they are willing to give up their own way for His way.*18LtMs, Ms 143, 1903, par. 14*

When Christ’s prayer is fully believed, when its instruction is brought into the daily lives of God’s people, unity of action will be seen in our ranks. Brother will be bound to brother by the golden threads of the love of Christ. The Spirit of Christ alone can bring about this oneness. He who sanctified Himself can sanctify His disciples. United with Him, they will be united to one another in the most holy faith. When we strive for this unity, as God desires us to strive for it, it will come to us.*18LtMs, Ms 143, 1903, par. 15*

Nov. 18, 1903

I thank the Lord for the instruction that I have received from His Spirit during the past night. The subject dwelt upon seemed to be the same as was dwelt upon the night before. Some advancement was made. Searching questions were put to individuals, and free, open confessions were made. The words “Sanctify them through

Thy truth; Thy word is truth" [*John 17:17*] were repeated over and over again. *18LtMs, Ms 143, 1903, par. 16*

Some in the meeting were evidently finding their way to the light. Thanksgiving was offered to God for food, for raiment, for life. Men praised Him for not cutting them off in their unbelief. With brokenness of heart they expressed their gratitude to Him for the marked evidences that day by day they had received of His lovingkindness. *18LtMs, Ms 143, 1903, par. 17*

One said, "How undeserving I have been of God's mercy! I condemn myself for failing to acknowledge His kindness, for offering Him so little praise. My heart is all aglow as I think of His love for me. I am more than thankful for His mercy." *18LtMs, Ms 143, 1903, par. 18*

Another bore testimony that his understanding seemed to be thoroughly awakened. "I can now see," he said, "my failure to move constantly onward and upward; my failure to appreciate my brethren; my unbelief. I have not been sanctified through the truth. I have refused to harmonize with those who did not accept my views. Spiritual blindness has prevented me from seeing Christ. I could not learn of Him, because Satan was constantly by my side, tempting me. But the Lord has opened my eyes. He has changed my heart. He has subdued my evil temper. I love Jesus and long to be conformed to His image. To be like Him is the great desire of my heart. I see that I am in absolute need of reconversion, that I may know, in some degree, the height and depth and breadth of the love of Christ. The Lord has indeed dealt very bountifully with me, and I praise His holy name." *18LtMs, Ms 143, 1903, par. 19*

## Ms 144, 1903

Leadership

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In the daily papers of various cities there have appeared articles which represent that there is strife between Dr. Kellogg and Mrs. Ellen G. White as to which of them shall be leader of the Seventh-day Adventist people. As I read these articles, I felt distressed beyond measure that any one should so misunderstand my work and the work of Dr. Kellogg as to publish such misrepresentations. There has been no controversy between Dr. Kellogg and myself as to the question of leadership. No one has ever heard me claim the position of leader of the denomination. *18LtMs, Ms 144, 1903, par. 1*

I have a work of great responsibility to do—to impart by pen and voice the precious instruction given me, not alone to Seventh-day Adventists, but to the world. I have published many books, large and small, and some of these have been translated into several languages. This is my work—to open the Scriptures to others as God has opened them to me. *18LtMs, Ms 144, 1903, par. 2*

God has not set any kingly power in our church to control the whole body or to control any branch of the work. He has not provided that the burden of leadership shall rest upon a few men. *18LtMs, Ms 144, 1903, par. 3*

Every conference, every institution, every church, and every individual has a voice in the election of the men who bear the chief responsibilities in our General Conference, and responsibilities are distributed among a large number of competent men. *18LtMs, Ms 144, 1903, par. 4*

In the early days of our denominational work, the Lord did designate Elder James White as one who, in connection with his wife, and

under the Lord's special guidance, was to take a leading part in the advancement of this work. *18LtMs, Ms 144, 1903, par. 5*

The history of how the work grew is well known. The printing plant was first established at Rochester, N.Y., and was afterward moved to Battle Creek. And in after years a publishing house was established on the Pacific Coast. I thank the Lord that He gave us the privilege of acting a part in the work from the beginning. *18LtMs, Ms 144, 1903, par. 6*

But neither then nor since the work has grown to large proportions, during which time responsibilities have been widely distributed, has any one heard me claiming the leadership of this people. *18LtMs, Ms 144, 1903, par. 7*

From the year 1846 until the present time, I have received messages from the Lord and have communicated them to His people. This is my work—to give to the people the light that God gives me. I am commissioned to receive and communicate His messages. I am not to appear before the people as holding any other position than that of a messenger with a message. *18LtMs, Ms 144, 1903, par. 8*

For many years Dr. J. H. Kellogg has occupied the position of leading physician in the medical work carried on by Seventh-day Adventists. It would be impossible for him to act as leader of the general work. This has never been his part, and it never can be his part. *18LtMs, Ms 144, 1903, par. 9*

I write this that all may know that there is no controversy among Seventh-day Adventists over the question of leadership. The Lord God of heaven is our Leader. He is a leader whom we can safely follow; for He never makes a mistake. Let us honor God and His Son Jesus Christ, through whom He communicates with the world. It was Christ who gave to Moses the instruction that He gave to the children of Israel. It was Christ who delivered the Israelites from Egyptian bondage. Moses and Aaron were the visible leaders of the people. To Moses instruction was given by their invisible Leader, to be repeated to them. *18LtMs, Ms 144, 1903, par. 10*

Had Israel obeyed the directions given them by Moses, not one of

those who started on the journey from Egypt would in the wilderness have fallen a prey to disease or death. They were under a safe guide. Christ had pledged Himself to lead them safely to the promised land if they would follow His guidance. This vast multitude, numbering more than a million people, was under His direct rule. They were His family. In every one of them He was interested.*18LtMs, Ms 144, 1903, par. 11*

Of himself, Moses could not have guided this people. But he was strengthened by the knowledge that God was their Leader, and that he was acting under Him. The people were given evidence that Moses did indeed talk with God, receiving from Him the instruction given them. When they kept this evidence in mind, the Lord preserved them from all harm. But when unbelief came in, and the people grew rebellious, and murmured against Moses and Aaron for bringing them out of Egypt, punishment came upon them.*18LtMs, Ms 144, 1903, par. 12*

In wonderful ways the Lord wrought to deliver His people from bondage and to lead them into the promised land. But instead of being filled with thankfulness, they sought to exalt themselves. The work of their divine Leader in their behalf was not appreciated.*18LtMs, Ms 144, 1903, par. 13*

The Lord would work mightily for His people today if they would place themselves wholly under His guidance. They greatly need the constant abiding of the Holy Spirit. They need to devote more of their time to prayer. If there were more prayer in the councils of those bearing large responsibility, more humbling of their hearts before God, we should see abundant evidence of divine leadership and greater advancement in our work.*18LtMs, Ms 144, 1903, par. 14*



## Ms 145, 1903

Beware of Fanciful Doctrines

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I have been instructed to say that it is not new and fanciful doctrines which the people of God need. They do not need suppositions, which cannot be sustained by the Word of God. They need the testimony of men who know the truth, men who understand and obey the charge given to Timothy: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come that they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth; and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." [2 Timothy 4:2-5.] *18LtMs, Ms 145, 1903, par. 1*

In some instances men have been turned away from the truth to listen to fables. Efforts have been made to set right those thus deceived; but some had drunk so deeply from the polluted fountain, and had become so impregnated with false impressions, that it was impossible to undeceive them. They had come to believe that it is more profitable to eat of the food offered in the strange doctrines presented than to eat of the food contained in the Word of God. *18LtMs, Ms 145, 1903, par. 2*

Brethren, look well to the character of your religion. Do not forget that Christ is to be your pattern in all things. You may be sure that His religion is not a sensational religion. A religion of this kind I learned to dread in my very earliest experience in the cause of present truth. I was at that time, before I was seventeen years old, bidden to warn those who were cherishing fanciful ideas and who declared that their strange movements were inspired of God. *18LtMs, Ms 145, 1903, par. 3*

In New Hampshire there were those who were active in disseminating false ideas in regard to God. Light was given me that these men were making the truth of no effect by their ideas, some of which led to freelovism. I was shown that these men were seducing souls by presenting speculative theories regarding God.*18LtMs, Ms 145, 1903, par. 4*

I went to the place where they were working and opened before them what they were doing. The Lord gave me strength to lay plainly before them the danger of their course. Among other views, they held that those once sanctified could not sin, and this they were presenting as gospel food. Their false theories, with their burden of deceptive influence, were working great harm to themselves and to others. They were gaining a spiritualistic power over those who could not see the evil of these beautifully clothed theories. Great evils had already resulted. The doctrine that all were holy had led to the belief that the affections of the sanctified were never in danger of leading astray. The result of this belief was the fulfilment of the evil desires of hearts which, though professedly sanctified, were far from purity of thought and practice.*18LtMs, Ms 145, 1903, par. 5*

This is only one of the instances in which I was called upon to rebuke those who were presenting the doctrine of an impersonal God, diffused through nature, and the doctrine of holy flesh.*18LtMs, Ms 145, 1903, par. 6*

In the future, truth will be counterfeited by the precepts of men. Deceptive theories will be presented as safe doctrines. False science is one of the agencies that Satan used in the heavenly courts, and it is used by him today. The false assertions that he made to the angels, his subtle scientific theories, led many of them from their loyalty. And having lost their place in heaven, they prepared temptations for our first parents. Adam and Eve yielded to the enemy, and by their disobedience humanity was estranged from God, and the earth was separated from heaven.*18LtMs, Ms 145, 1903, par. 7*

Christ pledged Himself to bridge the gulf that sin had made. Thus He became the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He shows us the path

that leads to heaven and promises to impart His efficiency to every one who believes on Him. He came to our world to reveal not a mixture of truth and error, but the pure truth of God. All error is misleading, even though clothed with garments of heavenly beauty. The character and power of God are revealed by the works of His hands. In the natural world are to be seen evidences of the love and goodness of God. These tokens are given to call attention from nature to nature's God, that His "eternal power and Godhead" may be understood. [*Romans 1:20.*] *18LtMs, Ms 145, 1903, par. 8*

Pantheistic theories are not sustained by the Word of God. The light of His truth shows that these theories are soul-destroying agencies. Darkness is their element, sensuality their sphere. They gratify the natural heart and give leeway to inclination. Separation from God is the result of accepting them. *18LtMs, Ms 145, 1903, par. 9*

Christ calls upon His people to believe and practice His Word. Those who receive and assimilate this Word, making it a part of every action, of every attribute of character, will grow strong in the strength of God. It will be seen that their faith is of heavenly origin. Before angels and before men, they will stand as those who have strong, consistent Christian characters. They will not wander into strange paths. Their minds will not turn to a religion of sentimentalism and excitement. *18LtMs, Ms 145, 1903, par. 10*

I beseech those who are laboring for God not to accept the spurious for the genuine. We have a whole Bible full of the most precious truth. We have no need for supposition or false excitement. In the golden censer of truth as presented in Christ's teachings, we have that which will convict and convert souls. Present in the simplicity of Christ the truths that He came to this world to proclaim, and the power of your message will make itself felt. Do not present theories or tests that have no foundation in the Bible. We have grand, solemn tests to present. "It is written" is the test that must be brought home to every one. *18LtMs, Ms 145, 1903, par. 11*

Walk firmly, decidedly, your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. God has not laid upon any one the burden of encouraging an appetite for strange, odd doctrines and theories. My brethren, keep these things out of your teaching. Do not allow them

to enter into your experience. Do not let your lifework be marred by them. *18LtMs, Ms 145, 1903, par. 12*

The minds of the Jewish teachers were filled with maxims and suppositions. They interpreted the Word to mean that which God never designed it to mean, enforcing their oddities on the common people. *18LtMs, Ms 145, 1903, par. 13*

A warning against such teaching is found in Paul's letter to the Colossians. The apostle declares that the hearts of the believers were to be "knit together in love; and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." "And this I say," he continues, "lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. ... As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him, rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power." [*Colossians 2:2-4, 6-10.*]*18LtMs, Ms 145, 1903, par. 14*

I am instructed to say to our people, Let us follow Christ. We may safely discard all ideas that are not included in His teaching. I appeal to our ministers to be sure that their feet are placed on the platform of eternal truth. Beware how you follow impulse, calling it the Holy Spirit. Some are in danger in this respect. I call upon them to be sound in the faith, able to give every one who asks a reason of the hope that is in them. *18LtMs, Ms 145, 1903, par. 15*

Into the hearts of many who have been long in the truth there has entered a hard, judicial spirit. They are sharp, critical, fault-finding. They have climbed into the judgment seat to pronounce sentence on those who do not meet their ideas. God calls upon them to come down and bow before Him in repentance, confessing their sins. He says to them, "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works, or else I will come unto thee

quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.” [*Revelation 2:4, 5.*] They are striving for the first place, and by their words and acts they make many hearts sore. *18LtMs, Ms 145, 1903, par. 16*

Against this spirit, and against the false religion of sentimentalism, which is equally dangerous, I bear my warning. Take heed, brethren and sisters. Who is your leader?—Christ, or the angel who fell from heaven? Are you sound in the faith? My prayer for you all is that God would grant you “according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.” [*Ephesians 3:16-19.*] *18LtMs, Ms 145, 1903, par. 17*

## Ms 146, 1903

Abiding in Christ

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We need to understand the words of Christ found in the *fifteenth chapter of John*. “I am the true Vine, and My Father is the Husbandman. Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. I am the Vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered, and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.” [*Verses 1-6.*] *18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 1*

We should examine ourselves to see what kind of fruit we are bearing. If we bear good fruit, manifest in wise words and in earnest, untiring efforts to win others to Christ, we show that we are connected with the true Vine. If the fruit we bear is evil, it gives evidence that we are separated from the true Vine. *18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 2*

“If ye abide in Me,” Christ continues, “and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples. As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love. If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father’s commandments, and abide in His love.” [*Verses 7-10.*] *18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 3*

In these words the truth is presented so simply that none need fail of understanding. Even children may comprehend this lesson. Through union with Christ we become “partakers of the divine

nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust,” and we receive His virtues. [2 *Peter* 1:4.]18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 4

“These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy may be full.” [John 15:11.] The Lord is not pleased to see any of His blood-bought heritage sad, and hopeless, and discouraged. Let us appropriate these words to ourselves and take fresh courage. To cherish and to obey the words of Christ brings joy, and peace, and all the other blessings of heaven.18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 5

In the *sixth chapter of John* Christ speaks of the union that His followers are to have with Him. “I am the living Bread which came down from heaven,” He declares; “if any man eat of this Bread, he shall live forever: and the Bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. ... Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.” [Verses 51, 53, 54.]18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 6

The bond of union represented by eating Christ’s flesh and drinking His blood is the same as that represented by the figure of the vine and its branches.18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 7

Christ gave Himself for us. On Calvary’s cross He died for our sins, making it possible for fallen man to become children of God and to keep His commandments. By repenting of sin and uniting with Christ, we receive all the blessings that come through His sacrifice. Through faith in His merits and in the virtue of His atonement, we receive Him as a personal Saviour and become partakers of His nature. As we appropriate His words, we receive from them spiritual life and strength. This is union with Christ.18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 8

Those who listened to the words recorded in the *sixth chapter of John* had recently witnessed the miracle that Christ performed to satisfy the hunger of the weary company that had come to hear His words. Yet this did not cause them to believe in Him as the Son of God.18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 9

“They said therefore unto Him, What sign showest Thou, then, that we may see, and believe Thee? What dost Thou work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but My Father giveth you the true bread from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto Him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the Bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst. But I said unto you, that ye also have seen Me, and believe not.” [Verses 30-36.] “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him.” [Verses 53-56.] Compare this statement with the words, “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me.” [John 15:4.] *18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 10*

Christ Himself explains the figure He employs. “It is the Spirit that quickeneth;” He says, “the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life.” [John 6:63.] *18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 11*

He who receives the words of Christ enters into living connection with Him spoken of in the words, he “dwelleth in Me, and I in him.” [Verse 56.] This is a vital, saving union. Only by this union can we gain eternal life, even as the branch can live only as it is connected with the parent stock. Separated from the vine, it withers, and, accounted worthless, is cast into the fire, and burned. *18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 12*

Obedience to the words of Christ brings spiritual life. To continue in obedience brings eternal life. By receiving Christ’s words we receive Him. “If ye keep My commandments,” He says, “ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father’s commandments, and abide in His love.” [John 15:10.] *18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 13*



“I have many things to say unto you,” Christ declared to His disciples, “but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come. He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are Mine: therefore said I, that He shall take of Mine, and shall show it unto you.” [*John 16:12-15.*] *18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 14*

Had the minds of the disciples at that time been prepared to comprehend the truth, Christ could have opened to them that which would have enabled them to guard against the trials and temptations so soon to come upon them. *18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 15*

“Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I will show you plainly of the Father.” [*Verses 24, 25.*] *18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 16*

After His resurrection Christ explained to His disciples things that they had not before understood. After His ascension the disciples more fully discerned the meaning of the truths that He had spoken in proverbs. On the day of Pentecost the work of the Spirit revealed the Father and the Son. The adversaries of the truth could not gainsay the words of those whom Christ had appointed as His witnesses. *18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 17*

“At that day ye shall ask in My name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: for the Father Himself loveth you, because ye have loved Me, and have believed that I came out from God.” [*Verses 26, 27.*] *18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 18*

Christ and His Father are one. God is in perfect harmony with every prayer offered in the name of Christ. The Father loves those who accept Christ, even as He loves His own Son, and He will answer their prayers. *18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 19*

Christ has redeemed the human race. In His humanity He bore all

the temptations wherewith man is beset. Not once did He swerve from His allegiance to God. He died that men might become partakers of the divine nature and be glorified with Himself in the heavenly courts. Through the eternal ages the redeemed will abide with Him, as those who have been saved from death by His blood.*18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 20*

The poor are God's heritage. Christ has given His life for them. He calls upon those whom He has appointed to act as His stewards, to give liberally of the means entrusted to them to relieve the poor, and to support His work in the earth. The Lord is rich in resources. He has appointed men to act as His treasurers in this world. That which He has given them they are to use in His service.*18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 21*

Christ took humanity upon Himself, that He might demonstrate the efficiency of the power that He offers to His followers. He will not be satisfied until they are complete in Him. He will give them power to become the sons of God. In His true disciples His image will be reproduced. And others, beholding in them the likeness of Christ, will also become changed into His likeness and reflect His character before angels and men.*18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 22*

We have no time to lose. "I must work the works of Him that sent Me," said Christ, "while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work." [*John 9:4.*]*18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 23*

We can do nothing without the aid of our divine Helper. "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." [*Philippians 2:12, 13.*]*18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 24*

"This is My commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He

may give it you. These things I command you, that ye love one another. *18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 25*

“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated Me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you: if they have kept My saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for My name’s sake, because they know not Him that sent Me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin. He that hateth Me hateth My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both Me and My Father also. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated Me without a cause. But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me. And ye shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.”  
[*John 15:12-27.*]*18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 26*

Who can read these words of comfort and assurance, and refuse to believe and accept Christ? Are we always to work away from the word of Christ? Will those who profess to be His children fail to receive His words?*18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 27*

### **Our Need to Unify**

We must seek to become a united people. Every phase of our work is to bear the signature of God. Those who have not placed themselves on the Lord’s side are becoming more bold and more defiant. He calls upon His people to take their stand firmly on the platform of eternal truth. To His true and loyal subjects He has given the words of eternal life. It is for them to obey His Word and do His work, in accordance with His instructions.*18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 28*

God sends His Holy Spirit to kindle in the hearts of His followers a

desire to open the Word to those who sit in darkness, that they may come to the light of the knowledge of God.*18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 29*

We are to carry forward in our world gospel medical missionary work. This work means far more than many comprehend. The one great work of medical missionaries is to be to fulfil the commission to carry the gospel of salvation to all parts of the world.*18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 30*

Medical missionary workers must be set apart by God Himself for His work. If they consecrate themselves to God, and are by Him sanctified, body, soul, and spirit; if they walk and work as men called to exalt Christ, they will be recognized as God's appointed agencies. But they need to study carefully the life and character of their divine Example, that all their work may be done after the divine similitude. They need to be humble. Then the language of their hearts will be, "Who is sufficient for these things?" [*2 Corinthians 2:16.*] Their success depends upon co-operation with Christ.*18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 31*

Who can say where Seventh-day Adventists might be standing today, had they fully carried out the instruction given in the *sixth chapter of John*, had they received the words which, Christ declares, are spirit and life to the receiver? I hope and pray that we may now seek to understand these words; for they mean much to every soul.*18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 32*

Many do not earnestly seek to understand the lessons found in God's Word. They lay aside the Bible and allow their minds to become engrossed with the cheap reading found in books of fiction, newspapers, and magazines.*18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 33*

"Search the Scriptures;" said Christ, "for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me." [*John 5:39.*] The Lord calls for workers whose motives are pure and sincere. He calls upon His people to arouse and consecrate their capabilities to Him. He will lead all who are willing to be led by Him.*18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 34*

Will not all now make a resolute determination to exclude from the

life all unprofitable reading and to feed upon the word, which, if received, is eternal life? At this time there needs to be a close searching of the heart. To become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King, is of far greater value than treasures of gold and silver and precious stones. *18LtMs, Ms 146, 1903, par. 35*

## **Ms 147, 1903**

### The Narrow Way

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Christ gives to all the invitation, "Follow Me." "He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." [*John 8:12.*] *18LtMs, Ms 147, 1903, par. 1*

"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.*] *18LtMs, Ms 147, 1903, par. 2*

The path cast up for the ransomed of the Lord is far above all worldly schemes and practices. Those who walk in it are to show by their works the purity of their principles. They have a heaven to win, and by a well-ordered life and a godly conversation they are to show the genuineness of their profession. They are to work out their own salvation with fear and trembling, fearing that they shall not perfect a Christian character, yet striving to follow on in the footsteps of Christ, keeping His life and His teaching ever before them. As they do this, God works in them, to will and to do of His good pleasure. *18LtMs, Ms 147, 1903, par. 3*

Those who walk in the narrow way must follow the directions of the guidebook. Thus only can they reach the gates of the city of God. They are to follow the example of Christ, working as He worked. Then at last they will hear the commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." [*Matthew 25:23.*] *18LtMs, Ms 147, 1903, par. 4*

### **Our Gifts**

God has put men and women in possession of precious gifts. To

different ones He has given different gifts. Not all have the same strength of character or the same depth of knowledge. But each one is to use his gifts in the Master's service, however small this gift may seem to be. The faithful steward trades wisely on the goods entrusted to him. *18LtMs, Ms 147, 1903, par. 5*

The endowments of mind and body are to be carefully guarded. Our gifts are not to be weakened by self-indulgence. Every power is to be carefully preserved, that it may always be ready for instant use. No part of the physical organism is to be weakened by misuse. Each part, however small, has an influence on the whole. The abuse of one nerve or muscle lessens the usefulness of the whole body. Those for whom Christ has given His life should bring their habits and practices into conformity to His will. *18LtMs, Ms 147, 1903, par. 6*

“Freely ye have received; freely give.” [*Matthew 10:8.*] *18LtMs, Ms 147, 1903, par. 7*

God's Word declares, “The soul that sinneth, it shall die.” [*Ezekiel 18:4.*] But God does not desire the death of any one. At infinite cost He provided for man a second probation. He “so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” [*John 3:16.*] Should not those to whom the light of truth for this time has come place themselves in close connection with God, using their capabilities to advance the work of soul-saving? Should not the one who possesses an understanding of the Scriptures impart the knowledge given him to those who know not the truth? *18LtMs, Ms 147, 1903, par. 8*

Upon every believer in present truth rests the responsibility of working for sinners. God points them to their special work—the proclamation of the third angel's message. They are to show their appreciation of God's great gift by consecrating themselves to the work for which Christ gave His life. They are to be stewards of the grace of God, dispensing to others the blessings bestowed on them. He who has found comfort in the Word of God is to share this comfort with others. Thus only can he continue to receive comfort. *18LtMs, Ms 147, 1903, par. 9*

## True Repentance for Sin

I present before you the *fifty-first Psalm*, a psalm filled with precious lessons. From it we may learn what course to follow if we have departed from the Lord. To the king of Israel, exalted and honored, the Lord sent a message of reproof by His prophet. David confessed his sin and humbled his heart, declaring God to be just in all His dealings. *18LtMs, Ms 147, 1903, par. 10*

“Have mercy upon me, O God,” he said, “according to Thy lovingkindness, according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight; that Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest. ...*18LtMs, Ms 147, 1903, par. 11*

“Behold, Thou desiredst truth in the inward parts; and in the hidden parts Thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.*18LtMs, Ms 147, 1903, par. 12*

“Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation. O Lord, open Thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. For Thou desiredst not sacrifice; else would I give it; Thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.”  
[*Verses 1-4, 6-17.*]*18LtMs, Ms 147, 1903, par. 13*

Sin is sin, whether committed by one sitting on a throne, or by one in the humbler walks of life. The day is coming when all who have committed sin will make confession, even though it is too late for



them to receive pardon. God waits long for the sinner to repent. He manifests a wonderful forbearance. But He must at last call the transgressor of His law to account. *18LtMs, Ms 147, 1903, par. 14*

A man incurs guilt by injuring a fellow being, but his chief guilt is the sin that he has committed against the Lord and the evil influence of his example upon others. The sincere child of God does not make light of any of His requirements. Should he do this, he would soon make for himself laws that would not be in harmony with God's requirements. Another, having great confidence in him, would do the same, and thus God would be greatly dishonored. Infidels look at the defective lives of professing Christians, and say, "If I believed what those men and women profess to believe, I could never do the things that they do." *18LtMs, Ms 147, 1903, par. 15*

Let us make steady advancement. Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets, and run with patience the race set before us. Let us hold the truth in righteousness. Then, when adversity comes, we shall be able to trust in God, knowing that we have done our best. Trust in God is one of the signs that distinguish the righteous from the wicked. God never forgets His faithful children in their suffering and affliction. With confidence they may say: *18LtMs, Ms 147, 1903, par. 16*

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." *[Psalm 23:1-6.]18LtMs, Ms 147, 1903, par. 17*

## Ms 148, 1903

Diary/The Need of Humility and Unity

Oakland, California

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This morning I cannot sleep after two o'clock. My soul is drawn out in most earnest prayer. I feel a great longing that our people at this conference shall see the necessity of humbling their hearts before God and coming into close connection with the great Teacher. They need to hide self in Christ that self may not appear. The Saviour is to be revealed in their lives. Their attitude toward one another is an index to their connection with Christ and their reception of truth and righteousness. *18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 1*

God is to receive all honor and glory. "Without Me," Christ said, "ye can do nothing." [*John 15:5.*] If day by day our life is hid with Christ in God, when He who is our Life shall appear, we also who by living faith have revealed Him to the world shall appear with Him. *18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 2*

What can be said to rid our brethren of the thought that as soon as they are placed in positions of responsibility they must exercise personal authority? Thus they lose their first love. They may do many excellent things, but they need to understand that position does not make the man. Let them realize that they are finite, and let them bear in God's strength the responsibilities of their position. Thus they will honor and exalt the Lord Jesus. *18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 3*

We need to have our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. A sanctified peace will do much to impart the knowledge that God sent His Son to save sinners. Will our brethren consider this, and glorify God by walking softly in the footprints of Jesus Christ? *18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 4*

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk

worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore He saith, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that He ascended, what is it but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things.)*18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 5*

“And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the working of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.” [*Ephesians 4:1-14.*]*18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 6*

Let us study these words. Not every presentation made by men is to be accepted as truth, even though in the past the Lord has used these men, and has honored them by giving them wisdom, while they have honored Him and have not eagerly sought to gather to themselves all the honor possible. When men withdraw themselves from the Lord’s keeping power, thinking themselves fully capable of managing the work of God, they allow themselves to be worked by another spirit.*18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 7*

Let no one suppose that because he has been used as an instrument in the hands of God, he is all-sufficient, able to stand in his own strength. Unless he takes God as his counselor, placing his dependence on Him, he will enlist under the leadership of the enemy. Then he will manifest the crookedness and subtlety of the serpent’s guile. When men join the forces of evil, they are deceived.

They become possessed with the idea that the work cannot be carried forward without their talents and wisdom.*18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 8*

### **Warning Against False Doctrine**

One of the greatest perplexities we have to meet is to distinguish between that which is genuine and that which is false and misleading. Our brethren must be sharp and keen to discover the snares of Satan. Deceptive ideas must not be allowed to insinuate themselves among God's people, ensnaring souls before it is discovered that these ideas are not of God.*18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 9*

Unless we are continually on our guard, error will steal in unawares, just as Satan's sophistry was developed in the heavenly courts. The enemy adroitly presented his ideas to the angels, until their minds grasped his evil insinuations. Then he left his statements to develop in their minds. They were not as cautious as their leader and openly communicated these new theories. Thus Satan worked to undermine the confidence of the angels. Thus he lay in wait to deceive, in order that he might accomplish his purpose of exalting himself to be the chief commander.*18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 10*

The warnings against the deceptions of Satan come down through the ages to our own time. In all our labor to bring everlasting life to perishing souls, we must watch and pray, lest we be found as messengers of Satan. Today he presents to human minds the subtle insinuations of which he is the originator. When he can find a mind open to his craftiness, he exerts his deceptive power, and too often his suggestions are received as truths of heavenly origin. Wherever he finds opportunity he works with deceit and with guile to captivate human beings and to lead them to partake of the forbidden fruit.*18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 11*

### **Christian Fellowship and Love**

Paul continues, "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ. From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every

joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” [*Verses 15, 16.*]18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 12

This instruction is in perfect harmony with the light to be found in the first epistle of John: 18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 13

“These things we write unto you that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.” [*1 John 1:4-10.*]18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 14

These plain truths mean very much to us who are living in these last days. Read and study the *second chapter of first John*. Then read and understand the words found in the *second chapter of Revelation*: “Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.” [*Verses 4, 5.*]18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 15

Will we consider these words? The presentation of beautiful theories will not suffice, unless the love of Christ is in our hearts. This will give fragrance to our words and works. The loss of this love results in the loss of all things. Again, the Lord sends the following message: 18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 16

“Unto the angel of the church in Sardis write: These things saith He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and

repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.” [Revelation 3:1-3.]18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 17

“This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their hearts.” [Ephesians 4:17, 18.]18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 18

Our ministers should dwell largely upon the love of God to sinners, speaking of that love as expressed in the gift of His only begotten Son to make an atonement for sin.18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 19

Christ instructs us as His ambassadors to teach “all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” And, He adds the promise, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” [Matthew 28:20.]18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 20

No limitations are made. Christ died for the whole world. Every human being may receive the benefits of His saving grace. Let those who have heard and received the message of salvation remember that in accepting Christ they pledged themselves to be stewards of His grace, to minister to those dead in trespasses.18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 21

Christ pledged Himself to stand as substitute and surety for human beings, should they fall through disobedience. “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.]18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 22

In coming to this earth, Christ laid aside His glory. “He took not on Him the nature of angels: but He took on Him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of His people.” [Hebrews 2:16, 17.]18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 23

Had Christ come to this world with the outward display, the power and the rank that He might have had, His object would not have

been accomplished. *18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 24*

The Spirit of prophecy clearly indicated that an inspired teacher was to appear. Peter declared: "Moses truly said unto 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, which 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 foretold of these things." [*Acts 3:22-24.*]*18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 25*

From the beginning of the prophetic era the coming of a distinguished Teacher had been predicted—a Teacher whose words would demand universal attention, whose power would be sufficient to overcome the power of Satan. Prophecy declared that He would "preach the gospel to the poor," and "proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." [*Luke 4:18; Isaiah 61:2.*] He was to "set judgment in the earth." The isles were to "wait for His law." [*Isaiah 42:4.*] The Gentiles were to come to His light, and kings to the brightness of His rising. [*Isaiah 60:3.*] The "Messenger of the covenant" was expected. The Sun of righteousness was to arise "with healing in His wings." [*Malachi 3:1; 4:2.*]*18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 26*

"When the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son." [*Galatians 4:4.*] "Hear, O heavens," and "be astonished, O earth!" [*See Isaiah 1:2.*] The long-looked-for Instructor appeared and proved to be no less than the Son of God Himself. He was the "sent of God." He was one with the Father. But He clothed His divinity with humanity and came to this earth to reveal what God designed humanity to be, had sin never existed.*18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 27*

He who was without sin took upon Himself the infirmities of humanity that He might place men on vantage ground with God. In His life, He showed the union that may exist between the human and the divine, and in the strength of this union He resisted all the assaults of the wily foe. It is the privilege of men and women to become partakers of the divine nature. They may live by every word

that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 28*

“When He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldest not, but a body hast Thou prepared Me: in burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin Thou hadst no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come, (in the volume of the book it is written of Me,) to do Thy will, O God. Above when He said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings for sin Thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; then said He, Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices which can never take away sins: but this man, after He had offered one sacrifice 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.*18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 29*

“Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to 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 into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.*18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 30*

“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 true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.*18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 31*

“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 good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”



[*Hebrews 10:5-25.*]18LtMs, Ms 148, 1903, par. 32

## Ms 149, 1903

One With Christ in God

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The Lord calls for men of genuine faith and sound minds, men who recognize the distinction between the true and the false. Each one should now be on his guard, studying and practicing the lessons given in the *seventeenth chapter of John* and preserving a living faith in the truth for this time. We need that self-control which will enable us to bring our habits into harmony with the prayer of Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 149, 1903, par. 1*

The instruction given me by One of authority is that we are to learn to answer the prayer recorded in the *seventeenth chapter of John*. We are to make this prayer our first study. Every gospel minister, every medical missionary, is to learn the science of this prayer. My brethren and sisters, I ask you to heed these words and to bring to your study a calm, humble, contrite spirit, and the healthy energies of a mind under the control of God. Those who fail to learn the lessons contained in this prayer are in danger of making one-sided developments, which no future training will ever fully correct. *18LtMs, Ms 149, 1903, par. 2*

“Neither for these only, do I pray,” Christ said, “but for them also that believe on Me through their word; that they all may be one, even 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 didst send Me. *18LtMs, Ms 149, 1903, par. 3*

“And the glory which Thou hast given Me, I have given unto them; that they may be one, even as We are one; I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and lovedst them, even as Thou lovedst Me. *18LtMs, Ms 149, 1903, par. 4*

“Father, I desire 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 knew Thee not, but I knew Thee; and these knew that Thou didst send Me; and I made known unto them Thy name, and will make it known; that the love wherewith Thou lovest Me may be in them, and I in them.” [*Verses 20-26.*] *18LtMs, Ms 149, 1903, par. 5*

It is the purpose of God that His children shall blend in unity. Do they not expect to live together in the same heaven? Is Christ divided against Himself? Will He give His people success before they sweep away the rubbish of evil-surmising and discord, before the laborers, with unity of purpose, devote heart and mind and strength to the work so holy in God’s sight? *18LtMs, Ms 149, 1903, par. 6*

Union brings strength; disunion weakness. United with one another, working together in harmony for the salvation of men, we shall indeed be “laborers together with God.” [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] Those who refuse to work in harmony greatly dishonor God. The enemy of souls delights to see them working at cross purposes with one another. Such ones need to cultivate brotherly love and tenderness of heart. If they could draw aside the curtain veiling the future, and see the result of their disunion, they would surely be led to repent. *18LtMs, Ms 149, 1903, par. 7*

The world is looking on with gratification at the disunion amongst Christians. Infidelity is well pleased. God calls for a change among His people. Union with Christ and with one another is our only safety in these last days. Let us not make it possible for Satan to point to our church members, saying, “Behold how these people, standing under the banner of Christ, hate one another. We have nothing to fear from them while they spend more strength fighting one another than in warfare with my forces.” *18LtMs, Ms 149, 1903, par. 8*

After the descent of the Holy Spirit, the disciples went forth to proclaim a risen Saviour, their one desire the salvation of souls. They rejoiced in the sweetness of communion with saints. They

were tender, thoughtful, self-denying, willing to make any sacrifice for the truth's sake. In their daily association with one another, they revealed the love that Christ had commanded them to reveal. By unselfish words and deeds, they strove to kindle this love in other hearts. *18LtMs, Ms 149, 1903, par. 9*

The believers were ever to cherish the love that filled the hearts of the apostles after the descent of the Holy Spirit. They were to go forward in willing obedience to the new commandment, "As I have loved you, that ye also love one another." [*John 13:34.*] So closely were they to be united to Christ that they would be enabled to fulfil His requirements. The power of a Saviour who could justify them by His righteousness was to be magnified. *18LtMs, Ms 149, 1903, par. 10*

But the early Christians began to look for defects in one another. Dwelling upon mistakes, giving place to unkind criticism, they lost sight of the Saviour and of the great love He had revealed for sinners. They became more strict in regard to outward ceremonies, more particular about the theory of the faith, more severe in their criticisms. In their zeal to condemn others, they forgot their own errors. They forgot the lesson of brotherly love that Christ had taught. And, saddest of all, they were unconscious of their loss. They did not realize that happiness and joy were going out of their lives, and that soon they would walk in darkness, having shut the love of God out of their hearts. *18LtMs, Ms 149, 1903, par. 11*

The apostle John realized that brotherly love was waning in the church, and he dwelt particularly upon this point. Up to the day of his death, he urged upon believers the constant exercise of love for one another. His letters to the churches are filled with this thought. "Beloved, let us love one another," he wrote; "for love is of God. ... God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ... Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." [*1 John 4:7, 9, 11.*]*18LtMs, Ms 149, 1903, par. 12*

In the church of God today brotherly love is greatly lacking. Many of those who profess to love the Saviour neglect to love those who are united with them in Christian fellowship. We are of the same faith, members of one family, all children of the same heavenly Father,

with the same blessed hope of immortality. How close and tender should be the tie that binds us together! The people of the world are watching us, to see if our faith is exerting a sanctifying influence upon our hearts. They are quick to discern every defect in our lives, every inconsistency in our actions. Let us give them no occasion to reproach our faith. *18LtMs, Ms 149, 1903, par. 13*

It is not the opposition of the world that endangers us the most; it is the evil cherished in the hearts of professed believers that works our most grievous disaster and retards most the progress of God's cause. There is no surer way of weakening our spirituality than by being envious, suspicious of one another, full of faultfinding and evil surmising. "This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." [*James 3:15-18.*]*18LtMs, Ms 149, 1903, par. 14*

Harmony and union existing among men of varied dispositions is the strongest witness that can be borne that God has sent His Son into the world to save sinners. It is our privilege to bear this witness. But in order to do this, we must place ourselves under Christ's command. Our characters must be molded in harmony with His character, our wills must be surrendered to His will. Then we shall work together without a thought of collision. *18LtMs, Ms 149, 1903, par. 15*

Little differences dwelt upon lead to actions that destroy Christian fellowship. Let us not allow the enemy thus to gain the advantage over us. Let us keep drawing nearer to God and to one another. Then we shall be as trees of righteousness, planted by the Lord, and watered by the river of life. And how fruitful we shall be! Did not Christ say, "Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit"? [*John 15:8.*]*18LtMs, Ms 149, 1903, par. 16*

The heart of the Saviour is set upon His followers' fulfilling God's purpose in all its height and depth. They are to be one in Him, even though they are scattered the world over. But God cannot make

them one in Christ unless they are willing to give up their own way for His way. *18LtMs, Ms 149, 1903, par. 17*

When Christ's prayer is fully believed, when its instruction is brought into the daily life of God's people, unity of action will be seen in our ranks. Brother will be bound to brother by the golden bonds of the love of Christ. The Spirit of God alone can bring about this oneness. He who sanctified Himself can sanctify His disciples. United with Him, they will be united with one another in the most holy faith. When we strive for this unity as God desires us to strive for it, it will come to us. *18LtMs, Ms 149, 1903, par. 18*

## Ms 150, 1903

### The Blessing of Service

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The Lord’s people are not to tie up the means He has entrusted to them by the purchase of land or buildings in the city. Rather are they to sell that they have and place in the Lord’s storehouse the means that they can spare. For this means, needy, unworked fields are calling. From many lands is sounding the cry, “Come over and help us.” [*Acts 16:9*.] *18LtMs, Ms 150, 1903, par. 1*

“Sell that ye have, and give alms: provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” [*Luke 12:33, 34*.] *18LtMs, Ms 150, 1903, par. 2*

All our church members should feel a deep interest in home and foreign missions. Great spiritual blessing will come to them as they make self-sacrificing efforts to plant the standard of truth in new territory. The money invested in this work will bring rich returns. New converts, rejoicing in the light received from the Word, will in their turn give of their means to carry the light to others. *18LtMs, Ms 150, 1903, par. 3*

The Lord is calling upon His people to take up different lines of missionary work. Those in the highways and hedges are to hear the saving gospel message. Church members are to do evangelistic work in the homes of those of their friends and neighbors who have not yet received full evidence of the truth. Those who do not communicate the light they have received will one day realize that they have sustained great loss. *18LtMs, Ms 150, 1903, par. 4*

Let those who take up this work make the life of Christ their

constant study. Let them be intensely in earnest, using every capability in the Lord's service. Precious results will follow sincere, unselfish effort. From the great Teacher the workers will receive the highest of all education. *18LtMs, Ms 150, 1903, par. 5*

Many of God's people are to go forth with publications containing the light of present truth into places where the third angel's message has never been proclaimed. The work of the canvasser-evangelist who is imbued with the Spirit of God is fraught with wonderful possibilities for good. The presentation of the truth, in love and simplicity, from house to house, is in harmony with the instruction that Christ gave His disciples when He sent them out on their first missionary tour. By songs of praise to God, humble, heartfelt prayers, and a simple presentation of Bible truth in the family circle, many will be reached. The divine worker will be present to send conviction to hearts. "I am with you always," is His promise. [*Matthew 28:20.*] With the assurance of the abiding presence of such a Helper, we may labor with faith and hope and courage. *18LtMs, Ms 150, 1903, par. 6*

The monotony of our service for God needs to be broken up. Every church member should be engaged in some line of work for God. Let those who are well established in the truth go into neighboring places and hold meetings, giving a cordial invitation to all. Let there be in these meetings melodious songs, fervent prayers, and the reading of God's Word. And let the ideas expressed and the words in which they are clothed be such as the common people can readily comprehend. *18LtMs, Ms 150, 1903, par. 7*

There are others who can visit the homes of the people, reading to the members of the family on some simple impressive subject of Bible truth. By such labor souls will be convicted and converted. Those who do this work should be able to read and speak with clearness and feeling, placing the emphasis where it belongs. *18LtMs, Ms 150, 1903, par. 8*

There are those who, because of pressing home duties, may not be able to do house-to-house work. But let them not think that they can do nothing to help. They can encourage those who go out, and they can give of their means to help to sustain them. *18LtMs, Ms 150,*



*1903, par. 9*

Will not every church act its part as the Lord's missionary society? Every member may do something. God's people are to be laborers together with Him. As they take up His work, there will be a manifest increase of faith and piety. There will be greater readiness to offer prayer and praise to God in the testimony meetings held.*18LtMs, Ms 150, 1903, par. 10*

Brethren and sisters, shall we not act our part in fulfilling the divine purpose, by giving light to those who are in darkness? Our ministers may visit our churches and offer public prayers to God for the comfort of the sorrowful, asking Him to dispel the doubts in their minds and to shed light into their darkened souls. But this will not be as effective in helping these sorrowful, doubting, sin-burdened ones, as to lead them to work for those more needy than themselves. The darkness will be dispelled from their own hearts if they can be led to work for others.*18LtMs, Ms 150, 1903, par. 11*

**Ms 151, 1903**

“Through Nature to Nature’s God”

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## Ms 154, 1903

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I am glad to have an opportunity of meeting with you. I feel a very deep interest in the Lord's work.*18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 2*

Those who are engaged in educational work find that among the problems they have to solve, one of the most perplexing is that which relates to the book knowledge given to the students. Which shall we make of primary importance—the study of God's Word, or the attainment of a thorough scientific education?*18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 3*

The enemy of righteousness is working in every possible way to introduce his specious sophistries into the minds of God's people just as he worked in heaven to win the loyal angels to his side of the controversy. Constantly he has worked along the same deceptive lines, diverting minds from truth to error. Even now he is endeavoring to divert our minds from the real truths that we are to proclaim to a perishing world. To guard against his insidious workings, we are to make the Bible the foundation of all our school work. Constantly we are to guard against bringing before the students things that are not essential and failure of teaching them the fundamental principles of the Word. In our efforts to prepare young men and women for any line of service, including medical missionary work, we are to base all our instruction on the principles of the Word and lead the students to accept the Book of books as their man of counsel.*18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 4*

Into the hands of youthful students, those who are to become missionaries, we are to put nothing that will give them vagary ideas. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 5*

The Lord Jesus regarded it as important to call special attention to the value of a study of the last book in the Bible. The *Revelation* is not something so mystical that we cannot understand it and impart to students a knowledge of its teachings. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 6*

Christ came from heaven to meet John on the Isle of Patmos. The Lord revealed to His servant heavenly things and showed him what would take place in the last days. In the first chapter of Revelation a blessing is pronounced upon all who accept this heaven-sent message. “Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things that are written therein: for the time is at hand.” [Verse 3.] *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 7*

There is significance in the fact that Christ deemed it of importance to come to John and to repeat over and over again, “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22.] All our churches are in need of a reformation. They are in need of present truth, not of suppositions and vagaries. Many things contrary to the truth will come in. Among us are those who will express spiritualistic ideas that have no scriptural foundation—ideas that men and women should never express and advocate. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 8*

In the message that Christ brought to John on the Isle of Patmos, it is stated over and over again that our Saviour is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. To John were revealed heavenly things: and the divine Messenger talked with him concerning these things and foretold what was coming upon the churches and what messages were to be given them to prepare for the trying times before them. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 9*

A great responsibility is resting upon us. We are to be faithful stewards of God’s grace, faithful gospel ministers. Christ came to the earth as a gospel minister. As He went from place to place, He combined the work of educating the people with the work of healing them. This is what we are to do. The gospel ministry and the

medical missionary work are to be united. We must labor on a higher plane of action than any on which we have labored in the past. A missionary work attends the messages that are to be proclaimed in the last days. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 10*

God's blessing is accompanying the light given in regard to health reform and the preparation of wholesome foods; but this light has been used selfishly, and the health food and hygienic restaurant business has come to be a commercial matter. God is too often lost sight of by those connected with our restaurants in the cities. In the various lines of medical missionary work, a commercial spirit is coming in and taking possession of mind and heart. God desires His workers to go forth, endowed with the power of the Holy Spirit. We are to be a people of prayer and practical godliness. God's sacred work is to be carried forward on the highest plane of unselfishness and righteousness. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 11*

If there was a time when we needed to be an understanding people, it is now. If there is a time when we needed to understand fully and surely what true medical missionary work is, it is now. The medical missionary work is sick, a spirit of commercialism is fostered. Now, at a time when we are on the very eve of the closing scenes of the earth's history, much of that which is called medical missionary work has scarcely any spiritual influence. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 12*

“What is the chaff to the wheat?” [*Jeremiah 23:28.*] These words have been repeatedly spoken to me by my Instructor recently, in regard to the medical missionary work now being carried on by some. This is why I say, The medical missionary work is sick and in need of conversion. Many of those engaged in this work have lost their power with God, and I desire that we shall all understand this. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 13*

#### **From Nature to Nature's God**

Some are now saying: “God is in the streams; God is in the trees and the leaves; God is in this, that, and the other thing; God is in everything.” Not one should make such assertions; for they are not true. If God were in the tree and the leaf, why could we not pray to

the tree and the leaf? God gives us no such instruction as this regarding Himself. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 14*

Where is God? Is He in His created works? Christ says, “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” [*Matthew 6:28, 29.*] Who arrays the lilies of the field?—The God of heaven. Who is it that clothed with beauty everything in nature that delights the eye—the trees, the leaves, the streams, the carpet of green dotted with flowers?—God, the Creator of all things. But we are not to treat these things in nature as if God were in them. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 15*

For years I have been instructed by the Lord that we are to teach our children and the students in our schools that in His love and mercy God has given us the beautiful things in nature as specimens of the beauty in Eden. Plainly and simply we should tell our children and youth that the beautiful handiwork of God, first seen by man in Eden, has been preserved for us to behold; and that we are to be directed from these beautiful things in nature to nature’s God. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 16*

Satan has sown tares all around us. God could have prevented the enemy from doing this, but after the fall of Adam and Eve, Satan claimed to be the prince of the power of the air and to have the control of everything in nature. God has permitted him to sow tares and to work out his principles of evil; and at the same time God has protected from Satan’s wrath those who desire to work out the principles of heaven. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 17*

Let us teach the children that God has permitted us to have the beautiful things of nature as an expression of His love to the human family. The trees have no soul; the leaves have no soul; they are simply an expression of God’s love toward us. These things in the natural world pass away. At the same time that Christ called attention to the lilies of the field which outvie the glory of Solomon, He said that “the grass of the field ... today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven.” [*Verse 30.*] That which some claim is a part of God is burned, consumed. The heathen pray to a tree, as if it were God, as if God were in it. That the trees are a part of God’s handiwork,



everyone acknowledges; God gives attention to His husbandry, His building; but He is not really there in person. We are to teach the children to look from the things of nature that God has created to nature's God. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 18*

The wording that is now being used in regard to these matters is false wording: it is a misrepresentation of the truth; and yet our people who are in danger of being deceived have had before them all these years light in regard to the workings of Satan in the heavenly courts. I have just been reading in *Patriarchs and Prophets* the account of how Satan brought into the courts of heaven his mysterious theories and his reasons for desiring to be in Christ's place. He declared that he had been the covering cherub, and that he was worthy of being more highly honored. He worked insidiously to gain the highest place. And this is what many in our churches are trying to do now. Many who profess to be children of God have an intense desire that no one shall be honored more highly than they. They wish to keep abreast with their fellow workers and to gain the lead, if possible. But their desire springs from a selfish motive. It is right to press forward toward the mark of the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus, and in this way to keep abreast with others; but we are to have no selfish purposes in view. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 19*

Christ understood all about these matters. After His transfiguration, He returned with His disciples to Capernaum. On the journey the disciples disputed among themselves in regard to who should be greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Upon reaching their temporary home in Capernaum, Christ asked them, "What is it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way? But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves who should be the greatest. And He sat down, and called the twelve, and said unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. And He took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when He had taken him in His arms, He said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in My name, receiveth Me: and whosoever shall receive Me, receiveth not Me, but Him that sent Me." [*Mark 9:33-37.*] *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 20*

Matthew bears record of an occasion when the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto them, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." [*Matthew 18:1-4.*] *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 21*

Let us never entertain exalted ideas of being something more than we really are. Let us keep heaven and the fear of God before us. Making Christ our example, it is safe for us to reach as high as we possibly can reach by His grace. So long as we follow in His footsteps, we will keep humble. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 22*

Some of the most foolish, ridiculous ideas have been presented by ministers who were seeking for something new and startling. There have been advocated some theories the truth concerning which can never be learned until the day of judgment. These evil seeds spring up and bear fruit, and a harvest of evil is the result. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 23*

In this very way, insidiously, but surely, rank scientific spiritualism is springing up in the midst of us. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 24*

We are living in times of peril. God wants His servants, His watchmen, to keep their eyes open; He wants them to have more than common sense; they are in need of heavenly wisdom. These false theories coming in are originated by Satan. In the name of the Lord God of Israel, I tell you, my brethren, we want, stationed on the walls of Zion, watchmen that can give the trumpet a certain sound. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 25*

Never should such theories as some that are now advocated be placed before our students. These theories do not prepare us for the judgment. They belittle our estimation of God and almost do away with Him altogether. Our God is high and lifted up, and His train filleth the temple. We are to exalt God, to honor Him, to believe in Him, and to see His love toward us as revealed in His created works. We are to realize that we are a part of God's human family, children of the heavenly King. He has appointed us to be members

of His royal family. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 26*

Our Saviour has given His children lesson upon lesson in regard to humility. His words are unmistakably plain: “Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.” [*Verse 3.*] As in John’s epistles, the believers are spoken of as little children and are exhorted to love one another. Before Christ left His disciples, He instructed them to love one another, that all men might know that they were His disciples. “A new commandment,” He declared, “I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love for one another.” [*John 13:34, 35.*]*18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 27*

Not until Christ had suffered the agonies of Gethsemane and of Calvary’s cross did the disciples realize even to a limited degree the great love wherewith Christ loved them. In Gethsemane they saw Him wrestling with God; they viewed His face all marred with the great sweatdrops of blood caused by the intensity of His mental anguish; they witnessed His betrayal by one to whom He had given every opportunity of salvation. Never can we comprehend fully the sufferings through which Christ passed at this time. He pleaded, “O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me:” but immediately He added, “Nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt.” [*Matthew 26:39.*]*18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 28*

### **The Truth a Safeguard Against Error**

In the future we must meet stern realities—trials that will test our loyalty to God and His truth. The beautiful theories that are being presented by some will not help us in the hour of trial and difficulty. We are to study the truths of the three angels’ messages and to believe in and worship a God who is able to carry us through the time of trouble. God desires [us] to act like men and women who have the truth. The first, second, and third angels’ messages are presented in the last book of the Bible—in *Revelation*. This book is not a mystery; it is a message to the churches, easily understood by those who have willing ears to hear the instruction that Christ came to deliver to us through His servant John.*18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 29*

God desires us to lock our minds against any species of spiritualism. We are to seek for practical godliness. We must practice the truth in word and act; we must be Christlike in all our work of benevolence. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 30*

Let us be careful to give to the truth entrusted to our care the pure provender of God's Word—food that will nourish and strengthen spiritual thought and that will influence the life for good. The truths that God would have us dwell upon are mighty, powerful, weighty. When presented to a congregation, these truths make an impression upon human minds. It is not the words of the human agent that make the impression; it is God who first gave the words that causes the hearer to accept the truths presented. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 31*

My brethren, in the presence of God we must take our stand on the truth. What is truth? Those who are shifted from the foundation of God's Word know not what is truth; and he who knows not the truth cannot be sanctified through the truth. Let every worker inquire: What is truth—the truth that will sanctify my soul? What is truth—the truth that I should present before the youth who come to attend our schools? *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 32*

Constantly God's people are to reveal the line of demarcation separating them from the world. To Israel was given the promise that the Lord would make them a nation of kings and priests, and that in the midst of the surrounding nations they were to stand as a peculiar people, holy unto the Lord. Concerning the statutes of the law, Moses said to the Israelites: "Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom ... in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon Him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?" [*Deuteronomy 4:6-8.*] This is what the Lord desires to hear the world say concerning His people today. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 33*

#### **The Duties of Officers in the School Home**

Let us strive to make all our schools what they should be. Those who assume the responsibility of caring for students in the students' homes should be persons whose influence is uplifting. At the head of each home there should be a person of age and experience to act as a mother—one who can rally round her the youth in an effort to keep the home clean and in order. We are fitting up for heaven; we are preparing to become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 34*

For matron in one of our schools we should not choose a young person. This position calls for a person of experience and solidity—one who knows how to deal with human minds. The nicest work that was ever given to mortals is the work of dealing with human minds. All students cannot be dealt with in the same way. Different temperaments must be treated individually. This requires study and tact. It takes painstaking efforts to make right impressions upon the human mind. Even in small families, all the children cannot be managed in the same way. In companies of young people made up of several families, the differences in disposition are much more marked. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 35*

In the school family will be some who are quick and passionate. Inexperienced teachers may regard these as of but little value to the cause; but they are of great value. Christ says, "I will take that passion, that strong will, and will discipline it in My school; I will use that will, converted, to a purpose." The very best talent should be secured to train the students in their school home life. The family in the school home is usually a large one. Not many mothers know how to manage properly two or three little children. How careful we should be, in choosing a matron of a school home, to secure a person of tact and ability—one whose experience will enable her to deal wisely with the passionate, intemperate children of all classes that are to be found among those sent to our schools! This is a matter worthy of our consideration. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 36*

We must learn to depend on the Lord much more than we have supposed is necessary. In the past there have existed in the Healdsburg school some things that were in great need of discipline. Not a few of the students did not care what course they pursued. This was a grievous thing for the school. But if we call

upon God, He will not fail us. Faith in His power will bring to us the needed help. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 37*

In past years there has been failure after failure, failure after failure, in the Healdsburg school. A right influence has not always been exerted. All this need not have been. Let the faculty come together and say, "We will take God as our Counsellor; we will act in His fear toward these students of different minds and dispositions. We will pray with them and let them see we have feelings of tenderness and love toward them; and in this way we will endeavor to win their confidence." Teachers, if you carry out such resolutions, the school at Healdsburg will be more in accordance with that which God desires [it] to be, and a more favorable showing will be made than has been made in years past. As you meet together in family worship, and have your little counsels with the students, God will bless you in a marked manner. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 38*

Again and again the Lord has presented before me the importance of our teachers' putting into our school work all the powers of their being. The students that come expect to receive all there is of the principal of the school; they lose much by being deprived of his personal presence and help. The head of the school is to study how he can make the school most successful. In all financial matters he is to be above reproach; and he should encourage the students to keep personal accounts and to know [how] they stand financially from week to week. Some of these matters are regarded by many as "little things," but in the Lord's sight they are very important and affect the progress of His cause very materially. *18LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 39*

Let us think over these matters. I warn you, brethren, against allowing your minds to be charmed by a beautiful representation of what may at first appear to be truth. If those who advocate these unsettling theories would carry out in their lives the principles of true religion, then their representations in regard to God in nature could be advocated with ten times the force that they are now advocated. Brethren, I beg of you, for Christ's sake, to make sure that you are standing upon the sure platform of God's Word, where you can form characters for the future immortal life and help others to form righteous characters. Bible principles, the messages that come to

us for this time, will alone prepare us for the scenes of the judgment. The Bible, the Bible, the precious Bible—this is our Guide, our Counselor.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 154, 1903, par. 40*

## Ms 155, 1903

Our Youth to be Shielded From Evil Influences

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We are living in a time of special peril to the youth. Satan realizes that the end of the world is soon to come, and that he must improve every opportunity of enlisting young men and young women into his service. In these last days he will devise many specious deceptions to lead them astray. We need now to consider the words of warning written by the apostle Paul, and to preserve our youth from seeing and hearing many things that are sinful, and from living in an atmosphere that is largely irreligious.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 155, 1903, par. 1*

In the second epistle to the Thessalonians [Corinthians] we read: "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." [*2 Corinthians 6:14-18.*]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 155, 1903, par. 2*

Special light has been given to me in regard to why we should not establish immense sanitariums. In these large medical institutions there are gathered together many tourists who must be waited upon by our nurses and helpers. Our young men and young women who from their earliest years have been shielded from evil associations are thus brought into contact with all classes of worldlings and are influenced to a greater or less extent by the sight of their eyes and the hearing of their ears. Many become like those with whom they



associate, losing the simplicity and the modesty that Christian fathers and mothers should constantly guard by careful instruction and earnest prayers. *18LtMs, Ms 155, 1903, par. 3*

Among the many unbelievers who patronize our large sanitariums, a few may come to a knowledge of the truth; but much more will be lost than gained, because our youth, in their association with men and women who fear not God, will meet with seductive influences that are almost irresistible. Satanic agencies will make every effort possible to spoil the purity of mind and soul, and many will never free themselves from the snare of the enemy. *18LtMs, Ms 155, 1903, par. 4*

We are living amidst the perils of the last days. What can be said to warn our people against the danger of permitting their children to leave the influences of home life, where they have been kept from the evils of the world, and go to the Battle Creek Sanitarium, where they will act as servants to the class of unbelievers who patronize this institution? I would advise parents to place their children in our smaller medical institutions nearer home. Fewer perils will be encountered in these places than in the Battle Creek Sanitarium. *18LtMs, Ms 155, 1903, par. 5*

In many homes the father and the mother have allowed their children to rule. Such children are in far greater danger than are those who have learned the lesson of obedience; for the disobedient suppose that they may do as they please. They have failed of receiving a disciplinary training that is very essential. Their parents have not done diligent, faithful work in the home and have failed of imparting to them a knowledge of obedience which would have strengthened them to resist temptation. When these undisciplined children enter an immense institution where there are many influences that tend to destroy spirituality, they are in grave peril; and the education they receive is more often an injury than a blessing. *18LtMs, Ms 155, 1903, par. 6*

I lift the danger signal. Parents, keep your children near you. Do not send them hundreds of miles from home, to a place where you cannot be in close touch with them. In some places there may be sown in their minds the seeds of unbelief and of erroneous theories.

I shall not be free until I warn parents not to send their children to the Battle Creek Sanitarium, where the helpers in their work mingle with tourists and a great company of unbelieving patients, and where the forces of the enemy are so strongly entrenched. *18LtMs, Ms 155, 1903, par. 7*

We do not say that there are not many worthy people among the patients and the tourists who are guests at the Battle Creek Sanitarium; for there are. But while we know that there are a number whose hearts are true, and who are benefited spiritually by their visit to the institution, there are many others whose influence over the inexperienced helpers leads our youth into Satan's snares. *18LtMs, Ms 155, 1903, par. 8*

In the visions of the night I was in a large assembly where this matter was up for consideration. The question was asked, "Dare you venture to make the experiment?" The Speaker—One of authority—spoke decidedly. "The salvation of the souls of your children," He declared, "is of more value than the education they receive in this place, where they are constantly exposed to the society of unbelievers. Many who come to this institution are unconverted. They are filled with pride and have no connection with God. Many of the young men and young women who wait on these worldlings have had but little experience and easily become entangled in the snares that are laid for their feet." *18LtMs, Ms 155, 1903, par. 9*

"What can be done to remedy this evil?" some one present asked. The Speaker answered: "Since you have placed yourselves in this position of peril, let Christian men and women of mature years and established character be brought into the institution to exert a counterinfluence for the right. The carrying out of such a plan would increase the running expenses of the Sanitarium, but it may be an effective means of guarding the fort and of shielding the youth who are here from the contaminating influences to which they are now exposed." *18LtMs, Ms 155, 1903, par. 10*

"Fathers and mothers are held responsible by God for the salvation of their children. After precious souls become obedient to the truth, have they no need of further watchcare? How difficult it is for the

believing youth to maintain their consecration to God in the midst of influences so baleful as are those at the Battle Creek Sanitarium!" *18LtMs, Ms 155, 1903, par. 11*

I have not exaggerated in the least the presentation made to me. Some God-fearing youth can stand the test; but it is not safe for us to permit them to remain unprotected. *18LtMs, Ms 155, 1903, par. 12*

The heavenly Instructor continued: "Parents, guardians, place your children in a training school where the surrounding influences are similar to those of the home school—a school in which the instructors will carry them forward from point to point, and in which the spiritual atmosphere will be a savor of life unto life, not of death unto death." *18LtMs, Ms 155, 1903, par. 13*

The words of warning and instruction that I have written in regard to our youth's going to Battle Creek to receive a training for service in the Lord's cause are not idle words. We are living in the midst of the perils of the last days. I am instructed to repeat to our brethren and sisters the warning and the exhortation that Paul sent to the church at Thessalonica: *18LtMs, Ms 155, 1903, par. 14*

"The mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie; that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. *18LtMs, Ms 155, 1903, par. 15*

"But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: whereunto He called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or

our epistle. Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and establish you in every good word and work.” [2 *Thessalonians* 2:7-17.]*18LtMs, Ms 155, 1903, par. 16*

In the days of the Israelites the parents were directed to gather their children into their houses with them and to strike the lintel of the doorpost with blood. And in the times in which we are living, it is unsafe to break down the barriers that the truth builds as a fortress about the Lord’s people. It is unsafe to think that our children may be permitted to associate with unbelievers as freely as with Christians. Whether or not our youth who have received wise instruction and training from godly parents will continue to be sanctified through the truth, depends largely upon the influences that they meet after leaving their homes. The characters of our children will be, to a large extent, in accordance with the teachings given them.*18LtMs, Ms 155, 1903, par. 17*

Every one is now on trial. Every one will be weighed in the balances of the sanctuary. Those who are fully trained for heaven will be with the heavenly family in the courts above. There is a class whose training has been such that they will be fitted for receiving punishment with the disobedient and the transgressors. Let us take these matters into consideration, and seriously reflect upon the nature of the impressions that will be left upon the susceptible minds of the youth that are being brought into daily association with the hundreds of worldly men and women who come to the Battle Creek Sanitarium.*18LtMs, Ms 155, 1903, par. 18*

This is the time when Satan’s deceptive power is exercised with intensity, not only upon the minds of inexperienced youth, but upon the minds of men and women of mature years. Men in positions of responsibility are in danger of changing leaders. This I know, because it has been plainly revealed to me. Even if Christ were in the Battle Creek Sanitarium in person, as He was upon this earth at the time of His first advent, He might not be able to win these men to stand on His side, where they could understand the terribly deceptive workings of satanic influences; else He never would have uttered the words: “Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee,

Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the Judgment, than for you." [*Luke 10:13, 14.*] From this Scripture we learn that there are those who place themselves in positions where they will be in such a state of resistance against holy influences, that even the Word of truth and the pleadings of Christ Jesus do not effect their conversion.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 155, 1903, par. 19*

## Ms 156, 1903

Christ, Our Divine-Human Example

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While upon this earth, the Son of God was the Son of man; yet there were times when His divinity flashed forth in the manifestation of superior power. Thus it was when He said to the paralytic brought to Him: "Be of good cheer: thy sins be forgiven thee." [*Matthew 9:2.*]<sup>18LtMs, Ms 156, 1903, par. 1</sup>

"But there were certain of the scribes sitting there," who "began to reason," not openly, but "in their hearts," "saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? who can forgive sins, but God alone?" [*Mark 2:6; Luke 5:21.*]<sup>18LtMs, Ms 156, 1903, par. 2</sup>

"And Jesus, knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is it easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power to forgive sins, (then saith He to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house." [*Matthew 9:4-6.*]<sup>18LtMs, Ms 156, 1903, par. 3</sup>

Thus He removed the difficulty from this sin-burdened soul and placed the man, whom He knew was repentant, in a hopeful frame of mind. The Medical Missionary took away the sins of the paralytic and then presented him to the Supreme Governor as pardoned. God had placed upon His Son authority to lay hold of the eternal throne with His divine nature. While Christ stood forth distinct in His own personality, He reflected the luster of the greatness that was His because of His position of honor within the encircling light of the eternal throne, in unity with God. His words were spoken with the authority referred to in the Scriptures: "Glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee." [*John 17:1.*] "No man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him." [*Matthew 11:27.*]

“What things soever He (the Father) doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.” [*John 5:19.*] *18LtMs, Ms 156, 1903, par. 4*

If such a Voice did not move the impenitent, if such a Power working the miracles that Christ worked did not cause the Jews to believe, we should not be greatly surprised to find that even in this age medical missionary workers are in danger, through continual association with those who are incredulous, of manifesting the same unbelief as the Jews manifested in word and deed and of developing the same perverted spiritual understanding. *18LtMs, Ms 156, 1903, par. 5*

I am not astonished at the condition of things that has been opened before me; for in the past, when matters have appeared to be wrong, there has been a realization of wrong, but faithful stewards have not been present to repress the evil that needed to be repressed. Can we, then, be surprised that this unfaithfulness on the part of those who have neglected to perform their duty has brought in spiritual blindness? *18LtMs, Ms 156, 1903, par. 6*

Truth never languished on the lips of Christ. Truth never suffered in His hands. Words of truth flowed from His lips with surprising freshness and power, as a new revelation. Let every one be assured that Christ uttered nothing fanciful or sentimental. He came forth from the Father to be the Light of the world. This Light was not hidden under a bushel. Christ spoke on every subject with authority. Every truth that it was essential for His people to have was revealed in His teachings with the unfaltering assurance of certain knowledge. He uttered no sophistries, no mere probabilities, no human opinions quoted by men—only truths. His assertions were principles established by personal knowledge. He foresaw the delusive doctrines that would fill the world, but He expressed not one of them. No idle tales, no false theories clothed in beautiful language came from the lips of the great Teacher. In all His teachings He dwelt upon the unchangeable positions of Bible truth. *18LtMs, Ms 156, 1903, par. 7*

Christ, the chief gospel Medical Missionary to our world, came to express the ideal of all truth. He unfolded gem after gem of precious truth. *18LtMs, Ms 156, 1903, par. 8*

Today the gospel ministry needs to learn of Christ His meekness and lowliness and to become thoroughly converted, that in their lives they may testify, to a world dead in trespasses and sins, that they have been born again. Our medical missionary workers are in need of conversion. Then their influence will be a power in the world, and they will have hearts willing to receive, because they have been sanctified through the truth. The grace received into their own souls will be imparted to others who need so much the same blessed influence. *18LtMs, Ms 156, 1903, par. 9*

To every one of His appointed agents the Lord sends the message: "Take your position at your post of duty, and stand firm for the right." To all God's workers I am instructed to say: "Find your places, if you are the sent of God. Imbibe not the fanciful sentiments of human beings who are not taught by God. Christ is waiting to give you insight in regard to heavenly things; waiting to quicken your spiritual pulse to increased activity. No longer let any evil influence or propensity, natural or acquired, lead you to subordinate the claims of future, eternal interests to the common affairs of this life. No man can serve two masters whose interests are not in harmony. 'Ye cannot serve God and mammon.' [*Matthew 6:24.*] Wake up, brethren, wake up!" *18LtMs, Ms 156, 1903, par. 10*

Christ thought it not robbery to be equal with God, and yet He pleased not Himself. He took upon Himself human nature for no other purpose than to place man on vantage ground before the world and the whole heavenly universe. He carries sanctified humanity to heaven, there always to retain humanity as it would have been if man had never violated God's law. The overcomers, who upon the earth were partakers of the divine nature, He makes kings and priests unto God. *18LtMs, Ms 156, 1903, par. 11*

In His last prayer for His followers, Christ besought the Father to sanctify them through the truth. "For their sakes," He declared, "I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which 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 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; and 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.” [John 17:19-26.]<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 156, 1903, par. 12*

## Ms 157, 1903

The Reception of the Holy Spirit

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Christ's commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," is spoken to every one of His followers. [Mark 16:15.] All who are ordained unto the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow men. Their hearts will throb in unison with the heart of Christ. The same longing of soul that He felt will be manifest in them. Not all can fill the same place in the work, but there is a place and a work for all. All upon whom God's blessing has been bestowed are to respond by actual service; every gift is to be employed for the advancement of His kingdom and the glory of His name. *18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 1*

In every part of the world a message is to be proclaimed in the power of the Spirit. Not with tame, lifeless utterance is it to be given, but with clear, decided, stirring tones. Hundreds are waiting for the warning to escape for their lives and lay hold on the hope set before them in the gospel. The world needs to see in Christians an evidence of the power of Christianity. There should be many more at work in the Lord's service, clothed with holy zeal, filled with a power proportionate to the importance of the message they proclaim. Not merely in a few places, but throughout the world, messengers of mercy are needed. From every country is heard the cry, "Come over and help us." [Acts 16:9.] Rich and poor are calling for light. Thousands of men and women are standing on the brink of perdition. Do you see them, many of them lost, eternally lost, while professing Christians sleep the sleep of indifference? *18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 2*

God does not ask us to do in our own strength the work before us. He has provided divine assistance for all the emergencies to which

our human resources are unequal. He gives the Holy Spirit to help in every strait, to strengthen our hope and assurance, to illuminate our minds and purify our hearts. *18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 3*

Just before His crucifixion, the Saviour said to His disciples, "I will not leave you comfortless. ... I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever." [*John 14:18, 16.*] "When He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come." [*John 16:13.*] "He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." [*John 14:26.*] *18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 4*

Christ has promised to guide, comfort, and sustain His people. He declares, "I will be with you in your work of persuading men and women to be My disciples." The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit have pledged themselves to aid you in your unselfish efforts to turn men from unrighteousness to righteousness, from darkness to the light of truth. *18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 5*

It is the privilege of every soul to be a living channel through which God can communicate to the world the treasures of His grace, the unsearchable riches of Christ. There is nothing that Christ desires so much as agents who will represent to the world His Spirit and character. There is nothing that the world needs so much as the manifestation through humanity of the Saviour's love. All heaven is waiting for channels through which can be poured the holy oil to be a joy and blessing to human hearts. *18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 6*

Christ has made provision that his church shall be a transformed body, illumined with the Light of the world, possessing the glory of Immanuel. It is His purpose that every Christian shall be surrounded with a spiritual atmosphere of light and peace. There is no limit to the usefulness of the one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart and lives a life wholly consecrated to God. *18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 7*

The indwelling of the Spirit will be shown by the outflowing of heavenly love. The divine fulness will flow through the consecrated human agent, to be given forth to others. *18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903,*

*par. 8*

What was the result of the outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost? The glad tidings of a risen Saviour were carried to the uttermost parts of the inhabited world. The hearts of the disciples were surcharged with a benevolence so full, so deep, so far-reaching, that it impelled them to go to the ends of the earth, testifying: God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. As they proclaimed the truth as it is in Jesus, hearts yielded to the power of the message. The church beheld converts flocking to her from all directions. Believers were reconverted. Sinners united with Christians in seeking the pearl of great price. Those who had been the bitterest opponents of the gospel became its champions. The prophecy was fulfilled, The weak shall be “as David,” and the house of David “as the angel of the Lord.” [*Zechariah 12:8.*] Every Christian saw in his brother the divine similitude of love and benevolence. One interest prevailed. One subject of emulation swallowed up all others. The only ambition of the believers was to reveal the likeness of Christ’s character and to labor for the enlargement of His kingdom. *18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 9*

“With great power gave the apostles witness of [the resurrection of] the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them.” [*Acts 4:33.*] Under their labors there were added to the church chosen men who, receiving the word of life, consecrated their lives to the work of giving to others the hope that had filled their hearts with peace and joy. Hundreds proclaimed the message, “The kingdom of God is at hand.” [*Mark 1:15.*] They could not be restrained or intimidated by threatenings. The Lord spoke through them, and wherever they went, the sick were healed, and the poor had the gospel preached unto them. *18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 10*

So mightily can God work when men give themselves up to the control of His Spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 11*

To us today, as verily as to the first disciples, the promise of the Spirit belongs. God will today endow men and women with power from above, as He endowed those who on the day of Pentecost heard the message of salvation. At this very hour His Spirit and His

grace are for all who need them and who will take Him at His word.*18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 12*

Notice that it was after the disciples had come into perfect unity, when they were no longer striving for the highest place, that the Spirit was poured out. They were of one accord. All differences had been put away. And the testimony borne of them after the Spirit had been given is the same. Mark the word: "The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul." [*Acts 4:32.*] The Spirit of Him who died that sinners might live animated the entire company of believers.*18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 13*

The disciples did not ask for a blessing for themselves. They were weighted with the burden of souls. The gospel was to be carried to the ends of the earth, and they claimed the endowment of the power that Christ had promised. Then it was that the Holy Spirit was poured out, and thousands were converted in a day.*18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 14*

So it may be now. Let Christians put away all dissension and give themselves to God for the saving of the lost. Let them ask in faith for the promised blessing, and it will come. The outpouring of the Spirit in the days of the apostles was the "former rain," and glorious was the result. [*Hosea 6:3.*] But the latter rain will be more abundant. What is the promise to those living in these last days?—"Turn ye to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope; even today do I declare that I will render double unto thee. ... Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so shall the Lord make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field." [*Zechariah 9:12; 10:1.*]*18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 15*

Christ declared that the divine influence of the Spirit was to be with His followers unto the end. But the promise is not appreciated as it should be; and therefore its fulfilment is not seen as it might be. The promise of the Spirit is a matter little thought of; and the result is what might be expected—spiritual drought, spiritual darkness, spiritual declension and death. Minor matters occupy the attention, and the divine power that is necessary for the growth and prosperity of the church, and which would bring all other blessings in its train, is lacking, though offered in its infinite plenitude.*18LtMs, Ms 157,*

1903, par. 16

It is the absence of the Spirit that makes the gospel ministry so powerless. Learning, talents, eloquence, every natural or acquired endowment may be possessed; but without the presence of the Spirit of God, no heart will be touched, no sinner won to Christ. On the other hand, if they are connected with Christ, if the gifts of the Spirit are theirs, the poorest and most ignorant of His disciples will have a power that will tell upon hearts. God makes them a channel for the outworking of the highest influence in the universe. *18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 17*

Why do we not hunger and thirst for the gifts of the Spirit, since this is the means by which we are to receive power. Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, preach concerning it? The Lord is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to us than parents are to give good gifts to their children. For the baptism of the Spirit, every worker should be offering his prayer to God. Companies should be gathered together to ask for special help, for heavenly wisdom, that they may know how to plan and execute wisely. Especially should men pray that God will baptize His missionaries with His Spirit. *18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 18*

The Angel of the covenant is empowering His servants to be His witnesses to carry the truth to all parts of the world. He has sent forth His angels with their message. But as if these angels did not speed on their way fast enough to satisfy His heart of yearning love, He gives to John personally a message to be given to all. "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." [*Revelation 22:17.*] He has opened a fountain for Judah and Jerusalem, and every member of His church is to show his loyalty by inviting the thirsty to drink of the water of life. A chain of living witnesses is to carry the invitation to the world. *18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 19*

Are we fulfilling the commission given us? Have we placed ourselves where God can give us the power that He gave the disciples—power that enabled them to preach the gospel so mightily that thousands were converted in a day? How can we

expect the approval of heaven while we leave our fellow beings unwarned? We need to humble ourselves before God because our efforts fall so far short of the efforts He desires us to put forth. The privileges that He has given us, the advantages that He has bestowed, the promises that He has made should inspire us with far greater zeal and devotion. *18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 20*

Our people in the home field have not felt as they should the responsibility of working for their neighbors. They have not prayerfully taken up the work lying before them. Earnest, sanctified efforts have not been put forth for those in America who are unenlightened. In this field there are many unworked cities, many places that should be made centers of truth. *18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 21*

Zeal for God moved the disciples to bear witness to the truth with mighty power. Should not this zeal fire our hearts with a determination to tell the story of redeeming love, of Christ and Him crucified? Is not the Spirit of God to come today in answer to earnest, persevering prayer, and fill men with power for service. Why, then, is the church so weak, so spiritless? *18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 22*

Ye people of the living God, study the promises of His Word, and think how your lack of faith, of spirituality, of divine power is hindering the coming of the kingdom of God. If you were to go forth to do Christ's work, angels of heaven would go before you, preparing hearts to receive the gospel. Were every one of you a living missionary, the message for this time would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to every people and nation and tongue. This is the work that must be done before Christ shall come in power and great glory. Are you individually workers together with God? If not, why not? *18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 23*

It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the world would be sown with the seed of the gospel. Quickly the last great harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come to gather the precious grain. *18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 24*

My brethren and sisters, plead for the Holy Spirit. God stands back of every promise He has made. With your Bibles in your hands, say, I have done as Thou hast said. I present Thy promise, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." [*Matthew 7:7.*] Christ declares, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." [*Mark 11:24.*] "Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." [*John 14:13.*]*18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 25*

The rainbow about the throne is an assurance that God is true, that in Him is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. We have sinned against Him and are undeserving of His favor; He Himself has put into our lips that most wonderful of pleas, "Do not abhor us, for Thy name's sake; do not disgrace the throne of Thy glory; remember, break not Thy covenant with us." [*Jeremiah 14:21.*] He has pledged Himself to give heed to our cry, when we come to Him confessing our unworthiness and sin. The honor of His throne is staked for the fulfilment of His Word to us.*18LtMs, Ms 157, 1903, par. 26*



**Ms 158, 1903**

Wrong-Doing to be Condemned

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## Ms 159, 1903

### A Message to Leading Physicians

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I have words to address to those who occupy responsible positions as physicians. My brethren, the Lord has committed to each of you a work, which is plainly outlined in His Word.*18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 1*

Those who are connected with the Sanitarium at Battle Creek have the evidence that the testimonies of the Spirit of God that were borne by me during the General Conference of 1901 were of God. In giving the message that came to you, I in no way sought to exalt myself. I have no evidence that any time I have done this; but, as I am not at liberty to write to Dr. Kellogg, I address these words of instruction to you.*18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 2*

My brethren, in the name of the Lord, I say to you, Be careful how you voice the words and practice the methods of Dr. J. H. Kellogg; be careful how you accept the version that he gives of the testimonies that God has revealed to me for His people. God's work and Dr. Kellogg's work are not in harmony; and if you sustain all his propositions, as you are in danger of doing, the Lord God of heaven will not be pleased with you.*18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 3*

I will not have any controversy with the doctor, for his words are often unreliable, because the enemy works upon his imagination, and he suggests things that are untrue. Those who hear these statements are liable to accept as true many things that will separate them from the great Medical Director, if they carry these things out in practice.*18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 4*

The Lord Jesus was displeased with Dr. Kellogg's course of action at the Oakland General Conference. On this occasion the heavenly

messengers were viewing all that took place. The doctor's words and deportment were of a character to bring no glory to God. Our brother is not led by the Spirit of God. His threats that he would bring the law to bear upon those who crossed his track—that he would do this, or that—revealed that he was in the same spiritual condition as are those to whom the message to the Laodicean church is addressed—"neither cold nor hot." And to all such the Lord gives the warning, "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth. ... Be zealous therefore, and repent." [*Revelation 3:16, 19.*]*18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 5*

I passed through a painful experience in Oakland. The Lord instructed me that I was to have no words with Dr. Kellogg, lest I give him occasion to misinterpret me, and to present my words in a false light to you, who are so much in need of clear discernment in order that you may avoid betraying sacred trusts and walking contrary to God.*18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 6*

The showing in Battle Creek is not after the likeness of the divine. In this letter I will not specify details.*18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 7*

What is the sin against the Holy Ghost? The first three messages that I bore during the last General Conference in Battle Creek—messages that bore unmistakable evidence of being given under the inspiration of the Spirit of God—were referred to in the presence of Dr. Kellogg. His response was, "I gave her that inspiration."*18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 8*

These words are written in the books of heaven. I mention them to you, because the Doctor may have spoken them to you and to others.*18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 9*

Before I bore these messages during that Conference, I had no words with Dr. Kellogg, excepting once, when I inquired if certain ones were attending the meeting. I avoided talking with him in regard to matters; I did not want to give anyone an opportunity to speak with me; for I had a special message to bear. Until these messages had been borne, not one syllable in regard to these matters passed between Dr. Kellogg and myself. Afterward, I spoke to him regarding some points, but even on this occasion very few

words passed between us.*18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 10*

At one time during the Conference, the Doctor came into my room and told me that during one of my talks, his brother Will K. Kellogg sat by his side and was deeply moved by what I was saying. The tears were flowing freely, and he said to his brother, “John, she speaks by the inspiration of the Spirit of God; she speaks as one having authority from God.” And as the Doctor told me this, he said, “My own heart was thrilled by the power of God. His Spirit sustained you in speaking as you did.”*18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 11*

But the enemy, he who worked upon the minds of the angels in heaven to create disloyalty, has been working upon human minds. The Lord has represented to me that Satan links up with Dr. Kellogg and imbues him with evil devisings. Our erring brother will suggest many things that have not the inspiration or the sanction of the Holy Spirit of God; and I desire that you—physicians upon whom important responsibilities rest—shall be men of clear spiritual discernment, and that you shall not act like blind men. I desire that you shall be on guard: for Dr. Kellogg’s course is not straightforward. God has represented these matters to me. There are matters that we do not now discern, that will soon break upon us; and I am anxious that none shall be deceived.*18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 12*

The Lord has given great light to Dr. Kellogg; but much of this light has never come to you. Warning after warning has been sent to him. Notwithstanding all this, he is still urging that our brethren sign the documents that he has formulated with the assistance of lawyers upon whom he is leaning. To bring any such thing into the cause of God in these last days is to counterwork the work of the Lord.*18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 13*

I have been instructed that the crowd of people who patronize the Sanitarium at Battle Creek is a snare to the physicians and the nurses there and, in the end, will result in the loss of souls. This institution is not doing the work that God designs should be done in our sanitariums—the work of giving the last message of mercy to a deceived, deluded world that must meet Jehovah over His broken law.*18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 14*

Every satanic agency is now at work with power from beneath. The day of death is not set before us in the Word as the great constraining motive impelling us to be wide-awake and determined in improving our opportunities. What motive does God present in His Word to all His workers—to ministers and to gospel medical missionaries?—"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly." [*Zephaniah 1:14.*] And before the coming of this last great day, we are to proclaim the last message of mercy to a fallen world, to prepare men and women for the Lord's second coming. *18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 15*

Everything that can be devised by the enemy to occupy the mind, and to divert attention from this message, will be devised. But we are to go forward in the proclamation of the Word of the Lord. The end of all things is at hand. The coming of the Lord in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory, is very near. *18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 16*

At this time, when wickedness is at its height, ministers of the gospel are crying, "Peace and safety." Upon the minds of those who are thus set at rest, "sudden destruction cometh." [*1 Thessalonians 5:3.*] Unprepared, they shall not escape. Christ will not come with a still, small voice when He comes to bring hope and peace and joy to those who have proved faithful. In the day of His coming, the last great trumpet is heard, and there is a terrible shaking of earth and heaven. The whole earth, from the loftiest mountains to the deepest mines, will hear. Everything will be penetrated by fire. The tainted atmosphere will be cleansed by fire. The fire having fulfilled its mission, the dead that have been laid away in the grave will come forth—some to the resurrection of life, to be caught up to meet their Lord in the air; and some to behold the coming of Him whom they have despised, and whom they now recognize as the judge of all the earth. *18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 17*

All the righteous are untouched by the flames. They can walk through the fire, as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego walked in the midst of the furnace heated seven times [hotter] than it was wont to be heated. The Hebrew worthies could not be consumed because the form of the fourth, the Son of God, was with them. So in the day of the coming of the Lord, smoke and flame will be

powerless to harm the righteous. Those who are united with the Lord will escape unscathed. Earthquakes, hurricanes, flame, and flood cannot injure those who are prepared to meet their Saviour in peace. But those who rejected our Saviour, and scourged and crucified Him, will be among those who will be raised from the dead to behold His coming in the clouds of heaven, attended by the heavenly host—ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands. *18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 18*

In speaking of the flood in Noah's day, the apostle Peter declares: "Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water perished: but the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. ... The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also, and the works that are therein shall be burned up." [2 *Peter 3:6, 7, 10.*]*18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 19*

This scene has been presented before me as fully as I could bear to behold it. Then the scene has changed, and scenes of things existing at the present time have passed before me. In these scenes I have beheld men who have been placed in positions of trust as watchmen, as financiers in the work of God, molding and fashioning their works after a worldly model which God condemns. The medical missionary work is sick and needs the power of the great Healer before men can accomplish the work in harmony with the name. *18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 20*

I have much more instruction that I desire to write out in regard to these points and hope to find time soon to do so. *18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 21*

"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly." [*Zephaniah 1:14.*] The Lord Jesus has given to every man his individual work. He who takes upon himself wonderful responsibilities that God has not placed upon him will feel that he must draw to his work all the resources that he can possibly gather to carry out his plans, irrespective of the great work that is to be done in our world by other men who are in God's service. *18LtMs,*

*Ms 159, 1903, par. 22*

Christ gave His life for the salvation of the world, not one locality. No one place is to be worked over and over again, in order that those in that place may make a great showing, while the other parts of God's world are left barren and unworked. *18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 23*

Christ's sacrifice for the salvation of the world is full of meaning. God's only begotten Son gave Himself for us—a fallen order of beings. He must stand as the propitiation not only for our sins, but for the sins of the whole world. He who knew no sin was made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. He Himself bore our sins. As John the Baptist was baptizing converts in the waters of Jordan, he beheld Jesus in the distance, coming toward him; and as the Saviour approached the banks of the river, John extended both his arms to Him, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." [*John 1:29.*] *18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 24*

"Christ also hath loved us," writes Paul, "and hath given Himself for an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor." [*Ephesians 5:2.*] This is the oblation of a life-gift in our behalf, that we may be all that He desires us to be—representatives of Him, expressing the fragrance of His character, His own pure thoughts, His divine attributes as manifested in His sanctified human life, in order that others may behold Him in His human form, and, comprehending God's wonderful design, be led to desire to be like Christ—pure, undefiled, wholly acceptable to God, without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing. *18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 25*

Christ calls for service altogether different from that which is given Him. Men in positions of responsibility should, through the power of the Holy Spirit, reveal the Redeemer much more clearly to the world than they have revealed Him. The infinite God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son a sacrifice for us, in order that, receiving Him in faith and practicing His virtues, we should not perish, but have everlasting life. My brethren, how do you suppose He regards the lack of spiritual enthusiasm manifested over the record of the great sacrificial offering made for our individual

salvation?*18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 26*

All human ambition, all boasting, is to be laid in the dust. Self, sinful self, is to be abased, not exalted. By holiness to God in the daily life here below, we are to manifest the Christlife. The corrupt nature is to become pure and undefiled; subdued, not exalted. We are to be humble, faithful men and women. Never are we to sit upon the judgment seat. God demands that His representatives shall be pure vessels, revealing the beauty of sanctified character. The channel is always to remain unobstructed, that the Holy Spirit may have free course; otherwise the teacher and the writer will gloss over the work that must be done with the natural man in order to perfect Christian character; and he will present his own imperfections in such a way that he makes of none effect God's truth, which is as steadfast as the eternal throne. And while God calls upon all His watchmen to lift the danger signal, at the same time He presents before them the life character of the Saviour as an example of what they must be and do in order to save their souls.*18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 27*

Concerning His disciples, Christ prayed, "Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth." [*John 17:17.*] A pleasant, self-satisfied feeling is not an evidence of sanctification. A faithful record is kept of all the acts of the children of men. Nothing can be concealed from the eye of the High and Holy One, who inhabiteth eternity. Some make Christ ashamed by their course of devising, planning, scheming. God does not approve of their conduct; for the Lord Jesus is not honored by their spirit and their works. They forget the words of the apostle: "We are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men." [*1 Corinthians 4:9.*]*18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 28*

In consequence of the unfaithful lives of men who adorn not the doctrine of Christ our Saviour, Bible truth is blasphemed. My soul is grieved night after night, and day after day, as I view the present situation.*18LtMs, Ms 159, 1903, par. 29*



**Ms 160, 1903**

Be Not Weary in Well-Doing

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## Ms 161, 1903

### The Peril of Rejecting Light

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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The Lord calls upon His people to unify and to walk humbly with Him. But we are not to unify to sustain any one in an evil course of action. The end is near. We are living in the last days of this earth's history. We must not utter one word of distrust or discouragement, but bear faithfully the message of truth for this time. The Lord's messengers must not fail to declare the whole counsel of God, as He shall instruct them. *18LtMs, Ms 161, 1903, par. 1*

Satan has gone forth in these last days to deceive those who have not read God's Word, nor practiced the truths it contains. Spiritual darkness has taken the place of light. Unless we heed the light, the darkness of spiritual night will settle down upon us. Let faith take hold upon the light that is shining beyond the darkness of satanic deceptions. God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. The Word of God is our stronghold and our defense. God has led His people out of the world, away from its maxims and fashions and principles. He has given them truth to practice. The principles of the Word received into the daily life bring us into connection with Christ, who knew no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. The way in which we may obtain eternal life is plainly stated by Christ in the *sixth chapter of John*. *18LtMs, Ms 161, 1903, par. 2*

Let those who talk of principle, as if they would not on any account depart from principle, be sure that they understand the principles laid down in the Word of God for our guidance. There are some who follow false principles. Their idea of principle is misleading. Following right principle means the faithful doing of the first four and the last six commandments. In obedience to these divine commands, we eat the flesh and drink the blood of Christ, appropriating all that is embraced in the atonement made on Calvary. Christ will stand by the side of all who receive Him as their

Saviour. To them He will give power to become the sons of God. "The word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." [*John 1:14.*] *18LtMs, Ms 161, 1903, par. 3*

The One here referred to as the Word is the Son of God, who was the Commander in the heavenly courts, and who came to this world to open heavenly things to fallen human beings. He is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the Word that was with God before the world was. In clothing His divinity with humanity, He became possessed of two natures, the divine and the human. And because of this, He was fully able to accomplish for the human race their complete redemption and their restoration to the privileges of the higher life. *18LtMs, Ms 161, 1903, par. 4*

He began His earthly life as human beings begin theirs, coming to this world as a helpless babe. And while here, He lived the life that every human being may live who will receive the great gift that the Lord made to our world in sending His Son to work out the plan of salvation. *18LtMs, Ms 161, 1903, par. 5*

Christ bore the penalty of sin, the stroke of divine justice, that human beings might not be left to perish. He bore in His body the sentence pronounced against sinners. This is the science of salvation, which can safely be searched into, and which it is profitable to strive to understand. God gave His only begotten Son to suffer a most shameful death upon the cross, that sinners might be pardoned. Those who in this life will not repent of their sins, those who continue to stand on the enemy's side, cannot be saved; for there will be no second probation. Those who continue in transgression will be judged according to their refusal of light. They choose to stand on the side of the prince of darkness, to become the helping hand of him who, if it were possible, would deceive the very elect. They refuse the wonderful gift of heaven, and though they may profess righteousness, and talk of "adherence to principle," they are at the same time following principles opposed to the noble principles of heaven, and they teach others to follow the same corrupting principles. *18LtMs, Ms 161, 1903, par. 6*

I am instructed to give the warning that men who refuse to accept

light and evidence will be left without excuse. They will suffer according to their works, in seeking in every way possible to carry out the inventions of satanic agencies. *18LtMs, Ms 161, 1903, par. 7*

“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways, by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you, whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, [to be reserved unto judgment; and spared not the old world,] but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly, and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah [into ashes] condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto them that after should live ungodly, and delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked. ... The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.” [2 *Peter 2:1-7, 9.*]*18LtMs, Ms 161, 1903, par. 8*

I am instructed to say that we are now to strive to answer the prayer of Christ, recorded in the *seventeenth chapter of John*, by being sanctified through the truth. Let every soul seek the Lord while He may be found. We are building for eternity. We are either going backward or forward. Our feet are traveling in safe paths, preparing for translation to the heavenly mansions, or they are traveling in the path where the enemy is leading. The work for this time is to sow the seed of eternal truth, which will spring up and bring forth a harvest of joy. If bad seed is sown, there will be a harvest of despair. I entreat those who are giving the enemy an advantage by cherishing unbelief to look at themselves in the great moral looking glass, and see what kind of characters they are forming. If they are walking contrary to a “Thus saith the Lord,” let them change their attitude decidedly, ceasing to sin, and rendering cheerful obedience in every department of divine service. We are assured that God’s commands are spirit and life to the obedient. In obedience to the

law of God there is great mental and spiritual strength, because thus man is brought into unity with Christ, and Christ is one with God.*18LtMs, Ms 161, 1903, par. 9*

“Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice; for My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the Son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.*18LtMs, Ms 161, 1903, par. 10*

“Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from His people, neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. For thus saith the Lord unto the eunuchs that keep My Sabbaths, and choose the things that please Me, and take hold of My covenant: Even unto them will I give in Mine house, and within My walls a place and a name better than of sons and daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants, every one that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of My covenant, even them will I bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon Mine altar; for Mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.” [*Isaiah 56:1-7.*]*18LtMs, Ms 161, 1903, par. 11*

## Ms 162, 1903

Written for Our Admonition

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This morning my soul is drawn out in prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. My plea is, “Sanctify me through Thy truth; Thy word is truth.” [*John 17:17*.] There is only one power that can guide the heart into the path of righteousness and peace. We are to bring the love of Christ into the daily experience, and we are to reveal righteousness in word and act, showing that we hate sin and love righteousness. We are to become more and more familiar with Christ’s divine-human life. In thought, word, and deed, from the manger to the cross, Christ lived a perfect life, and this, too, while tempted in all points like as we are. He possessed all the susceptibilities and properties of a human being.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 162, 1903, par. 1*

God has given us the ten commandments for our instruction in righteousness. These commandments are a transcript of God’s character, and in the *fourth chapter of Deuteronomy* we are told that it is our life to obey them. We have no excuse for transgression. Christ came to our world to represent the Father in character, and He is our example in all things. Those who claim to be the children of God, and yet misrepresent the Lord Jesus by disorderly behaviour, as a child determined to have his own way, will find that such a life is a very hard one. He sets up his own will as a standard for others to follow, and the plans that he makes to carry out his own preconceived ideas and opinions frequently bring him into opposition to the will of Christ and into transgression of the law of Jehovah.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 162, 1903, par. 2*

“Now therefore, hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you. Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you,

neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you. Your eyes have seen what the Lord did because of Baal-peor; for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the Lord your God hath destroyed them from among you. But ye that did cleave unto the Lord your God are alive every one of you unto this day.” [*Verses 1-4.*]18LtMs, Ms 162, 1903, par. 3

The Lord commanded Moses to repeat to the children of Israel the facts regarding their departure from the Lord’s commandments. These facts were to be repeated from time to time, lest they should be forgotten. The people had placed themselves on a level with idolatrous nations and experienced the sure results of their own choice of action.18LtMs, Ms 162, 1903, par. 4

“Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor, and the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel. And the Lord said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the Lord against the sun, that the fierce anger of the Lord may be turned away from Israel. And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baal-peor.18LtMs, Ms 162, 1903, par. 5

“And, behold, one of the children of Israel came, and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And when Phineas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; and he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel, and those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.” [*Numbers 25:3-9.*]18LtMs, Ms 162, 1903, par. 6

How did God regard this matter? “The Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Phineas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for My sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in My jealousy. Wherefore, say, Behold, I give unto him My

covenant of peace; and he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.” [*Verses 10-13.*]18LtMs, Ms 162, 1903, par. 7

“Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you, but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” [*1 Corinthians 10:11-13.*]18LtMs, Ms 162, 1903, par. 8

“Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” [*Deuteronomy 4:5, 6.*]18LtMs, Ms 162, 1903, par. 9

God was particular to give Israel definite commandments, so that He could demonstrate before all nations that every good tree is know by its fruit. He would have a people distinguished from all other people upon the earth.18LtMs, Ms 162, 1903, par. 10

Go into an orchard, and pluck an apple. If it is sweet and juicy, you know that the tree from which you took it is a good apple tree. If you should pluck an apple from another tree, and find it to be a sour crab apple, you would take no delight in it; and you would know the tree to be worthless. A tree is known by its fruit. Can apples or pears be gathered from thorn bushes? This is a parable.18LtMs, Ms 162, 1903, par. 11

All who are in our world are bearing fruit of some kind. Our Lord Jesus has made it possible for fallen human beings to bear most precious fruit. In order to do this, they must obey the commandments of God. The actions represent the quality of the fruit borne in the life.18LtMs, Ms 162, 1903, par. 12



The world is God's family. Because of the disobedience of men and women to His law, a way had to be provided whereby the demands of the law could be met. "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.*] This is the sacrifice that God made in behalf of those who had fallen through disobedience. He gave up His only begotten Son to bear the penalty of the sins of the whole world, and in this gift He gave man all heaven's facilities. He will pardon all who confess and forsake their sins. Their iniquities will be forgiven, and they will have the aid of heavenly angels to guard them from satanic delusions. *18LtMs, Ms 162, 1903, par. 13*

A good tree brings forth good fruit. We are to give to the world a manifestation of the pure, noble, holy principles that are to distinguish the people of God from the world. Instead of the people of God becoming less and less definitely distinguished from those who do not keep the seventh-day Sabbath, they are to make the observance of the Sabbath so prominent that the world cannot fail to recognize them as Seventh-day Adventists. *18LtMs, Ms 162, 1903, par. 14*

"Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh He rested and was refreshed." [*Exodus 31:16, 17.*] *18LtMs, Ms 162, 1903, par. 15*

With these plain words before us, who of those who know the truth will dare to make less prominent the distinguishing features of our faith? It is an established fact, to be made prominent before all nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples, that the Lord God made the world in six days, and rested on the seventh day. "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." [*Genesis 2:1, 2.*] *18LtMs, Ms 162, 1903, par. 16*

## Ms 163, 1903

Josiah's Mistake

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I am carrying a heavy burden upon my soul. My sleepless nights are spent in prayer. We are living in a very solemn time. We cannot with any security remain indifferent now. The whole trend of a world living in transgression and sin declares the cruelty of those who give themselves up to transgression of God's law. The world is standing under the black banner of rebellion. Who can question who is leading the forces of rebellion? It is the one who was once the highest, most exalted angel in the heavenly universe. His position was that of covering cherub. But with him sin originated among the family of holy beings. Lucifer had the confidence of all. His former experience was of so unquestionable a character that his disaffection and deceptive representations drew large numbers of the angels to his side. "And there was war in heaven," and Satan and the disloyal angels were cast out. [*Revelation 12:7-9.*]*18LtMs, Ms 163, 1903, par. 1*

How sad the history! Satan knows full well the result of his work. But he decides that he will carry out his purposes to the bitter end, creating apostasy, disaffection, and rebellion. Some today are going over the same ground. Some are doing this unwittingly. Some are so deceived that though they are wretched and poor and miserable and blind and naked, they know it not. Satan keeps them sustained with their own heresies and sophistries. To such ones comes the Word:*18LtMs, Ms 163, 1903, par. 2*

"Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and

miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked; I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent.” [*Revelation 3:17-19.*]*18LtMs, Ms 163, 1903, par. 3*

May 24

This morning I praise the Lord for His goodness and love. I will not be discouraged; for then I should discourage others. The Lord would have His people shine as lights in the world. Many letters come to me from these in trouble, asking what to do when placed in trying positions. I try to point them to the blessed Word of God and to keep their minds as much as possible upon the instruction contained in the Scriptures. They can read the Word. They can ask God to give them an understanding of the Word and to keep them from making errors of judgment.*18LtMs, Ms 163, 1903, par. 4*

What saith the Scriptures: “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.” [*James 1:5-8.*]*18LtMs, Ms 163, 1903, par. 5*

“It is expedient for you that I go away,” Christ said; “for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.” “When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come. He shall glorify Me; for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are Mine; therefore said I, that He shall take of Mine, and shall show it unto you.” [*John 16:7, 13-15.*]*18LtMs, Ms 163, 1903, par. 6*

Those who will not take God’s Word as assurance need not hope that human wisdom can help them; for human wisdom, aside from God, is like the waves of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed.

The Word of Christ is, “He shall guide you into all truth.” [Verse 13.]  
Reject not the light given. *18LtMs, Ms 163, 1903, par. 7*

Read the history of Josiah. He had done a good work. During his reign idolatry was put down, and apparently successfully uprooted. The temple was re-opened and the sacrificial offerings re-established. His work was done well. *18LtMs, Ms 163, 1903, par. 8*

But at the last he died in battle. Why?—Because he did not heed the warnings given. *18LtMs, Ms 163, 1903, par. 9*

“As for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel concerning the words which thou hast heard: Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest His words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humblest thyself before Me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before Me; I have heard thee also, saith the Lord. Behold, I will gather to thy fathers, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again. *18LtMs, Ms 163, 1903, par. 10*

“Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. And the king went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small; and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant, that was found in the house of the Lord. *18LtMs, Ms 163, 1903, par. 11*

“And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep His commandments, and His testimonies, and His statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book. And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand to it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. *18LtMs, Ms 163, 1903, par. 12*

“And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, even to serve the Lord their God. And all

his days they departed not from following the Lord, the God of their fathers.” [2 *Chronicles* 34:26-33.]*18LtMs, Ms 163, 1903, par. 13*

“After this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Charchemish by Euphrates; and Josiah went out against him. But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? I come not against thee this day, but against the house wherewith I have war; for God commanded me to make haste; forbear thee from meddling with God, that He destroy thee not. Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, and that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.*18LtMs, Ms 163, 1903, par. 14*

“And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore wounded. His servants therefore took him out of the chariot, and put him in the second chariot that they had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in one of the sepulchers of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.” [2 *Chronicles* 35:20-24.]*18LtMs, Ms 163, 1903, par. 15*

Because Josiah died in battle, who will charge God with denying His word that Josiah should go to his grave in peace? They did not give orders for Josiah to make war on the king of Egypt. When the Lord gave the king of Egypt orders that the time had come to serve Him by warfare, and the ambassadors told Josiah not to make war on Necho, no doubt Josiah congratulated himself that no word from the Lord had come directly to him. To turn back with his army would have been humiliating, so he went on. And because of this, he was killed in battle, a battle that he should not have had anything to do with. The man who had been so greatly honored by the Lord did not honor the word of God. The Lord had spoken in his favor, predicting good things for him; and Josiah became self-confident and failed to heed the warning. He went against the word of God, choosing to follow his own way, and God could not shield him from the consequences of his act.*18LtMs, Ms 163, 1903, par. 16*

In this our day men choose to follow their own desires and their own

will. Can we be surprised that there is so much spiritual blindness?*18LtMs, Ms 163, 1903, par. 17*

The prayer that Christ taught His disciples to pray, it is safe for us to offer at all times and in all places: “Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” [*Matthew 6:9, 10.*]*18LtMs, Ms 163, 1903, par. 18*

Had this been your prayer, my brother, you would today stand on vantage ground. God has given you chance after chance; encouragement after encouragement. I still have a message for you, that if you will thoroughly repent, and turn to the Lord with all your heart and soul and mind, and humble yourself before Him, you will find Him, even though by your perversity you have grieved the Holy Spirit. If you will renounce the enemy, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Lord will pardon you. He will be gracious if you will put away the seductive theories that you have learned from the first great rebel.*18LtMs, Ms 163, 1903, par. 19*

**Ms 164, 1903**

A Warning Against Present Dangers

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**Ms 165, 1903**

A Solemn Appeal

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**Ms 166, 1903**

A Message of Warning

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**Ms 167, 1903**

The World to be Warned

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**Ms 168, 1903**

Redeem the Time

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## Ms 169, 1903

### Words of Warning Against Present Dangers

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Satan works in every way he can to ensnare souls into his service. As I consider the state of things in Battle Creek, I tremble for our youth who go there. Shall we abet the efforts of the enemy to ensnare our promising young men and young women by advising them to go to Battle Creek to obtain their training for service—to a place where attendance at entertainments and festivals, indulgence in worldly dress, and many other evils will tempt them to go astray?*18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 1*

The Lord has revealed to me some of the dangers that our youth will meet by evil associations. Many of the wealthy, worldly men and women who patronize the Battle Creek Sanitarium will be a source of temptation to the helpers in this institution. Some will become the favorites of worldlings and will be offered alluring inducements to enter their employ. Through the silent influence of the worldly display of some of the patrons who have stopped there for a time, the enemy has already been able to sow tares in the hearts of many of our young men and young women. This is the way in which Satan is working.*18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 2*

To fathers and to mothers I would say, Place not your children under the seductive influences and the subtle temptations that they would have to meet, were they to go to Battle Creek on account of the inducements offered by the Sanitarium for a training in medical lines. Legions of evil angels are at work in the midst of the large company gathered together in the Battle Creek Sanitarium; and these emissaries of the evil one are endeavoring to corrupt and destroy many souls. There are many grave perils awaiting the young men who have been brought up in places of comparative seclusion, and who go to this crowded center, supposing that they will have superior advantages for securing a training in medical

missionary work, and that they will also be able to obtain degrees and come out full-fledged physicians. Therefore, One who sees, One who knows about these temptations has portrayed these dangers before me, that I may warn our people. The inducements offered to those who go to Battle Creek are represented to me as a snare prepared by the great apostate, by which to gain possession of human minds. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 3*

We desire that our youth shall be so trained that they will exert a saving influence in our churches, by working for greater unity and deeper piety. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 4*

### **The Training Received by John the Baptist and by Christ**

John the Baptist, the cousin of Christ, received his early training from his parents. The greater portion of his life was spent in the wilderness, that he might not be influenced by beholding the lax piety of the priests and the rabbis, or by learning their maxims and traditions, through which right principles were perverted or belittled. The teachers of that day had become so blind spiritually that they could scarcely recognize the virtues of a heavenly character. So long had they cherished feelings of pride, envy, and jealousy, that they interpreted the Old Testament Scriptures in such a manner as to do away with the true meaning of God's Word, which stood in the way of personal preferment and of exalted self-righteousness. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 5*

Christ, during the earliest years of His life on this earth, was taught by His mother. In accordance with the Jewish custom, He next learned a trade. He mastered the carpenter's trade. And in His work at the carpenter's bench He was more of an educator than a learner. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 6*

He who raised a widow's son as friends were carrying the young man to his burial; He who healed a paralytic and forgave him his sins, sending him to his own house well—He it was who lived the life of a genuine medical missionary; and He has left us His example. He desires us to study His life diligently, that we may learn to labor as He labored. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 7*

## The Importance of Strict Obedience to God's Word

Christ was crucified by the Hebrew people, the fathers of whom He led for so many years through the wilderness. There He taught them His will through His faithful servant, Moses, a man whom God honored greatly. Yet even Moses made a mistake. Some would regard his sin as one that should be lightly passed over; but God sees not as man sees. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 8*

When within sight of the hills of Canaan, the Israelites murmured because the stream that had flowed wherever they encamped ceased. The cries of the people were directed against Moses and Aaron, whom they accused of bringing them into the wilderness to perish. The leaders went to the door of the tabernacle and fell on their faces. Again "the glory of the Lord appeared," and Moses was directed, "Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock." [*Numbers 20:6-8.*] *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 9*

The two brothers went on before the multitude, Moses with the rod of God in his hand. They were now aged men. Long had they borne with the rebellion and obstinacy of Israel; but now, at last, even the patience of Moses gave way. "Hear now, ye rebels," he cried; "must we fetch you water out of this rock?" [*Verse 10.*] And instead of speaking to the rock, as God had commanded him, he smote it twice with the rod. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 10*

The water gushed forth in abundance to satisfy the host. But a great wrong had been done. Moses had spoken from irritated feeling; his words were an expression of human passion rather than of holy indignation because God had been dishonored. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 11*

Moses manifested distrust of God. "Shall we bring water?" he questioned, as if the Lord would not do what He promised. [*Verse 10.*] "Ye believed Me not," the Lord declared to the two brothers, "to sanctify Me in the eyes of the children of Israel." [*Verse 12.*] *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 12*

More than this, Moses and Aaron had assumed power that belongs only to God. The necessity for divine interposition made the occasion one of great solemnity, and the leaders of Israel should have improved it to impress the people with reverence for God and to strengthen their faith in His power and goodness. When they angrily cried, "Must we fetch you water out of this rock?" they put themselves in God's place, as if the power lay in themselves. [Verse 10.] By these words they greatly dishonored Christ, their invisible Leader. God, not man, should have been glorified. The Lord reproved these leaders and declared that they should not enter the promised land. Before the Hebrew host He demonstrated that the sin of the leader was greater than the sin of those who were led. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 13*

### **Sabbath Observance a Sign of Obedience**

The great test that will distinguish those who keep the commandments of God from those who transgress His law is Sabbath observance. In the *thirty-first of Exodus* we read: *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 14*

"The Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 15*

"And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communicating with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God." [Verses 12-

18.]18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 16

This Scripture clearly outlines the definite requirements of God, respecting the observance of His day of rest. The keeping of the Sabbath holy is the sign between God and His people throughout their generations. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 17*

### **The Origin of the Battle Creek Sanitarium**

Many years ago, before the Battle Creek Sanitarium was in existence, the Lord instructed me that we were to have sanitariums among our own people—institutions in which the Sabbath commandment would be respected and obeyed, and in which true medical missionary work would be done for the suffering poor as well as the wealthy. God has a special care for the poor. I was further instructed that our sanitarium work should not be conducted on so elaborate a plan that it would call for a large expenditure of means; and, also, that at the beginning, one sanitarium was all that we could manage. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 18*

Our brethren and sisters throughout the field were called upon to manifest their liberality by raising a fund sufficient to provide a building and facilities for the first institution. The Health Institute, as it was then known, was to be a direct, powerful agency for honoring and making prominent God's law. The light of present truth was not to be hidden under a bushel or under a bed, but was to be placed where it would give light to all that were in the house. No precept of the divine law was to be relegated to a position of minor importance. The Sabbath truth was to be made especially plain, because in the fourth commandment is designated the One whose name is to be magnified—the Creator of the heavens and the earth, the One who made the world and all that is therein in six days, and rested on the seventh day. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 19*

The Need of Heart-Reformation. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 20*

To the multitude of Jews and Gentiles, and to the disciples that always occupied the inner circle, the great Teacher and Medical Missionary Worker said, in His sermon on the mount: *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 21*



“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.” [*Matthew 5:3-12.*] Looking unto His disciples, Christ declared: “Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.” [*Verse 13.*]*18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 22*

Salt that had lost its savor well represented the condition of the Pharisees and the effect of their religion upon society. Today, it represents the life of every soul from whom the power of the grace of God has departed, and who has become cold and listless. Whatever may be his profession, such a one is looked upon by men and angels as insipid and disagreeable. Profession of godliness is of little worth in itself. Until the whole heart, and soul, and strength, and mind are under discipline to God, we have not obeyed the first great commandment.*18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 23*

The law of God is to be written on the heart, else, profess what we may, in reality we never obey it. We might as well suppose that the ten commandments could guide the Hebrew host while these precepts were merely written on tables of stone in the midst of the clouds of Sinai, as that the truth of God could profit or illuminate the soul while it only floats in the understanding or memory without being inscribed on the fleshly tablets of the heart. Truth was never stamped upon the soul. “With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” [*Romans 10:10.*] Only those upon whose hearts are written the divine precepts can, as the salt of the earth, exercise a preservative influence.*18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 24*

Christ continued: “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 (God) which is in heaven.” [Matthew 5:14-16.] *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 25*

Every soul into whose heart the truth has found access must wage a warfare against the powers of darkness and fight inch by inch as he advances in the Christian pathway. The converted one may live in a family where he, like the other members, was once worldly and selfish, robbing God of the talents entrusted to all for service; but as soon as he is convicted and converted, he begins to use his talents in behalf of righteousness; and he is filled with the breath of life, the Spirit of God. Collision and strife often result. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 26*

Perhaps the other members of the family have also heard the truth, but although they have been impressed and convicted, they refuse to yield. As enemies of righteousness, they resent the intrusion of a strong spiritual influence into their family. The converted member of the family, loving God and keeping His commandments, will be purified through obedience to the truth; but he will meet with bitter, determined opposition. Truth has entered his soul-temple, and the false peace that formerly reigned is stirred and broken up. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 27*

If the truth be permitted to hold its place, it will take possession of the heart and the mind, the will and the affections. Love will fill the heart. The converted one will sit in heavenly places with Christ Jesus. Although he may have enemies even in his own household, he will rely wholly upon a power higher than any earthly power. The freely imparted Spirit of the living God will give victory in every contest. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 28*

True reformation must begin in the heart, out of which flow the issues of life. One of the most earnest prayers in the Bible is: “Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. ... Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways, and

sinner shall be converted unto Thee.” [*Psalm 51:10, 11, 13.*]18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 29

During His sermon on the mount, Jesus was closely watched by spies, and as He unfolded the principles of righteousness, the Pharisees caused it to be whispered about that his teaching was in opposition to the precepts that God had given from Sinai. There was a general spirit of murmuring rising up in the hearts of priests and rulers. Practical reformation of the life was not in accordance with their desires. These resisters of the truth were startled to hear their inmost thoughts referred to, as if they had been expressed. In unmistakable language Christ revealed His attitude toward the divine statutes:18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 30

“Think not,” He said, “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.” [*Matthew 5:17, 18.*]18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 31

Every specification of the prophetic Word was to be fulfilled. The religious leaders had repeated over and over again the commandments of men and with vehemence had urged the necessity of observing them; but they lightly passed over some of God’s requirements that they did not wish to observe. Concerning this evil Christ declared:18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 32

“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.” [*Verse 19.*]18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 33

Heaven’s decision will be that such a teacher is working against God, the Law-giver, who gave the law with great solemnity from mount Sinai.18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 34

“But whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” [*Verse 19.*] This will also be the decision of the heavenly intelligences.18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 35

“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.” [*Verse 20.*] *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 36*

From this declaration we learn that the transgressors of God’s law, be they priests or rulers, scribes or Pharisees, must reach a standard of righteousness much higher than that which they have hitherto reached. They need the illumination of the true Light, which reveals to men what they are. They need the faith that works by love to God and love to their neighbors. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 37*

The Jewish leaders chose to pass by their neighbors, because they desired to serve God in their own selfish way. They failed to realize that the least disobedience against one of the Lord’s precepts would bring them under condemnation. In their human wisdom they so arranged the “least commandments” that through them they taught false doctrines. [*Verse 19.*] Setting aside some of the teachings of the Word as nonessential, unimportant, they put human laws in the place of the divine. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 38*

Such work as this is being done in the ranks of the believers in the remnant church. This brings in grave dangers; for many among us lack spiritual discernment. Our righteousness must exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees. Their righteousness consisted in externals—in formal obedience; the righteousness that God requires of us must spring from the heart and extend throughout the being, within and without, bringing heart and life into conformity with His revealed will. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 39*

Oh, how much is lost through men who pervert the teachings of the Word, misquoting the Scriptures and wresting their meaning! Religion in the heart means everything to the receiver. A meek, obedient, teachable spirit is more acceptable to God than any amount of outward service—service that is often performed in a selfish, inconsiderate, presumptuous manner. *18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 40*

We all need to be earnestly guarding ourselves, lest we lose ground

spiritually; lest we lose a clear perception of God and His righteousness.*18LtMs, Ms 169, 1903, par. 41*

## Ms 170, 1903

Coming Destruction of Cities

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Oh, such crashing and breaking up of the most expensive, thoroughly constructed homes! I awoke and I could not think where I was, but this scene has been represented before me of what would befall our cities. As scenes have been presented, I seemed to be stunned. *18LtMs, Ms 170, 1903, par. 1*

I told them we were going to Los Angeles, and what kind of a work we should be engaged in I did not know. I could not relate what I had passed through in the night. *18LtMs, Ms 170, 1903, par. 2*

As we came into Los Angeles, I remembered One speaking words that were in *Revelation*. A great solemnity was upon that night, yet I had peace of mind, that now the warning was to come to the people. *18LtMs, Ms 170, 1903, par. 3*

Shall this warning of such complete destruction be passed by unnoticed? Will they continue to exalt the spurious Sabbath? *18LtMs, Ms 170, 1903, par. 4*

**Ms 171, 1903**

Diary, January 1903

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January 3-31, 1903

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January 3, 1903

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California,

I thank the Lord as I awake this morning for His keeping power through the night. This is the seventh day of the week, the day the Lord has set apart for us to observe, laying aside all secular business. *18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 1*

January 4, 1903

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California,

Sunday, first working day of week. I leave my sleeping room some hours before the family leave their rooms and assemble for prayers. I would not have them do as I am doing. They should have full time to sleep. I cannot sleep. The months of November and December were the most trying period of my life. Nearly this whole period I could not sleep past twelve p.m. I kindled my fire in my good, precious, open fireplace, then sought the Lord in prayer; but my burden was heavy upon me. The presentation before me is anything but flattering. *18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 2*

January 5, 1903

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, Calif.,

I awoke and bowed this morning before God with gratitude and thanksgiving to my heavenly Father for the abundant blessings I enjoy. *18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 3*

I praise the Lord that it is my privilege to have editing my writings

those who love God and seem as fully interested in the preparation of the articles as myself. They are all conscientious workers. My son W. C. White is a very necessary help to take his business and work it out. Miss Marian Davis has been with me twenty-five years and is an efficient worker. From articles already published over a period of years she selects and brings together the matter for bookmaking. *18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 4*

The Spirit of God is stirring my mind deeply upon the subject of the previous page. *18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 5*

January 6, 1903

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, Calif.,

I am pleading with the Lord at one o'clock a.m. that the Lord will help His people to take heed to His warnings and counsels before it shall be everlastingly too late. I was in the vision of the night in a council meeting, and there was difference of opinion, showing that the lesson prayer of Christ in *John seventeen* had not special weight with them. One of authority arose, and every eye was fixed upon Him for He bore the impress of Christ. In a most solemn, touching manner He asked, “Are you converted?” *18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 6*

January 7, 1903

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, Calif.,

I cannot sleep after twelve o'clock. I am praying nearly all my wakeful moments that the Lord will manifest Himself unto His people and will awaken their spiritual sensibilities. *18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 7*

January 8, 1903

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, Calif.,

My mind is deeply in earnest to know what the Lord would have me to do. I must have the power and Spirit of God, else I cannot do anything of myself. I plead with the Lord for help that God will



accept my prayer and my work as His messenger. Christ must be my efficiency. We must have a genuine faith in Christ Jesus, and then we need to understand that we are not in our individual self the whole body, but only a part, only one member. *18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 8*

January 10, 1903

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, Calif.,

We have every reason to have hearts full of gratitude to God for His goodness and mercy to us. We have entered so recently a new year, and new and continuous responsibilities will have to be borne in things expected and unexpected. Our experience in the years that are past in many things will be repeated. Shall we dedicate ourselves anew to God; and as we meet temptations and perplexities, shall we take everything to God in prayer? *18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 9*

January 11, 1903

St. Helena, Calif.

I am praying unto my heavenly Father to be unto me wisdom, sanctification, and righteousness. I must have His grace, else I can do nothing. We have each a work given us of God to do. *18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 10*

January 18, 1903

St. Helena, Calif.

(*Psalm 145:1-3*): “I will extol Thee, my God, O king, and I will bless Thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.” Our thanksgivings for mercies received ought to be put into speech and ought to be as warm and fully abundant as our prayers are frequent and earnest. Our faith should grasp the promises of God as we ask God for the daily help of which we stand in need. We are nearing the close of this earth’s history. If we do live upon the earth when He shall

appear, we want to meet Him with joy and not with grief, saying as we behold His sign in the heavens, "Come, Lord Jesus, and come quickly. 'Lo this is our God. We have waited for Him, and He will save us.'" [*Isaiah 25:9.*] We have no time to lose. We are in our educating school here below to learn every day to be prepared to enter the higher, even the heavenly, grade. We should have a personal interest in our own religious experience, and take advantage of every opportunity to learn from the Scriptures—from the Great Teacher—the essential qualifications.*18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 11*

Our speech should be without deception. No guile must be found in our lips, no impurity allowed in our hearts, no unkindliness in our speech or in our attitude towards one another. Learn the language of Canaan here, that will be in harmony with the language of heaven. In this commencement of the new year, cultivate grace and love and a deep interest in spiritual things. shall we not have the love of God burning upon the altar of our hearts? And shall not our thanksgiving go forth from unfeigned lips?*18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 12*

January 21, 1903

St. Helena, Calif.

I thank my heavenly Father I have slept more than for several nights—till half-past two o'clock. The Lord is very gracious. His lovingkindness is so far beyond that which we deserve.*18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 13*

January 22, 1903

St. Helena, Calif.

I thank my heavenly Father for His merciful, tender watchcare. I plead with the Lord in the night season. He will hear our prayer of earnest desire for increased strength to do His will. I pray most earnestly in the sleepless hours of the night for clearness of the representations made me as God's messenger to bear the trust to others, and that if I have in any way departed from His will and His way that I may understand this and repent and be forgiven. I want

not one instant to be surprised on the enemy's ground, if I am called away without any warning. *18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 14*

I will seek the Lord most earnestly to preserve to me my eyesight. My left eye has been afflicted for a number of years, but I know not what to do but to come to the Great Physician. Day and night I may present my request for special blessing of eyesight, hearing, and for removal of pain in my heart. I need keen spiritual perception to know when to speak and when to withhold words of censure for wrongs which are endangering the souls of church members. Ministers and people are to watch and to pray without ceasing. He who gave His whole self as a sacrifice hath said, They shall not be ashamed that wait for Me. And then what encouragement He has given us—the sunshine of His presence, and He is our assurance! *18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 15*

God “is a rewarder of all them that diligently seek Him.” [*Hebrews 11:6.*] He has His men to commission. He sent a Philip to the eunuch in the desert of Gaza to explain to him the Scriptures. He found him with the Scriptures in his hand and he asked him, “Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me?” [*Acts 8:30, 31.*] Here was a man in connection with the highest class, but he needed to know the Word of God. Philip was invited up into his chariot and explained the Scriptures, preaching the gospel, the mission and work of Christ. The eunuch expressed his faith, and as they came to water, he proposed to Philip that he be baptized, and after this work was done Philip seemed to be caught away. *18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 16*

The Lord heard the prayer of the centurion in the town of Caesarea and told him what to do. *Acts 10.* He saw in a vision the angel of the Lord coming in to him and saying unto him, Cornelius. And when he looked on him he was afraid and said, What is it, Lord? And He said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. There were special directions given just what he should do to obtain further enlightenment. The angel might have imparted light, but God's plan was to place chosen men in connection with men who needed enlightenment in the truth of the gospel, and thus a connection be made whereby the Gentiles should have the

gospel. This was the way of the Lord, and the work of God is not to be carried by the wisdom of men, but by the power of God.*18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 17*

January 23, 1903

St. Helena, Calif.

My mind is exercised in regard to the absence of the love of Christ for one another in the church. We cannot afford to regard with indifference a single messenger of Jesus Christ. If we pray the Lord to work for us we must accept the help He sends in His own appointed way.*18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 18*

Sabbath, January 31, 1903

I thank the Lord this morning I have had a precious night's rest and sleep. I plead with God in behalf of His people that they may understand the lessons the Lord would have all to learn who believe in Him; that when they seek the Lord as a little child in humility, they will find Him a present help in every time of need. Let all, both high and lowly, seek the Lord with all the heart.*18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 19*

It is the last day of the first month of the year. This is the Sabbath of the Lord. Let us come to the Lord in humility of mind, confessing our sins. What a great regret many will feel who have built themselves up in self-importance, considering they have power in their hands and can shape things after their minds, and who can hinder them? In their pride and self-sufficiency, they did not consider as they should that God reads beneath the surface. All your sagacity and prudence, your foresight, your pride, and your energies are as nothingness before God, and will be of not the least account in your behalf to recommend you to God or to open for you the gates of the city of God, where only the pure in heart, the merciful, the kind, the men and women of holy principles will enter.*18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 20*

W. C. White reached home this evening. Was delayed in his journey seven hours by wreckage on the track.*18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 21*

Sabbath evening. I have this day, January 31, by request spoken to the people. W. C. white shared the exercises. I feel very grateful to my heavenly Father that after an absence of three months in traveling he is with us again, and his family are grateful to have him home. He is suffering with pain in his lungs. Will take treatment this evening. We had all seats filled. An interesting congregation. The Spirit of the Lord has been working upon the minds of the people. There is quite a large number working in the food factory. Some have taken their stand to serve the Lord. The Week of Prayer was a most profitable occasion, and there is in the food factory and in the sanitarium a great improvement. *18LtMs, Ms 171, 1903, par. 22*

## Ms 172, 1903

Diary, February 1903

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February 2-17, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Monday, February 2, 1903

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, Calif.,

I thank the Lord that I did rest some hours in the night past. It was very cold. I was chilly, but had some sleep. Awoke at one o'clock and could not sleep after that. I think it has been the coldest night we have had in this section of the country. In building my fire and taking my cold-water sponge bath, I did not chill, but I did not react as I usually do. Soon after breakfast it commenced snowing very gently and increased into fast snowing. Sometimes seems as though it is about ended, then it begins again afresh. Considerable snow has fallen. Has lodged in the branches and has covered the ground.*18LtMs, Ms 172, 1903, par. 1*

February 13

Sad day to me. Suffered much pain in my head and in my eyes. Dr. M. G. Kellogg has just come with his family from Australia. He tarried in Oakland. Will remain through the conference. Have had conversation with W. C. White, my son, and with Brother A. T. Jones in reference to the way the work should be conducted. May the Lord lead us and guide and direct us that we shall not make one false step that will injure the precious cause of truth. We are not safe in any other way than holding the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end. The Lord would have every one walk in His footprints, meek and lowly of heart, realizing there are no kings to be exalted; but all must bear in mind all ye are brethren.*18LtMs, Ms 172, 1903, par. 2*

February 14

This past night I have been drawn out in most earnest prayer to God that He would heal my eyes. I cannot part with my eyes and I see so much writing that I wish to do, finishing the Old Testament History, before my work will be satisfactory to me. I have had more distinct, definite impressions of the Lord Jesus as the great Healer. Merciful and gracious are the promises of God. I begged in my prayers upon my bed that the Lord would help me to thoroughly understand the science of faith and to grasp the promise with unwavering faith for the restoration of my eyesight and my bodily infirmities. *18LtMs, Ms 172, 1903, par. 3*

The promise I claim, because Christ has never failed when inquired of to exercise His power of healing. I need my eyesight. I need health of every faculty of thought and a heart cleansed, refined, purified, that Christ can impart to me the rich grace of heavenly attributes. I must with simple faith ask Him to restore to me my eyesight, and I have this night grasped His promises by the hand of faith, and my head and eyes this morning are under the Divine Physician's healing power. I shall have faith in God. The Lord asks us to have faith in His healing power. *18LtMs, Ms 172, 1903, par. 4*

Shall I then become imprudent and walk carelessly because I have a Great Physician who can heal all manner of diseases? No. I must exercise all my God-given powers to be right and to do right. The house we live in—our physical house—is to be preserved. *18LtMs, Ms 172, 1903, par. 5*

We are to seek to understand more and still more perfectly what is comprehended in the living incarnation of the excellence of Christ Jesus. We must learn of Him how to work, how to walk circumspectly, how to do the work He has given us by being laborers together with God, wise and understanding what the will of the Lord is. I copy the words that express my feelings, *18LtMs, Ms 172, 1903, par. 6*

“Such love and meekness so divine,  
I would transcribe and make them mine.  
Be Thou my pattern, make me bear  
More of the gracious image here;  
Then God the Judge shall own my name

Among the followers of the Lamb.”*18LtMs, Ms 172, 1903, par. 7*

We need to depend more entirely on Christ. If we believe in Christ Jesus and will ask Him in faith for His restoring power in fact, in skill, in wisdom, doing all in accordance with His Word, we shall not be disappointed.*18LtMs, Ms 172, 1903, par. 8*

Sunday, February 15, 1903

St. Helena

We had an interview this day with Dr. M. G. Kellogg. He has just come from Australia. He arrived here Friday and spoke Sabbath at the Sanitarium to a good congregation.*18LtMs, Ms 172, 1903, par. 9*

Dr. Evans came last week, with his wife, to become head physician in the Sanitarium. We are very anxious that Dr. Evans and his wife Dr. Margaret, who is also a physician, should prove to be the very help which we need. They are desirous of doing the will of the Lord. They have worked in this institution. We believe these two physicians will, if connected with God, be all that we need.*18LtMs, Ms 172, 1903, par. 10*

Those who shall fill a place in our institutions as the Lord's chosen will be the Lord's helping hand. Their words will be chaste and good and therefore appropriate, as laborers together with God. There should be no self-idolatry, especially with those who are acting the part of physicians, dependent upon God's grace and His skill to perform their duties in all minor and critical cases. Their influence with the patients is to be ever pure and elevating, encouraging them to come to the Saviour just as they are, because it is their Redeemer that invites them to come and receive of Him His grace. He is waiting for their surrender that He may take away their sins and impart to them moral excellence and spiritual joy and all the excellence of an abiding faith.*18LtMs, Ms 172, 1903, par. 11*

February 16

I have had my mind so drawn out to some things that I cannot sleep. I was standing before the people trying to represent to them



that while in the world we are to consider the words of Christ. [*John 17:15-17, 19-23* quoted.]*18LtMs, Ms 172, 1903, par. 12*

February 17, 1903

St. Helena, Calif.

What can I say this morning? I carry a very heavy heart. It is painful for me to reprove anyone. I do not wish to injure the feelings of anyone, but what can I do when the Lord represents the individuals who are handling responsibilities, yet the man's eyes are clouded, his spiritual discernment is not correct, his heart is not softened and subdued by the Holy Spirit? He cannot judge clearly or righteously. The Lord would set them right, sending them a message of warning, of reproof and correction, but they do not change; they refuse to receive that portion of the testimony they need so very much. One made the statement, when asked if he had received a letter from Sister White concerning a certain course of his action, "Yes, but that which you mention I cut out and put in the wastebasket; that which will be of value to me I shall preserve." How many do this?*18LtMs, Ms 172, 1903, par. 13*

## Ms 173, 1903

Diary Fragments, April to June 1903

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April 17 - June 30, 1903

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April 17, 1903

Elmshaven, California

I cannot sleep this morning after three o'clock. I take my pen and write things which have been pressing upon my mind.*18LtMs, Ms 173, 1903, par. 1*

Monday morning, April 20, 1903

This morning about twelve o'clock I awoke from sleep where I was calling upon the Lord in prayer in my own behalf and in behalf of my brethren. I felt a wonderful nearness to God and these words were sounding in my ears, "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." "If thou wilt, Thou canst make me whole." [See *Luke 18:37; Matthew 8:2*.] I did not at first understand the sensation of prickling in the ends of my fingers. What does this mean? The pricking seemed to extend to my arms, and a soft, flexible feeling came into hands and arms. I continued my prayer to God that I was offering in my sleep, and after praying to my heavenly Father I arose and dressed. The exhaustion I had been suffering seemed to be all gone and my head was clear. I had felt deeply burdened and had begun writing after two o'clock p.m. in my diary, and I did not feel that I could drop my pen until seven o'clock. I had written in my large diary thirteen pages as fast as my pen could trace the words to Dr. Kellogg and to my brethren who have been holding positions in our institutions, for there had been a departing from pure and clean, sanctified principles in their business management, and the Lord had come near to them in rebuke and judgment.*18LtMs, Ms 173, 1903, par. 2*

May 1, 1903

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, Calif.,

I thank the Lord this morning that I have had rest in sleep. I am not free from infirmities, but while I suffer pain I am grateful to my heavenly Father that I am able to accomplish considerable in this work of preparing my writings that should come to our people, for the Lord impresses my mind and I desire to impart every ray of light given me. *18Lts, Ms 173, 1903, par. 3*

I am grateful to my heavenly Father that my mind is clear and distinct in regard to the requirements of God in His Word. I feel sorrow in my heart that the claims of God upon the life and service in His cause are not fully appreciated. Because of this, mistakes are often made. These many mistakes in the religious life need not be, for God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. He wants us as His children, adopted into His family, to act as such at all times, receiving His grace daily. Because we offer up our earnest prayers to our Father, He blesses us with His rich grace and we become His witnesses as children of God. *18Lts, Ms 173, 1903, par. 4*

We want not to mix and mingle with the world to receive the spirit of the world, but to reveal the precious grace of truth in our own hearts and to honor God as His little children. We are to love one another. We are to do kindly actions whenever we have opportunity, because the Lord is constantly bestowing His most valuable gifts upon us. Every day we are to be thankful. *18Lts, Ms 173, 1903, par. 5*

It may seem to us that the truth maintains its ground by the hardest exertion and most costly sacrifice, but we are to consider we are to discharge our individual duty day by day. Keep the mind stayed upon the Lord. Are we not warring the good and grand warfare, expecting the crown of life which the righteous Judge shall give us in that great day when every man will receive according to his deeds, whether they be good or evil? We have the precious light of the Word given us from God to give to the world and to lead us in the path He requires us to travel. *18Lts, Ms 173, 1903, par. 6*

Do not forget the words recorded in (*Matthew 28:16-20*): “Then the eleven disciples” after His resurrection “went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw

Him they worshipped Him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." *18LtMs, Ms 173, 1903, par. 7*

This message needs ever to be kept in mind to be obeyed. We are not to worry, but move on and trust wholly in God. We have a message to the world, and a fearful account will be rendered to God if we should prove unfaithful as His stewards. We long to see precious souls converted to God. For this we venture to labor in our age and infirmities. We hunger for souls and pray for the conversion of souls. *18LtMs, Ms 173, 1903, par. 8*

May 2, 1903

St. Helena, Calif.

Thank the Lord my life has been spared to see another day. My prayer to my heavenly Father is, Keep me today and give me this day clear perception that I shall not lose anything that Thou hast impressed and shall impress upon my mind that I must give to Thy people. Oh help me, my heavenly Father, to do Thy will, to give Thy words, and in such language that will make the best impression upon the minds of all that shall hear me speak. *18LtMs, Ms 173, 1903, par. 9*

Unto this day Thou hast been everything to me. We can walk safely in the darkest path if we have Thy light going before us as our guide. Thy Word, let it impress my mind this day. As I write the things Thou hast given me, may my representations be just as clear as Thy light, that shineth into the most darkened understanding. Give me words, give me wise speech. The burden lies heavy upon my soul lest I shall not make every representation clear. And oh my Lord, work upon human hearts that they shall be convinced, that the heavy laden may understand that there is a Burden Bearer who will take all their burdens and will heal all their wounds. *18LtMs, Ms 173, 1903, par. 10*

Oh how I long that the curtain shall be rolled back, and souls that do not now see their great privileges may see and may understand that if they walk with Thee, my Saviour and their Saviour, and learn of Thee Thy meekness and Thy lowliness of heart, they will find rest unto their souls, and Thy joy shall be in them and their joy shall be full. *18LtMs, Ms 173, 1903, par. 11*

May 27

St. Helena Sanitarium

The fruit of the Spirit is peace and love. I thank the Lord this morning I have been able to sleep until three o'clock. Retired quarter-past eight. My heart is drawn out this morning to the Lord in most earnest prayer for His keeping power. I cannot keep myself one moment. I want ever the fresh consciousness that I am a child of God, one of His little ones, and kept by His power. I cannot keep myself even for one single moment. My prayer is ascending to God that His grace may be with me today. *18LtMs, Ms 173, 1903, par. 12*

I am trusting in the Lord, praying and believing that His promises full of comfort and assurance will be realized this day. To be spiritually minded is life and peace. "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." [*John 14:27.*] "The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." [*Romans 15:13.*]*18LtMs, Ms 173, 1903, par. 13*

I know not how long my life may be spared, but I am living day by day as unto the Lord. *18LtMs, Ms 173, 1903, par. 14*

June 6, 1903

"Elmshaven," St. Helena Sanitarium, Calif.

This is the Sabbath of the Lord. We are this day to honor God in our conversation. Our hearts must be opened in a special manner this day from beginning to the close of the Sabbath, and there must be shining forth from us the bright beams of the Sun of righteousness. I praise the Lord this morning that I feel rested. I slept well during the

night. My heart is at peace with God. I have not any inclination to bring sad thoughts and distress upon my soul on this day which God has sanctified and blessed. *Exodus (chapter 31)* is so expressed as to leave not a shade of doubt in any mind in regard to our duty to keep holy the seventh day. *18LtMs, Ms 173, 1903, par. 15*

June 10, 1903

St. Helena Sanitarium

I am this morning deeply impressed with a sense of the great work before us to be done in order that we may respond to the words of Christ when He stood in His perfect humanity in our world. He is the true and unerring One to guide our feet in the path He was traveling. *18LtMs, Ms 173, 1903, par. 16*

June 1903

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, Calif.,

I thank the Lord that I have been enabled to stand the taxation that has been upon me for weeks. I slept well last night. This morning I am not strong but I will put my trust in God. The Lord is good and greatly to be praised. My mental powers have been constantly drawn upon for so long, and yet in my sleeping hours the Lord gives me words to speak that are appropriate for the occasion and for the benefit of those who come to me for counsel. The Lord would have us help one another. *18LtMs, Ms 173, 1903, par. 17*

Professor Beardslee had a conversation with me. I would have helped him if I could; but I dare not give my opinion of duties for others unless I have the words of counsel from God. As I read the blessed Holy Bible I can speak words from the Book of books and from instruction the Lord has given me to give to those who ask me to help them when they are in difficulty. But I always encourage them by the Word itself and urge them to take everything to God in prayer, pleading the promise, Ask and ye shall receive; seek and ye shall find. [*Matthew 7:7.*] *18LtMs, Ms 173, 1903, par. 18*

There should be a solemn importance attached to the testimonies

the Lord gives His messenger to bear concerning the Word which calls us to come out from the practice of the world and be separate. A half conversion is only a snare to betray other souls into the same divided service. Every truly converted soul shows a transformation in character, and a marked change takes place. *18LtMs, Ms 173, 1903, par. 19*

June 30

St. Helena, Calif.

I am grateful to my heavenly Father for His sustaining grace this morning. There is not a smooth path before any of us. We are to meet Lucifer in his efforts to counterwork the purpose of God in sending Christ to our world to reveal the Father. We shall make it a point not to dwell upon the disagreeable features that shall present themselves to us. We are to keep the bright side ever before us. But while we are not to be discouraged in our efforts to war against evil, Lucifer will work to act his part. We cannot be unconscious of the difficulties and perplexities we are compelled to bear, yet we are to know we are laborers together with God. Christ is with us by His promise from His sacred lips, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:20.*] *18LtMs, Ms 173, 1903, par. 20*

My heart is longing after God. But discouragements will come. Let us look and study the life of Christ and inquire, What would the Lord Jesus do were He present to counsel me in the difficulties that arise? Our first business is to ask counsel of God. *18LtMs, Ms 173, 1903, par. 21*

## Ms 174, 1903

Diary, July 1903

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July 5-31, 1903

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July 5, 1903

St. Helena

I thank the Lord for His care over me and I am determined to keep my heart and my mind in the love of God. We shall leave St. Helena today for Healdsburg. Have much to do in writing, to go as soon as possible to Battle Creek. W. C. White received a message from Elder Daniells to be in Battle Creek as soon as possible. Important decisions are to be made. He answered back he was unwilling to go. His work here was important. The answer came back that he must come. He is on his way.*18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 1*

We left St. Helena at half-past three o'clock, and a strong wind came up, blowing the dust in our faces. This wind surprised us. It was so cold—as if it came from mountains covered with snow. We made no provisions for such a change. Does Robinson was the least prepared. We were all somewhat chilled. Does left the carriage for Brother Baker to drive and he ran a long way before us. We were compelled to walk the horses over that long bridge, and he was far ahead of us when we left the bridge.*18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 2*

We arrived at Healdsburg just as it was becoming dark. We found Brother and Sister Jones at Brother Mills', enjoying a visit with them, but they accommodated us and we were glad to have a warm room and hot water to drink. We had a very profitable visit. I conversed with them upon the importance of all taking special pains to help one another, to encourage each other with cheerful words, and to put away all complaining and faultfinding. Satan is working to



discourage.*18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 3*

July 6, 1903

Healdsburg

We had a most precious interview last evening. We all decided we should be true and helpful to one another. We must not help the enemy in his work to discourage and place barriers in the way of each other, and to demerit others, for this will displease God. Satan will make use of us if we will be used. We have a service to do for the Master and we must do that service uncomplainingly. It is our duty to let cheerfulness come into our hearts and to be thankful that Christ has made us His purchased possession. We are to be filled with gladness and joy, and it is becoming for us to express our gratitude.*18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 4*

July 6, 1903

Healdsburg

The stockholders of the school meet at nine o'clock.*18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 5*

I could not sleep past three and I wrote several pages while others were sleeping. Letters had to be written. I dared not delay. The warning must be given in reference to the high position the church should occupy as Christians. There is danger of drawing apart and not answering the prayer of Christ in *John 17*.*18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 6*

This whole chapter is a prayer to His Father for His disciples as He was about to leave them and go to His Father. This was the finishing of His ministry with them prior to His betrayal, His trial in the judgment hall, His crucifixion, His burial in Joseph's tomb, His resurrection, and His proclaiming over the rent sepulcher of Joseph, "I am the resurrection and the life." [*John 11:25*.]*18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 7*

Will we take this instructive prayer, and will we in all our perplexities be sanctified? He said, "I sanctify Myself, that they also might be

sanctified through the truth.” [John 17:19.] Will we make such an application of the truth that we shall be sanctified through belief of the truth? We can never, never glorify God in serving mammon. Christ would have us, all there is of us, if we will do His will. *18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 8*

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At nine o'clock we went to the board meeting and I had something to say in regard to the presentation of physical labor. Shall these industries be discouraged because the labors in these lines were more consuming than producing? Shall we talk discouragement? Some will talk strange things, and their mind will be, Better give it up. But No, I say, No. The Lord can turn this defeat into a victory if it is treated the right way. Let there be every effort possible to make this a victory, for it is God's will that the industries shall be continued. How much good has it done for the workers to be united in their labor? How much benefit has it been to their bodies and their souls? The records in the books of heaven may show a gain. *18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 9*

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I had conversation with Professor Giddings in reference to how the schools should be conducted. I conversed with him one hour. He has been the preceptor of the school in Los Angeles. I repeated this July 7 before members of the board. It will be written out from reports. *18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 10*

July 7

Healdsburg, Calif.

The board met and I had one hour's talk with them. Had some conversation with Brother and Sister McClure in reference to sale of my place in Healdsburg. I want to dispose of it. This day, in the morning hours, I wrote many pages in reference to our position for this time. I have much more to write upon this subject—the Christian influence of the church, what it should be in making special efforts to visit and talk with unbelievers, and pray with them. *18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 11*

July 15, 1903

I am very grateful to our heavenly Father for the strength He has given me. My mind seems clear. The light given me upon the Scriptures seems so clear and encouraging. I read the writings of the Apostle Paul with great interest. The apostle was in a vision taken up to heaven and he saw many things that it was not lawful for a man to utter. But all his writings, his letters, his admonitions, his appeals have heavenly complexion. The sure word of prophecy is brought into all his instructions. *18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 12*

July 16, 1903

I thank the Lord that, however weak I am, He gives me strength when before the people. I am often surprised, and this is my comfort, for I know I could not do the work I have done unless the Lord strengthened me and gave me words to speak to the large crowds. I know better than anyone else how much I suffer at times with physical infirmities, but I will talk as little about these depressing things as possible. *18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 13*

I long to speak to large congregations, knowing that the message is not of myself but that which the Lord impresses upon my mind to utter. I am never left alone when I stand before the people with a message. When before the people, there seem to be presented before me the most precious things of the gospel, and I participate in the gospel message and feed upon the Word as much as any of the hearers. The sermons do me good, for I have new representations every time I open my lips to speak to the people. *18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 14*

I can never doubt my mission for I am a participant in the privileges and am nourished and vivified, knowing that I am called unto the grace of Christ. Every time I set forth the truth to the people, and call their attention to eternal life which Christ has made possible for us to obtain, I am as much benefited as they, with most gracious discoveries of the grace and love and the power of God in behalf of His people, in justification and reconciliation with God. *18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 15*

The Lord Jesus has, by the expense of His precious blood, freely

bestowed upon all the blessed advantages they enjoy. I am sure every soul who will receive grace to impart will realize in his own experience grace for grace. We want to let the life of Christ shine in us that we may let grace for grace shine unto others. We need not be destitute of the grace of Christ if we will communicate to others the blessings we have received. In working out our own salvation we are becoming strengthened, settled, confirmed in the faith. *18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 16*

I have every reason to be grateful to my heavenly Father that He has prolonged my life until next November 26 I shall be seventy-six years old. I thank the Lord this day for the blessings I have received. We should dwell much more upon the blessed privileges we enjoy in the gospel. We are children of God. "As many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God." [*John 1:12.*]*18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 17*

July 19, 1903

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

I thank the Lord this morning that I have slept well through the night. My heart has been disturbed as scenes have been presented before me of a character I must write. I will scratch them off upon paper and then transfer the things that I think deeply upon to my diary. I have some things I will write here. [Personal testimonies follow.]*18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 18*

July 30, 1903

I could not sleep after twelve o'clock. I am passing through scenes I can scarcely endure to consider. There were assemblies I was in and I was hearing the words spoken by men who are in responsible positions. And there were angels present, unseen by them. *18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 19*

July 31, 1903

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, Calif.,

We are preparing some things which have been urged upon my

mind. I am not able to sleep as many hours as I would be pleased to sleep, yet the Lord sustains me in a most wonderful manner. There is a work to be done for souls in Battle Creek and in many other places. *18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 20*

Great light has been shining forth in Battle Creek. The Lord has presented to me before I consented to go to Battle Creek that it was His will that many who had not known me should become acquainted with the messages God has been giving to His people. And then after that meeting I was instructed that those who attended that meeting would not have any greater evidence of the genuineness of the messages that the Lord gave His humble servant to bear than they had during those meetings. *18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 21*

Those who did not humble their hearts before God and accept the light given would go into greater darkness, losing their discernment of the true evidence of the truth and the grace and work of God. If they would not accept of the light and turn from their unbelief and darkness and correct their wrong course of action, which had been a great injury to the work and cause of God, then greater blindness would come upon them that greater light would not be recognized as light, and they would not be corrected. They would follow their own course to their own ruin. *18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 22*

Now the Lord has many precious souls in Battle Creek. He bears long with the wicked works of men. But the influence of the leaven of evil will strengthen and exert its absorbing power until the whole mass, one here and one there, is leavened. *18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 23*

And in July 1903 still there are messages given to many who may be benefited if they will not fight against God to have their own wicked way, but will humble their hearts before Him. *18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 24*

I have written all of twenty pages day after day, some to come before the church, some to come to special individuals and families, and much in regard to our institutions that have become spoiled through irreligious sentiments and by the abundant expression of unbelief in the testimonies God has given. Faith has been waning

and unbelief strengthening continually by jots and titles, until there is no way or means that the Lord has that will reach them. They have closed the door, that heavenly communications shall not enter their minds and effect reforms in their characters—reforms and reconversions that their very minds and sinful hearts despise. Therefore they choose their own delusions and bring upon themselves the sure result. And the Lord beholds that goodness, compassion, mercy, and love to God and their neighbors are articles of commerce they have forgotten how to deal in justice and equity. *18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 25*

They have educated the negative until the Lord says the negative of the graces of the Holy Spirit you shall have, with all their consequences, unless you repent. There are those who are choosing the evil and educating themselves in character little by little until the taste and habits are gradually corrupted, that their own human defects remain in them unchanged. They would none of the Lord's reproofs. They found some expressions they could interpret and explain in their own way and sow the seeds of doubt until this was their food. Unbelief spiced everything that they should have received as truth. *18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 26*

But the messages will come to the churches, because there are precious souls deceived and still being deceived by their deceptive course of action. *Daniel 11:32, 33.* "And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits. And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days." *18LtMs, Ms 174, 1903, par. 27*

**Ms 175, 1903**

Diary, August 1903

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August 1-22, 1903

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August 1, 1903

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, Calif.,

I cannot sleep after two o'clock, but my heart is drawn out to my Lord and Saviour in prayer. What evidence He hath given us of His love! And shall we not respond to that wonderful love? The grace of Christ may be ours every moment to guard and protect us.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 1*

Last evening at the commencement of the Sabbath my heart was relieved of great burdens that I had been carrying for some time, but Thursday and Friday's work in writing was a great relief to my soul. I sent much matter in the mail. I have given my message to souls in danger and to souls wounded and bruised and minds confused and almost unbalanced by the unwise speech of the vain talkers. Oh, if they could only realize the sadness and pain the speech of the false tongue can cause to souls who love God, who love the truth, and who are trying to do the will of God, what a change they would make in the free use of their unruly member which is not under control! Their words pierce heart and brain. The unjust, untrue speech of persons who profess to know the truth bruises the souls of those who have been trying to do service for God. I will say in this my diary, The Lord has a controversy with these poor, deluded souls who do not understand that they are being made the tools for Satan's devising to hurt souls.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 2*

August 2, 1903

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, Calif.,

Yesterday, Sabbath, I spoke to a very nice congregation upon *Isaiah 56*. The Lord blessed me with great freedom. The discourse is reported for publication. *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 3*

August 3, 1903

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, Calif.,

I awoke about half-past one o'clock. I am being deeply impressed that we have come to an important crisis. I cannot keep silent at such a time as this. *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 4*

August 4, 1903

St. Helena

I have slept well through the night. For several days I have been pressed as a cart beneath sheaves to say many things by letter to our people to arouse in them, if possible, a sense of our position as Seventh-day Adventists to let the light of warning go forth. *Isaiah 51*. These things are presented unto me with much clearness. *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 5*

August 11, 1903

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

I am unable to sleep after half-past two o'clock a.m., but the Lord lives and rules in the heavens and He would have me seek His face and draw nigh to Him for His counsel. I dare not take one step in my own human judgment for the enemy is watching his opportunity to put his thoughts, his suggestions, into my mind. The Saviour speaks to me, “If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink.” [*John 7:37.*] *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 6*

August 12, 1903

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

I am receiving invitations to attend the Los Angeles camp-meeting. I do not feel it wise for me to go lest I shall unwisely and unnecessarily tax my physical and mental powers and unfit myself



for my writings which I wish to place in consistent form to be used. I thank the Lord that He does give me clearness of mind to write many things. My heart is full of thanksgiving to God that the precious truth is so clear and distinct, given in no uncertain sound. Our sufficiency and strength are not created by ourselves. Let us keep closely linked up with our Saviour. Oh, let us come in humility before God, but trustingly, believing His encouraging words: "Ask and ye shall receive." [*John 16:24.*] *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 7*

St. Helena, Calif., August 13

"Elmshaven,"

I thank the Lord that there is now mercy still offered to the Lord's backslidden church. A measurement was being made of the characters of those who should become guardians of the work of the Review and Herald in publishing the pure literature that the Lord would have go forth to the world in a decided way that will make its impression as to what is truth. *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 8*

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My heart is thankful for all the goodness of God to me, and to express this in thanksgiving and in praise to God is my privilege and duty. We are not required to give sacrifice offerings in slain beasts. The Lord, the infinite loving Father that must honor His laws of justice, requires obedience of all His reasoning creatures. *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 9*

August 14, 1903

St. Helena, Calif.

*Revelation 1:10-16.* I have been impressed by figures presented and words of explanation given how much is given us of greatest importance to us for the present, and which reaches from time into eternity. *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 10*

August 15, 1903

St. Helena, Calif.

Many things occupy my mind that are opened before me to take place in the future, and I must not allow my mind to be occupied with so many troublous matters that come to me in our camp-meetings. My mind must be left free and not be occupied with many details of things from many, many minds, and reported so that I cannot always recognize the matter as anything that I have spoken. But I do wish to bear my testimony before the large congregations. I do not wish to turn away my brethren and leave the impression upon their minds that I cannot see them, and for reasons which they cannot understand or appreciate. *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 11*

If they would ask wisdom from God, and take God at His word, and be converted, then believe and act, continue to be converted, in all humility of mind, then the Lord would draw nigh unto every tried and tempted one. But how can the people who believe these things to be truth be so indifferent and bear so little weight of deep, earnest heart-searching and constant developing of the talents lent them in trust? They are not to be trying to secure a position which is to be recognized and to have everything in accordance with their own ideas, but just to walk in all humility of mind, realizing they are in the companionship of the Great Teacher. They are not, as some are doing, to be continually keeping themselves in the very front, grasping so many responsibilities which they cannot bear. Truth—sacred, eternal, sanctifying truth—which they need to appreciate, is not having its influence upon human hearts and minds because the door of the mind is not opened to receive it. *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 12*

Seek the Lord, seek the Lord with all the heart and mind and soul, and others will recognize early enough your connection with God; your knowledge, and your ability, and your talent of influence will be recognized. But keep humble. Leave the faultfinding and set an example of patience and meekness, and show you have been learning your lessons of Jesus, learning to wear His yoke. *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 13*

August 16, 1903

St. Helena

I am unable to sleep in the early morning hours. I awake at one or

two o'clock and commune with Christ my Saviour; and although I have many things that make my heart sad, yet I will look to Jesus who came to our world to pass through the experience of humanity. For our sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich. He humbled Himself and so we are to humble ourselves. We are not to show anything like parade because Christ has given us an example in His life. He was the Majesty of heaven, the King of glory, and yet He humbled Himself. Christ could have come with ten thousand of His heavenly angels, but He did not come in that way because He was to be our example in all things. He comes as the Great Example of all missionary work.*18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 14*

Wednesday, August 19, 1903

Healdsburg, Calif.

I could not sleep after one o'clock a.m. I arose and prepared my things, packing them to put in the carriage to take us to Healdsburg. We left the house after five o'clock. It was quite cool, very comfortable riding. Sister Sara McEnterfer, Clarence Crisler, and I composed our company. We did not breakfast until we were within twelve miles of Healdsburg, about eight o'clock. We took our lunch and fed the horses in a very pleasant spot. We ate our simple food with a keen relish. I enjoyed the journey. Rested one hour and a half, then journeyed on.*18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 15*

I am up in the fourth story in a very good room. Have been resting. I hope to be able to see Brother A. T. Jones in the morning. I am greatly burdened for him. His spiritual eyesight is not clear but greatly confused. What will be the sure outcome in his persisting in having his own way?*18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 16*

August 20, 1903

Healdsburg, Calif.

I slept until two o'clock then arose and prepared to look over my writings. Had an interview with Brother Cady. He will carry on the school as he has done. I spoke to the few students here at half-past eight o'clock. I made some statements in warning in regard to

sending the students to Battle Creek to finish their education. Clarence Crisler reported me. *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 17*

At eleven o'clock had an interview with Elder A. T. Jones. We talked in regard to the situation in Battle Creek and what could be done to help the matters there. This conversation Clarence reported, so it should not be said Sister White said this and Sister White said that. I received a very interesting letter from Elder Daniells from Washington, D.C. Brother Henry Kellogg was on the ground on his way to Florida. He is a good judge of the situation of land and its value. Several others were having their opportunity to pass judgment upon the location, and all considered the place for the office excellent in every respect and the price favorable for such a location. Elder Daniells speaks of great peace and comfort and assurance in the location. Just the water advantages, he says, are of more value than the land. These letters do us much good. Some of the families are now on the ground for settlement. *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 18*

The Lord must be our continual dependence. Whenever I open the Scriptures my mind fastens upon some passages that seem to intercept [?] to my mind many things. *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 19*

August 21

Healdsburg, Calif.

I thank the Lord this morning that I am resting. I have a sense of much weariness. Lay down near evening. Slept soundly for a couple of hours. Sara found it difficult to awaken me to prepare for retirement for the night. Slept through the night until nearly four o'clock. For several nights could not sleep after two o'clock, and my mind was troubled and much worried on the matter of adjusting the question of complying with the educational law, that special studies in language and some other educational business lines would have to come into our educational program. *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 20*

Oh, may the Lord let His Holy Spirit rest upon us that we may know that every step we take is ordered by the Lord. We cannot afford to make one mistake. Satan will take advantage of every jot and tittle.

We must move in accordance with the will of the world in our preparations and plans for carrying forward school work, that no mistake shall be made. We have a deep sense of the work that is to be done to fit us for the courts above. We want truth and righteousness to prevail, and we greatly desire that every action we take shall bear the approval of our heavenly Father. *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 21*

Sabbath, August 22

Healdsburg, Calif.

This is the Sabbath of the Lord, and I thank the Lord for all His goodness and mercy to me. I have slept until two o'clock, and I arose and prayed to the Lord to graciously preserve to me my eyesight. I wish to prepare much matter for publication. *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 22*

I wearied myself yesterday visiting and conversing with Elder A. T. Jones and with several others. Brother Cady had much to say in regard to his proper position in the school and in his traveling from place to place. These things worry me. I greatly desire to see things connected with the school moving decidedly in upward tendencies with all dignity and nobility and giving character to the work. But my soul now sees new need, great need, of wisdom that is pure, peaceable, and easy to be entreated. *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 23*

I am unable to do anything without the Holy Spirit's guidance. If Christ be formed within, the hope of glory, then the works will testify to the truth. What precious revelation I have of my Saviour in the night season! Many, many nights I am permitted to have arrayed before me the precious things the Lord has for His people if they will only do His will and not set up their own will against the will of the Lord. But what a great grief it is to the ministering angels appointed to minister unto those who shall be heirs of salvation when they once and again repeatedly refuse to be led, instructed, and sanctified. *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 24*

We need every one to walk prayerfully and very humbly with God, realizing our own human weakness, and that we cannot be depended upon to represent Christ in character unless we are

watchful against entering into evil. The least advantage should not be given the enemy, for he will exercise his power over you to do things that weaken your moral power and then discourage you, and under that temptation of discouragement you will criticize others. That is the very work Satan took up in his own case. In the place of repenting, he began accusing the heavenly angels, when the origin of all the evil was in himself. *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 25*

Let everyone now come to a decision to end this work of faultfinding and accusing today. With your eyes looking unto Jesus, behold His wounds and let His blood be applied to every guilty conscience and cleanse away the pollution of selfishness. Yield up the whole heart to God and seek for the forgiveness of your own sins. Seek sanctification through the belief of the truth. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh unto you, and you will feel the constraining influence of His Holy Spirit. Wrap your soul up in God. Then you will have a conformity to His likeness and with an intense desire thirst and pant after holiness. Let not one any longer grieve the Holy Spirit of God. You need to admire the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave His precious life to redeem you that you should not perish but have eternal life. Shall we not individually seek now a deeper sanctification through that precious blood of God's dear Son? Shall we not be determined to honor God and do His commandments? Only consider that the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all; but it rests with the individual whether he will give up his sins and become a vessel unto honor for the Lord Jesus. Your will must be in every case submitted unto God. *18LtMs, Ms 175, 1903, par. 26*

## Ms 176, 1903

Diary Fragments, September to November 1903

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September 12 - November 1, 1903

Previously unpublished.

September 12, 1903

I cannot sleep after one o'clock. My heart is drawn out after God. I long for His Holy Spirit. I cannot do anything of myself. My heart longs after God and there are many souls longing after God, but of His fulness we may all receive. I am perplexed that there are so many families who are not walking and working in the light of the Word of God. The Lord honored the family relation. He said, "It is not good for man to be alone," and He gave Eve to be his wife and companion. [*Genesis 2:18.*] *18LtMs, Ms 176, 1903, par. 1*

Tuesday, September 22, 1903

St. Helena, Calif.

I am awakened early this morning with deep impressions. I was in the night season conversing with Dr. Kellogg and presenting things before him that have been presented to me. *18LtMs, Ms 176, 1903, par. 2*

October 17, 1903

St. Helena, Calif.

This day is the Sabbath and I read quite frequently (*Exodus 20*) where the commandments of God are specified. The Lord came down on Mount Sinai and repeated His commandments given in Eden. The Father and the Son were upon Sinai's holy mount. *18LtMs, Ms 176, 1903, par. 3*

October 21, 1903

This morning while my mind is clear I must write. I have many things to write that are on my mind. *18LtMs, Ms 176, 1903, par. 4*

November 1, 1903

St. Helena, Calif.

I thank my heavenly Father this morning I have slept until half-past two o'clock. Tuesday my heart was greatly oppressed. It was a new chapter in my experience to have no inclination to write. The outlook to me is not favorable. I scarcely dare to entertain thoughts of the situation in Battle Creek. I inquire, What can I do? The situation is presented to me in a light that makes me tremble for souls that have walked and worked so many years away from truth and holiness, away from Christ and God. Of these Christ says, "I know thy works." *Revelation 3:15-18* quoted. *18LtMs, Ms 176, 1903, par. 5*



## Ms 177, 1903

Diary, December 1903

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December 2-17, 1903

Portions of this manuscript are published in *UL 350*; *12MR 84*.

December 2, 1903

The past night, December 1, was to me one of great experience. I seemed to be in a meeting where there were a large number assembled—many believers and some unbelievers. On one occasion the company was divided into several smaller companies. I had a special burden and had addressed my remarks to some few under the temptations of the enemy. They were entertaining ideas that were not sound but would lead them into the denying of the truth. This present time in which we live is a period of great temptation to give heed to erroneous sentiments and suggestions of seducing spirits and to link up with evil angels and present the same as present truth. There was a deep interest manifested in searching the Scriptures. *18LtMs, Ms 177, 1903, par. 1*

I had a special burden of prayer, and the peril of souls seemed to me so great upon my soul. I poured out the burden of my soul unto the Lord. I was pleading most earnestly for the Lord to break the power of the enemy and set us free, to let the minds of the beloved ones who are tempted go free, and to let the precious truth shine forth amid the moral darkness. I presented my prayer to the Lord that He would come forth to the help of His people and magnify the truth, that those who were uninformed would not be deceived in this period of great peril. I presented before the Lord our great need of special help to be granted to His people in accordance with the consistency of His attributes to work in our behalf and answer our prayers to glorify His own name. I was reaching higher and still higher, pleading with God to comply with our earnest supplications and let His truth at this time appear in all its dignity and beauty and saving grace, as He had often made known His special love and His special power and made the truth appear in its strength and its

authority—to make known again His clear and sacred truth unmixed with chaff, which was dangerous to the flock of God. I pleaded, and I felt that the Lord had pledged Himself. Victory came in, and I awoke crying aloud in joy that the Lord had manifested to us His grace, His truth, and His salvation. I learned from the members of my family that my praying was aloud in my sleep. *18LtMs, Ms 177, 1903, par. 2*

The precious goodness and love of God to me gave me comfort and strength and joy. I felt that I had a new source of hope and encouragement that deliverance would be wrought for souls in their gathering at Nashville. The Word of God will be established forever and forever. *18LtMs, Ms 177, 1903, par. 3*

December 6, 1903

St. Helena Sanitarium, Calif.

I have slept until one o'clock a.m. I am resting and praying for the grace of Christ to be more signally demonstrated by those who have a knowledge of Bible truth. *18LtMs, Ms 177, 1903, par. 4*

December 10, 1903

St. Helena Sanitarium, Calif.

The past night has been a night of great perplexity. Many things were represented to me which caused me much distress of mind. I have not been able to sleep after half-past twelve o'clock and there is much to think of. How shall we avoid spiritual difficulties we must meet if things are ever set in order? I leave my bed but do not feel refreshed as I would like to feel. Build my fire. Seek the Lord and ask Him to help me to do His will and not to take on burdens I can avoid. *18LtMs, Ms 177, 1903, par. 5*

I find four manuscripts to read to be sent to the mail. Intended to visit Brother Fred Harmon who is sick, and the physicians say he can live but a few weeks. Cancer of the stomach is eating up his life. Willie tells me Brethren Knox and C. H. Jones and Brother Hall will be here for counsel this morning, and we must meet them at the station at half-past ten o'clock. *18LtMs, Ms 177, 1903, par. 6*

We were much encouraged by the visit of these brethren. They have been long perplexed in regard to moving the office from Oakland, for there seemed to be no place that was suitable for them to occupy. Dangers are threatening and wickedness has become so bold and violent that there is no assurance of safety to remain longer. In the providence of God there is a rural location forty miles beyond Oakland toward Los Angeles. There is plenty of land that can be obtained and not now at the highest price. There is a place where the office will be located. The tract of land is fully large enough, and the cars come directly past this location and the citizens say they will extend the sidetrack already there. All their freight can be taken from the office in freight car and not be changed until it shall reach the places on the line where it shall go. This is a convenience they did not expect. There will be no more loading and unloading their freight to get to the railroad station to be placed in the cars. This place bears the name of Mountain View and is a healthful district, so called. The land is the best for agricultural purposes. Can raise any kind of fruit. Families of employees can cultivate a few acres of land and nearly sustain themselves. They have city privileges in electrical plant. Good wells will secure all the water they need without its having to be conducted long distances through pipes. Letters are brought to the doors as in the city. The brethren left on the afternoon train. We all felt that this location was in every way all we could expect and more than we could have had any idea of receiving. *18LtMs, Ms 177, 1903, par. 7*

December 10, 1903

St. Helena Sanitarium, Calif.

I thank the Lord this morning I slept until fifteen minutes before four a.m. That was doing much better than for some length of time. I thank the Lord for my fireplace. It is a great comfort. *18LtMs, Ms 177, 1903, par. 8*

December 15, 1903

St. Helena Sanitarium, Calif.

Tuesday morning. I am awakened at half-past twelve o'clock. I have a message for Brother Brunson. We were in a counsel meeting and

an earnest effort was being made to examine the Scriptures together and to closely compare Scripture with Scripture, when One of authority—whom we had not noticed before and whom we decided had just come—stepped to the front and soon every ear was opened to hear. The words were spoken with that peculiar authority that no one could question, yet expressing in tenderness an interest. This was a messenger from heaven. An awe came upon all present. His words were spoken in response to one who had last made remarks. *18LtMs, Ms 177, 1903, par. 9*

December 16, 1903

St. Helena Sanitarium, Calif.

My mind has been much exercised in my waking periods, as I offer up prayer and lay hold of His strength who hath encouraged us. *18LtMs, Ms 177, 1903, par. 10*

December 17, 1903

I awoke this morning and my heart is drawn out to my heavenly Father that He would—for the sake of His Son, whom I receive and whom I believe to be my Saviour and my Redeemer—relieve my burdened heart. I have carried this burden day after day, night after night, unable to sleep after one o'clock and often awake at twelve and sometimes at ten o'clock, because of the things presented to me. I repeat the words of Christ's invitation, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [*Matthew 11:28, 29.*] *18LtMs, Ms 177, 1903, par. 11*

My soul tries to lay off this load that I have been carrying for years as I behold the inconsistencies of those who claim to believe the truth, but have not practiced the truth. The Lord has presented before me the situation of the institutions that have been created to do a grand and elevated work for the Master. They are not heeding the messages the Lord sends in love and in mercy to His people, and the result in their crooked ways is an annoyance to the Lord God of Israel. *18LtMs, Ms 177, 1903, par. 12*

The Lord has graciously given us His Word as the rule of our life and action, and how far away do the many professed Christians live apart from Christ! *1 Corinthians 13*. This whole chapter is a lesson of the utmost importance for all church members to strictly practice. How can the church depart so largely from the Word and yet carry out the pretensions and claims of godliness which they do not practice and prove the truth to be the power of God? But strange things have yet to be opened. I will not say more for the time is not come. Silence is yet eloquence. But the Lord understands. There is a future, and when the time shall come the Lord will bring every secret thing to light. I will not place myself where I shall become confused. Truth will bear away the victory. *18LtMs, Ms 177, 1903, par. 13*

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[Note: On page 79 of Journal No. 48 is this significant notation:] “My workers must search through my books for matters on various points. I have these books to furnish matters that are needed.” *18LtMs, Ms 177, 1903, par. 14*

## Ms 178, 1903

Who are Subjects of the Kingdom of God?

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1903

Previously unpublished.

Who are the subjects of the kingdom of God? “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” *Matthew 11:28-30. 18LtMs, Ms 178, 1903, par. 1*

Learning of Christ means to keep Christ in His human character before us and do as Christ would do under all circumstances. “Come unto Me.” Will young and old heed this invitation? Who will become the honored subjects of the kingdom of heaven? The saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever and ever. *18LtMs, Ms 178, 1903, par. 2*

*Psalms 15 and 16.* Here we have defined the characters of that class who shall possess the character of Christ and represent that character in the world. In *2 Peter (chapter 1)* we have plainly defined who shall be of that class who shall have the eternal-life insurance policy. *Verse 10.* Here is practical, spiritual work to be done by diligently obeying God’s commandments. The promises of God, taken hold of through faith in the One who stands back of the promise—Jesus Christ—will have an all-powerful influence in making men who have faith like God. *18LtMs, Ms 178, 1903, par. 3*

Obedience to God is the proof of being chosen in the beloved, because they have faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Said Christ, “If ye love Me, keep My commandments.” [*John 14:15.*] This is the test. Obedience to God is proof of being chosen and born of God, a partaker of the divine nature, and such are the elect of God and precious. *18LtMs, Ms 178, 1903, par. 4*

“Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling

and election sure: for if ye do these things,” living and working upon the plan of addition, “ye shall never fall” from Christ; “for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” “Yea I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance.” [2 Peter 1] Verses 10, 11, 13. *18LtMs, Ms 178, 1903, par. 5*

Here is the apostle as a faithful minister of Jesus Christ, doing the most valuable service to his fellow men for their present and eternal good, leading all who will give heed to understand that the progressive work of sanctification through the Holy Spirit is to add, constantly add, the precious graces of the Spirit of God. They are to remember their privileges in seeking to get to the depths of the truths which must be practiced in their daily lives if they become saints of the Most High God and members of the family of God—His little children. All truths God has revealed are to be learned in all their bearings in practical life. God’s children are ever to keep before them the motives He presents to lead men to believe and obey Him. Let all feel deeply in earnest upon the subjects that possess so much significance to the saving of their souls. The Holy Spirit is the Author of the Scriptures. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable. *18LtMs, Ms 178, 1903, par. 6*

## Ms 179, 1903

“If I Should be Removed by Death”

NP

1903

Previously unpublished.

[An E. G. White notation on inside of flyleaf of Journal No. 34, bearing printed year dates for 1894, but containing matter written in 1900-1903, relating largely to Dr. Kellogg and the medical missionary work.] *18LtMs, Ms 179, 1903, par. 1*

In this book will be found matter that needs to be handled with great care. I may be removed by death, and the Lord may be greatly dishonored by the suppositions of man, as though [he] himself was God. *18LtMs, Ms 179, 1903, par. 2*

The first beginnings of the greatest peril to the work and cause of God date back to about 1893 (twenty years, and increasing after 1893). Very missionary in its [beginning], as it advanced, a peculiar phase—ambition and selfishness—began to be revealed. This, as presented to me in New Zealand [1893], was to become a great barrier to the true and regular work God has appointed His people to do. That work was beginning to be treated as the body, in the place of the hands and arms united to the body in the medical missionary work. Means would be drawn into a work which was [begun as] a benevolent work in connection with the gospel ministry to prepare a people to stand in the great day of God. I grieve to say that the physicians in the Sanitarium, under Dr. J. H. Kellogg, do a strange work. *18LtMs, Ms 179, 1903, par. 3*

[On title page] *18LtMs, Ms 179, 1903, par. 4*

In this diary, [bearing printed dates of] 1894, the dates and figures are nothing to be regarded. There is matter herein that is to be carefully read and considered if I should be removed by death. *18LtMs, Ms 179, 1903, par. 5*



## Ms 180, 1903

### Dangers in Overemphasis of Health Food Business

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March 16, 1903 [?]

Previously unpublished.

There is a special and great work to be carried in these last days in right lines. In these last days of peril we must avoid anything that will be of a character to divert the minds of our people from the great work to be done. Our plans and devising may seem wise to accumulate means to accomplish certain results, but the after showing will not, in the end, prepare a people to stand in the last days of peril. *18LtMs, Ms 180, 1903, par. 1*

When the large food factory was created in Los Angeles, the question was asked by One who knows the end from the beginning, Who can furnish the facilities that are needed for such an extensive building? Where is the talent to work such a plant? One was presented to me viewing the building, and the questions were put firmly and pointedly again, Where is your ability? Where is your talent for the doing of the work thoroughly, as it will have to be done in order to produce results? There will be called to this plant workers young and old who will not have experience and will not be fitted to maintain their spirituality and preserve purity of soul. They will not, in this commercial line, produce sufficiently in proportion to the consumption of means in order to produce. *18LtMs, Ms 180, 1903, par. 2*

The Lord has not given orders to exalt the food business to large proportions. More souls will be lost in connection with these food stores than souls saved by such an enterprise. Those who are preparing the way for the expenditure of means to make a great thing of this food factory will have deprived the cause of God of men, women, and youth to engage in a commercial line of work that will not help them at all in religious experience—in knowing how to perfect a Christian character that they may obtain eternal life—but prove a snare. “And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee

the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.” [John 17:3.] *18LtMs, Ms 180, 1903, par. 3*

Anything that shall be created to draw Seventh-day Adventists into these cities is a mistake. The corruption of the cities is as Sodom and Gomorrah. Place your sanitariums and schools out of the cities, where you shall dwell alone, and secure the very best talent for the sanitariums and the schools. No mammoth sanitariums will need to be created, but in many places there will be needed provision where the suffering community shall be accommodated, but away from the cities. The corruptions are increasing. Satan is stirred with a power from beneath to gather in his harvest, and every capability and every talent will need now to be educated and trained to do a special work which has not been done to enlighten the people as to what is truth. *18LtMs, Ms 180, 1903, par. 4*

There is not now to be these great food factories. The satanic working in cities is such that, should these factories be created, they would be destroyed if there is not a compliance with the binding up in confederacies with the trade unions. Many lives will be sacrificed. I have had decided light upon this subject of the food factories and the outlook is not favorable. This was presented to me at Los Angeles. The worst results will be to the souls that Christ has purchased with His own life, next destruction of properties, and destruction of souls as well as properties. *18LtMs, Ms 180, 1903, par. 5*

## Ms 181, 1903

### Warning in Regard to Food Factories

NP

1903

Previously unpublished.

We will now have to be careful in regard to largely extending and creating food factories. This I have been instructed will prove a snare and engross minds in manufacturing merchandise; and minds thus engrossed become belittled and common and cheap. Bribes will be presented, of high wages, that will not and ought not to be, to tempt men from the field of labor to carry the gospel message or to tempt men who have a position already to assume more responsibility than they can carry and thus lose their spirituality. *18LtMs, Ms 181, 1903, par. 1*

Something is being devised in this line that will be one of the greatest difficulties we shall meet. There are men who can make a success of limited responsibilities; but when there is crowded upon them a larger amount of work, they have not sufficient physical stamina, and they become tired, weary, and overworked, fractious and impatient. They lose the love of God out of their hearts, and then what? They lose courage, and God cannot bless them. Physicians have done double the work they ought to do, and they need indeed a physician to give them a prescription to drop that extra labor they were tempted to take on. Say No, I am in a place where I will not be so tempted, so tried. I can do no more safely than I am doing. *18LtMs, Ms 181, 1903, par. 2*

Again I warn men who should become canvassers to get the publications so essential before the world everywhere, in gospel ministry of the Word, in praying for the sick, in turning souls from sin unto righteousness. I have had presentations of the great food manufacturing work, and I am saying to men and women, Keep your conscience clear before God. Do not place yourselves in places where you will be tempted and tried by the sight of your eyes and the hearing of your ears, that shall influence your spiritual

perception of what it means to be Christlike. Hold the standard firmly: hold it high. And let no one talk you into the restaurant work and making of foods. The preparation essential in your characters to have a fitness to meet the Lord Jesus when he shall come is your most important work. God help you in this matter.*18LtMs, Ms 181, 1903, par. 3*

It will take something more than sanitariums as they are now managed, and the establishment of food factories with all their perplexities and liabilities and commercial workings, to make impressions to convert souls. All this matter of the food business is not to be worked so as to hedge up the way by getting talent and capability in this line of work, and I now send out the warning that what we need is the best talent in canvassers, evangelists, and ministers who have received the Holy Ghost. We need the divine nature to come into our natures so that we will be able to talk with God and then with the people.*18LtMs, Ms 181, 1903, par. 4*

I am alarmed as I see how many obstructions are arising through various devisings, to hinder in the place of helping the work. I am instructed that the restaurants in our cities are not the means of bringing souls to be convicted of the truth. All these things are to be considered. Mixing up our young people with worldlings is something we shall have to study seriously how to avoid, and we need to understand that we are to let no man whom God has called to do His work become entangled with many perplexities. Keep your souls in the best atmosphere, and do not place your poor, weak souls where you find temptations that will lead you to be regardless of the fitting up in character for the school above. God wants every worker who understands the truth to educate himself to seek and to save the souls perishing around us.*18LtMs, Ms 181, 1903, par. 5*

Many things will be managed that will take the mind and absorb the talent, but God help us to so run that we may win the crown of eternal life. "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." *Hebrews 3:12*. Some are in special danger now. "But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." *Verse 13.18LtMs, Ms 181, 1903, par. 6*

## Ms 182, 1903

### Humility Above Reputation

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#### Peril of Self-Exaltation

There is nothing more dangerous to our brethren than to have the name of being a special success in any line of work. It is a positive snare of the devil. The intensity of desire to keep up the reputation gained leads to strange things being done. A man who desires to have the name of being an eminent physician will be the subject of grievous temptations. He will wish to make everything serve his ambitious purpose to be first. He will not wish other physicians to reach ahead of him. In the publishing work, a great writer thinks he is competent in his line to do all that is essential for the church and the world. *18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 1*

In the church, when a man is exalted as a man of faith, and is looked to and trusted, there is danger that the people will be drawn to that man and he be relied upon by some as if he were a god. *18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 2*

In any calling that a Christian may have in the religious life, unless he is guarded continually, he will be in danger of thinking he must do some wonderful work in order to maintain his reputation. The enemy will lead men to think their own reputation of greater consequence than striving to be complete in Christ Jesus, the Source of all true power and grace and salvation. The glory of Christ is our great efficiency. *18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 3*

Let not any man in any line—physician, writer, evangelist, or minister—suppose that his reputation must be maintained, else he is nothingness. This is a snare of the devil. Is he in Christ? Is he patterning after Christ daily, or is he virtually patterning out a patent-right of his own individual self, which he must keep up as superior,

a reputation that must not in any case be diminished. Now all this wonderful striving to be the first great power in any line is the greatest fallacy that man can entertain. No one who has this temptation to be first, unless he is daily converted, will ever see the kingdom of heaven. *18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 4*

The Lord claims to have His place in all our councils. Ministers, educators, and physicians are to cultivate their talents, to speak clearly and distinctly, to write in such a way as to express the impressions the Lord may give them, and individually, with minds taught of God, to exercise their sanctified understanding to become better qualified and more efficient in their work. No man, however efficient, can do another man's appointed work. The individual mind must be worked by the Holy Spirit of God. In speaking or in writing let the words be simple. This is God's order. *18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 5*

One man's mind and one man's expressions as educator in any line of work are not to be considered sufficient. Every man is to do his work as under the immediate eye of God. If he is spiritual and conscientious he will never be frivolous, but a man whom God can impress and talk with. He will evidence that he appreciates and reverences the great I AM. He will be a man whom the Lord will teach and guide and to whom He will make known the living truth as the great foundations of all education. *18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 6*

The true learner is always inquiring of the Lord at every step, Is this the way of the Lord? What name he may acquire is not to be any anxiety to him. The great and earnest question is, How shall I conduct my line of the work so as to make Christ appear to all for whom I labor, as the One altogether lovely and the chiefest among ten thousand? *18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 7*

Some who really begin well lose much because they take so many things in their own hands. They do things without counseling with their brethren, and then consider they are doing a great work for the church, that the institutions could not spare them, and that they are the main spoke in the wheel, when they are causing the work of God to be retarded. They do the very work the Lord has fitted other men to do if they will only give these men a chance. But while they

grasp everything as though this is what God means they shall do, they overwork and make serious blunders and then, after accepting all they possibly can grasp, they feel very badly because others do not come in to help them. God says to such, Unload. Fill your appointed place and let others do their part of the work. *18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 8*

We are to take time to prepare ourselves to do our appointed work, then our example of what a Christian should be becomes manifest and helps others to abide in Christ. Then if our individual path is crossed in any way, and it certainly will be, the demon of hatred will not take possession of the human agent and make him feel abused. We are none of us to make any man our dependence, whatever may be his showing. Every soul saved must not look to any man as his criterion, but look to God. *18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 9*

Many men in responsible places will dissemble. Some were presented to me as making desperate efforts to undercut the work of those who are carrying forward and laying plans to enlarge and substantiate the work in some localities. God may be teaching such men to let other men have a chance, and not leave the impression—just as they want it should be—that they are the foundation of all this work. Many things have been opened before me, that show it is a false pretense for a man to be very active, as though greatly interested in every work and doing a great work, when it is not so in verity and truth; but he wants the name of being the originator of everything that goes under the medical missionary work; and it is being managed in such a pretentious way that God is not pleased, for it is for effect. *18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 10*

One comes in and takes action as though he was the instigator of the work, the one to be given the whole credit for what is being established. *18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 11*

We must all come to our senses. One action under false showing is leaven that will work badly. Trust in God; walk and work under His immediate eye. “Thou God seest me.” [*Genesis 16:13.*] All who shall be overcomers and sit with Christ upon His throne are those who have looked to no human pattern as perfection, but to Him who is invisible, who is the author and finisher of our faith. We need

now, individually, intense watchfulness and rigid examination of every work, for false impressions will be made.*18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 12*

Self! !! Men may suppose “I” am doing most excellent works, but if these works bear not the fragrance of the presence of the Saviour they will, though exalted and approved by men, be a positive snare of Satan to pervert the judgment, to blind the eyes, and to captivate the soul.*18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 13*

When Satan can come in, disguised as an angel of light, and the one who entertains his specious suggestions of the wonderful talents I possess and lauds me as a man that can supersede all others—it is the devil’s sophistry. You may preach the gospel and visit the sick as a devoted medical missionary; help the poor, protect the fatherless, and practice the entire catalog of religious activities; and yet cultivate the spirit that shall spoil the work and never be worked by the Holy Spirit of God at all. It may be done to glorify your individual self, doing certain things through habit and the force of surrounding circumstances. Certain influences, when set in operation, bring about certain results. We may do things because others do these things. A Christian, in order to obtain a symmetrical, Christlike character that all heaven commends, is to understand the message of Christ to every sinful soul: “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” *Matthew 11:28-30.18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 14*

Do we consent to be laborers together with God, trying to win souls to accept Christ’s invitation and keep the grand hope through Christ ever before the souls with whom we associate? We have pledged ourselves at our baptism to do this.*18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 15*

God has created man and given him all his faculties of body, soul, and spirit. The Lord Jesus has bought him with a price so full, so ample, that there could be no competition. What can man offer to God that is not already the Lord’s own? God gave the faculties, and every working of these faculties belongs to God. This means that



your experience from first to last is to be yoked up with Christ. Learning the lesson of meekness and lowliness of heart makes you a partaker of Christ's sufferings and appreciative of the virtues of the life of Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 16*

There will be a constant prayer, Keep me by Thy power; let not my feet slide; let not my heart be filled with ambitious plans to exalt myself; and let me not be angered because I am not considered by all to be the greatest power in the church. Teach me how to practice the art of self-emptying in order to be supplied with the grace of Christ and have that love Christ prayed that I might have—"as I have loved you." [*John 13:34.*] I must receive grace that I may supply others with that grace. Oh, give my soul much nearness to God, that I may receive His disposition and love my brethren. Help me, O Lord, to realize that I am, of myself, unable to do anything in its true, pure bearings. Self, self will be continually active for recognition, even in the very holiest of exercises. *18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 17*

Miserable delusions today are practiced and exalted. There is a large number of workers who have a religious name without spiritual breath from God, without Christ, striving to be workers together with God. There are so many who drop out the "together" and work wholly in self. [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] They do not arm themselves with the same mind that was in Christ. Self, self, self is exhibited in such a marked degree that self becomes their constant companion. Their works taste so strongly of the dish that they themselves become disgusted with the contemplation, and there is a cheap, religious experience that is of no real virtue in their inward life. In genuine experience there must be the humble walking with God, the eye single to the glory of God. It is a farce without this. *18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 18*

Let us humble ourselves under the hand of God, that He may lift us up. If the uplifting is done by Jesus Christ then it is a pure, clean, holy uplifting. I cannot endure the thought of carrying along such a bundle of self, which is a terrible load. If we have Christ's presence we shall walk as He walked. The speech will be after the divine similitude. There will be revealed the gentleness of Christ, a purity of speech, a moral elevation in all our service which is beyond all

price; and when Christ is revealed in the words and works of all physicians, there will be altogether a different atmosphere surrounding them in the home life and in all their practice. Christ Himself will be the worker, and this will not cripple the energy in the least; but it will tend to raise the physician who is a converted man to a high plane of action, giving a higher tone of experience in all his service, which is of great price. *18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 19*

This experience in humility and lowliness can be learned in no human school, but the divine Teacher says, "Learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [*Matthew 11:29.*] Jealousies and evil surmisings and exalted aspirations will not become woven into the web to spoil the pattern. God help our physicians to be so guided that their every action will be intensified, and the independent individual, though man, will be of entirely a different character than has ever been seen in the working of the human mind. To keep up a reputation by outward appearance is miserable, degrading bondage. The Lord has given His life for us, and He will give just the qualifications of character that will make us appreciative of other men as men whom God will use. We have no right to exalt our individual selves above others. The Lord has graciously supplied the most talented with all that he has, which he uses and consumes daily, without any thought of the sacred gift, without feeling his dependence upon God. When he feels like it, he will do some miserable work which grieves the Holy Spirit of God and puts Christ to open shame. His human actions, his human indignation, and his human speech are cutting to the soul, and his works tear to pieces. Is that pleasing to God? No! I answer, No. *18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 20*

While the innumerable company of angels receive their commission to bear light and grace to advance the work of God, the human agent is so wrapped up in his own self he thinks he can speak and act just as Satan would act under the same circumstances. The angels pass him by and leave him to splurge out his own irreligious words and actions, while they—the angels—pass on to those who will be taught and worked and who will appreciate the unfolding of the great goodness of God. In songs of praise they will declare His love to those who will catch the strains, respond with human voice, and acquit themselves as men whom God is working. *18LtMs, Ms*

*182, 1903, par. 21*

Our work individually is to copy the character of Christ, who gave His life to make it possible for us to do this. Shall we evidence to the world that we are children of God, bought with a price, and that we are bearing fruit in speech, in tone of voice, and in kindness of redeeming love, showing what it means to keep the commandments of God? Is it right to slight the testimony of fruit-bearing, good trees, according to our profession? Is it right to disregard the Source of our power by looks, by words, by actions that must be born of Satan? What is the gift of Christ who gave His precious life that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works?*18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 22*

The grace given cost Heaven a price it is impossible for us to measure. That grace is our choicest treasure, and Christ means that it shall be communicated through us. It is sacred, in the name of Jesus, to the saving of the soul. It is the revealing of the honor of God, an unfolding of His glory. And shall any man or woman professing godliness misinterpret the gift, ignore the Giver, and present a substitute? The Lord in pity will lift the soul out of trouble and place his feet in sure paths. And what if he strays from the Lord? Then he grieves the Spirit of Christ afresh and puts Him to open shame.*18LtMs, Ms 182, 1903, par. 23*

## Ms 183, 1903

### The Child Jesus in the Temple

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When Jesus was twelve years old, He went up with Joseph and Mary “to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.” [Luke 2:42.] What must have been His awakened sense of all that He saw and all that He heard? The veil was lifted as to His mission and His work. He lingered by Himself. He tarried behind. He had a communication from His Father as He stood in the temple courts: This is Thy message. Here shalt Thou proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord as Prophet of the Most High God. With His quick perception, He knew from the things which He saw on that first visit to the temple that He was to be the great Sacrifice for sin, the fulfilment of *Isaiah fifty-three*. *18LtMs, Ms 183, 1903, par. 1*

He must be about His Father’s business, and that work was begun in hearing the Scriptures read by the scribes and doctors and in His clear conception of truth. He listened to their explanations and asked questions which flashed strong light into the minds of those doctors—light that they had not before discovered. Why did not Christ tell them His mission, His work? Because He thought best to be silent. He had no thought that they would understand that He was in His own heavenly Father’s house and about His Father’s business, talking with the lawyers. *18LtMs, Ms 183, 1903, par. 2*

When night came, lo, Joseph and Mary looked for their Son and found they had lost Him. Oh, why did He not tell them His purpose? Why did He not ask them if He might or might not remain? Because He took in the communication to Him from God. He had always been perfectly obedient in His childhood. Oh, where could He be? *18LtMs, Ms 183, 1903, par. 3*

Christ understood that the time had come when His earthly parents might understand and learn to distinguish between His heavenly

Father's claims and that of His earthly parents. He must now take His position that He would love, obey, and honor them in all things that did not militate against His own conception of duty. His heavenly Father's purpose concerning Him was now to be opened before them. His Father's claims were first, and this must be distinct in the lessons He must teach all His followers. Parents, masters, guardians, monarchs cannot cross the barrier to interfere with human actions, as they relate to human conscience and the will of God. No man-made laws, no edicts of government or rulers, can tie the One who understands His duty given Him of God.*18LtMs, Ms 183, 1903, par. 4*

Of Christ it is said that He tarried behind, and His parents knew not of it. It took only one day to lose Him, because the parents had neglected their Charge. How many parents are doing this work today, exchanging the country home in Galilee for the city, with its crowds of people? How many fathers and mothers lose sight and companionship of their boys and girls and have no knowledge of it? This matter contains an appeal to all fathers and all mothers. Never lose sight of your children. This was an action which cost the parents much sorrow and three days of painful searching. Joseph and Mary sought Jesus among their kinsfolk in the crowd that trod their way to Galilee. At last, when He could not be found, they had to acknowledge they had lost Him. There will come a time when fathers and mothers will have to acknowledge that they have lost their children, their sons and their daughters, that the world has them ensnared, and all because of careless inattention. Ofttimes fathers and mothers never find their forgotten and lost children again; they may not know their children are lost.*18LtMs, Ms 183, 1903, par. 5*

The parents of Jesus lost Him at a religious feast which was to call attention to Christ, their coming Saviour. Festivities, reunions, hilarity, and glee were more or less the order of the day. *18LtMs, Ms 183, 1903, par. 6*

Recreation and innocent enjoyments, carefully guarded, are considered no sin, but all this leads to frivolity and indulgence of appetite. Religious, thoughtful conversation is set aside for another time. We can never be loose and lax and in banqueting enjoyment

pursue a course where there is danger of losing Jesus Christ's company for a single hour.*18LtMs, Ms 183, 1903, par. 7*

When Mary and Joseph did not find Jesus among kinsfolk and acquaintances, who had not seen Him, they turned back to retrace their steps to Jerusalem. After their troubled, heartsore search, they missed the active companionship of friends and relatives; but Jesus, their Son, was lost. He must be found; and they sought Him sorrowing. After three days' search, stopping at every place, asking every traveler, Have you seen our Boy? at last they came back to the temple courts and up the marble steps. Poor, tried, afflicted Mary lays her trembling hand on her husband's arm and cries, "Joseph, Joseph, He is here!"*18LtMs, Ms 183, 1903, par. 8*

They stop as they hear His voice. He is among the wise men and lawyers, and is forming questions that astonish the wise men, for light is flashed into their minds. Mary the mother inquired, "Son, why hast Thou thus dealt with us? behold, Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing. And He said unto them, How is it that ye sought Me?" And lifting His eyes and hand to heaven He said, "Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?"*Luke 2:48, 49.* Heaven's expressive light was in His countenance. The Child placed His hand in that of His mother's and went with them, the Majesty of heaven shining in His countenance through humanity.*18LtMs, Ms 183, 1903, par. 9*

## Ms 184, 1903

The Gospel to be Lived

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Not only “Glory to God in the highest,” but also “on earth peace, good will toward men.” [*Luke 2:14.*] This is the gospel which must be lived. Are the names of the church members written in the books of heaven, as laborers together with God? And are the church members the Lord’s channels, organized as living, active forces, to witness for God that the religion of Jesus Christ is for publicans and sinners, and that the church members are the channel through whom the Bible is to be made known as the religion of humanity?*18LtMs, Ms 184, 1903, par. 1*

In many places the publicans and sinners are asking, What are the church members doing to save our souls? Do they lighten our burdens? Or do they unite and confederate with the world to increase the poverty of the already poor? Shall it be thus considered—that the church is merely an organization in the hands and under the control of the strongest party of society? Where does “the glory to God in the highest” come in? Where is the bringing in of “peace on earth and good will toward men?” [*Verse 14.*]*18LtMs, Ms 184, 1903, par. 2*

Jesus, the Prince of life, is to be made known by active producers, the church members. The great Missionary Worker stands by the side of the true, self-sacrificing worker. He stands by your side, young men and young women, as your efficiency, as the Friend of publicans and sinners. The church is to appear before the world in her beautiful garments of Christ’s righteousness. How can we reveal Christ’s saving truth to the world unless we demonstrate it in our character-building and manifest His self-sacrificing spirit in order to save perishing souls?*18LtMs, Ms 184, 1903, par. 3*

Obedience to the first four and last six commandments is to be

revealed in our life work, all our business being done according to the commandments. The commandments of God are our life. All the restraining influence to restore the moral image of God in man is to keep individual souls in touch with their Creator. While professing to believe on Jesus Christ, do we not often endorse works that are sinful by passing over sins offensive to God and commending these evil works?*18LtMs, Ms 184, 1903, par. 4*

The church members must go before the world and in every way possible present the promises in the Word, and the threatenings as well. Its restraints are to have influence to preserve from dangers that are constantly increasing around us. It commends to us courage.*18LtMs, Ms 184, 1903, par. 5*

God said of the father of the faithful, "I know him (Abraham), that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord." *Genesis 18:19*. They were to study and become acquainted with the ways and will and purposes of God. "I know him," saith the Searcher of hearts, "that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment."*18LtMs, Ms 184, 1903, par. 6*

Abram was selected to go from his father's house and from his own country, where various forms of idolatrous influences were constantly making impressions upon his mind, into a far-off place where he could be taught of God and carry forward a reformatory work in purest principles. It was a new stage in the movement of Providence to change the inhabitants of the world from heathen idolatry to the service and worship of the true God. Abraham would cultivate home religion, and he would so arrange his household that the fear of the Lord would activate the large number of families with whom he was connected as their leader and guardian.*18LtMs, Ms 184, 1903, par. 7*

Now all families have an object lesson in these instructions. Here is a picture of the God-fearing patriarch's home responsibilities. He was priest in his house. This is true religion in the home. It is the Omniscient that speaks. Everything of importance is attached to His Word, and that Word Satan and his angels are in every possible



way seeking to pervert and to annul, by drawing the minds away from the true foundation to falsehoods, to sophistries, to the uncertainties of skepticism, which are flooding our world, making God and Christ an uncertainty. *18LtMs, Ms 184, 1903, par. 8*

These same satanic agencies were at work where Abraham's father's family lived, and idolatry was brought in through false conceptions of God. The same tempter, who deceived even the holy angels in the heavenly courts, is working in churches today with his powerful, deceiving, seducing temptations. Satan is working upon minds to unsettle the faith in regard to the verity of truth for this time, and many are being misled. *18LtMs, Ms 184, 1903, par. 9*

I am again given a message to the many collected at Battle Creek, to go out as missionaries for God and take up your appointed work. If those who have been in Battle Creek have been learning from the Word of God, they can go forth as God's witnesses take the Word just as it reads and bring it to the people who are accepting the pattern the archdeceiver is presenting to deceive, if possible, the very elect. Shall any influence hold men in Battle Creek? Shall God's witnesses, men and women, be held there, and let Satan with his sophistries have possession of unworked fields? Read the *first and second and third chapters of Revelation*. *18LtMs, Ms 184, 1903, par. 10*

## Ms 185, 1903

The Gospel Invitation and the Great Commission

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Comments on *Matthew 22:1-14; 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-18* *LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 1*

“And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.” *Matthew 22:1-14.18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 2*

There are to be most earnest invitations. All church members are to understand that they are to do the work God has given them to do. The message of Bible truth is to be given to all to whom they can

find access. Christ is the Bridegroom, the church is the bride. The gospel is to go forth to all nations. *18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 3*

“Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” *Matthew 28:16-20.18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 4*

Christ at this time delivered to His disciples the great charter of His kingdom in the world. He commissioned them as His ambassadors and gave them their credentials. Our Lord Jesus Himself received the commission from His Father. If challenged as to the authority by which these humble men—some fishermen by trade—should occupy the position of teachers and medical missionaries, and who gave them this authority, [they could answer,] He whom ye have crucified, just before His ascension, hath appointed us to be ministers of the Word. *18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 5*

Christ declared, “All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.” [Verse 18.] Here was the Majesty of heaven, with the marks of the crucifixion in His hands and feet and the marks of a spear-thrust in His side. He is leaving the world, in sight of His disciples. He asserts His power, His universal dominion, and His work as Mediator, which was the great foundation of the Christian church. *18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 6*

He assumes no power. “All power is given Me.” [Verse 18.] He was legally entitled to this power, invested with it from the Father, the Fountain of all truth and power. Jehovah God inaugurated and enthroned Him as the One whom He proclaimed His Son at His baptism and when He broke the fetters of the tomb. Christ proclaimed over the rent sepulcher, “I am the resurrection and the life.” [John 11:25.] He was God’s only begotten Son. He was acknowledged as One equal with the Father. He was the Redeemer of all mankind, of all the human family. Because He humbled

Himself, therefore, when He could reach no lower depth in His humiliation, God exalted Him, giving Him power over all flesh that He might give eternal life to as many as would receive Him, even to them that believe on His name. "To them gave He power to become the sons of God." [*John 1:12.*] *18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 7*

The commission, "Go ye," is given to the apostles, the chief ministers whom He had educated in their work, the architects who were to lay the foundation of the church. It is not only a word of command, as to the servants, "Go, work today in My vineyard." [*Matthew 21:28.*] The "day" means a life period. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you," and the encouragement is given, "Io, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:19, 20.*] *18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 8*

Christ leaves this commission with the disciples and with all who should hear them and become sincere, true believers, who would be successors to the ministers of the gospel. This gospel of the kingdom was to be transmitted from generation to generation, from age to age. They were not to wait for the people to come to them, but to go to the people, to hunt them as lost sheep are hunted. In like manner we are to bring the gospel message from door to door. With a pleasing address, let us become acquainted with the people in every place. Let the gospel message be carried to all nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples. *18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 9*

All nations are to have the truth, carefully prepared in the most simple language for different nationalities. Christ would have His message to them stir them up. They are not to settle down and colonize, but penetrate into new places, constantly receiving light, constantly making new converts by presentation of the gospel message. A crucified, risen Saviour is to be lifted up in the home field and before the people afar off. Christ specifies not only apostles, but pastors, teachers, evangelists. He calls for wise teachers to take up this work. *18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 10*

While Christ's hands were outspread and His benediction was upon His disciples, He was gently, bodily rising, and the cloud of angels

received Him out of their sight. *18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 11*

Mark's testimony is, "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." *Mark 16:15*. There is a home missionary work to do, to set the truth in clear lines before those who are not impressed. We are to be interested in "every creature." "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In My name shall they cast out devils: They shall speak with new tongues. They shall take up serpents; and if they shall drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." *Verses 16-18. 18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 12*

God's miracle-working power has been revealed in many places. The power of truth, gospel truth, has expelled the dark workings of Satan on human minds, and many bodies have been healed. And it is impossible for us to know how many deadly things the believing people of God have received in eating and drinking that God has caused should not hurt nor destroy. *18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 13*

"They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." [*Verse 18.*] God will hear the prayers offered in behalf of all who would give back the glory to Him. Oh, there might be hundreds of prayers offered for the sick in every place, and they would be healed if the hearts of the sick were humbled and meek, so they would not be spoiled by this great manifestation of the goodness and love of God. If the Lord saw that if healed by the immediate power of God, the ones thus blessed would remain humble and would use the gift given them and not become exalted, many would be healed of bodily suffering. Thus let all learn that Christ has invited them to learn of Him His meekness, His lowliness of heart, that the Lord may work by His Holy Spirit upon their bodies and thus show the immediate power of God through living faith. *18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 14*

We are in need of great humility of heart; the Lord dare not entrust His blessing to many, because self-glorification would be the result. Christ upbraided the unbelief in His disciples, because they would not believe the evidence presented before them. Unbelief always

hardens the heart. If it is cherished, the heart reaches a state where it is unresponsive. In the case of the disciples, it [Christ's resurrection] was to some such good news they dared not believe it true lest there would be a possible disappointment. There is often sufficient evidence on which to encourage faith, but the mind seizes everything that would create darkness and the Lord lets them remain in their unbelief, in their great afflictions. *18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 15*

What a subject we have to study over and learn from the commission given to the disciples to prepare the way for the setting up of the kingdom of God in our world through the preaching of the gospel—the glad tidings of reconciliation of men to God through a Mediator! To whom were they to preach the gospel? Hitherto they had been restricted from preaching the gospel to Gentiles. They were to go only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. The time had not yet come to labor distinctly for the Gentiles; they were forbidden to go into any cities of the Samaritans. *18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 16*

But now the commission is enlarged. They have the world open before them as their field of labor. They are authorized to go into all the world, to the people nigh and afar off, and to preach the gospel to the inhabited world. “Preach the gospel to every creature” that has reasoning faculties to understand it. [*Verse 15.*] Christ is to be preached—His history, His life of condescension, His sufferings, and His love that is without a parallel. We dwell too little upon this subject. *18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 17*

The eleven could not do this work. The eleven and the other seventy were to work intelligently, dispersing themselves; and as they preached after the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon, them and five thousand were converted in a day. This is what the people need in every sanitarium that shall be established, in every church, and in every locality. Christ must be lifted up before the people. *18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 18*

As converts are made to the gospel message, they must not hesitate for long years of education, but take their Bibles and study them diligently and explain the truth as the truth has been explained

to them. There must be the persuasive message to all classes, as is represented in the call to the marriage supper of the Lamb.*18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 19*

The invitation is given to those in the highways. The conversions from the men of high standing will not be a few, but in large numbers. Those will help with their means and with their talent of influence. Invite the highway hearers to come and listen to the message of invitation to the marriage supper. These men of worldly reputation who will receive the truth will give character to the work, and they will work for others with whom they are associated. They will find access to many souls whom ordinary ministers would not be able to reach, but they must try in the simplicity of Christ's righteousness to break through the barriers. These highway listeners will, if the ministers are humble men, if they carry the gospel in its sanctifying power, open ways by which the message shall be carried. I am so glad that we who are gospel missionary workers have been hunters and fishers of men. It must be the business of our lives to preach the Word.*18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 20*

“So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.” *Mark 16:19, 20.18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 21*

Now we are to be laborers together with God. We are not to spend time in preaching discourses to those who know the truth, but we are to become so spiritual, through sanctification of the truth, that the presentations will be made in a marked manner, the direct opposite of the influence of the pride-bound churches, and entirely different from the genius of the world. Thousands are thirsting for the truth as it is in Jesus, but they do not know what makes them so spiritually sickly and dwarfed. They want the Bread of Life from heaven, which is Christ. And when they hear the gospel preached in the power of the Holy Spirit, their longing souls will know that the banquet is spread for them; and [the] call is given to them, “Come, for all things are now ready.” [*Luke 14:17.*]*18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 22*

Notwithstanding the abundance of opposition and the small amount of means that they had—means that came from the poor believers in tithes and in offerings—within a short period of time the industrious laborers had sounded the message of the gospel of Christ to all the habitable parts of the earth. They preached to the people assembled in companies, oft in the open air, or anywhere that they could be reached. The medical gospel ministers were successful because the Holy Spirit was with the workers, confirming the Word by the signs following. As souls were healed of their sinful maladies, their bodies also came to be partakers of the efficacy of the healing balm in Gilead. The operation of the Spirit of God on human hearts will communicate its healing power to the bodies of suffering humanity. The reformation begun was a sign everywhere that these converted ones talked and acted as did Christ when He was in the world. *18LtMs, Ms 185, 1903, par. 23*



## Ms 186, 1903

### Economy in Our School Work

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I am perplexed in regard to our schools in America. During the night, matters were presented to me that I find hard to give expression to. *18LtMs, Ms 186, 1903, par. 1*

We seemed to be in a conference meeting, and I was speaking to those who were assembled there in regard to the lack of faith and unity among the workers, and of the need of a decided effort's being made to clear our schools from their indebtedness. *18LtMs, Ms 186, 1903, par. 2*

Brethren, I said, Do not talk discouragement; talk faith; pray in faith, and work in the faith and love of Christ. We have in our ranks men of capability, but the work does not move forward as it should. The reason is that self interests are being woven into the work. Some are selfishly seeking the first place and refuse to take counsel and advice. One worker pulls in one direction, and one in another, each striving to carry out his own ideas and plans. Brethren, cannot you see that you are not working to advantage? Pull together in even cords, and you will see the salvation of God. *18LtMs, Ms 186, 1903, par. 3*

The indebtedness that now rests on our schools in Battle Creek and Healdsburg need never have existed if the men who were placed as sentinels to guard the interests of the schools had watched expenses. A determined effort was not made to stop the leaks. When it was found that the tuition charged was insufficient to meet the expenses, it was the duty of these men to report the matter, and to take the stand that they would not undertake to manage the schools unless sufficient means was provided to avoid debt. *18LtMs, Ms 186, 1903, par. 4*

When I was in Europe, this indebtedness was presented to me as something that should not exist among us as a people. I was shown that the fee for tuition was placed too low from the first, and that teachers and students should come to the self-sacrificing conclusion to bear the indebtedness among themselves. The faculty should come out plainly and state that the charge for tuition had been too low and that from the first students had not been charged sufficient to meet the running expenses. I was shown that it would be far better to clear off the indebtedness now by a self-sacrificing effort than to have it continue to gather to oppress the faculty and discourage the work. Many of the students were able to pay more, and not suffer at all in doing so. The faculty should take its stand and say: We cannot run the school on its present income. We shall resign our position unless arrangements can be made whereby we can run the school without accumulating a debt. *18LtMs, Ms 186, 1903, par. 5*

The bill of fare provided for the students has not been in proportion with the charges made. If in the preparation of the food strict economy had been practiced, a good, round sum could be cut off the present indebtedness. And this fare has not always been the best for the students. It has often resulted in clouding the mind and injuring the health. We need to make reforms in this line. It is a mistake to provide a great variety of dishes. A plain, simple diet, free from flesh foods, and largely free from liquid foods, is the best diet for students. When manual labor is combined with mental work, an appetite is created; and there is no need for the dainty dishes and variety of desserts that have had a place on our school tables, and which instead of being a blessing, are often an injury. *18LtMs, Ms 186, 1903, par. 6*

When the close of one year's experience in school management shows a large indebtedness, that one year should be enough to teach wisdom, so that it need never have to be met again. The next year should be one of retrenchment, of a binding about of the wants of teachers and students. In every department investigation should be made and strict economy practiced. There are ways to be devised. Call a halt till some plan can be laid by which you can run the school free from debt. Have fewer teachers on the faculty, and give the older students opportunity to teach classes. The

experience they gain in communicating what they have learned will be invaluable to them; for it will fasten the lessons firmly in their minds. And while doing this they will be learning how to conduct the work along lines of economy. *18LtMs, Ms 186, 1903, par. 7*

It is not wise to allow debts to accumulate year after year. And the principle is wrong. The Lord does not want the education of the youth to involve the conference in debt. It has enough burdens and responsibilities to carry without taking on the school financial problem. *18LtMs, Ms 186, 1903, par. 8*

One of the hardest battles we had to fight in the commencement of our school work in Australia was the influence of extravagant expenditure of means. Some who were connected with the school felt that they must pattern after the schools in America. *18LtMs, Ms 186, 1903, par. 9*

One night in vision I was taken to a merchandise store where some of the brethren and sisters were buying for the school. Linen for the table was being examined, and the best quality was selected for purchase. I followed them to the furniture department where again the best goods were chosen for the school furnishings. Then in my dream I called them together and said, Let us talk this matter over. I told them that the means we had in hand with which to make a beginning was very small and referred them to the warning of Christ in the parable of the man who started to build a tower, but was not able to finish. *18LtMs, Ms 186, 1903, par. 10*

I was living at that time at Preston, a suburb several miles out of Melbourne. As soon as I was able, I sent to North Fitzroy a letter containing directions concerning the purchases for the school. I found that the goods had been selected, but not bought. Elder Daniells was very grateful for the instruction. The articles selected were changed for more common ones, and economy was practiced in all their purchases. Thus quite a large sum was saved. *18LtMs, Ms 186, 1903, par. 11*

One argument we had to meet often was that we should pattern after our schools in America. When any new plans were suggested, we were met with the objection, Battle Creek does this, or Battle Creek has that. I told the brethren that the Lord had shown me that

we were not to imitate the schools in Battle Creek. That which was done in Battle Creek could not possibly be done in Melbourne. In Battle Creek the work was suffering under a heavy load of debt because the workers there had followed a course of self-indulgence rather than a course of self-denial. In Australia the work must be carried forward in a simple manner. The education the students would obtain in self-denial and economy would be of more value to them than all the book knowledge they could obtain.*18LtMs, Ms 186, 1903, par. 12*

Again and again the instruction was given that we should not imitate the schools in America. I was instructed to educate, educate, educate. We were in a new world in Australia, and the burden of the school work rested largely on W. C. White and myself. We spent many sleepless nights planning for the work. We studied the field and prayed for wisdom to know how to make a beginning in the educational work and to meet the expenses of the students who should come.*18LtMs, Ms 186, 1903, par. 13*

One morning W. C. White came to me, and said, "Mother, I have a plan I wish to lay before you." I responded, "I have a plan which I wish to lay before you. I have decided to give all the royalties on my foreign books to create a fund for the education of the students who cannot pay for themselves. Then when these students have received their training, and can earn means, they can pay back into the fund the money that was paid from it for them. Thus there will always be a fund for the benefit of the youth who desire an education." "This is just the plan I had in mind," W. C. White answered.*18LtMs, Ms 186, 1903, par. 14*

About this time Elder Haskell sent us means, lending in all about three thousand dollars. One thousand dollars of this Brother Haskell said he might need at any time, but the balance we could use in the work where it was needed. None but the Lord knows how thankful we were for this help. I praised God with heart and voice.*18LtMs, Ms 186, 1903, par. 15*

We were then able to make a beginning. Elder Haskell's money was just what was needed.*18LtMs, Ms 186, 1903, par. 16*

## Ms 187, 1903

Diary/A Divine Saviour

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The Lord is my helper. My heart goes forth unto God that He will upon this first day of the week give me His wisdom and grace to answer the many letters that have come to me. I desire that my every word shall be of such a character that my heavenly Father shall approve. I am the Lord’s child, His messenger, and I must in everything glorify His holy name. The words I trace to go forth to others must be words that will enlighten and comfort. I must not speak one word to discourage. *18LtMs, Ms 187, 1903, par. 1*

Christ longed to fill the world with a peace and joy that would be a similitude of that found in the heavenly world. *18LtMs, Ms 187, 1903, par. 2*

“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, *18LtMs, Ms 187, 1903, par. 3*

“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. *18LtMs, Ms 187, 1903, par. 4*

“Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and

shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”  
[*Matthew 5:1-12.*]18*LtMs, Ms 187, 1903, par. 5*

August 10, 1903

This morning my heart is drawn out to God in earnest longing of soul for the Holy Spirit’s guidance. What words can I speak that will be appreciated and understood? When Christ was in our world He said to the Pharisees and scribes, Why do ye not understand My words and appreciate them? They were continually placing their own construction upon the plain words of truth that fell from His lips. There were occasions when He spoke with the authority of His own greatness. The treasures of eternity were at His command. He spoke representing the soul of universal goodness. He was conscious of His power and His mission.18*LtMs, Ms 187, 1903, par. 6*

The world had come forth from the hand of God in purity and loveliness, but when Christ came, He found it seared and marred with the curse of sin. He longed to refine, purify, and sanctify a people who would receive and impart His instruction through belief of the truth, the breath of the higher life.18*LtMs, Ms 187, 1903, par. 7*

With clearness and power He spoke the words that were to come down to our time as a treasure of goodness. What precious words they were, and how full of encouragement! From His divine lips there fell with fulness and abundant assurance the benedictions that showed Him to be the fountain of all goodness, and that it was His prerogative to bless and impress the minds of all present. He was engaged in His peculiar, sacred province, and the treasures of eternity were at His command. In the disposal of them He knew no control. It was no robbery with Him to act in the office of God. In His blessings He embraced those who were to compose His kingdom in this world. He had brought into the world every blessing essential to the happiness and joy of every soul; and before that vast assembly He presented the riches of the grace of heaven, the accumulated treasures of the eternal, everlasting Father.18*LtMs, Ms 187, 1903,*

*par. 8*

Here He specified who should be the subjects of His heavenly kingdom. He did not speak one word to flatter the men of the highest authority, the worldly dignitaries. But He presents before all the traits of character which must be possessed by the peculiar people who will compose the royal family in the kingdom of heaven. He specifies those who shall become heirs of God and joint-heirs with Himself. He proclaims publicly His choice of subjects and assigns them their place in His service as united with Himself. Those who possess the character specified will share with Him in the blessing and the glory and the honor that will ever come to Him. *18LtMs, Ms 187, 1903, par. 9*

Those who are thus distinguished and blessed will be a peculiar people, trading upon the Lord's gifts. He speaks of those who shall suffer for His name's sake as receiving a great reward in the kingdom of heaven. He spoke with the dignity of one who had unlimited authority, one who had all heavenly advantages to bestow upon those who would receive Him as their Saviour. *18LtMs, Ms 187, 1903, par. 10*

Men may usurp the authority of greatness in this world; but Christ does not recognize them; they are usurpers. *18LtMs, Ms 187, 1903, par. 11*

There were occasions when Christ spoke with an authority that sent His words home with irresistible force, with an overwhelming sense of the greatness of the Speaker, and the human agencies shrunk into nothingness in comparison with the One before them. They were deeply moved; their minds were impressed that He was repeating the command from the most excellent glory. As He summoned the world to listen, they were spellbound and entranced, and conviction came to their minds. Every word made for itself a place, and the hearers believed and received the words that they had no power to resist. Every word He uttered seemed to the hearers as the life of God. He was giving evidence that He was the light of the world and the authority of the church, claiming preeminence over them all. *18LtMs, Ms 187, 1903, par. 12*

“The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld

His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John bare witness of Him, and cried, saying, This was He of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me; for He was before me." [*John 1:14, 15.*] Yes, He was before John. Enshrouded in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, He led the children of Israel through the wilderness. "And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace." [*Verse 16.*] John was a burning and a shining light, but he was not That Light which was to lighten the whole world with the brightness of redeeming love. He was before John; for He existed from eternity with the Father.*18LtMs, Ms 187, 1903, par. 13*

August 11, 1903

I have had a broken night, but I thank my heavenly Father that I have had opportunity to meditate and to commune with Christ my Saviour. When I consider that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life," my heart is filled with thanksgiving and praise. [*John 3:16.*] By faith I place my hand in the hand of Christ, and say, I thank Thee, O Lord; for this wonderful sacrifice made in my behalf. O give me constantly an increasing capability to understand and appreciate the precious gift.*18LtMs, Ms 187, 1903, par. 14*

When affliction comes upon me, and I suffer much pain, then I remember that Christ, my precious Saviour, has borne physical and mental agony, such as it is impossible for us to estimate. As I contemplate His suffering, the strain becomes too great, and I say, Lord, I cannot bear it. Then the representation of the Lord's grace and love, given so freely to all who believe, melts and breaks my heart.*18LtMs, Ms 187, 1903, par. 15*

O God, the living and true God, teach me Thy way, Thy will in such simplicity that I can bear it. Help me to walk humbly with Thee. Give me power to bear Thy yoke; help me to learn of Thee to become meek and lowly. Thou hast invited every soul, "Take My yoke upon thee, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart." [*Matthew 11:29.*] In learning of the great Teacher His meekness and lowliness, they will find rest.*18LtMs, Ms 187, 1903, par. 16*



I praise the Lord for His love and compassion for me, and not for me only, but for all the world. *18LtMs, Ms 187, 1903, par. 17*

August 12, 1903

Last night in my sleep I seemed to be before a large company, addressing them. *18LtMs, Ms 187, 1903, par. 18*

We need constantly a sense of the divine Presence, and we need also humble trust in God. Let us pray without ceasing. Wherever we are or whatever we are doing, let us ask the Lord to help and strengthen us to do His holy will. *18LtMs, Ms 187, 1903, par. 19*

I am worried and perplexed, because many professing godliness are not following the will and way of Christ. My soul is in distress because I cannot see that they heed the admonitions and the warnings God has given. Seemingly they are unconscious of their true state. Today Christ is offering His grace to them if they will cooperate with Him, to work out their own salvation with fear and trembling, lest they shall lose the opportunities granted them. They are ever to remember that it is God which worketh in them, both to will and to do of His good pleasure. Reason, conscience, memory must be brought under the control of Christ. They are to put on the gospel armor and arouse every slumbering energy to resist Satan's deceptions. We cannot afford to be on the losing side; for we are not warring against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Although tempted and tried, we are to exercise patience, refusing by hasty speech to gratify the enemy. We are to exercise full faith in God. Humanity is to be sanctified, that in the place of revealing anger, we may reveal the meekness and lowliness of Christ. The Saviour's invitation is, "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 29, 30.*] *18LtMs, Ms 187, 1903, par. 20*

## **Ms 188, 1903**

Sermon/Thoughts on John 14-16.

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Thoughts on *John 14-16*

11:20 A.M., Sabbath, June 13, 1903

**Sermon by Mrs. E. G. White, Calistoga Grove Meetings, 11:20 A.M., Sabbath, June 13, 1903**

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither Thou goest; and how can we know the way?” [*John 14:1-5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 1*

Now here is a very precious promise, very precious light is presented: *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 2*

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also: and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him. Philip saith unto Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me: or else believe Me for the very works’ sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth

on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father.” [Verses 6-12.] *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 3*

Now here is the presentation that Christ makes just before His crucifixion. He had told them that He should be crucified; and then their hearts were exceedingly troubled, and because of this, He addresses them: “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” [Verses 1-3.] *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 4*

Now there is just where we want to be. We want to be where our Saviour is, and we want and need—He knew we needed—just this presentation, that “If I go away, I will come again.” [Verse 3.] Well, we believe in His near coming. We believe that the signs are being fulfilled as Christ stated how it would be just prior to His coming. He has stated to us that there should be wars and rumors of wars, and He has stated to us that there would be troublous times, and we see it. We know that wickedness is increasing in our world. Well, then, what is our work? Is it our business to be discouraged? It is our place to stand in that position that we shall keep in view the second coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to our world; and we are to be preparing ourselves here that we shall see our Lord when He cometh; that we shall meet Him in peace, that we are getting ready for those mansions that He has gone to prepare for us. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 5*

Well, then, this was the comfort, and this is that which we are to look for and get ready for, that we can say when He shall come in the clouds of heaven, “Lo, this is our God, we have waited for Him, and He will save us.” [*Isaiah 25:9.*] Well, who can say that? Certainly those who have made no preparation cannot say it. Those who are waiting for Him, looking for Him, believing that we are in this world as pilgrims and strangers, and that the opportunity that we have now is the opportunity that was bought at an infinite price for us, that we might be preparing for the coming of the Son of man to take us to Himself. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 6*

Well, what is the preparation? We are to accept and believe in Christ Jesus. We are to take Him as our Saviour, and we are to have, every one of us, a personal experience. It is our privilege to have this experience, that we shall in ourselves know that we are united to Jesus Christ, and we want every one of us to be getting ready. We cannot afford to let these moments pass here below, and we not be putting ourselves in readiness for the coming of the Son of man. We want to put away our sins, we want Him to take them away from us, and we want the righteousness which is in Christ Jesus.*18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 7*

The Lord will help us if we will cooperate with God. That is what is wanted of us, to cooperate with Jesus Christ. All of us who will be co-workers with Christ in our own salvation, why, then we are fulfilling the design and purpose of God in giving His life that we might have a preparation to see Christ when He comes, and say, "Lo, this is our God, we have waited for Him, and He will save us." [Verse 9.]*18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 8*

We know not what calamities may come upon us. We hear of calamities everywhere. Is not this a warning for us that we are to be getting ready? Is not this a warning to us that we may be taken in a moment, when we least expect it? That some accident or calamity may come upon us? We may be upon the water, we may be in the cars, we may be in the dwelling, as they were at St. Louis and different places. But, you see, here there seems to be such a disturbance in the atmosphere, and on the earth, and these things take place. But we want to stand as minutemen and women, ready, that if our life should be cut off in a moment, we have a preparedness for the life which is to come.*18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 9*

And when Christ shall come in the clouds of heaven with power and with great glory, then we shall be called by the trump of God, the graves will be opened, and the righteous dead will come forth in the first resurrection, the resurrection to life. And there we want to have a part in that first resurrection. It is because He loves us that He has done all this. We need not have an idea that because the calamities come upon our world that the Lord Jesus has no love for the world. He has given His life for it; but here are the powers of darkness, the

prince of the power of the air, the one that caused the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, and he works with all his deceivableness or unrighteousness and with his power, that he may obtain control of men and women, and that he may take those who have made no preparation. Well, then, what is there for us to do? It is to get ready to meet our Lord. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 10*

But I want to read a little further: "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father." *[John 14:12.]18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 11*

Well, what is it? why, He is there to plead in our behalf. He is there, that He may stand before the Father as our Intercessor and Mediator. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 12*

"And whatsoever (now you see all this is brought in) ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." *[Verse 13.]18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 13*

Now God wants to represent His glory upon the earth. He wants that every one of us shall ask. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 14*

"If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it." *[Verse 14.]18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 15*

Well, every one of us to is be sending up our petitions to God in faith and believe that Christ will do just as He said He would do. Well, have we that faith? Are we encouraging it? Are we constantly reaching up the hand of faith to grasp the promises that have been made unto us? "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." *[Verse 15.]18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 16*

Well, now, here we are to evidence that love in keeping the commandments of God. We are not to be indifferent. We are to know and search the Scriptures, and to know what saith the Scriptures in regard to the commandments of God, and then we are to obey them. We are not to study our convenience in the matter, but we are to study what is the law of heaven to us. What does God desire of us? What are the laws of His kingdom? Why, His law is the transcript of His character, and we are to obey His character.

We are to imitate the glory of God, and unless we do, we cannot live with Him in the kingdom of glory. No, we cannot do that. We must obey the law of God, and the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul. You find out where that reads, and then in the Psalms, and then you consider how much is said about obedience to God.*18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 17*

Now, our Saviour has left us as a parent would leave a family of children, and He has given them their orders. He told them what they must do, and He expects us to be faithful; He expects us in our family, in the little church in our house, that we shall be faithful in our household to keep the way of the Lord.*18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 18*

Now, God says, "I know Abraham, that he will command his household (well, his household was large) and his children after him, to keep the way of the Lord." To do what? Justice and judgment. [*Genesis 18:19.*] Well, now, that is what we must teach our children. He says, I know Abraham, that he will do this. And God knows everyone that will be faithful in their house to keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment. We want to begin the work of obedience to our God right here in our family. And we want to teach them how to be ready, that when Christ comes, they will have the mark of God upon them that they are obedient, and that they shall be translated to heaven.*18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 19*

This corruption shall put on incorruption, and we shall have the privilege of seeing the King in His beauty. This is what I want. That is what my soul is longing for. That is what we all ought to be longing for. And we ought not to be cherishing sin. It was in consequence of sin that Adam and Eve fell. It is in consequence of sin that Christ pledged Himself to pass over the ground where Adam fell, and by His obedience redeem the disgraceful fall of Adam.*18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 20*

By Christ's life of sacrifice, the sinner has the privilege of having his sins washed away, and being purified for the heavenly courts above. But what are the conditions? "To as many as received Him, to them gives He power to become sons of God." [*John 1:12.*] He bestows to as many as believe on Him. Now it is belief, it is faith; it

is taking God at His word; it is believing He will do just what He has said He would. Well, then, who of us wants to be reckoned with the worldlings here below, with all their defects of character, with all their sins, with all their iniquities upon them? Shall we not believe Christ, who has bought us with His own blood, and given His life for us; and ought not we to say, We give ourselves to Thee? It is all that we can do. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 21*

Shall we not come with gratitude and thankfulness to think a way has been prepared, and that we have not been obliged to be in Satan's army, warring against heaven? No, we do not want to be found in that company at all, but in the company that believes in the Lord. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 22*

He gives us another promise: "If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever." [*John 14:15, 16.*] Now that is our privilege. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 23*

"Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." [*Verse 17.*] *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 24*

They do not want to know Him. They have the privilege of knowing Him; they have the privilege of seeing Him; they have the privilege of laying hold, as He says, "Let him lay hold on My strength, and make peace with Me, and he shall make peace with Me." [*Isaiah 27:5.*] *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 25*

Well, here, the world does not see or know Him. "But ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." [*John 14:17, 18.*] *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 26*

Now what an assurance is this at every step. Well, then, shall we act as though we were comfortless? Shall we act as though we had no courage or faith, or joy, in the Lord? If you do this, you cannot honor God. The Lord wants us to consider this morning whether we will have Christ our Saviour, our Redeemer, our Sanctifier; or whether we will open the door of the heart to the enemy, and let him

in, to take possession of the heart and mind and soul and character, to help him to make the world worse than it is, because the enemy is using everyone, all who do not unite with Jesus Christ.*18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 27*

If Christ has no control of the human mind, the enemy has the control; and we want to give ourselves to Christ. We want Him to work with us and abide with us. We want His presence with us, and we want to open the door of our hearts to Christ. We want to keep our thanksgiving going up to heaven constantly, that we have Christ. And we want the assurance of His presence every day of our lives. I love Him, because He made me. When I was in discouragement and despair, He made me a child of God. When I was eleven years old, and my very thought was that, He has done so much for me, I must try to save everyone of my age. I would think of my young companions, and I would go and talk to them, and read the Bible to them, and pray with them. And there were some souls that were converted in this very way, that united with me.*18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 28*

Now, God wants parents to do their duties at home as parents that they may have a little church in their house. And the house, where the family is, is consecrated to the Lord. Why, the Lord Jesus comes into their dwellings, and His peace and grace are there. We can have peace and grace, and we can have dissension and strife. That is what the enemy wants to be in every family. Here is what Satan wants; he wants dissension. What is the rebel banner? The blackness, with darkness. Christ wants to take them all under the bloodstained banner of the Prince Emmanuel. Everyone can stand under it. And the parents, while they are training their children for the future, immortal life, they have an educator—Who is it? They have an educating power from the world, and from Satan, who will present every attraction possible to keep them in his ranks.*18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 29*

You want the pleasantest home that it is possible for you to provide for them. You want a little heaven to go to heaven in. You are the family to be fitting up for the mansions which Christ has gone to prepare for you. In doing this, you cannot be absorbed in worldly things, and give your children up to follow their own mind and their



own judgment. You must take the place of God in the education of your children. As I have told children, If you stray from God, your prayers will be on the throne; your mothers' and fathers' prayers will be ascending to God, that you will return. We want your help, children. We want you to do everything you can to represent Christ Jesus to the world. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 30*

We want, that as a band of Christians—as the whole power of darkness is arrayed against us to counterwork our efforts—we want to lay hold of the hope that is set before us in the gospel that we shall take hold of the power of Jesus Christ, and that that power will be behind us in our work. The Lord Jesus will be working with us, that we can be a power in our home. That is what we want. And then here, we are fitting for the mansions that God has gone to prepare for us. We can have a happy home, if we want it. And what a consolation it is to know that we can indeed place our feet right in the footprints of Christ. “He that will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. So shall ye be My disciples.” [See *Mark 8:34.*] *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 31*

Of course we will have difficulties and trials; but our Saviour passed over the ground before us. Forty days and forty nights He stood in the wilderness of temptation, not in beautiful Eden, as Adam did, but all seared by the powers of darkness. Satan clothed himself as an angel of light, and so pressed his temptations. But Christ did not heed his temptations. He answered him, and did not even venture in His own words, [but answered,] “It is written,” when Satan said, “Command these stones that they be made bread.” [*Matthew 4:3, 4.*] *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 32*

Now with the whole life of Christ, He was not to work a miracle in His own behalf, to deliver Himself from any emergency that He should be in. But angels of God took the oversight of Him. Jesus passed forty days, and Satan says now, You [do not] look like being the Redeemer of the world and the Son of God. Does He want you to represent Him in this matter? Command these stones that they may be bread, if Thou be the Son of God. If, if, if—would He take that dare? No, He would not take that presumptuous dare. “It is written ... by every word ... the mouth of God.” [*Verse 4.*] *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 33*

Satan knew that the door was closed there. He took Him, and stood Him on the very pinnacle of the temple. Cast Thyself down now; show the people what You are. "It is written, The angels shall bear Thee up lest at any time Thou dash Thy foot against a stone." [*Verses 5, 6.*]18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 34

Now that is what Satan presented to Him. But he left out something. He left out something in the citation that he had quoted as the words of God—"In all Thy ways." [*Psalm 91:11.*]18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 35

Jesus stands at the head of humanity, taking humanity upon Himself; He stands in all respects as a human being, and yet just what man may be as a partaker of the divine nature. Divinity and humanity combined. He has not violated one precept, one word, or in a single instance was the blot of stain upon His character. Well, what did Christ answer him there? "It is written, thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." [*Matthew 4:7.*] That was not in the way of the Lord.18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 36

That was not in the way that He was to obtain His supremacy, that He was to demonstrate to mankind what God would be to them if they would resist the temptations of the enemy. Well, then, he had to take Him and carry Him down again, and put Him where? Where he could present as in a panoramic view the kingdoms of the whole world before Him. Now, I will give You—I am the prince of the world, I am the king of the world—I will give you all this, if you will fall down and worship me. Then it was that divinity flashed through humanity. He Satan found out who He Christ was. He knew who he was handling. Said He, "Get thee hence, Satan. It is written, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." [*Verse 10.*]18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 37

Well, here was the lesson, and that lesson is given to the whole world. It is spoken to every man that will live, every one of them can choose the way of salvation, if they choose to take it. Every one of them can have divine help and strength. But what about Christ? He was fainting on the field of battle. He had withstood the temptations of the enemy. Upon whose head, upon whose breast, was that head to lean? Who comforted Him? Who encouraged Him? Well,

the angels of God were round about Him, and brought Him food. The angels of God strengthened Him and comforted Him. The Holy Spirit was upon Him, and He went from that battlefield a Conqueror. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 38*

Satan was defeated in his plans, and so He carried the battle until the time that His hands were stretched on Calvary's cross, and the nails pierced His hands and His feet. He, human, holds His hands to heaven to His Father, and pleads in behalf of man, and He says, I have graven them upon the palms of My hands. There they are. He carries the very marks of the crucifixion; and one thing we are to be thankful for, He took humanity with Him. He went to heaven in His humanity. He took that with Him, the human nature and the divine nature combined, that He might work in behalf of human nature, and understand all the temptations wherewith any one of us are beset, and know how to meet them. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 39*

Now, this is the very work the Prince of life was to do in our behalf. What are we doing to show that we appreciate this? What are we doing to avail ourselves of all the pleading of Christ? What are we doing? He is the propitiation for our sins, and He had no sin in this world. Therefore He is able to deliver every one of us from the power of the enemy, if we will make the effort in His name to break the chains of our slavery to sin, and to Satan. He wants our mouths filled with praise and thanksgiving and gladness. He wants us to praise God a great deal more than we do here. He wants that the praise and thanksgiving shall be ascending to heaven from hearts and lips. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 40*

I will read still further: He said here that He would send the Comforter and He does send it. I know it. I know that I have had that presence of the Comforter. The last that I read you was, "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you." [*John 14:18.*] Well, you say, I do not sin. We read in the verse before, The world doth not see Him, but thou who believe in Jesus Christ see Him by a living faith, and the hand of faith takes hold of Jesus Christ, and they see Him as their Helper and their God. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 41*

He says, "Ye know Him; for He dwelleth in you, and shall be with you. I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; but ye see Me." [*Verses 17-19.*] Why? Through His Word. Through living faith in the Word of God, you grasp the hand of infinite power. Because I live, ye shall live also. If you will only live the life of faith here, you will live with Me in My kingdom. He prays the Father, and the Son, and to have what? The far more, the exceeding, the eternal weight of glory. That is what you can be. And what? Heir to God, and joint-heir with Jesus Christ, to the immortal inheritance, to the eternal substance. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 42*

That is the very thing that God has gone to prepare for us, and we want our children to have it. We do not want to see our children linking with the world, and taking their habits and practices, and doing what the world does. We want to come out from the world, and be separate, and show the line of demarcation so distinct in character from the world that they will see the advantage by our own presentation. Our character is changed. It is after the similitude of the character of Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 43*

It is the character of Christ that He gives to His followers, and He wants every one of us to have it, that we may be—sad and mourning and discouraged? You may have all the hilarity and all the glee and all the enchantments that there is in this life, and yet it is nothing. There is nothing in it that is enduring and that has happiness that you can realize with an inheritance into the kingdom above. What we want is a home where there is no sin and no sorrow, no sickness and no death. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 44*

I have been an invalid all my life, and dependent upon the power and the healing grace of God to be with me in order to do my work, and He never has failed me; and when my time comes that I shall cease my labor here, let me rest in the grave a little while, till the Master comes. And He is coming—not a babe in Bethlehem; not as He rode into Jerusalem, when they cast their garments before Him; not to be tried in the judgment hall by those that were on the side of Satan; not to behold Him upon the cross, and priests and rulers nodding their heads, "If you be the Christ, come down, come down and save yourself, and we will believe on you." [See *Matthew 27:40,*

42.] But it was a world that He was dying for. And He carried it through, bearing the sins of every sinner in our world, that they could have the opportunity of being saved, if they would. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 45*

God wants us to improve the privilege of giving our life to Christ, of glorifying Him upon the earth. “Ye are not your own; 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.*] You have no right to weaken one single organ of your body or of your mind. That mind cost the price of the blood of the Son of God, and you want to keep all your capabilities and all your powers, every one of you—you want to keep in the very best condition of health, that God can work through you, that God can use His property; that God can work with you to demonstrate to the world the life that is to come, and the consolation of His grace to you in this world. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 46*

I love Him, because He first loved me. I love Him, because He has given His life for me. Nothing can separate me from His love. I am willing to be a partaker with Christ of His sufferings, but heaven I must have. I want to see the King in His beauty. I want the crown of life. I want to go home with the redeemed, as we are brought from the grave, and the living are changed from mortality to immortality and caught up to meet our Lord in the air. As the gates of the city of God are thrown back upon their glittering hinges, I want the welcome as we enter in. I want to see Jesus in His glory and majesty. He says, You shall sit upon My throne. Just think of it—as I sit upon My Father’s throne, and as we enter in through the gates into the city of God, every crown is taken from our heads, after we have received them, and cast at the feet of Jesus, and there praise and glory comes forth from the lips of the saved to honor and to glorify the Redeemer. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 47*

And we are to live what? A life that measures with the life of God. Let me be an overcomer. Let me be a partaker of His grace and salvation. I want to see Him as He is; I want to glorify His name. *18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 48*

Now, God wants us to work right with Him. “Ye are God’s

husbandry; ye are God's building." [1 *Corinthians* 3:9.] You are to just work right with the Master in regard to your own building and fitting and joining, all that would weaken and enfeeble any organ. We have none too much brain, anyhow; we have not got too much capability anyhow. We are weak mortals, but we can improve every capability, because we can cling to Him that will bring to us the living grace like the leaves of the tree of life, that we shall realize a healing power in our bodies, in our minds; a strengthening capability, that we can glorify God. That is what we want, every one of us; and I want to be where I can magnify His name, that I can glorify Him. May the Lord strengthen us.*18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 49*

*1 Corinthians 9:20-27* quoted. Now think of these Scriptures. And think of the great comfort in them. I want every one of you to be comforted with joy and comfort, as I have been all my life, since 11; now I am 75. And now I have been traveling all around to the camp meetings, and speaking to them. God gives me strength, or I could not do it; and I know in whom I believe, that He is able to do all things for me, and I can commit the keeping of my soul unto Him, as unto a faithful Creator. Well, then, let us, every one of us, arise in the strength of God, and you that have been in the faith, build, oh, build for time and eternity.*18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 50*

I beseech you, for Christ's sake, that you will to the very best of your ability, be under the supervision of God. "Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." [1 *Corinthians* 3:9.] And may the Lord help every one of us that we may be fitting up that we may live through the ceaseless ages of eternity, and for that I am striving. For that I am willing to work in any place. I want everybody to come. I want to meet you there. We want to see you that are praising God, your faces in the kingdom of glory, and we want to see your faces lighted up with His glory, as you shall see His face. It is promised that we shall see His face, and that is what we want.*18LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 51*

Now may the blessing of God rest upon this little company, and may we unite with Jesus Christ with all the capabilities that He has given us, that He can work with us to make us an efficiency and power to work upon human minds and to do His will in bringing

souls, that are out of the ark of safety, to Christ Jesus, that they may have the comfort of His love. Now this is what we want of every one of you, and may God let His blessing rest upon you, because you can be saved. Christ redeemed Adam's disgraceful fall. Christ has made it possible to give life to every human being, if they will take hold of His life. He wants you to be happy. He doesn't want you to be in misery at all. He doesn't want you to suffer the pangs of the last death, as Satan will have to be destroyed. He wants you to have life, everlasting life, in the kingdom of glory.<sup>18</sup>*LtMs, Ms 188, 1903, par. 52*

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Now this is all blended, and we want, every soul of us, to improve the talents that God has given us, our capabilities. We want to be advancing in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and what did He do? He laid off His royal robe, He laid off His royal crown, He stepped down from His position of height and dignity, He kept that dignity, and yet He stepped down from the magisterial throne, the Majesty of heaven, the King of Glory, and clothed His divinity with humanity. *18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 2*

How and why? Why, He must come now to stand at the head of humanity, that humanity might touch humanity. He was the Son of humanity. The Son of God condescended to become the Son of humanity, that He might encircle the human race with His long human arm. With His divine arm He grasps the throne of the Infinite. *18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 3*

Why did He not bring with Him the cloud of angels? Why did He not have legions of angels that should encircle right around Him, to let them all understand who He was, that He was the ruler over angels in the heavenly courts? But, no. He must stand as humanity stands, to bear the afflictions that humanity bore; to be tempted in all points like as humanity is tempted. And then what? Why, then He understands the affliction of humanity. When He was crucified, suffering the most shameful death. He was both mocked and derided, and the heavenly host watching the scene. How quickly they would have broken their ranks and dispersed all His persecutors; but, no. The death He bore for us makes it possible for



us to be partakers of the divine nature. He was partaker of human nature, and all judgment is to be given into His hand.*18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 4*

I look and see how difficult it is for us to bear the trials and disappointments of this life. Certainly we have to have these trials, and if we bear them correctly, if we bear them as children of God, just as surely shall we stand before God on vantage-ground, because we remember that Christ has passed over the ground before us and left us His example.*18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 5*

Now we want to work the works of Christ. He was the great Medical Missionary that stood in our world. He went from place to place, and they would bring the sick, and He would heal them; and then they would beg of Him, Oh, stay with us, stay with us. We want you with us. But no, He said, I must go to other cities and other towns; and I must preach the gospel to all people. Well, that is just what we have to do.*18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 6*

We cannot sit down in a do-nothing position, thinking that we will enter the courts of the Lord. We have been carried at every step, and have been comforted and encouraged, and will we feel it our privilege to feel just as bad as we can feel when any difficulty comes? We have no right to feeling that way. Why? Because we have a big hope in the gospel; because we have a Friend at court; we have a risen Saviour that proclaimed over the rest sepulcher of Joseph, I am the resurrection and the life.*18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 7*

Now Christ came to our earth as a babe in Bethlehem, coming up as a child, and testifying against the lie of Satan that it was not possible for any man of the fallen race to overcome and become spotless, and keep God's Commandments. But Christ took human nature, and kept the commandments of God. It is some consequence to us what behavior we have in this life, in this world. It is of very great consequence to us what character we are forming, what kind of a building we are making.*18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 8*

We must be in a position before God that we shall imitate the life of Christ. How many search the Scriptures as they ought to search them? How many put in the place of the Scriptures foolish reading,

and when they want to be conversant with the Scriptures, why, get as much of it as you can by heart, in their memory, but that is not enough. You want to make the application of it to the soul. It is a life-and-death question with us. It is nothing to be trifled with. *18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 9*

If you enter heaven, you will never set your stakes that you are going to be worldly, and you are going to have all the conveniences, and you are going to have all that you desire in this life, and then you will have a transport to the future immortal life. No, you will do just as Christ did. “He that will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. So shall he be My disciple.” [See *Mark 8:34.*] The Lord of life and glory humbled Himself, and the Lord requires that everyone that shall enter in through the gates into the city of God shall be a partaker with Christ of His self-denial and of His self-sacrifice. And what then? A crown of life will He bestow upon everyone that will live the life of self-denial and self-sacrifice. *18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 10*

We have an individual, personal work to carry on for ourselves. We want to learn all that it is possible for us to learn as to how to perfect Christian character. Every one of us have had talents given us. Every man, every living soul, has talents that have been entrusted to him from God. He is to improve those talents to the very best account, and he is to bring all the sunshine, all the pleasantness, all the agreeableness of the person in words, in speech; for that is a talent. There are to be no cross speeches, no hasty, passionate speeches. *18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 11*

Every one of us, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, is to have a fitness of character that we shall bring joy, and that we shall bring happiness into the lives of others. No man (and that means no woman; it covers both) liveth unto himself. And yet we have, every one of us, our part to act in the great firm. Here is God’s firm in the world, and we must act our part if we shall have the city of God for our mansions—shall have mansions there. *18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 12*

Just before He left His people, Christ did not talk of His sufferings, and of what He had to endure and the agony; He did not present

that before His disciples; but He told them the bare facts, that He was to be tried and be crucified. But, He said, "Let not your hearts be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me." [*John 14:1.*]*18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 13*

If we work right away from Christ, and do not try to assimilate to Christ here, and we do not try to make things pleasant, and to bring heaven right into our homes here below, we are neglecting the duty of every family that lives on the face of the earth. Do you think every family had obeyed the commandments of God, you would hear of bloodshed, that you would hear of robbery, that you would hear next of God's punishments that come upon the earth, as they will come, as they have come? God is in earnest with us. He invites us to come to Him, and He says if we come to Him, He will in no wise cast us out.*18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 14*

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Be determined that you will have it, and then you that you can use your talent of speech to the glory of God. The very consciousness that you are trying to obey Christ will be health to your soul. But the sense that you commit sin is just a scourge to you. Those sins are always scourges; but leave off your sins, return to Christ. He will give you health, He will give you health of mind, He will give you physical strength, He will give you mental power. He will give you that faith that works by love and purifies the soul.*18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 16*

Well, don't any one of you think that God is going to hire you here below to do some great work and give you the very highest wages to do that work. He does not employ you in any such a way. If there is a place that you can come in to fill, go into that place, and then you say, I will do the very best I can in every place where I am placed, but I want to have the good works of mercy. I want the good works of the love of God to attend all that I shall do.*18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 17*

I want a living connection with the Lamb of God, who said, If you follow Me, deny thyself, take up thy cross, and follow Me. This is the very thing that we have to do—deny self, and lift these crosses that

seem to us to be awfully belittling to our dignity. Well, we had to do it in order to build these institutes. We had to do it in order to provide schools, so that we might educate the youth. We had to do it in order to have publishing houses, where the truth might be prepared and go out to the people. God calls only for every self-denying and helping hand that will unite with Him in self-sacrifice. For our sakes He became poor, and you are called and invited for His sake to be willing to become poor, and that you may indeed deny self in order that you may be a partaker with Christ of His sufferings. *18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 18*

Now we invite those that are here, the nurses that are about the sick, to carry pleasantness, carry peace in your countenance. Pray to God that He will help you that when you will come to the sick there will be a reviving as they look at your pleasantness. A pleasant look, a pleasant word will go a great ways. Well, we want to be what?—God's missionary helping hands. All who unite as gospel missionaries in this world will have to deny self, and take up the cross. Well, we have got to do this. It is the only way, and there is a world to save. God help us, is my prayer. God help us. *18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 19*

I have just begun to say a few words to you; but I want to tell you, the Lord is in earnest with us. He is in earnest with us. You never can begin to suffer nor to understand the depth and breadth of the humiliation that our Saviour went through. There is no one of us that can ever go through that. And then the priests and the rulers stood, while He was hanging in agony on the cross, saying Oh, if you are the Son of man, come down, and we will believe on you. But no, no, He was to bear all this suffering in our behalf, that no one that lives on the face of the earth can say He never suffered as I suffered; He doesn't know how to suffer; He doesn't know how to pity us; for He never suffered as I suffered. *18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 20*

But He has gone through every phase of temptation, every phase of suffering, and I want you to have sympathy with my Lord. I want you to have that love for Him that you will try to imitate His life of character; because He wants you. He wants to put a crown of glory on your heads. He wants to throw back the gates of the city of God, that all the nations that have kept the truth may enter in. He

pronounces His blessing upon them as they enter in, and they cast at His feet their glittering crowns that He has placed upon their heads, and they touch the golden harps, and fill all heaven with rich music and with songs to the Lamb. *18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 21*

Well, I love Him; I love Him, because He first loved me. I love Him, because He took me right out of my despair and He set me at eleven years of age to praise His name. I have followed on in His footsteps just as fast as I could, in order that I might have a home with Him in His kingdom. I do not say that I am perfect in Christian character; but I am following on; I am trying to attain. I shall strive to attain every day, I hope, in this life, to know more of Christ, to know still more of Christ, so that He can say, Well done, of all that enter in, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Well, now, that is what He wants us all to do. *18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 22*

I mean to be there. I want you to be there. I will praise Him here on the earth. We have too little praise and thanksgiving and honor that we bestow upon God, and had we not better begin to praise Him; had we not better begin to honor and glorify Him? Shall we not thank Him here upon the earth? God help us that we may honor God by praising Him. Whoso offereth praise glorifieth God. Now let us every one strive to be overcomers. *18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 23*

Just a verse I want to read here. *Ephesians 2:16, 17* quoted. Now we calculate we will do just the same—everyone will help some other one. *18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 24*

“For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.” *Verses 18, 19*. He is speaking to the brethren that are right before Him. *18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 25*

“And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” *Verses 20-22*. “Together.” Now you see they are

fitly framed, every one matches the work of the other and “groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord, in whom all parts are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”*18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 26*

Now here are the buildings; here are the personalities; and these personalities are to be the habitation of God in the Spirit. And when you have the grace of Christ in the heart, you will have that peace that is beyond any comparison. You will have peace and light and joy and happiness, and, at last, everlasting life.*18LtMs, Ms 189, 1903, par. 27*

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We want to consider the words of Christ. He has not given us these instructions unless He knew that we have temptations to meet in various lines by placing our affections upon things upon the earth more than things above. But He would call our attention to His coming to this earth, as He did come; that it was not a grasping after the earthly treasures, but He had bought the world. It was His property. And how had He bought it? By giving His own precious life. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 2*

Who was it? Isaiah tells you, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given ... The Prince of peace." [*isaiah 9:6.*] *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 3*

Here Christ left His high command and clothed His divinity with humanity, that in human nature He could stand at the head of humanity and be a partaker with them of all their inconveniences and their trials and their afflictions. Because He had become one with them, in His human nature, He was partaker of the flesh and the blood, and He was working out for them that they might stand upon vantage-ground, having a rich experience in the things of eternal interest. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 4*

We consider this: that He came to make us rich, clothed His divinity with humanity, and for our sakes became poor, that we through the sacrifice that He made might obtain eternal riches. As we near the time when our Lord is coming, He told us what should take place: That men would be lovers of pleasure more than of God; that as it

was in the days of Noah, so shall it be when the Son of man shall be revealed. That was a wonderful thing. He could point them to a second period where the probation of man was to close, as in the days of Noah.*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 5*

Noah did not fail to proclaim to them the truth in his day. He declared the flood of waters was coming upon the earth, and there he was, building his ark on dry land, when they had never had rains. There was a dew that moistened the ground, but the heavy showers had never come, and they did not believe it ever would come. But he kept hammering, with his family, his sons, and preparing that ark for the flood that he prophesied would come in 120 years.*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 6*

Now this message went forth, and for a time it had some influence upon them. They were employed to help build the ark, any one of them that would. Some were converted, but they did not stay converted. There were only eight persons saved out of the immense multitude. Was it because God wanted them to perish? No; it was because He wanted them to have life, eternal life, that He told them that the wickedness was increasing so fast in the earth that they would have to be swept away from the earth because of their wickedness—the crimes that were increasing. He would wash the earth of its moral pollution by a flood. After this took place, after the flood came, Noah and his family were saved in the ark.*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 7*

Only think of it! Of all the population, Noah and his family! Many precious ones died, and there was one man amid all the moral corruption that surrounded him, that walked with God. He would not remain with the company that was so full of wickedness, and yet he had his stated times that he would come and be a preacher to them of what was coming. It was not merely Noah to give this warning, but others gave the warning also. Here was Enoch, who walked with God, and he was not, for God took him. He was translated to heaven without seeing death. He proclaimed the message, and everyone had the privilege of being advantaged by the mercy of God, and Christ was laboring with His angels to produce a better state of things. But they would not heed it.*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 8*



Now He tells them, for He knows all about that. As it was, He told them, in the days of Noah, so shall it be when the coming of the Son of man shall be revealed. What were they doing? They were eating; they were drinking; they were planting; they were building; they were marrying wives, and they were giving in marriage. Do you know what that means in this time of the world? Marrying and giving in marriage? What a condition of things there is in our world. Christ, the precious Saviour, has bought them all, that everyone may be saved if they will. He has given His life, His precious life, and He encircles them with His long human arm, He encircles the race with His divine arm as He grasps the throne of the Infinite.*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 9*

He laid off His royal crown, He laid aside His royal robe, He clothed His divinity with humanity, that humanity might be a partaker of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 10*

And here are a few scriptures that are given that I have read to you. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." "The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light." "I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink (anxious thought) nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?" [*Matthew 6:21, 22, 25.*]*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 11*

It is just how we do it. Now the world, they are all engrossed in amusement, love of pleasure, and they are seeking the riches. They will go to any length to secure riches. What do they think of the future life? Here are the poor being worked in every way possible in order to secure some personal advantage. We read all that. You understand that. We have no need to dwell upon that.*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 12*

What can we do in our present life? What is it we shall do? Christ had been preaching to them about eternal interests in the *tenth chapter of Luke*. When the Pharisees put up the lawyer to ask a question that they thought would incriminate Christ, and give an occasion against Him, the lawyer stood up, tempting Him, and

asked Him, What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? [Verse 25.] And what did He tell them?*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 13*

The Saviour puts the whole burden right upon the ones that asks the question. He gives the whole burden into his hands, and He said to him, What is written in the law? He was a lawyer and mightily troubled. Christ knew that he was in great confusion of mind. "What is written in the law? How readest thou? And he answering said," (now there is something positive here; it not something that we can turn just as we please), "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." "And He said unto him, Thou hast answered right; this do, and thou shalt live." [Verses 26-28.]*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 14*

It came so unexpected upon the multitude, the way it was answered, that they did not know what to do with themselves. "But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor?" "And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked (he came a little nearer and looked on him) and passed by on the other side." [Verses 29-32.]*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 15*

Well, now, a Levite was under the most sacred bonds to be right on hand as a medical missionary, to attend to the case of any afflicted ones.*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 16*

"But a certain Samaritan (whom the Pharisees and Sadducees all despised) as he journeyed that way, came where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him." [Verses 33, 34.]*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 17*

This circumstance was known to many of them. "And on the morrow, when he departed, he took out two pence, and said to the host, Take care of him, and whatsoever thou spendest more, when

I come again, I will pay thee. Which one of these two thinkest thou was the neighbor to him that fell among thieves?" [*Verses 35, 36.*] *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 18*

The people had a great respect for parables, and Christ had to resort to parables because if He specified anything that made an application to any of the persons present, they would be enraged in a moment. But He covered His teachings under the parable. And therefore here was this striking illustration before them, and then the question. Well, that lawyer, before he knew it, it came right from his lips, and from the lips of the hearers. Now let us see what they said: "And he said, He that showed mercy on him." And others voiced his words. "Then said Jesus unto him, Go thou and do likewise." [*Verse 37.*] Now, here is our duty. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 19*

If we work the works of God, let me tell you, we shall have to cooperate with Jesus Christ. He says, "Without Me ye can do nothing." [*John 15:5.*] But, claiming Jesus Christ as our Saviour, we know just what our work is. "Ye are laborers together." [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] Oh, how I want to underscore the "together" every time I write this. The "together" means everything to us. Why? "Ye are not your own, you are bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and your spirit, which are God's." [*1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.*] "Ye are God's husbandry; ye are God's building." [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 20*

You must work for your salvation just as you work with the land. God gives you the rain; He gives you the sunshine; and He wants you to appreciate all these advantages; He wants you to consider that sunshine is a great treasure and a great blessing to you. He gives you the showers in their seasons, and He wants you to appreciate these showers and that He is working in your behalf at all times. Now what does He want of us? He wants us to take the blessings that He has given us, and He wants us to cooperate with Him in doing what? Saving the world. Not saving everything to our individual selves. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 21*

I never ask the question—when my conviction is strong that I have a duty to do in a certain place, I never ask how I am coming out. I

just say, Lord you know my feebleness; You know how I can do nothing without Thy help, and now I am going to move right forward, and I want Your help, Your protection. I want your blessing. And then I go right ahead, just as much believing I shall have it as I breathe. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 22*

And as yet my life has been spared, since I commenced my public labors at about 17 years old. I commenced them earlier than that in a limited manner, but my public labors since I was 17, and next November I shall be 76 years old. And I want to tell you that if I had my life to live over again, Oh, I would not change it. I have an experience that is more precious to me than gold and silver and precious stones. It is in cooperating with the Great Master that I have such satisfaction, and I feel so grateful to God that He has privileged me—privileged me to have a part in the work. “Work out your own salvation with fear and with trembling.” Does it stop there? “For it is God that worketh in you to will and to do of His good pleasure.” [*Philippians 2:12, 13.*] *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 23*

You are not alone at any time. It is the Majesty of heaven, it is the King of glory, that comes right into our world to stand at the head of humanity, to give humanity vantage ground, that they can be what? Partakers of the divine nature, and therefore we are to work out our salvation, while Christ is working in our behalf. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 24*

We have felt, if we only had the means that some have accredited that I have had!. A letter came to me, asking Mrs. White, are you a millionaire, that you go about from place to place building meetinghouses, schoolhouses, and sanitariums? Well, now, what did I think of that question? Why, I have not a thing that I own, of myself. I borrow. They will say to me, You want to carry on the work; I don't feel able to give you some thousands of dollars, but if you will pay me interest, I will lend you that money. Well, will I stop? No. I go right to work, and I tell them, Build a meetinghouse in that place, and a schoolhouse. I will stand back of you, and Jesus will stand back of me. We are going to labor together in this work. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 25*

I have got Christ, avouched unto me at my baptism. How? He tells

just what we are doing. We baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and what then? We accept of Christ, of the three great Powers in heaven. We avouch ourselves by that baptism that we will make any and every sacrifice as Christ has given us an example in His life. He gave up His honor in heaven; He gave up His royalty there, and for our sakes became poor, that He could say, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head." [*Matthew 8:20.*] *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 26*

Well, we have started out as co-laborers with the Master, and I say to these that have entrusted their means with me, Send to me when you must have your means, and they do. Recently there was a call. If it had been a few months before, I could not have answered it, but returns came from the sale of my books in Australia, and I could send them the money that they asked me for. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 27*

A millionaire in this world? Why, I would not exchange myself, my hopes, my prospects; and yet I have nothing I can call my own. But I would not exchange if I had the whole world laid at my feet. Why? Because I see what the world does, and I see how they act. I see how much dishonesty there is. I see how they are grasping from the poor. I see what work they are making in our world—murder, strife, anything to get possession of a little money. Why? Because they do not know Jesus; they don't know Him. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 28*

God wants us to know Jesus Christ, and I do not know if many of you realize what is comprehended in the prayer of Christ, in the *seventeenth chapter of John.* *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 29*

"These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come." [*Verse 1.*] It is the last prayer He made for His disciples. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 30*

"The hour is come. Glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee. As Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He would give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him, and this is life eternal." [*Verses 1-3.*] *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 31*

Now here, I want you to hear what life eternal is. “And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.” [Verse 3.] If the world knew that, what a position they would be in!*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 32*

A few words more I will quote from this prayer, from the *19th verse*: “And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified through Thy word.”*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 33*

First, He said, “Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth. As Thou has sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world; and for their sakes (to give them an example) I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.” [Verses 17-19.]*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 34*

“Neither pray I for these alone His disciples, but for them also which 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.” [Verses 20, 21.]*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 35*

Now every one of us that is seeking for the great and precious boon of eternal life, I want you to consider this: “That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us.” [Verse 21.]*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 36*

Some say, “Work us a miracle.” Why, every soul that will take the side of Jesus Christ, it is one of the most wonderful miracles that can be wrought. The Father knows all about it. He knows the vast influence of the powers of darkness. He knows the satanic earnestness and energy that is put forth to gather every soul possible under his banner. Jesus Christ does not slumber, but he works to take advantage through every means in his power to get every soul. And then what does he want? He wants every soul that knows Him, and knows the Father, He wants them to have an experimental knowledge. The Father wants them to prove to the world that Jesus Christ, an abiding Saviour, is of more value than ten thousand worlds like this. He wants them to reveal to the world that there is a Power that is working in their behalf, that they do not recognize at all in their worldly ambition and striving in all this uneasiness.*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 37*

They do not realize it, but there is a Power that is granted unto us, and when we were baptized we claimed to be dead unto the world. "Ye are dead," saith the apostle, "and your life is hid with Christ in God." And what more? "And when He who is your life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." [*Colossians 3:3, 4.*] We catch sight of that cloud of exceeding brightness that enshrouds Christ—and what is it? Ten thousand times ten thousand angels, and thousands of thousands. When they come in the clouds of heaven, the first language which comes from the sanctified soul that is one with Christ in God is a voice of thanksgiving and praise. "We have waited for Thee; we have long waited for Thee to come in the clouds of heaven; and to meet Thee with joy, and not with grief. We have waited for Thee." *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 38*

Well, now, have you waited? Have you folded your hands and prescribed what you are going to do, and made terms what you will do? Or do you say, Lord, use me in any place, however humble. I cannot get a place lower than You have taken for me; I cannot suffer more. It is not possible for me to suffer more personal suffering than you have suffered for me. You were crucified to make it possible for us to be saved, that we might have eternal life. And here is the work that is to be carried on right now in this life. We are forming a character, every one of us. We can form a character after the Christlikeness. We can form that character. We must form it with the power and intelligence and capabilities which God has given us and placed within our reach, with His power to help us in every advance step. "Draw nigh to God, and He will (there are no ifs or ands about it) draw nigh to you." [*James 4:8.*] There is a power for us. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 39*

Well, now, He tells us that when He shall appear in glory, we shall appear with Him. And now every day and night my prayer is ascending, Leave me not, my Saviour, to myself. I have no confidence in myself, but I have great confidence in your working me by the Holy Spirit, molding and fashioning me, putting thine own mold of character on me. That is my only hope, and He will help the weakest one. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 40*

That poor, dying soul right by the side of Christ when He was crucified, looked upon Christ. He had been convicted before this

crucifixion, that He was the Christ, and he asked Him, that He would have compassion upon him. And Christ told him, "Verily I say unto you today," (that is, I, Christ, hanging upon this humiliating cross,) "verily I say unto you today, Thou shalt be with Me in paradise." [*Luke 23:43.*] Well, now, some let that comma go out, and they say, "Verily I say unto you, Today thou wilt be with Me in Paradise." But that could not be, for Mary saw Him, and she came to touch Him, and He said, "Touch Me not, for I have not yet ascended to My Father, and to your Father, and to My God and your God." [*John 20:17.*]*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 41*

We want the miracle-working power of God right in our midst. We claim that we are doing medical missionary work. We do not want to be sick; we do not want to be diseased; we do not want selfishness to get in here; and we do not want our characters to be of such a mold that we cannot let the sweetness of the Spirit of Christ come to us, that we may impart it to others.*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 42*

Now, if there is a place on the face of the earth where true compassion, and tenderness, and love, and self-denial are needed, it is in a sanitarium for the sick. Why, there they come from their homes, they are frequently homesick, and they want the privilege that is there. But you can speak kind words to them, you can talk with them in such a way that they believe you are just like a sister or a brother, and the sick will be greatly elevated and strengthened and encouraged.*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 43*

And I have learned that where they know prayer is offered, they may make all the sport of you in the world, and yet they have more confidence in you because you are a praying man. In forty-four, when the terrible thunderstorms were coming and cutting down, many houses were struck with the lightning, and they would send to our house. Little girls would come with their hands clasped, "Oh, Mother wants you; Mother wants you to come. She says if one of these Adventists will come to our house, that the house won't be struck by lightning, and our lives will be spared. And such a neighbor wants one of you to come to them." Well, now, under peculiar circumstances they will show really that they have confidence in those who offer prayer to God, and those who are trying to live religion.*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 44*



Well, we want to say to every one here, dear friends, wherever you are, you want to cultivate the very best education possible for yourself, and what is that? Why, it is to be fitting for the upper grade. There is a heaven to win and a hell to shun. What are we to do? Why, we are to take advantage of that promise, “Baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” [*Matthew 28:19.*] All heaven is pledged that wherever you are, in whatever position you are, if you look unto the Author and the finisher of your faith, you will find a Helper in God. You will find an Everlasting Arm that is put beneath you; you will find encouragement and strength. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 45*

I am glad that our sanitarium is not in the congested city. I am glad it is away out. When my husband and I were consulted as to what should be done, (and my husband was an invalid), we came up with Dr. Merritt Kellogg, selected the place here for the sanitarium. And my husband said, “Ellen, I do think my peace would rest there; I think I would get well, with nature so beautiful around us as we see it in this place.” Said I, “Husband, you shall be there.” But my husband recovered, so that he could go out into the field again. He had a second and third shock of paralysis, because he did the labors of three men. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 46*

Well, now, I am thankful, dear friends, that you can see the handiwork of God in nature, and He tells you not to have this anxiety, not to be overanxious what shall I eat, what shall I drink, and wherewithal shall I be clothed? That is an inferior matter if only you can stand in the ranks under the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel. Oh, He points—as He comes to our world and sees them all full of business and ambition and zeal, and hurrying this way and that way and the other way, and the amusements that are going on—He points them to an eternal interest above. They have lost eternity out of their reckoning. He wants them to bring eternal realities to consider in their lifetime. Why? Because He wants them purified; He wants them to sit with Him on His throne. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 47*

Now we are to overcome as Christ overcame. He gives you access to His power just as surely as He possesses it. He tells His disciples when He sends them out, “Go, go, and preach the gospel.” [*Mark*

16:15.] And He tells them to go to all nations and preach it; and then He tells them, “Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” [*Matthew 28:19, 20.*] And you are commanded and commissioned to give them the words that He has commanded you.*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 48*

Who is doing this? There is a world to save. How many laborers are going out to tell them what Christ has commanded them? How many have the moral courage to try to labor for persons that they see have no hope of God or of heaven? How many try to pull souls out of the fire, hating even the garments that are spotted by the flesh? How many, I ask you, are on the right side and are laying up treasure above, as you have heard here? How many? God help us to spend the little opportunity of time that we have here, preparing for the upper grade. That is why we have schools.*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 49*

As it was laid before me, these children must begin to be educated right in their homes to understand the Bible, and then these children, these precious children, must be fitting up—put with all the advantages possible—that they can take advantage of the divine nature in Jesus Christ, and tell Him, “You told us that if we would do thus and so, that You would be with us, and we will believe it.” I have never waited on my knees after I have put up my petition to God. I know He has heard me, and I go right to work to answer my prayer, just as He has said it would be. He gives me the bent of my mind. He gives me the strong impressions that I must go to the work, and I do stand at the work with the armor on, and God has helped me these many years.*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 50*

What was presented to me so many years ago, when I was only 16, 17 years old—what was presented? A world in dense darkness. The physicians have said, You cannot live over three months, the lungs are so affected, raising blood, and if you let me mesmerize you, I think that I can relieve you some, the pain that is in your body. Said I, You cannot mesmerize me, Doctor. Will you let me try? You may try. Well, he tried two hours, and he could not make the least impression upon me at all. Said he, I don't understand it, I don't understand.*18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 51*

Well, we went from there. There were five sisters of us in our house, praying, and while we were praying, the power of God came upon me, and there I was taken off in vision. And what did I see? I saw a world with all the blackness of midnight upon it, the wickedness that was presented. And I said, Is there no more coming here? And then there was like a little chain, a thread of light from the heaven where I was, fastened to persons in that dense darkness. Then the instruction was given that these had the light from heaven and must let that light shine forth upon others, they must take Christ as their Example, and work as Christ worked, with all the self-denial and self-sacrifice; and if they win heaven at last, it is through Christ. It is through my Saviour, my precious Saviour. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 52*

Well, these matters were opened before me. "I bid you go and give the message; I command you." "Why, I cannot speak a loud word," I said. "But go" was the message. I told my family. "Well," Father said, "Ellen, I am getting old; I don't feel that I could go, and—" "Well," I said, "Mother, let me have my sister Sarah; let me have my elder sister." The way was right open. There was someone going many miles to a meeting, and I consented to go to my brother-in-law's. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 53*

I was in a meeting where they were in terrible trial, and I felt impressed to talk. They wanted me to talk. It was after the passing of the time. They did not know where they were. I said, "Lord, I will stand on my feet," although I could not talk—I had no voice to talk. But as I tried for about five minutes, the voice came, and I spoke two hours and a half, clear, with the message to give to that people. The moment I got through, I began to try to speak but I could not speak a word. Three months I traveled that way. Crowds would come from all quarters, and I would labor and labor to get out the words, and then everything would break loose, and the power of God would come upon me, and there the congregations were held as I bore the living testimony to them. After the three months, my voice came, as I have it now, and I had the clear voice. But my faith was tested sorely. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 54*

And I want to tell you, seeing the world as it was presented to me, was most awful. I held back from going until I thought my soul was

lost. But in mercy the compassionate Saviour gave me light again. I was very timid. He said, “No man’s hand shall be laid on you to harm you. I will be your Protector.” And it has been so; it has been so. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 55*

But I will not hold you here. I want you to have a place in the kingdom of God. I want you to see the King in His beauty, and I want you to behold the loveliness of my Saviour. Every one of us that has a crown will cast it at the feet of our Redeemer, and touch the golden harp, and fill all heaven with rich music and songs to the Lamb. I want you to be there. And God help you that you may have a place in that kingdom, to go no more out forever. It is life eternal that we are striving for, and you want to make everything of the talents that God has given you; and then you want to be just as humble and contrite and simple, as Christ was in His labor, and yet the simplicity was eloquence. God will work through us, and He will make us a power in His hands, and we can be fitted for the higher courts above. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 56*

They thought I was dead on that occasion, and they went to work sending for physicians, but I came out of it totally blind. The light and the glory had come upon me so that I could not see. They passed the burning light before my eyes and I could not see. But after a time—it was some little time before I got back my eyesight. I became accustomed to seeing things in this world, but the beauty of the ravishing loveliness of heaven eclipsed everything here. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 57*

I want heaven, and I want you to have it; I want to help you to have it if I can. God bless every one of you. He has bought every one of you with a price, and He wants to put a crown upon your heads; He wants to give you that which all the riches of the world cannot buy, and that is everlasting life in His kingdom—a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. *18LtMs, Ms 190, 1903, par. 58*

## Ms 191, 1903

Talk/Talk at the St. Helena Sanitarium Church School Ground

St. Helena, California

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This is the first time that I have really been as far as this toward the schoolhouse; but it has been a great satisfaction to me that we have a place where our children can be away from the cities. We have had a sense for years that it was the very best thing that could be done to get our schools out of the cities. Now, after we have tried to do this, the teacher and the scholars, we know will comprehend its advantages, and the students of the school can, if they desire, make great improvements in their studies. But if the teachers should do the very best that they could do, without the cooperation of the students it would be a failure. But we believe the students appreciate the efforts of the teachers, and we consider that the salvation of our children demands that every exertion possible shall be made for them in order that the children may have every advantage to be overcomers. *18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 1*

The enemy will be on the track constantly, but if there is a decided determination for everyone to bring all the pleasantness and all the happiness in their own hearts and minds into the school, let me tell you that there is more than a human instructor that is present. The angels of God (I was reading today about this,) are watching over these babies in Christ, little ones. The Scripture statement is that we are not to offend the little ones, because their angels do behold the face of your Father, our Father, in heaven always. Now, these angels stand before the Father to receive their commission what to do, and then they are at work with the children to impress their human minds as they work with the teacher. *18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 2*

I have some knowledge of the teacher that you have, that the children appreciate her, and the parents appreciate her, for she understands the Bible instruction that should be given to the

children. Now, everyone of us wants to be in a position that we can offer our prayers for the children. They are tempted just as the parents are tempted, and we can offer our petitions to our heavenly Father, and He will hear us. Ask, and ye shall receive.*18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 3*

We have worked in this way. It seems quite natural now. When we were in Australia we could not get into any place where we could hold the congregations, but we would go, as they called it, into the bush. Now we are in the bush; and they wanted that we should hold meetings in the bush here and there. Well, my very best times in speaking were in the bush. Those that would come out would be fishermen, and they would be the young. We had forty or fifty in our Sabbath school, we hired a room, but it was too small to have a congregation, so we would take it out in the groves, in a pleasant place, and we would interest them there.*18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 4*

Now we are, everyone, forming our characters for eternity. Our Saviour came to our world and took humanity, laid aside His royal crown, laid aside His royal robe, and clothed His divinity with humanity, so that humanity might reach humanity. He could not stand before the humanity, only as He was partaker with them of all the temptations wherewith they were beset. He was of humble parentage. He might have had a thousand and ten thousand angels around Him, if that was the way, but no; He must work out the plan from the very humblest position, because the virtue is always in the person. This position is nothing. You may have the highest position in the world, and yet there may be a character that does not honor that position. Our Saviour took a position as a poor man, and He was tempted as a poor man is tempted, in all points like as we are.*18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 5*

He encircled the human race with His long human arm, while with His divine arm He grasped the throne of the Infinite. There is the mercy seat right above the ark, and there He takes right hold. How is that? With humanity and divinity combined. Christ could work out our salvation abundantly, and therefore man was placed on vantage ground with God. Now He takes that advantage, as He speaks of these little ones. Well, it was not little babies or little children, but it

was little ones in the faith. He says, Ye that believe on Me, You are not to offend them, because their angels are in the presence of the Father, to get their commission how to take charge of these little ones. Behold them in the face of the Father always doing the work. *18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 6*

Now, if the children would always realize this, that they have a heavenly Father, and they have a Saviour that has given His precious life that He might redeem from all sin, from every wrong, every soul that lives. That is the position of our Lord. He is right in sympathy with us. *18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 7*

If it requires a larger building than this to take in still a younger class of children, why then they should have it. The children must have advantages; they must be brought into a position where they will be educated, and they must learn the Scriptures, and be disciplined. They need to be disciplined, and discipline is worth a great deal. If every mother only knew what a splendid thing it is to carry out discipline in the home now, she would act as a mother, and a queen of her household, as a teacher; and then when it is best to transfer them to a school, they will be all prepared for it. *18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 8*

Now just as soon as these children can be educated to be useful and help mother, that is the great thing. It is the household religion we need, the family religion, the household religion. Mothers make themselves slaves. They must wait upon their children, and attend to their children, and the children are left idle, and feeling that the mother must be a slave to the family. That is not the kind of an education to give. Teach the children to lift right where they can lift, to do little things. Educate them line upon line. The mother would rather do it herself, but she may be a teacher in her home. Teach them to be useful, to see that things are placed in order, and that the religious element must be preserved. On the Sabbath day, whenever the weather is suitable, father and mother should not shut themselves up to themselves, but take their children right out in the open air. *18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 9*

Now this is a very nice place, where a school can be held; and every child has all the help that they can get from their own home,

and where the parents must do their work faithfully to teach them at home how to carry out the principles that are in the school. If they will do that, if the parents will educate in the fear of God, they are helping the teachers that are in the school, and the teachers' work will not be one-fifth as hard as if they did not have the help of the father and the mother and the household at home. But when these children can be brought up orderly at home, they are fitting themselves to take their position in school and carry on the work right straight along, and the teacher will not have everything to do in the education of the little ones, the younger class.*18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 10*

Teach these children to be faithful in little things, and they will always be faithful in larger things. Educate them to truthfulness; educate them about the preciousness of time. Why? Why, because we are bought, the purchase of Christ. Christ purchased us with a price; He paid the price of His own life, and of His own blood, that we might be brought into a position that He could take away our sins. He wants to take them away. He does not want us to be in sin. Well, then, we want hopefulness. The children need hopefulness, and to be taught to manifest happiness in speech, happiness in the household. Not a word of fretting, not a word of crossness is to be seen in the mother or in the father; but the children, and the father and mother are to consider this as a little household that is to be a symbol of heaven; and they are not to let their children use them, the parents, as slaves.*18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 11*

“Now children, come right in here. Mother needs this done and Mother needs that done.” Tell it to them cheerfully. Never set them at it as a job, but take hold of it as a playspell, and let the parents help, and the children will take hold with you, and they will never consider that it is beneath them to do household work. It is not at all contrary to the light. And the blessing of God will come upon them as the parents will educate their children in the home.*18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 12*

They are bought with a price; therefore they are to glorify God in their bodies and in their spirits, which are God's. They are to have their words, right words, polite words, and teach them to be polite to God. When they have blessings, they are to thank the Lord, praise



the Lord, glorify the Lord for the blessings that He has given them. And their little hearts may be filled with gratitude and with thankfulness right in the home. No unpleasant words, no cross words are to be spoken in the household, not a word but to seek to build these children up so that happiness shall be in their minds and hearts, and you will have a happy home. Bow before the Lord in prayer, commit them to God, and angels of God will be around about them, and help them to feel that it is their privilege to appreciate the angelic—what? The angelic service for the children, they are serving God, in watching over the children.*18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 13*

Now, parents, teach it to your children, if they are inclined to speak harsh words, “The angels are here, don’t speak that way.” Angels of God are here, and they are watching over these children, every one of them. Now if you give them that impression, that these angels of God know all that they are doing, it will be one of the greatest blessings that you can bestow upon them. Children are a great blessing, and if they are educated that they are a great blessing, that mother appreciates them, why, they are a part of the firm. “Children, we want you to help us right in this home firm, and you are to help us, to bless us, to strengthen us, and we are to help and strengthen you, that you will do your work in the home just right and perfectly and tidily, and keep everything up in sweetness and in nicety.” And then what? They are prepared for the school.*18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 14*

You can begin that with those who are three years old. You can begin to educate the children to do little things, and in doing that, they will become appreciative of what is to be done. Although they are very young, they will understand it. They would come and bring me a footstool, little tiny things two and one-half and three years old; they would realize that something was wanted, and they would bring me a footstool. Now I always would feel that the blessing of God would rest upon that little action, and it is just so.*18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 15*

The Lord will bless the children who will do the little things in the home, and if you will do these things in the home, it will become familiar to do these things in the school. You will feel that you can

lift the burdens of those who are trying to give you an education. You can fasten your minds on these studies, and have the studies [done] perfectly. You may know that God takes account of all these little children. He takes account of them, and they have their guardian angels to watch over them. He says, Their angels do behold the face of your Father which is in heaven. Only think of it!*18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 16*

Then you must not be rough; you must not offend one of these children. It would be the greatest offense to them in the world, if you should not correct their wrongs. You would do them the greatest wrong, if as a parent, you allow your children to acquire loose, lax, untidy, undutiful habits and disobedient habits. Now that is the greatest wrong that any parent can do their children, because we are going to heaven. We know not how soon the Lord may come, and we want all our little children to be where they will be pure in mind, in thought, in disposition. They can given themselves to God when they are little children.*18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 17*

I don't know as there was anyone who is here, but there was a little company in Battle Creek, little children, they were small. C. H. Jones' wife was one, and he was one, and there were other little children. Well, now, said two or three grave fathers, I am afraid to have them baptized. Did they want to be baptized? Oh, yes, they did. There was quite a little family of them, and they came forward, and they were baptized. Well, now, here they are: C. H. Jones is in the office in a responsible position, his wife has stood right by his side for years, and these were two of those little children. Several others are lying in their graves today.*18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 18*

Little children shall be educated and trained in the right way. Angels of God will help in the lessons that are given to the parents, to the children. And angels of God are helping the teachers who give the correct lessons, to understand, in the character and mind of the children. The angels of God take the words that the teacher may speak, and impress them upon the heart of the child. Never, never speak harshly and scoldingly; never speak that way to the children. God wants us to be a blessed family in heaven above, and we want to get ready for it. We want to become just like that little one that is looking at her grandma, so earnestly; we want to begin with the little

children, to fit them up so that they can be an ornament in the family, and can be fitted for the family above. *18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 19*

I feel so grateful to God that we have this school. I feel so grateful to God that Sister Peck is teaching here, although I would be glad to have her connect with my work. She is connected with it partially. But when it came to the school, I had not an objection, I could not have. It had been presented to me that the Sanitarium should be kept up in a very orderly manner, and that all the children should have the advantage of all the education that could be given, in order that they may have a right presentation of those that shall come to the Sanitarium. Now that is just what we want. We want polite children. We do not want an affectation in politeness. But I will tell you what we want. We want politeness to God. *18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 20*

I have thought it over and over in the night. I wake up and I think, What in the world does it mean, that—little children of God, you may be grown up to manhood or womanhood—but why is it that there is not a spirituality in every heart? Why is it that the souls are not going out in thanksgiving to God for life, for health, for breath? Here are our muscles that we are to use, and thank God that He can teach us now at the sanitarium, to use these muscles and keep ourselves in health. That is what we want. We want to know how to eat properly. *18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 21*

We want to be like Daniel and his fellows, and they who were brought right into the king's court, placed at the king's tables, with the wine and all the luxuries, but they just begged that they might have the privilege of eating the simple food. They did not make any excuse, "We have got to do it in order that we may please them." No, they did not do that. They did not go storming about it at all. But it was in such a way that they gained the confidence of the ones that had the power in their hands to control the matter, that they would give them a ten-days' test. Well, now, we ought to know and reason from this that that ten-days' test was a success. They were fairer and fatter in flesh than all that had eaten at the king's table; and the one that had charge of the matter gave them their request. How did it succeed? *18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 22*

Well, now, you are here in the shadow of the sanitarium, teaching the children how to live and how to conduct themselves properly, that they may preserve themselves in health. How was it with Daniel and his fellows? Well, when they had their years of trial, and when they were brought up to be tried, they were far ahead, ten times ahead—of all these that had the whole advantage—with their simple diet, with their fear of God, with their love of God, with their service to God in cheerfulness, having a clean conscience, having a bright countenance, always. What is the reason? God gave them knowledge. God gave them skill in all this learning. Now that was a cooperation of man with God, in getting this education so that they could be fitted for usefulness and duty. *18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 23*

Well, now, God is in the preparation of this little school just as much—yes—just as much—as He was in the education of those Hebrew youth. He wants every one of us to strike the highest note, and to be continually striking the highest note, that we may in the presence of God gain cooperation with God. It is man and God that are cooperating together, to bring them out in a position where that they can glorify God in the earth, learn the lessons, and glorify Him in heaven, having the crown of everlasting life. *18LtMs, Ms 191, 1903, par. 24*

## Ms 192, 1903

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Never was there more a time when we want and should understand what we must do so that we should inherit eternal life. We read that the Lord's coming is at a time when we think not. Is it that we have to be all prepared, and know just the moment He is coming? No. To every man God has given his work, and we read in (*John 14*), "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." [*Verse 1.*] We do not believe one-half of what we ought to believe. We want that faith that is a working faith, a faith that works by love, a faith that purifies the soul. If we have confidence to believe that Christ gave His own life for us, then we shall not be in a position that we shall say all the time, "I do not know; I do not know." We keep asking the Lord for His blessing; we keep saying, "I believe," but we think the Lord is not just ready. Now, it is we who are not just ready to take the blessing. *18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 1*

"In My Father's house are many mansions." *John 14:2-6* quoted. "The truth and the life." Keep that faith before your mind that it is Christ who is our only dependence, our only hope for salvation. It is Jesus Christ. "He so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, (whosoever) shall not perish, but have everlasting life." [*John 3:16.*] When we consider what Christ has done for us in giving His life, how can we doubt that He means just what He says, when He tells us, "Ask, and ye shall receive;" and He says again, "Without Me ye can do nothing." [*John 16:24; 15:5.*]*18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 2*

The Father wants us to have Christ abiding in our hearts by a living faith, and He wants that we should just rest right in His hands. We are not to work ourselves up into a great excitement before we shall consider that He will hear and answer our prayers. No; we are to come to Him, and He has given us a guarantee that if we ask, we

shall receive. Now, we must come, and say, “Lord, my whole heart is in this matter. It means a great deal to me. I must have that help which Thou alone canst give.” And then just place ourselves right before the Master, and know that He will do just as He says.*18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 3*

You need not, as one of your friends may tell you, make a contract with God. If you do thus and so, I will do thus and so. We treat the Lord as though it was a very doubtful thing. Do not we treat Him so? It is a very doubtful thing whether we shall have what we ask, and so we get perplexed and worried and anxious and troubled. Well, I have been in that condition over and over again. I have decided that when I ask the Master—Him who so loved me, the Majesty of Heaven, the Commander of all the heavenly host, who gave His own life that He might make it possible for me to take hold of eternal life—that He is my only hope. Here the trade was made.*18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 4*

Justice sees the sinner, and it is death to disobey and transgress. And here comes One equal with God, who says, “I will give My life, I will take the sinner’s place, I will give My life for the sinner, and I will take the punishment for the sins of the whole world.” John understood it, and said—as others had been coming for baptism, and he saw the Son of God coming, he lifted up his hand, and said, “Behold the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world.” [*John 1:29.*]*18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 5*

Now, that death would have taken away the sin of every mortal that is upon the earth. He came to take away the sin of the whole world, and He died for every person; no one was left out. Everyone could have been saved through the merits of the blood of the Son of the living God. Well, then what? How were they going to be saved? Well, He says, “Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find.” [*Matthew 7:7.*] He wants you to believe in Him, that He will do just exactly as He said. He would take away your sins. When you repent, and ask His pardon, He is all ready. And then what? Why, you are to believe; you are to accept it. He is not to make you to believe. But there is a power in you to believe. “To as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to as many as believed in His name.” [*John 1:12.*] Well, then,

let us believe. *18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 6*

We cannot let our light shine to the world; it is not a possibility, unless the light is in us. Well, now, Christ is the light of the world; He is the way; He is the truth; and we want the life-giving power of Jesus Christ in our hearts, and to believe that He means to save us. And then what does He say in *John 14*? He tells us there what God can do for us. He says in (*verse 11*): “Believe me for the works’ sake.” That is just what He wants us to do. And here, poor souls are carrying along all their infirmities, and yet they think that they must sin—they cannot live in the world unless they do sin. Why, that is not so at all. There is no sin in Christ. You put on Christ, you take Him as your loving Helper, as One who wants to save you in your own righteousness connected with the life-giving power in Jesus Christ. Then you are to work out your own righteousness with fear and with trembling, lest what? Lest you should weave in your self-importance, as though it was in your own merits. No, it is the merits of Christ. “Work out your own salvation in fear and trembling; for it is God that worketh in you to will and to do of His good pleasure.” [*Philippians 2:12, 13.*]*18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 7*

O, I am so thankful that time is not closed yet. I am so thankful that we have a probation. I am so glad for everyone, that they can come to Christ, that they can lay up their treasure in heaven. I am so thankful that there is a way that you can find Christ, and put on Christ, and rejoice in Christ. Yes, you can do that, because He has promised it. He says in (*[John 14] verse 12*): “The works that I do shall he do also.”*18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 8*

Why do you go out from His presence, careless and talking and laughing, and without any kind of a thought of the prayer you have asked? You must answer that prayer, how? By living faith that God has given you the power to become the sons of God. You must answer that prayer as a son of God; as a daughter of God. Come right to the presence of God, and say, “If I am to do the works of God, the Lord must hear my petitions; He must revive His Spirit in my heart; He must be an abiding principle with me, and I must work with that principle. I must keep my eye fixed upon Jesus Christ, who is the Author and the Finisher of my faith.” Well, just as soon as we come into this position, let me tell you, it is peaceful rest. But if you

are wrestling all the time, you wrestle yourself right out of the hands of Christ.*18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 9*

“The works that I do he shall do also, and greater works shall he do, because I go to my Father.” [*Verse 12.*] And what then? Why, He stands there as our Advocate. And when we consider this, we should rejoice that we have One that has not left His humanity. When He ascended on high, He ascended with His humanity. Divinity and humanity combined. Now there is our hope, that He stands at the head of our humanity to work with every soul that will be worked, and to put His spirit into every heart that will accept it; and He wants us to be His little children, to put our trust in Him as little children would put their trust in their parents. And He will come to love us.*18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 10*

But that love in our hearts will change our disposition. All this quick, passionate temper. Do you think you have got to have it? I know better. I know better. I know I was a nervous invalid. I know I suffered with such nervousness, such invalidism. I took myself right to my Redeemer. Now, I told Him, if I was a child of God, I must be so in speech, I must be so in patience, I must be so in kindness, I must be so in love and courteousness. Also I was very young, yet I laid myself just as I was, right into His hands.*18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 11*

Now, I say, I will not allow a word to escape from my lips. Why, sometimes it would be so. I have seen it with many others, that when they are handling furniture, something or other takes place, or something does not go just as they want it to go, and they begin to scold and fret. Well, what good will it be? There is nothing but furniture. What good will it do to fret at each other? It only stirs up the spirit that is in you. Won't you put this away? I know you can.*18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 12*

I had the battle with an invalid's life, and I commenced it at 11 years old, and I had trials and difficulties, and know what the battle is. I said, I will not open my lips; they may say what they please; I will keep my lips closed; I will not utter a word; I will not respond to it at all.*18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 13*

Well, what did they say? Why, a report came after I had been



ministering in the Word for a long time. It was from a neighbor that lived right close by us. "Mrs. White was my neighbor? Yes, I remember all about her." He went around the neighborhood to find out about me. They thought that I was lacking in mind, was a little weak in character. They took the idea that I was considerably below par. The man came back to a meeting that we had. He came back, and said, when he got up to speak, that he was a minister. "Now," he said, "I want to tell you something, if such a report has been given." I had just given a discourse on temperance, and there were lawyers there, and clerks of the court, my own cousins; and there was a judge there, and different ones there; and, he said, "They would tell me that Mrs. White was below par in intellect." "Now," he said, "I believe in the Great Power. For I have never heard a discourse as she has given here on temperance."*18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 14*

Well, how was it? It was because I would not open my lips. They would pour out upon me one thing and another, and I did not open my lips. I just kept my mind fixed on the Lord, and they did not know what it meant. They could not understand it. They thought I was a fool, I suppose, and I was willing they should think so; and since that time, I have been carrying it all I can carry through, and I know whatever is said about me, or not anything, I can hold right onto the Lord, and keep still. And more than that, I won't have contention in my house. No; it can be overcome, and there is no need of it. We can overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.*18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 15*

Well, let us try together to see if we cannot make this world much pleasanter than it is today; that we will make pleasant words, that we will speak right words; that the joy of Christ can be in us, and our joy can be full. No, we have no need to be sore. We want to help everyone that can be helped. And we know that they have enough in this world to try them. We have all the powers of darkness that are on our track. We have Satan, and his whole host, who is constantly trying with all his powers to overthrow us. What could we do without Christ? Without a Saviour?*18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 16*

Commit the keeping of your souls unto Him, as unto a faithful

Creator. What will He do for us? He will increase our faith. We want to have a hundredfold more faith than we have now. We want to be determined that the enemy shall not have the victory over us at all, because Christ has promised. We do not want to be light and trifling. But we may be cheerful, and we may be happy in the Lord. I know it is so. *18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 17*

“And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name,” here is the assurance, “that will I do.” (*Verse 13.*) If we ask it in the name of Christ, we shall not ask any foolish thing. We shall ask for spirituality, we shall ask for grace, we shall ask for power, and God will give it unto us, because He has died, that we might have all this power. He has given His life that we might have it. We want to be pleasant in this world. We know that there is roughness enough that we will have to meet through the contention of the devil. *18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 18*

Let us consider that we are a part of God’s royal family, because we have taken the pledge of baptism, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and these great powers are pledged. Pledged what? They will keep us, they will protect us from the power of the enemy, that when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord lifteth up a standard for us against the enemy. *18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 19*

“If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive” [*verses 15-17*]*—well, they could receive it, if they would accept Christ; but they cannot receive it and have the spirit of the world, too—“because” verse 17.* *18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 20*

“I will not leave you comfortless.” [*Verse 18.*] Does anyone here feel comfortless, feel that you have no comforter that knows how to pity you and sympathize with you? Well, don’t. Have we not a God? Have we not a Christ, who has given His life for us? Well, then, let us take God at His word. I want to honor God. I do not want Him to be ashamed of me. We profess to believe in Him; now we are to represent Christ to our world in character. We are to lay right hold upon the Mighty One, that we can represent His character to the

world, that they may see the difference between Him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not. God will help us, because He has promised to do it, and (*verse 19*) says, "but ye see me; because I live, ye shall live also." *18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 21*

Well, now, that is, if you maintain your baptismal vows. Here was a contract made with God. We were baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and the contract was made with God that these three great heavenly powers would be with us, to help us at every step, if we will unite with these powers to be helped. Now take hold by faith. Believe that Christ will do for us just what He said He would. Now think of this through the week, and when anything comes up to disturb you, and trouble and worry you, be determined that you will not give place to the devil by giving place to words that will not honor God. And every one of you, young and old, can obtain the most glorious, beautiful victory. You can obtain, and you can rejoice in your Saviour. *18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 22*

Let us strive for the victory every day. There is a world to be saved; there are sinners that want your help. Oh, there are many hungry and thirsting ones that you do not understand anything about. Your very first work is to commence with yourself, your very second work is with your children. Get your heart in order, and then bring your children to God, and work with them, and never allow passion to come into your ruling at all. Then teach your children when they rise up and when they sit down, and when they go out and when they come in, and they will understand what the Lord would have them to do. They may be only children, but they need educating; you need educating. *18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 23*

You neglect your children altogether too much, for they need to be educated and trained and disciplined for the right, and encircled in the arms of your love, and assisted. The little ones need to be assisted. Bind them to your heart by the silken cords of love, and you will realize that you have an influence over your children, and that nothing can tear them away from Him, or them from you. *18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 24*

What is the next work? You have a family with you to recommend

you as Christians. You have begun with yourself; you have brought yourself under discipline; you have your family that you have educated point by point, step by step, line upon line, and precept upon precept. Then what? These children are your helping hands, who recommend Christ. Then, you go right to Jesus, and you take your children with you, and there is an influence that pervades the religious household that is felt in the church.*18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 25*

That is what we want, brethren. We want Jesus in our own house; we want to commence our work at home, and then for the neighbors, and then for those that are around us. It is just as much our duty to labor for our unconverted neighbors as it is to go to Europe or China or India, or any other place. There are souls to be saved right around in our own neighborhoods, and God wants to go to work. He wants us to act as though the souls that are right in our neighborhood are to be sought after and labored for, that the salvation of God may come right in among those around us who know not God. Shall we take hold of the work? He wants us to act like men, to commence the reformation, and go right forth and strengthen the things that remain. You have those who will help you. And we will have converts that will take right hold of the work with us.*18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 26*

I want to say, Begin with yourself; begin with your children, if you have neglected them, and I know you have. Now if you have neglected them, take right hold and redeem the neglect. You will have to work ten times stronger than if you had not neglected them; but having neglected them, you want to take right hold and redeem the time. Tell them that Jesus loves them; tell them how to come to Christ, and believe in Him. Half of them do not know how; for you are so reluctant to speak of religious things, that they do not know how to believe. Teach them how to believe, and the blessing of God will rest upon you, and you will see of His salvation.*18LtMs, Ms 192, 1903, par. 27*

**Ms 193, 1903**

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Refiled as *Ms 172, 1904*.

## **Ms 194, 1903**

Remarks at California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

February 9, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Meeting of the Board of Directors of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, duly called and held at Sanitarium, Napa County, California, on Monday, February 9, 1903, at 12 o'clock N.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 1*

Present: Directors A. T. Jones, president; E. E. Parlin, secretary; L. M. Bowen, W. C. White, W. S. Sadler, R. A. Buchanan*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 2*

Absent: Directors W. T. Knox and A. N. Loper.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 3*

Also present: C. H. Jones, M. C. Wilcox, H. H. Haynes, A. Boeker, E. G. Fulton, F. Zelinsky, G. A. Droll, A. M. Winegar, Mrs. J. Gotzian, T. J. Evans, Bro. Crisler, Sr. McEnterfer, and Mrs. E. G. White.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 4*

Prayer was offered by Elders Sadler and Jones.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 5*

The minutes of meeting held December 30, 1902, were read and approved as corrected.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 6*

The following communication from Dr. Loper was presented:*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 7*

Pasadena, California

January 4, 1903

To the Board of Directors of the California Medical Missionary and

Benevolent Association. *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 8*

Dear Brethren,—

As I am unable by reason of the change in my residence and connection with our work in Southern California to meet the responsibilities of medical superintendent of the St. Helena Sanitarium, and as a member of your Board of Directors, I herewith wish to tender my resignation as medical superintendent of the St. Helena Sanitarium, and also as a member of your Board, to take effect at the pleasure of your Board. Reciprocating the kind wishes that I know are entertained for me by every member of your Board, I am *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 9*

Your brother in the work, *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 10*

A. N. Loper, M.D.

Thereupon, it was moved, seconded, and carried that the resignation of Dr. Loper be accepted. Also *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 11*

Moved, seconded, and carried that Dr. Thomas J. Evans be a member of the Board of Directors of this Association to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Loper. *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 12*

Also moved, seconded, and carried that Dr. Evans be the medical superintendent of the St. Helena Sanitarium. *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 13*

Bro. A. T. Jones, of the committee to confer with Dr. Zelinsky, regarding his resignation tendered under date of Dec. 8, 1902, reported that the committee had had a talk with Dr. Zelinsky, covering the whole ground involved, and, as a committee, as things now stand, they could not see that there was any need of accepting Bro. Zelinsky's resignation, or that there was any cause for his disconnecting with the institution so far; that Dr. Zelinsky had acknowledged that his religious influence had not been of the positive sort that it should be, but that he had decided to change and take a more active interest religiously in the work of the

institution. That the committee had decided that there was no cause for accepting his resignation, with the understanding we have at the present time. *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 14*

Dr. Buchanan and Bro. Bowen, the remaining members of the committee, having expressed similar views, it was *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 15*

Moved, seconded, and carried that the report of the committee be accepted. *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 16*

Elder Jones then presented the whole history to this date of the question regarding the location of the meeting of the General Conference, reading letters from Sister White, Bro. C. H. Jones, and others. *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 17*

Bro. C. H. Jones stated that the people at Oakland wanted the conference at Oakland. *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 18*

Sister White: As for my preference in the matter, it should not be taken into account. If you saw there the feelings that they had about it, pretty sharp, some of them, the feeling they had about it—I thought if it were best to have it there in Healdsburg, I could be accommodated a great deal better. But you are not to make my accommodation anything that should fix the place for holding the conference. There was nothing in it. I thought it would save you there at Oakland a good deal of expense, for they said they would open their houses freely; it would save an expense to the conference, and that is how the matter stands. If there is any preference for Oakland—I don't like Oakland—at all, but if there is any preference for Oakland, what my likes or dislikes are don't come in. *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 19*

C. H. Jones: Of course that had quite a bearing with the decision down there, of the committee, and that was why we wrote as we did. But since our meeting, referred to in that letter the committee of entertainment, there have been new developments. And we have learned things that we did not know before. In regard to the climate, those who have been in Healdsburg, and lived in Healdsburg at that time of the year, say it is likely to be colder than in Oakland; more fog at that time, and if it should come on and rain, it would be very



disagreeable there, and especially if we had to put people in tents. But now our brethren in the church are aroused, and I do not think any tents will have to be pitched. I think rooms will be found for every one in the houses. We spoke of it in our church Sabbath, that there was a possibility of the Conference going to Healdsburg. Before that there had not been much response from our people, but as soon as it was stated that the Conference might go to Healdsburg, they came forward and said, "We have not been thinking seriously over this matter; we have not got ready to say yet what we will do, but, if there is any idea of its going to Healdsburg, we will say now." One brother who had said he would take three stated that he would take twelve; another who was going to take one or two said he would take four or five, and so they are coming right forward and saying that, We will entertain and take care of them, and we want the meeting here. My house will be at your disposal (to Sr. White) if you want to come there.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 20*

Sister White: You have always treated me well, and I would be glad to go there, but in some respects I would rather be a little further off.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 21*

C. H. Jones: There is no question but what we can get you a good place away from the church, where it will be comfortable for you, and all right; and as far as the matter of entertainment is concerned, we can arrange that so that there will be quite a saving of expense. We did think we would have to pay for some of the delegates, but I do not now think that will be necessary. We think we can find entertainment for all of the delegates on the Oakland side of the Bay; the Bulletin can be printed there promptly, and we can reach so many more of our own people there, and then there is the restaurant.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 22*

Sister White: I have looked it over and settled in my mind some time ago; after I heard about the matter it was all settled in my mind that it was to go there.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 23*

C. H. Jones: It would be clear, as far as you are concerned, to have it in Oakland?*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 24*

Sister White: Yes, there is no difficulty in my mind in that; when the

preference is presented here, that is enough. I did not know but what you would all feel relieved. *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 25*

Elder Wilcox: Bro. Jones has covered the ground quite well. The two special things above all else that decided our committee that met the other day was Sister White's preference, and the thought on the part of the committee of entertainment that our brethren there in Oakland did not care for the Conference. When I mentioned it in the church that it might be in Healdsburg, it stirred the church through and through. I had a talk with Bro. Loughborough yesterday, and he felt much different as regards the church than he did before. Before he thought the brethren were not ready and did not feel that they could entertain the delegates; but after the announcement was given Sabbath morning, a great many of them have been to Bro. Loughborough, and Bro. Loughborough feels that they can entertain the delegates in Oakland; and I am sure there would be a hearty response on the part of our brethren and sisters on the east side of the Bay, and I am sure also that San Francisco will help in a financial way. It is for that reason that we got a wrong impression on the part of how the church felt, and yet I do feel that the thing as it has gone thus far is not wholly without good. The church thought, Well, it is going to be held here anyway, and we won't say very much, we will simply let it come; but when they found it was proposed to have it at some other place, it stirred them all up over the matter a great deal better than anything else could have done, and so I am sure that the brethren and sisters down around the Bay want the Conference and will do all they can to make it a success in every way. Then of course the Bulletin can be issued very much better there. The resolutions and plans that are brought before the Conference can be printed and so presented before all the delegates that they can study them and get a better idea of what they are acting upon than they could in Healdsburg. And all things considered, I am sure that it would be better to have the meeting in Oakland. Our restaurant brethren, I am sure, would have something to say in the matter, perhaps. *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 26*

Bro. Fulton: You know, Sister White, we are planning to have a first-class vegetarian restaurant in connection with the Conference this year, and we had been laying our plans to have this restaurant in

Oakland. Of course we could have had it in Healdsburg, but it would be much more expensive to ship the cooking utensils, dishes, and all those things to Healdsburg, and so we were quite disappointed to learn that there was some possibility of its being held there, and I know that all connected with the restaurant are very much in favor of its being held in Oakland. We feel we can do much better work there and have a much better chance.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 27*

Sister White: I have no preference to remove, because I did not know what that they would consider it better to have it there, but as soon as I learned how the situation was, why then, if I went, and I made up my mind, I would not dare to stay away—I would not say I would stay away—I did not dare to, and so I made up my mind that it would be in Oakland, and I have not had any thought of Healdsburg since the first introduction.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 28*

Elder White: It seems to me that it would be a decided advantage to our school, and that the experience of our school might be a blessing to the Conference, if we could have had the Conference in Healdsburg and have it satisfactory to our people. Several hundred will probably come from the outside if there is ample accommodations.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 29*

C. H. Jones: I move that it is the sense of this counsel that the General Conference be held in Oakland.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 30*

Second, and carried unanimously.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 31*

Financial reports were then presented as follows:*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 32*

California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association for the year ending December 31, 1902.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 33*

San Francisco branch, St. Helena Sanitarium.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 34*

Sacramento branch, St. Helena Sanitarium.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903,*

par. 35

Eureka branch, St. Helena Sanitarium.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 36*

It was voted that the item of \$130 in the report of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, inasmuch as Dr. Evans was now connected with the insitution, should be carried to profit and loss.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 37*

A communication dated February 6, 1903, from the Pacific Press was presented, asking regarding the desk owned by the *Pacific Health Journal*, and it was*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 38*

Moved, seconded, and carried that we express ourselves in favor of allowing Dr. Heald to have the use of the desk.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 39*

Also moved, seconded, and carried that this Association pay the bill of \$105.63 due St. Helena Sanitarium from the *Pacific Health Journal*, charging same to the *Journal* account.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 40*

Attention was called to various items in the financial reports, and the question as to whether they could be considered as legitimate resources, and it was*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 41*

Moved, seconded, and carried that all of these matters be referred to the auditor for such action as he might recommend.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 42*

The request from Southern California for Dr. H. E. Brighthouse to connect with the work at Pasadena was mentioned, and after discussion*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 43*

Moved, seconded, and carried that the request be referred to a committee consisting of Brn. Evans and Sadler, with the suggestion that the names of Mrs. Richmond and Mrs. Garthofner be considered in that connection.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 44*

The work of Dr. Brighthouse in connection with the S. F. Dispensary

was discussed, and inasmuch as it was felt that she was bearing a large portion of the general missionary work in medical lines, and it was proposed to still further engage her time in that way, it was *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 45*

Moved, seconded, and carried that we recommend to the California Conference the propriety of employing Dr. Brighthouse in medical missionary work around the Bay. *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 46*

The matter of providing nurses for the Sacramento branch was considered in connection with the work at Sacramento; attention was called to the favorable opening at Pacific Grove for establishing treatment work, and it was *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 47*

Moved, seconded, and carried that the matter of providing nurses be referred to Drs. Evans and Winegar. *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 48*

Also moved, seconded, and carried that we recommend that Brother and Sister Whitney go to Pacific Grove, with the idea of engaging in self-supporting work in that field in connection with this Association. *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 49*

The situation at Eureka was then considered at some length, and it was *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 50*

Moved, seconded, and carried that Brn. A. T. Jones, T. J. Evans, and E. E. Parlin be a committee to plan for the work there and to secure the co-operation of the churches in that locality. *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 51*

The financial report of the St. Helena Sanitarium was then presented, showing a material improvement. *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 52*

It was stated that owing to lower rates of interest, and reduction of interest-bearing obligations, that \$380 per month would be a sufficient rental for the Sanitarium and premises with which to meet interest demands not otherwise provided for; thereupon *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 53*

Moved, seconded, and carried that the monthly payment to be made by the St. Helena Sanitarium to this Association should, until further notice, be the sum of \$380 per month.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 54*

A communication from Etta Ackerman was then presented, accompanied by communication from Elder Santee, regarding the issuance of diplomas to Etta Ackerman, Cora McElhany, and Hattie Kleinshmidt. After general discussion, it was *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 55*

Moved, seconded, and carried that this matter be referred to a committee consisting of Drs. Evans, Heald, and Brighthouse.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 56*

A request was presented from the Sanitarium Food Co. that this Board recommend rate of wages to be allowed Bro. E. C. Fulton. After discussion,*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 57*

Moved, seconded, and carried that we recommend a rate of \$18 per week and board.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 58*

A telegram from Dr. Kellogg, dated February 8, 1903, was read, as follows: Will you join other American sanitariums in raising two thousand dollars for British Sanitarium. Letter today.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 59*

No action taken, inasmuch as offerings for that purpose had already been secured and applied through the California Conference.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 60*

Dr. Droll then spoke of circular recently received asking for information concerning sanitarium work, and it was *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 61*

Moved, seconded, and carried that we request the secretry of this Association to gather from our branches all the information necessary to supply to the International Association the desired information.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 62*

A communication from the Colorado Springs Sanitarium Co. of

Colorado Springs, Colorado, was presented regarding an advertising proposition in the *Pacific Health Journal*, together with correspondence between the Pacific Press and Dr. Heald.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 63*

No action taken, although the sentiment was freely expressed that it was not a line of advertising that we should assume.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 64*

Elder White then spoke of the lack of advertising being done to further the interests of the various sanitarium institutions on this coast, and that diligent study should be devoted to the matter of properly placing our work before the tourists coming to this coast. After discussion*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 65*

Moved, seconded, and carried that a committee of two be appointed by the chair to labor for the co-operation of the Pacific Association and of the food company for the development of a scheme of advertising in which all of our medical missionary enterprises on the Pacific Coast shall unite and seek to properly represent our work before the people.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 66*

Committee announced: Parlin and Sadler.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 67*

Possible changes in connection with the restaurant work at San Diego were discussed, and it being desirous that Bro. E. G. Fulton should be empowered to represent our interests in that connection, and in the matter of the lease we now hold for the Sefton premises, it was*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 68*

Moved, seconded, and carried that E. G. Fulton be authorized and empowered as the agent and representative of this Association to make any and all such contracts and agreements that may be necessary for the proper transfer of our interests in the property and of the lease now held by us on said building.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 69*

There being several vacancies in the Sanitarium local board, it was carefully revised, and as now constituted, made as follows: T. J.

Evans, A. M. Winegar, F. Zelinsky, L. C. Nelson, L. M. Bowen, G. H. Heald, W. C. White, Mrs. J. L. Ings, and Mrs. J. Gotzian.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 70*

Moved, seconded, and carried that the salary of Dr. Evans, as medical superintendent, be fixed at \$20 per week.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 71*

It was stated by Dr. Evans that Sister Evans desired to have the privilege of carrying on some medical work for the time being, without compensation for six months, and that she would be willing to go right ahead with a list of patients and with class work, if needed, during that time. Thereupon*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 72*

Moved, seconded, and carried that Dr. Margaret Evans' name be added to the medical faculty of the institution.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 73*

The matter of plans for strengthening our nurses' training school so that it may prepare students for the medical colleges as well as to train nurses was discussed, and it was*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 74*

Moved, seconded, and carried that a committee of [four] be appointed, consisting of A. T. Jones, T. J. Evans, A. M. Winegar, and W. C. White to prepare propositions for consideration at the next annual meeting of the Pacific Union Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 75*

It was stated that certain bills owing to the Battle Creek Sanitarium from the Honolulu Sanitarium and from the Honolulu Sanitarium to the Sanitas Food Company had been presented to the food company with request for payment. After discussion*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 76*

Moved, seconded, and carried that the chairman Elder Jones, the secretary E. E. Parlin, and the manager of the food company Bro. A. Boeker be a committee to consider these matters regarding the payment of the claims of the Battle Creek Sanitarium and of Sanitas Food Company against the Honolulu Sanitarium.*18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 77*



A bill of \$325 for machinery purchased by the Rural Health Retreat Association was also presented and discussed, and it was stated that a proposition was under way by the food company to use the Kellogg royalties in payment of this claim, receiving credit for account of royalties and also on account of R. H. R. purchase price. And it was *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 78*

Moved, seconded, and carried that the Sanitarium pay this bill through the food company. *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 79*

The matter of providing a lady nurse for the work at Phoenix was discussed, and upon motion referred to the committee on nurses heretofore announced, Drs. Evans and Winegar. *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 80*

Brief reports were also made concerning Blue Book advertising, orphans fund, San Diego treatment rooms, San Francisco food store, the vegetarian cafe, and the 20 acres of timberland owned by the Rural Health Retreat in Humboldt Co., but no action taken in any case. *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 81*

Upon motion, meeting adjourned. *18LtMs, Ms 194, 1903, par. 82*

E. E. Parlin, Secretary

## Ms 195, 1903

Interview/Between E. G. White and A. T. Jones

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August 15, 1903

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**Report of an interview held between Mrs. E. G. White and Elder A. T. Jones, Sabbath morning, August 15, 1903**

[Stenographer's introduction:]

(Sister White asked Elder Jones to tell her the object of the small general meetings he was holding in the California Conference, and to explain in regard to the calls he was making for means to pay the debt on the College buildings in Battle Creek. Elder Jones explained that he had been asking our brethren and sisters to contribute to the missionary acre fund by setting apart the proceeds of small portions of their land, or certain trees, for this purpose. Sr. White urged that he be very cautious about undertaking to raise any means in California to assist in reopening the Battle Creek College; that this means is needed in California.*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par.*

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Elder Jones endeavored to explain why such a school as the one about to be opened in Battle Creek, is necessary. The States of Illinois and New York require a high standard of those who desire to enter a medical college. As the American Medical Missionary College is incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, those who enter our medical college must first conform to the requirements of the State Board of Health of Illinois, which are really more exacting than those of the Board of Regents of New York. The State officials have placed the requirements for entrance as high as those necessary for entrance in some of the leading medical schools of Great Britain. "Dr. Kellogg himself," Elder Jones declared, "could not enter these schools as a medical student."*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 2*

Mrs. E. G. White: Is there any necessity for this?*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 3*

(From here on the report is stenographic.)

A. T. Jones: When he began his medical studies, the entrance requirements were not so high as they are now. When our brethren go to foreign countries to practice, they find difficulty in meeting the requirements of the law. Now it is so arranged that they can enter in any other country. Last winter, the first of January, the medical Board of Regents of New York State enacted laws—decided that everyone who enters the medical course of that Association must bear the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Berrien Springs does not grant degrees, and others of our Colleges do not grant degrees.*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 4*

Mrs. E. G. White: Then because of this, you go right to Battle Creek, and establish there something that the Lord has forbidden?*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 5*

A. T. Jones: No.*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 6*

Mrs. E. G. White: You have gone right to Battle Creek and established that thing. Get out of Battle Creek; for heaven's sake get out of Battle Creek!*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 7*

A. T. Jones: Since Battle Creek College has moved to Berrien Springs, there has been a school in the Sanitarium. The Sanitarium has had a school since Battle Creek College moved out of Battle Creek. And while Battle Creek College was in Battle Creek, one hundred and sixty of the Sanitarium folks were students in Battle Creek College—the Sanitarium medical students and the Sanitarium helpers.*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 8*

Mrs. E. G. White: All this reaching up toward a worldly standard, is unnecessary. When Christ came into the world as our Teacher, He chose unlearned men as His disciples. It is not necessary for our youth to spend so many years in training, unless they have to do certain lines of work. With far less training than is often given, they could become fully as competent in missionary lines, and do the work that God wants them to do.*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 9*

You have no need now, at the very close of this earth's history, to gather young men and young women together, and to spend precious time in getting all this education in the higher branches of study—an education that we have never before advised our youth to gain since we accepted the truth. In the past much has been said, even with boasting, in regard to what “we have done,” and in regard to the efficiency of our medical missionary workers; but now it is thought that we are under the necessity of obtaining a knowledge such as the world demands. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 10*

In the name of God, I say, go and work along the same lines along which we have worked heretofore; and carry on this work outside of Battle Creek. Do not establish anything more there. Let the Doctor take care of his large institution, with the great crowd of worldly people there. You do not want our youth brought into connection with these worldly influences. If any additional training-school is demanded, let it be established outside of Battle Creek—a place where God has specified that we should not have a College. If it were essential to establish one there, God would have known all about it before He told us to move away from Battle Creek. Such a school is not essential. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 11*

God can open a way, and no man can shut it. He has said, “I have opened a way, and no man can shut it.” This is the way God desires to work. You need not call in our young men and confine them in a school to learn all these things that they will never use after they become physicians. If they have closed the doors, so that somebody has no influence, somebody else will come in. God will give influence. We must have more confidence in the God of heaven. But the Doctor has been swinging out of line <for years>. He has denied that our sanitariums are denominational institutions, and has denied many other things. God has been greatly dishonored. If we choose, we can tread in the footsteps of the world. John the Baptist was the greatest prophet that was ever born of woman, and yet he never went near the high Jewish people to get access to them, or to study in their schools. He had his message from God. This is what we must have. We must not think that we are to tread in the path in which the world treads. No; if we had done this in the past, we never could have gained the influence

that we now have.*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 12*

A. T. Jones: Is it right that we should have a medical college?*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 13*

Mrs. E. G. White: I do not know what you mean by a “medical college.”*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 14*

A. T. Jones: Is it right that we should graduate physicians?*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 15*

Mrs. E. G. White: In some cases it is right. Some of our people have gone to other institutions to take a medical course. With the influence that now exists in Battle Creek, with the class of people that the Doctor has now, and with the standard of principle to which he now holds, our youth might just as well obtain a medical education in some worldly school. Sacred things must not be brought down to a level with common things; common fire must not be used in the place of sacred fire.*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 16*

Satan does not desire that there shall be in the world a people denominated by God, a people that have come out from the world, wholly separating themselves from its theories and practices, and living in accordance with the principles of righteousness.*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 17*

The Doctor sold us as people. His colleagues are united with him in these things. I know where I stand. I do not know what is to be done to bring about a right condition of things. In this effort to break down the differences between God's people and the world, he has greatly hindered the progress of the third angel's message. By his convincing and devising and planning and underhand work, by his binding up medical institutions to one general organization, he has done much to delay the work of proclaiming to every land the gospel of Jesus Christ, which would have placed us in the position where God desires us to stand today.*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 18*

If students desire to study the higher branches; if some are led by the Holy Spirit to attend institutions of learning; if God sends to them the message, “Go,” let them attend such schools. The Lord

will give them light and blessing. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 19*

Our schools will have to be more after the order of the schools of the prophets. This was revealed to me when young Brother Stone came to Battle Creek. Again and again I had to stand before public assemblies to repeat the warnings God was sending to us. At that time some of our brethren thought that the students must receive a worldly training that God does not want them to receive. God does not want the youth to be encouraged to study many of the things that the world requires the students of its schools to study. When He wants them to do it, He will let them know it. They can study at the plough, while engaged in some useful employment. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 20*

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[Stenographer's note:] (This is as far as I have had opportunity to edit this interview. The following is a synopsis of remainder, just as it was spoken.)

We don't need the commendation of these that do not know what true education is. We do not want their vamp. God is going to give us His Holy Spirit to enlighten our understanding—it is presented to me in this way—and yet we are now going on our back tracks, clear back, just about as we are getting ready to enter into the land of Canaan. It is to have here a work to hinder from going in—the crimes, and the murders, and all these things that are going on. We have something else to do, Brother Jones. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 21*

A. T. Jones: Yes. Now what I was saying: Since Battle Creek College has moved out of Battle Creek, the Sanitarium had had a school for its workers, with the same ones that were in Battle Creek before Battle Creek College left. As I was saying, we had 160 students of the Sanitarium helpers [who] were students of Battle Creek College when it was there. When it went out, that school went right on, with one of the College teachers with the school, and taking other teachers to help him; and that school was preparing such of the helpers that were in the Sanitarium for the medical course. That school was a preparatory course for the medical and nurses' courses. That school would have gone on just exactly in the

same way, if the laws regulating medical work and the work of physicians in the States had remained as they were.*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 22*

Mrs. E. G. White: What have they done to change their ideas?*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 23*

A. T. Jones: The laws have raised the standard, and required a degree.*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 24*

Mrs. E. G. White: Let us let them raise a standard and require a degree; and let our people do the best they can, just as Christ did. He would rather work for fishermen than learned men that knew so much. When these men get up there and learn what the world wants them to learn, they are not fitted for our work.*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 25*

A. T. Jones: We are not obliged to teach them what the world wants them to learn; we can teach them our own education, and prepare them in Christian lines.*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 26*

Mrs. E. G. White: Right in Battle Creek, where God says, Get out of it!*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 27*

A. T. Jones: In the Sanitarium; that is all.*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 28*

Mrs. E. G. White: Yes; and there is the Sanitarium that was worked and built right there. It never should have been there. <Thus the Lord hath said.> Now that is to counterwork the work of God that He wants done. He has told Dr. Kellogg over and over, and I have got it all in writing, that God did not want that institution in any way to spread itself as it was, but make plants. How many plants has he made? [He was] to take that institution, and break it up, not be in Battle Creek, and not have his work going on there in the way that it is, but make memorials all around. But now he has settled right down to Battle Creek and put everything in Battle Creek College.*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 29*

A. T. Jones: In the minutes of the meeting where this thing was arranged—and that motion was made by Dr. Kellogg himself

—18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 30

Mrs. E. G. White: Why did they not get the voice of those brethren that have been working and working, and taking all this burden there? Why did they not sit right down, why did they not lay everything all out, why did they not bring in all their reasons, why did they not go to work just as we always went to work, together, when my husband and I had to go as pioneers? We brought it in so that everything could be understood by everyone, the meaning of the thing, and what we were doing, and carry the whole with them, and to pray over it, and talk over it, and talk with God about it, and all this. But all at once it springs up! 18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 31

A. T. Jones: No; this thing was talked over, two years ago. 18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 32

Mrs. E. G. White: Oh, but the institution has gone since two years ago; and God has shown by that, there have been things done in two years, since two years ago, Brother Jones; and since two years ago makes a lot of difference, when light has come in, and how these places should be worked, and all these ministers. Here's a work that ministers—you will have to do, if you stand in the counsel of God; and here's a work that the medical missionaries will have to do, if we stand; and at the heart of the laws in the nation there has got to be a light shine forth; and to bind up things in this one and that one, and that location. We have got our ministers that are circulating around, and they are going to St. Louis, and Orleans, and they are going to New York City, and they are going to all these places to give the decided warning. That is what we have got to do, and if anything can be done that the enemy can work to keep us huddled down to Battle Creek, where they have been told to get out of it <for years>, and to keep right where they can not affect the community at all—I suppose there are some outsiders that will come in, that will be affected; but <Dr.> Kellogg can not carry that; he has got that great big thing there; that institution never should have been built, never should have been built. But he has built it, and now you see it is to get them right back in Battle Creek, where God has been warning them for the last twenty years, more than that, I guess. The Lord has been showing them what they were doing; they were backsliding. Those that were a strength to the little



churches out in different places, could have established schools in these different places, and could have established <small> sanitariums in our cities all through in different places all around here, <but there is> nothing. New York [was] not touched, till poor Brother Haskell went in there, and went to work there, and he has had nothing to work with. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 33*

[Stenographer's note:] (Followed by a long account Haskell's financial perplexities, and Sr. White's financial straits on account of low royalties, etc.) *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 34*

Kellogg has fastened himself to the world, and in more ways than one. When they asked him about the Testimonies, right before him, just as you are before me, there would be a motion of the head, there would be a motion of the shoulders ... there would be—that was enough. He knows it. And so in regard to me, he has placed me in the position I am, after exalting the position that he has done in his writings of my husband and myself, and my husband taking him just as he did, and letting him have a thousand dollars without interest, and then giving him a horse and a carriage. I did not know he had given him a horse and a carriage. I did not know he had given him a horse and the carriage; and, said he, he has let me have lots of presents; and, said he, “I sent you a horse,” and I sold him a carriage for \$150 because I was in debt in the office, when they let my books drop and I did not have a thing for it, and sold it to him for \$150. Well, then he sent it back to me after he felt that God was in the work, and he and his brother were deeply convicted. “Why,” says he, he came in, “Oh,” he says, “I am a free man.” Dr. Kellogg would say, “I am a free man. I feel as though a band of steel was broken off of <my head>,” and said he, “My brother sat by me, crying, the tears streaming down <his> face. ‘Why,’ says he, ‘she talks by the spirit of inspiration, the inspiration of God is upon her.’” *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 35*

Well now, he could have carried that work right along, but he wanted Kellogg to stand higher <than any other man>, and he has been working and conniving, and working and conniving, and he is at it still. Now there is just how it is. Twice I was <wheeled from my> bed in Oakland. I determined to bring it all out before the people—not all, but a few; but just as soon as I saw that the companies were

just <before me> so that I could not be by myself, I would not open my lips. I kept still. And I know just how these things are. I knew the devil was linking with him, and I told you, <A. T. Jones,> not to put that message in his hands alone, but to take and read it to him, because if it was in his hands, and he read it alone, there would be a hand put right on those things so that he would not get the impressions that he had to have. Well, it was shown me that the devil had calculated to link right in with him, and demerit the ministers, just as he has done. And the ministers have just as much cause to demerit it. If any man needs to be converted in more respects than one, it is John Kellogg.*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 36*

And now I want you to know these things, because I don't want you to be linked up there. So the light God gave me was when you were there in Battle Creek, [was] that you had no business there. It was no place for you. You must get out of Battle Creek; and that there were places where you could go. But he (A. T. Jones, I think she means) needs to be—the light was given—he needs to be where there are watchful eyes in the Spirit of God that shall give counsel—he counsel with you, and you counsel together. That was just the light that was given to me, that <A. T. Jones's> voice would be heard in Washington, and that Brother Prescott's voice would be heard in Washington; that is before we decided to go there. That was long ago. And then that these messages had got to come before the principalities and powers of our nations, <the truth would have> to come before them, that they would be without excuse; but they have excuse now. We have not brought the light before them as we should. We have no memorial there. And all these things, night after night, and night after night, ... and they are all wondering how it is possible for me to do as I do. Well, I tell you, that it is not possible; that it is the Lord that has strengthened me; at my age he is strengthening me.*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 37*

I thought I should lose my eyesight, but by the blessing of God I kept it. And I know what I am talking about. Dr. Kellogg is not right in the sight of God. <He denies the principles of truth.> I want to tell you that. And yet I would not bring out anything that would get the people to grasp and demerit and tread underfoot anything of the medical missionary work. <That is why I have not declared publicly Dr. Kellogg's position.>*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 38*

“Now Dr. Paulson,” I said to him, “I want to say a word to you. I shall not say much that I could say, but I want to warn you, Dr. Paulson, be careful how you give encouragement to Dr. Kellogg by receiving what he says, <he dropping a word> derogatory in regard to our ministers. Be careful of that.” He is picking up everything he can find that he could make a handle of if [note by stenographer: (I could not hear)] and is getting it all prepared. A man that will stand to be a medical missionary in that holy office of Jesus Christ, and then make his boast that he knows, he knows about these ministers, and this minister and that minister, and other ministers. I could tell him some things that I know, that have never come out of my lips, that he had not best take that position. He says, “Just as soon as they begin to make some kind of a move, I have got the power in my hands.” He told Elder Wilcox that. Elder Wilcox said “Would you use such things as that?” Said he. “Would you come to such a position as that? Have you come to such a position as that?” The Doctor answered, “Oh, I don't calculate to do any such thing.” *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 39*

Is that man under the influence of the Spirit of God, that goes in that way? Now I want to tell you, Brother Jones, we have got to have our eyes opened, and anointed with eye salve, that we may see. And here I have been shown years ago that there have come just such actions as was in the courts of heaven, repeated right here upon earth, that the devil would link right in with men that profess to believe the truth, and the deceptions that should be brought in, and the evil working that it would create, that Satan was here in person, right here. It has been represented to me in our meetings that individuals have been seen that I have been shown that the devil was linked arms right with; they could not hear alright. Those very persons I shall write personally to, and I shall tell them these things when I get where I can, that the sins that have placed them just as it is in Zechariah, where Joshua was before the angel. Well, now, the devil personifies himself. They don't understand, but he is right there, and he is accusing them, accusing. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 40*

I have not dared to see him [Dr. Kellogg]. I was forbidden to see him, because my sympathies were so great in his behalf that there was danger of my taking the words from his lips, and he would

repeat anything that comes into his mind that will help his case—no truth in it; he will go right on another occasion, and he will tell just exactly the opposite. He doesn't know what he does. He has no control of himself. Now I want to tell you that, and I want you to know it, Brother Jones, because somehow you feel linked up with him, and you feel that you are going to be a help to him. If he doesn't get the start of you, and if he is not chuckling over this matter now, as the devil would chuckle when he would get one of the angels in heaven to believe his lies—he would lie just as quick as he would speak the truth, in order to carry any purpose of his—Dr. Kellogg would; and yet I am looking for his conversion. I am begging and pleading. I wake up nights, and plead for his conversion.*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 41*

A. T. Jones: You know, don't you, that that is all the purpose of my going there?*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 42*

Mrs. E. G. White: Well, I supposed it was; but I want to say, he will wind up this one and that one and the other one with him in what?—in Battle Creek. God has said that this thing should not be; it has been before him for ten years. I have got it right in writing that he should be making plants. God did not want so much there, and so on. Now I have got a decided letter—I want you to have that—Maggie just brought it to me yesterday—that I had put in her hands some time ago.*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 43*

A. T. Jones: He never asked me first. It was not his first asking me to come there—my mission to help the students and to help that school. [Stenographer's note:] (I do not understand this sentence fully. Have written it as I have it.)*18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 44*

Mrs. E. G. White: When he saw that you were more favorable to him than Daniells or Prescott, when he saw that, he thought he could make [stenographer's note:] (did not hear next two or three words, but from conversations with Sr. W., think the words were “a cat's paw”) of you. That is what he thought. He thought he could put you on his side. Daniells, standing as he did stand in Europe, it was perfectly right. He told me, “Oh, Daniells is just the man. Oh,” said he, “I am so thankful for Daniells”; and he went on and gave me such a history of Daniells. “At first, you know, I would not take to

him at all.” Just as soon as he [A.G.D.] did not concede to his idea there [in England], he threw him right overboard, and that is how it is. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 45*

A. T. Jones: All that I have had in connection with the medical work there, was to help those students to get hold of the Bible and the third angel's message, so that when they went out, they would preach it. Whatever warnings you have, I would be glad of them, so that when I was there, I would know how to hold my way. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 46*

Mrs. E. G. White: I have given this to yourself. You need not give it away to anybody. But I tell you, that if any man was ever led and controlled by the spirit of the devil, it is Dr. Kellogg, as he gives himself up into the hands of the enemy. Now he could have just as well carried on that reformation line, and cleared himself. He felt terribly after my husband's death. It was his course of action that shortened my husband's life. I do not want to say anything about that. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 47*

A. T. Jones: I will have to start to meeting pretty soon; but I wanted to mention that this use of the Battle Creek College title can last at the most for only a year. It was taken simply because the Battle Creek College charter continues and expired the next year; and instead of going to the expense of legally revising the college charter, we would let it expire. That was simply availed of for this single year, and by the time that expires, all the light that can come, we can avail ourselves of, and act accordingly. At the most, the name will be used for only a year. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 48*

Mrs. E. G. White: But, I wanted to speak to you about gathering up money here. I did not once dream you would do it, because I knew you knew how much we wanted to build a sanitarium, and I knew you knew about the heavy debt they have got here that has got to be taken care of here, and I am trying to get plans by which that should not lay on that institution. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 49*

A. T. Jones: I have had it in mind myself that money enough had been taken now outside of California; but now turn the money to our own work. But this one thing of the missionary acre fund of donations of pieces of ground or trees or something of that kind in

little doles, to the payment of the College property, to turn it over to the medical missionary work—that was arranged by the brethren in Battle Creek. That is the only thing that I have asked for money outside of California. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 50*

Mrs. E. G. White: Well, don't ask for any more. They have scoured over this field until there is almost a dearth. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 51*

A. T. Jones: Now here is another thing. The Doctor offers half of the proceeds on his new book, *The Living Temple*, for the payment of the Sanitarium debt here. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 52*

Mrs. E. G. White: Well, I have nothing to say about that. I have not had opportunity to look into the book. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 53*

A. T. Jones: It sells for a dollar and a quarter. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 54*

Mrs. E. G. White: I know it; but it strikes me the book could be more precious, if it was all correct. It would be most precious, if the man would live alright. The living temple—oh, my soul, Brother Jones, I tell you, if the man would live up to just what he has written! There is the thing. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 55*

A. T. Jones: Well , now, he offers the use of that here for the Sanitarium, just as the *Object Lessons* is offered. Half go to the original Sanitarium, and the other half to this one. A number of our brethren in Humboldt county said they would work for that. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 56*

Mrs. E. G. White: Yes; but everything that they have got to do here. Sadler came up here, and you know how it was—were you here when he called for money? Well, he called for money, and there they were in distress for things that they needed to put right into the institution, that they could not put there; but yet you know why. Brother Butler came, and took away a large amount for the Southern field; and then something else comes, and it keeps coming and coming. *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 57*

All I want is for you not to exalt and not teach what Dr. Kellogg

does. Oh my soul! Such contriving, such conniving, and then bringing it out in a way that he does. Then his threatening—"You say anything against me"—he said there at Oakland—"and," said he, "I will have you put over the courts." Did Christ do that way? Now there is all such ways as that. "I have got things in my pocket," said he, "that I can use here if I want to." Well, what faith can men have of any such men as that being led of the Lord? I told him [stenographer's note:] (must be A.G.D.), "Don't you go into any tears at all; when you speak, speak; when you take a position, take a position; but don't assail the man. It is not he; it is the devil back of him. You may say, 'Somebody said so and so,' if you want to, but don't you touch the man, because he knows he can be touched in a good many places." *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 58*

[Stenographer's note:] (There were a few more sentences interchanged, but I did not take them, and know not what they were. Elder Jones said he thought he might come down again to see Sister White.) *18LtMs, Ms 195, 1903, par. 59*

## Ms 196, 1903

A Divine Sin-Bearer By Mrs. E. G. White

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Through disobedience Adam fell. The law of God had been broken. The divine government had been dishonored and justice demanded that the penalty of transgression be paid. *18LtMs, Ms 196, 1903, par. 1*

To save the race from eternal death, the Son of God volunteered to bear the punishment of disobedience. Only by the humiliation of the Prince of heaven could the dishonor be removed, justice be satisfied, and man be restored to that which he had forfeited by disobedience. There was no other way. For an angel to come to this earth, to pass over the ground where Adam stumbled and fell, would not have sufficed. This could not have removed one stain of sin, or brought to man one hour of probation. *18LtMs, Ms 196, 1903, par. 2*

Christ, equal with God, "the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of His person," clothed His divinity with humanity, and came to this earth to suffer and die for sinners. [*Hebrews 1:3*.] The only begotten Son of God humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. By bearing in His body the curse of sin, He placed happiness and immortality within the reach of all. *18LtMs, Ms 196, 1903, par. 3*

One honored of all heaven came to this world to stand in human nature at the head of humanity, testifying to the fallen angels and to the inhabitants of the unfallen worlds that through the divine help which has been provided, everyone may walk in the path of obedience to God's commands. The Son of God died for those who had no claim on His love. For us He suffered all that Satan could bring against Him. *18LtMs, Ms 196, 1903, par. 4*



Wonderful—almost too wonderful for man to comprehend—is the Saviour's sacrifice in our behalf. And this sacrifice that would be efficacious to cleanse all—even the most sinful and degraded—who accept the Saviour as their atonement and become obedient to heaven's law. Nothing less could have reinstated man in God's favor. *18LtMs, Ms 196, 1903, par. 5*

What right had Christ to take the captive out of the enemy's hands? —The right of having made a sacrifice that satisfies the principles of justice by which the kingdom of heaven is governed. He came to this earth as the Redeemer of the lost race, to conquer the wily foe, and by His steadfast allegiance to right, to save all who accept him as their Saviour. On the cross of Calvary He paid the redemption price of the race. And thus He gained the right to take the captives from the grasp of the great deceiver, who by a lie framed against the government of God, caused the fall of man, and thus forfeited all claim to be called a loyal subject of God's kingdom. *18LtMs, Ms 196, 1903, par. 6*

### Ransomed From Sin

Our ransom has been paid by our Saviour. No one need be enslaved by Satan. Christ stands before us as our all-powerful helper. “In all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself hath suffered in being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted.” [*Hebrews 2:17, 18.*] *18LtMs, Ms 196, 1903, par. 7*

“He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. ... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, ... full of grace and truth. ... And of His fullness have all we received and grace for grace.” [*John 1:11, 12, 14, 16.*] *18LtMs, Ms 196, 1903, par. 8*

Those who are adopted into the family of God are transformed by His Spirit. Self-indulgence and supreme love for self are changed for self-denial and supreme love for God. No man inherits holiness as a birthright, nor can he, by any methods that he can devise,

become loyal to God. “Without Me,” Christ says, “ye can do nothing.” [*John 15:5.*] Human righteousness is as “filthy rags.” [*Isaiah 64:6.*] But with God all things are possible. In the strength of the Redeemer, weak, erring man can become more than conqueror over the evil that besets him. *18LtMs, Ms 196, 1903, par. 9*

## Ms 197, 1903

Our Deliverer By Mrs. E. G. White

NP

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After Satan had been cast out of heaven, He came to this earth. He knew God's high purpose for human beings, and determined to make them swerve from their loyalty. He succeeded. Adam sinned, and to all appearance there was no hope for the race. But man was not abandoned to his sin and misery. Lucifer thought that he had full control of the race, but God had not given them up. When there was no eye to pity, no arm to save, His arm brought salvation. He laid help upon one that is mighty. The Son of God became man's substitute and surety. He pledged himself to ransom human beings from the destroyer, and to restore them to their original purity. He would defeat the cruel foe. *18LtMs, Ms 197, 1903, par. 1*

For ages the world seemed to be wholly under the control of Satan. The Son of God, looking upon the world, beheld suffering and misery. With pity He saw how men had become victims of satanic cruelty. He looked with compassion upon those who were being corrupted, murdered, lost. They have chosen a leader who chained them to his car as captives. Bewildered and deceived, they were moving on in gloomy procession toward eternal ruin, — to death in which comes no hope or life, toward night to which comes no hope of life, toward night to which comes no morning. Satanic agencies were incorporated with men. The bodies of human beings, made for the dwelling place of God, had become the habitation of demons. The senses, the nerves, the passions, the organs of men, were worked by supernatural agencies in the indulgence of the vilest lust. The very stamp of demons was impressed on the countenances of men. Human faces reflected the expression of the legions of evil with which they were possessed. Such was the prospect upon which the world's Redeemer looked. What a spectacle for Infinite Purity to behold! *18LtMs, Ms 197, 1903, par. 2*

But “when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, ... to redeem them that were under the law, that they might receive the adoption of sons.” [*Galatians 4:4, 5.*]*18LtMs, Ms 197, 1903, par. 3*

Satan knew that one had come to this earth to dispute his authority. He heard the angels as they sang, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” [*Luke 2:14.*] He followed the footsteps of those who had charge of the infant Saviour. He heard the words of the aged prophet in the temple, as, taking Jesus in his arms, he said, “Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.” [*Verses 29-32.*]*18LtMs, Ms 197, 1903, par. 4*

Not without hindrance was the Commander of heaven to win the souls of men to His kingdom. From the time when He was a babe in Bethlehem, He was continually assailed by the evil one. In the councils of Satan it was determined that He should be overcome. The forces of evil were set upon His track, to engage in warfare against Him, and if possible to overcome Him.*18LtMs, Ms 197, 1903, par. 5*

Satan saw that he must either conquer or be conquered. The issues of the conflict involved too much to be entrusted to his confederate angels. He must personally conduct the warfare. All the energies of apostasy were rallied against the Son of God. Christ was made the mark of every weapon of hell.*18LtMs, Ms 197, 1903, par. 6*

In every possible way Satan sought to prevent Jesus from developing a perfect childhood, a faultless manhood, a holy ministry and an unblemished sacrifice. But he was defeated. He could not lead Jesus into sin. He could not discourage Him, or drive Him from the work He had come to this earth to do. From the desert to Calvary the storm of Satan's wrath beat upon Him, but the more mercilessly it fell, the more firmly did the Son of God cling to the hand of His Father, and press on in the bloodstained path. All the efforts of Satan to oppress and overcome Him only brought out in a purer light His spotless character.*18LtMs, Ms 197, 1903, par. 7*

Christ was crucified, and in His death the powers of hell seemed to prevail, and they exulted in their victory. But from the rent sepulcher of Joseph, Christ came forth a conqueror. "Having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them." [*Colossians 2:15.*] By virtue of His death and resurrection, He became the minister of the "true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched and not man." [*Hebrews 8:2.*]*18LtMs, Ms 197, 1903, par. 8*

Today Satan strives to lead the disciples of Christ from their allegiance. He is a wary, artful foe, and were we left to battle against him in our own strength, we should be overcome. But help has been laid upon one that is mighty. When Christ went away, He said to His disciples, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." [*John 16:33.*] "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end." [*Matthew 28:20.*] In this promise the lapse of time has wrought no change. Though now He has ascended to the presence of God, and shares the throne of the universe, Jesus has lost none of His compassionate nature. Today the same tender, sympathizing heart is open to all the woes of humanity. Today the hand that was pierced is reached forth to save His people that are in the world. They shall never perish, He says, "neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." [*John 10:28.*] The one who has given himself to God is more precious than the whole world. The Saviour would have passed through the agony of Calvary, that one might be saved in His kingdom. He will never abandon one for whom He died. Unless His followers choose to leave Him, He will hold them fast.*18LtMs, Ms 197, 1903, par. 9*

"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, ... Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest that cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." [*Hebrews 4:14-16.*]*18LtMs, Ms 197, 1903, par. 10*

## Ms 198, 1903

Living For Christ By Mrs. E. G. White

NP

Circa 1903

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Man sinned, and death is penalty of sin. Christ bore the penalty and secured for man a period of probation. In this time of probation we are now living. We have been given an opportunity to prove our loyalty to Him who gave His only begotten Son that we should not perish, but have everlasting life. *18LtMs, Ms 198, 1903, par. 1*

God is testing us. He entrusts us with talents, to see whether we will be thoroughly unselfish in the use we make of them. Physical, mental, and spiritual gifts are placed in our possession. And on the use that we make of these gifts depends our eternal destiny. God's word tells us plainly: "He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much." "If ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?" [*Luke 16:10, 12.*] *18LtMs, Ms 198, 1903, par. 2*

God expects us to use His gifts in a way that will give us an increased knowledge of things of heaven. We are to make constant improvement, daily becoming purer, nobler, more refined. In this world men and women are to fit themselves to take their place among the nobility of heaven. In this world, they are to prepare for translation to the courts above. Here Christians are to be examples of what, through the grace of Christ, all must become who enter the holy city. *18LtMs, Ms 198, 1903, par. 3*

Here we are to learn Christ's meekness and lowliness, cooperating with Him, wearing His yoke and bearing His burden. Our lives are to reveal His attributes. Thus we are to work out our own salvation, knowing that God is working in us, to will and to do of His good pleasure. *18LtMs, Ms 198, 1903, par. 4*

We are not our own, to do with ourselves as we please. We have

been brought with a price, and we are to obey the law of God's kingdom. We are to reach the high standard that God has placed before us. Through the infinite sacrifice made in our behalf, we can in this world live pure, holy lives, carrying out the principles of the kingdom of heaven. *18LtMs, Ms 198, 1903, par. 5*

The word of God does not repress activity, but guides it aright, pointing us to a work that, if faithfully done, will make us worthy of the immortal inheritance. God knows exactly what each one needs to fit him for heaven. He puts the Bible into his hands—a treasure that is not to be ignored or cast aside as of not special importance. “Search the Scriptures” Christ says; “for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of Me.” [*John 5:39.*] The word of God tells man how he may become an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ. Knowing that it is man's nature to accumulate and amass, God in His word reveals to him the unsearchable riches, a treasure the worth of which cannot be estimated. Knowing that man's strongest impulse is to stand on vantage ground before all, God points out to him an ambition that he may safely cherish. “I will make a man more precious than fine gold,” He says, “even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.” [*Isaiah 13:12.*]*18LtMs, Ms 198, 1903, par. 6*

That man may obtain the life which measures with the life of God, the Lord breaks up his worldly, ambitious projects, which, if permitted to engross the mind, would unfit him for the future world. *18LtMs, Ms 198, 1903, par. 7*

Those who do not value their high calling, those who do not strive to fulfill God's purpose for them, who fail of fulfilling the conditions laid down in His word, cut themselves off from God. They prove themselves to be entirely unfit to serve the interests of their Master. They may profess to be Christians, but their lives are a dishonor to Christ. They are serving the enemy, and God cannot cooperate with them. Their defects of character are constantly increasing. How can the Lord work with them? How can He place responsibilities in their hands? How can He entrust His work to men whose hands and hearts are not consecrated to His service. *18LtMs, Ms 198, 1903, par. 8*

In all that we do, we are to seek the glory of God. “They that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but if the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. And if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.”  
*[Romans 8:8-11.]18LtMs, Ms 198, 1903, par. 9*



## Ms 199, 1903

Family Worship

Healdsburg, Cal.

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The church needs the living testimony revived among us. We need the reviving Spirit, the renovating, transforming grace of Christ. Love to God and love for our brethren and sisters does not exist as it once did. We want it now, just now, like the patriarchs of old. Those who profess to love God should reveal their faith by their words and works. *18LtMs, Ms 199, 1903, par. 1*

If there ever was a time when every house [should] be made sacred with the morning and evening sacrifice, it is now. Like the patriarchs of old, we should see in every home those who claim to live for God [presenting] the morning and evening sacrifice wherever they pitch their tent. The Lord of heaven will not pass that tent by and not leave a blessing. Angels of God are observing the family who are seeking the Lord. Let the mother offer her prayer, and the children [theirs]. If they arise earlier to do this, angels are listening and will mark every petition offered. Sing a hymn of praise and angels will bear the tidings upward. *18LtMs, Ms 199, 1903, par. 2*

In every Christian home God should be honored and glorified. Fathers and mothers are to bear in mind [that their] words are to be guarded—for their own sake and for their children's sake. Fathers, mothers, you are preparing your children for the future immortal life; therefore the atmosphere in the home must be after the divine order. *18LtMs, Ms 199, 1903, par. 3*

## Ms 200, 1903

Diary/Warnings Regarding Dr. Kellogg and the Work in Battle Creek

St. Helena, California

March 15, 1903

Previously unpublished.

I have said I should not go to the conference wherever it is held, but the light I now have is that the Lord has a message for me to bear at that conference. I am instructed there will be things I shall meet and disapprove—that there will be writings presented that will appeal to the people of God to fasten and bind up means to be used in the medical missionary sanitarium work, and [that] they are making a mistake. This is not [to] be encouraged. In no case, at this time, are such documents to be prepared to go to our people to tie up means that way. *18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par. 1*

Our people who are stewards of God's means are to consider that they are handling means that will be needed to advance the work in new places. It is not the right way to procure means. Could all see the afterworking of such documents they would stop right where they are and consider as [it] is presented to me what the sure result will be—much perplexity and distress and loss of confidence in those who stand as leaders in the work, and loss of confidence in Dr. Kellogg. *18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par. 2*

Such a scene of confusion was presented to me. One stood with the reading of the papers to secure their [signatures]. (*Luke 11:45-47, 52* quoted.) There are formulated papers, said my Instructor, that are drawn up in such a way that there is no surety that those who sign their names to these productions know what they are attaching their names to. A deceiving power is placed in the hands of men that, if they choose, they can take advantage of the ones who have received their means. And then the outcome was presented to me: great confusion, disappointment, [and] loss of faith in men who they supposed were true as steel. I forbear to say more now. *18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par. 3*

March 27, 1903

There have been some things presented to me that I wish to present to our people in this conference. I wish to present to our people the fact that wicked men, imbued with satanic agencies, are not the degraded [looking] beings that Satan is represented [to be]. Lucifer was the most lovely being in all our world, but he fell from his high estate because the loveliness and glory he possessed (given of God), did not make himself [as God's] only-begotten Son. He insinuated to the angels [that] there would be a change ere long in the heavenly courts. He would have the highest place.*18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par. 4*

Oakland, California

March 28, 1903

Again my attention has been called to the papers preparing to be sent to Seventh-day Adventists to secure means to use for carrying forward the medical missionary work. The Lord has given me words to caution our people that they are to fully understand what they are doing in binding up their means in any such way. Why? For a large work is to be done. There are words of caution given me that I am to give to our people. They are not to be drawn upon in this way, for it is not the way of the Lord. His work is to be advanced in places where they have never heard the truth. These formulated papers should not be sent to our people. It is not the right way to work. There will be a canvassing of this subject and let all our people move very cautiously.*18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par. 5*

I am instructed to say, Wait until you know all things that are necessary for you to know. Some things were presented to me while in Australia about the documents that would be drawn up that should not be signed, for it is not for you to pass through the trials that will be the outcome of this kind of work. "For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known." [*Luke 12:2.*] Let no names be signed to documents to draw means from Seventh-day Adventists. These talents of money are the Lord's.*18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par. 6*

Let not men trust in men or make flesh their arm for the Lord alone

is to be your trust. Read *Isaiah chapters 40, 41, and 43*. The Lord will not be trifled with. He calleth upon His people to make diligent work for repentance. Let there be most earnest work. Let there be strength given to His own people. *18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par. 7*

I address the men who are engaged in medical missionary work to come to their senses. You are being led by Dr. Kellogg and it is for you to look to God. All these things are to be closely examined by men who understand [the] terms of lawyers [so] that the perverting of justice shall not be. Every such movement is to be carried intelligently in open counsel of all who are possible to be present. The Medical Missionary Association has no right to do any work that will bind up means with the medical missions that will in any case draw means from our churches, [so] that the gospel message to be given to the world will be hindered in any way. This invitation will do that very work. They are at liberty to draw from worldlings. *18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par. 8*

I have a message for the people of God. The Lord God has not appointed that His young people or the elderly people shall be called to Battle Creek to obtain an education in medical missionary work. Why, the indication is sufficient in blotting out two institutions; and unless there is a deepened, earnest work engaged in—of seeking the Lord—there will be other judgments that will follow. But how the brethren should advise or counsel the work to rebuild the sanitarium in Battle Creek is a mystery. It is because their own sensibilities and spiritual discernment are not in a wholesome, clear, healthful condition. There needs to be close examination in every movement made. *18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par. 9*

The youth now are to be receiving their education in schools appointed in different localities, not so large a number collected together in Battle Creek—which is the most objectionable place—for Dr. Kellogg has not been sound in the faith which makes us what we are—Seventh-day Adventists. He has become an apostate in principles of religious faith, and yet he will falsely assert that he believes as he has always believed in doctrinal points. He simply does not know himself, for his feet are on sliding sand and he will certainly keep the cause and work of God in great confusion according to the frame of mind which he happens to be in. *18LtMs,*

*Ms 200, 1903, par. 10*

I have been surprised and astonished that the man is so unsound in pure principle. He is permeated with the spirit of science that is unsound, and [which] will be worked in a way to deceive if possible the very elect. Dr. Kellogg is building on sliding sand; [he] is bold and determined in carrying things as his impulsive disposition will lead him, respecting no voice or judgment that in any way crosses his track. Truth has not been respected in his statements. His associates in his lines of carrying the business transactions in the sanitarium are not having wise men to care for the various lines of work. What a farce it is, and yet this kind of work—gathering responsibilities—is constantly going on to the neglect of many things.*18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par. 11*

I was taken through some of the perplexities and my Instructor said, There will be turning and overturning. Things have been sadly neglected and the foundation is insecure and uncertain. God is not glorified. Truth is not practiced. Justice and equity cannot enter. The completion of the lines of management reveals the deformity of the characters of the workers. The oracles of God are becoming extinct. The attentive listener can at times distinguish a still, small voice, but the sound, earnest, truthful workings of this institution are so mingled and confused with the varied interpreters, that men are drifting into atheism and false science.*18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par. 12*

The spirituality is becoming a dangerous element in [the] schemes and devisings of an imbalanced mind in Dr. Kellogg. He cannot cure the difficulties without a thorough transformation of character, but to repent and be converted is not in his line. The aversion to truth is remarkably apparent. All things will have to be changed and the management placed in safe hands. The divine Instructor is truth, righteousness, and integrity, but this has not been the atmosphere that prevails in this institution. Every day God is dishonored. An entire change must come. A business manager of sound principles [must] come in. Then there will be dissatisfaction in coming to this arrangement if Dr. Kellogg, physician in chief, is not the ruling power—which should not and never can be. He has his place, but he has been long out of his place and needs to be thoroughly

converted. *18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par. 13*

March/April 1903

Before leaving St. Helena I was in the night season before a company of people. Words were spoken by you [Dr. J. H. Kellogg] with others, urging the plan expressed upon paper to secure monies to carry on the work at Battle Creek. One stood in our midst, a messenger from God, and spoke decidedly and with authority concerning the documents held in your hand and said, "Such things as that expressed in that paper are not to be brought before the churches. It is not justice and righteousness to the cause of God throughout the field. God has a work to be done in cities where nothing yet has been done to signalize the work of God—which is the gospel to be preached to all nations and people. Such methods as are presented in these papers will be made to appear a safe and worthy enterprise, but the foresight [thought given] to them will be less favorable in appearance. The aftersight will be of a very disappointing character." The words were spoken, "This paper does not represent God's plan. It is something that should not go forth to the people to draw means from them." *18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par. 14*

Again, I was passing through a similar scene the first night after coming to Oakland. I was giving words of warning to our people and was instructed to teach them to be on guard, for there would be various things presented to be endorsed by men of responsibility that would bring embarrassment to the work God designs shall be done. The Lord's treasury of means He has entrusted to His servants to be used wisely as [needs] shall arise to advance the work. The means God has entrusted is not to be exhausted in being tied up in the way it is being proposed. Whatever is done in any place in the future is to be [done with] money handled unselfishly. *18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par. 15*

The way of creating funds from our churches is not God's plan. There is a work that has been left undone in making plants in many places where the truth of God shall be represented. His memorials shall be in the cities where they are not now. The gospel and medical missionary work are one and I am instructed to guard the

churches that they shall not be drawn upon to perform this action, for it will certainly displease God and will cut off from the cause of God a revenue of means that would have advanced the work in places where the warning message has not yet come.*18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par. 16*

The many testimonies God has given upon this subject I should present before the people in a decided way to enlighten them that they shall not use the Lord's money in this proposed way. Truth is to go forth as a lamp that burneth. Donations will be called for as emergencies shall arise, and gifts and offerings must be drawn upon to do this work. Therefore I must speak the word of the Lord. Dr. Kellogg is in need of lifting up his eyes and seeing the fields all ripe unto the harvest, and there is need of facilities to do the work represented as reaping. The gospel seed planted in fields unworked appears small at first. The medical missionary work connected with the gospel presented in cities and places unworked will need means which has been needed greatly in the South and in New York City, in Washington, the state capital. In many cities in America there has been nothing done and God is displeased with the showing. But that which ought to have been done must be done now.*18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par. 17*

Ministers are working in the various lines of preaching the gospel and bringing in the light on health reform in many places. And I am instructed to say, This paper that is being prepared to present to our people is a mistake and I must guard the interest of the Lord's work. When the sanitarium in Battle Creek is thoroughly established upon a firm basis to do the very work that ought to be done, the gospel message of warning [will be] given to the world to prepare a people to stand in the great conflict before us. The property is so arranged that, if necessary, the workers can be transferred to places where [the work] will have to be ere long. There should be as little expended in Battle Creek as possible because there are many places that will need to be worked.*18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par. 18*

When the last message of mercy shall go with clear, decided notes of warning, stronger and stronger, the word growing more and more decided, false theories [will be] brought in by [the] specious devising of the enemy clothed with garments of righteousness. Every

weapon will be drawn. Satanic forces to counterwork the truth are making void the law of God. There will be close, severe conflicts. *18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par. 19*

God has spoken to you in Battle Creek. But if these calamities have little effect to change the spiritual atmosphere He will not forebear. He will come closer in judgments, for God is in earnest with us. There is a limit to the forbearance of God. It is possible to presume on it so as to exhaust it. *18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par. 20*

Some will arise who know the truth but [who] depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits. Deceptive influences have been carried on that are not after God's order. When Dr. Kellogg shall come to the knowledge of the truth and will walk in all humility of mind and lay off the supposition that he is the master and not the learner, then the Lord will be entreated to pardon his transgressions and forgive his sins. He has forsaken Me, saith the Lord, for another god. There is a form of piety that is of no value with God, an accommodating piety. The Lord your God has borne long with you and has not left you to your own perversity, but has sent you message after message; but very few have any knowledge of the mistakes and defects of your character. *18LtMs, Ms 200, 1903, par.*

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## Ms 201, 1903

### Parents' Responsibility

NP

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“Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me.” *John 5:39.18LtMs, Ms 201, 1903, par. 1*

The words here mean not merely to be conversant [with] the words written. “Searching” means to become understandingly familiar with the meaning of the words. “Searching” means diligently—with an intense anxiety. It is as a command that the searcher encourages an anxious heart hunger which leads to the putting forth of intense effort to come to the reading, praying to the Lord for light and knowledge to impart an intensity of desire proportionate to the value of the object we wish to obtain, which is Christ formed within, the hope of glory. Eternal life—nothing short of this will be satisfactory. *18LtMs, Ms 201, 1903, par. 2*

He looked upon the many that [He] longed to save and with pitiful tenderness He said, “And ye will not come unto Me that ye might have life. I receive not honor from men, but I know you that ye have not the love of God in you” (*John 5:40-42*). [See also] *Isaiah 62:10-12; 8:9-18.18LtMs, Ms 201, 1903, par. 3*

Satan is constantly applying his skill and his knowledge to lead the soul into crooked paths. The self-confident, the proud and ambitious heart will constantly design to weave self in every line of work and would be the prime advisor when he greatly needs a genuine experience in that spirit of [the One] who has invited his confidence. *18LtMs, Ms 201, 1903, par. 4*

The father and mother should begin to work humbly, devotedly, within [their] homes and educate their children bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, teaching their children from

their earliest years that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. *18LtMs, Ms 201, 1903, par. 5*

“Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?” (*Deut. 4:5-8.*) [See also] *Deut. 6:1-9, 13-25. 18LtMs, Ms 201, 1903, par. 6*

Here is instruction plainly given to that vast multitude above one million people. This is the instruction from Jesus Christ enshrouded in the pillowy cloud, communicating His will to the one He had appointed to give instruction of the highest importance. *18LtMs, Ms 201, 1903, par. 7*

“The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul” (*Psalms 19:7*). The reproof is now strongly upon all those who have had the word of the Lord but held it so lightly in that they have failed to give their children the proper education in their babyhood, childhood, and youth, to ever keep before their children the instruction from the lips of the only begotten Son of God. Moses was divinely appointed in the Word, instructed by the Lord Jesus. The reason that children are not to be left careless in their associations with children [is that] they are in danger of becoming acquainted with wrong habits. The Scriptures were taught to Timothy by his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. Of Timothy it is stated he had known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make us wise unto salvation. Children are to be kindly, patiently instructed from the Scriptures that Christ is the Way, the Truth, the Life. *18LtMs, Ms 201, 1903, par. 8*

The subject of education from babyhood has the first claim of the mother. The education in the city homes cannot be as pleasant and favorable as the education of children in country homes among fields and trees and flowers. [See] *Matt. 5:19-23*. The Lord Jesus

would have parents consider that the very first discipline of fathers and mothers is to be very attentive to the carrying out of the purpose of God in their home life. *18LtMs, Ms 201, 1903, par. 9*

When the Lord was about to destroy Sodom for its great wickedness messengers from heaven were sent to make a visit to Sodom. [See] *Gen. 18:1-5*. This courtesy, Abraham thought, was only being given some weary travelers, but he was entertaining angels, heavenly guests. The father of the faithful had not then all the definite instruction in printed articles that we have, but the Lord had the moulding and fashioning of the mind of Abraham as a sample of that which men should be in politeness and in courtesy and benevolence. Under the teaching and moulding of the Lord the heart will be kind and attentive in doing just as Abram did. *18LtMs, Ms 201, 1903, par. 10*

After partaking of the refreshments as common travelers, the men—for they were to all appearance as only human beings—“rose up from thence and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way (that is, to show them the best route for their journey). And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?” “For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment, that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him” (*Genesis 18:16, 17, 19*). *18LtMs, Ms 201, 1903, par. 11*

## Ms 202, 1903

### Marriage a Sacred Ordinance

NP

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The ordinance of marriage is a sacred matter. Marriage is and ever should be considered as a most precious domestic arrangement of [the] One who made man. There are men and women who have carried their selfish ideas into the marriage life, but this is the cause of much unhappiness. No longer is each to live for self alone. Each is to blend with each. Bound up in the sacred bonds of wedlock they are in spirit, words, and speech [to] give evidence of [its] exalted character, to regard wedlock as the Lord's plan to create homes and bring into practical life the science of true, genuine blending of heart with heart. *18LtMs, Ms 202, 1903, par. 1*

They two shall be one flesh, and if Christ is abiding in the heart, they are one mind. The Lord [created] man, then the woman, that they should blend in the love and fear of God as one to glorify God in their mind, heart, soul, and strength—consulting together, praying together, searching the Scriptures together. The Lord knew how to carry forward His work in our world. *18LtMs, Ms 202, 1903, par. 2*

Man was [to] crave the love of woman and woman to feel that she is, in the Lord's plan, to have the affections of the man she has chosen and thus to bring into the life the beauty of a compact, wholly-conscious affection for each other. *18LtMs, Ms 202, 1903, par. 3*

God said, It is not good for man to be alone even in the paradise home. The man needs the softening, subduing influence [of the woman] to give completeness to his own character building in and through Christ Jesus. And the Lord designed [that] His human family should be complete in the sacred bonds of matrimony. He would elevate and purify the domestic life circle and make complete its joys through His sanctifying grace. A Christian home is to be

presided over as the Lord's special prescribed agency to purify the affections and present to the world a symbol of the Lord's family above. *18LtMs, Ms 202, 1903, par. 4*

Oh, what evil will be avoided in the home if Christ is welcomed morning and evening as a welcome guest in the household. The regenerating influence upon the human mind and character will ever be present—ennobling character, refining and establishing minds united as one in Christ Jesus. If the union formed is to work out the purposes of God, the evidence of Christ's presence will be a constant perfecting of the union that will be enjoyed in heaven above. *18LtMs, Ms 202, 1903, par. 5*

If the Lord's professed believing people would be under rule to the Prince of Life, the husband will be the head of the wife and she in her deep love can lean upon her husband, while he is indeed, if he answers the purpose of God, to be priest in his religious service and houseband to bind about the family relation. Pure, clean, holy affections will be a testimony to the world of happy Christian homes. The wife is [to] love, respect, and counsel with her husband. The wife is to be the queen of the home, not a slave but a part of the hallowed union. *18LtMs, Ms 202, 1903, par. 6*

[When] the home [is] filled with heavenly sunshine, angels [are] presiding, dissension is not there. Satan has turned the finest ordinance of God into uncertainty and unrest. The wife may be a true and faithful child of God much more so in the married life than standing alone, but her development must be with consideration to her new relation—the married life. *18LtMs, Ms 202, 1903, par. 7*

[With] the husband devoting his life to God, the wife, acting in unison, [may] qualify herself to be a religious and spiritual helper, especially if her husband has the ministry in view. Let the woman act her part in her vocation, qualifying herself to unite in the work of ministry, in some line of work, and make a success in complete harmony with the husband's work as a minister of God. Especially should this be ever in mind: unity in the home life in order to have God preside in the home—to ever have [the] approval of the Lord Jesus. Let there be no contention. Let the peace of Christ rule. *18LtMs, Ms 202, 1903, par. 8*

## Ms 203, 1903

Diary/The Marriage Supper

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I cannot sleep this morning after three o'clock. I take my pen and write things which have been pressing upon my mind. I was in a very large assembly and there were two parties—one was on the right hand, another on the left. Both seemed to be very anxious. [Then] One of authority came in. [The] guests were those who had been invited to the Marriage Supper. An invitation had been taken up by sent messengers, “Come, for all things are now ready.” [*Luke 14:17.*] There was an examination of the guests [who had] come, but many who were bidden made various excuses to excuse their not accepting the invitation. Then said Christ to His servants, “The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.” [*Matthew 22:8, 9.*] So those servants went at once into the highway and gathered together as many as they found, both bad and good, and the wedding was furnished with guests. Here is the order of working; every effort must be [made].*18LtMs, Ms 203, 1903, par. 1*

The highway invitation needs to be carefully considered, that the presentation at the wedding may be a proper representation. The first invitation was rejected, representing the churches, then the second [went to] all classes. There must be the invitation not merely to those who compose the churches, but those who are in the highways are to be addressed, that there shall be a presentation that will represent the importance of the occasion. “And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on the wedding garment. And he said to him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said Christ to His servants, Bind him, hand and foot, and take him away and cast him into outer darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, for many are called but few

are chosen.” [Verses 11-14.] *18LtMs, Ms 203, 1903, par. 2*

This parable is for the interest of all to understand. It is the science of salvation, which is the true science essential for all to understand. It is the Gospel of saving grace. The Gospel covenant is represented by a marriage. The dinner is prepared, the dinner ready. The Word of the living God, to be received and practiced here, is the preparation [needed] to come into church relationship. The feast is the blessing of pardon. The removing, taking away, of their sins is the work of the free access of grace, to the riches of His glory. [See] *Isaiah 25-26*. What a preparation God has made! The wedding garment is the righteousness of Christ. *18LtMs, Ms 203, 1903, par. 3*

There is a special work to be done for every soul who has had the light of Bible truth. There were the two companies. Before one company [was] the banner on which was inscribed the message of the third angel, “Here are they that keep the commandments of God and have the testimony (faith) of Jesus Christ.” [See *Revelation 14:12*.] Another party was carrying a banner. The motto was “Medical Missionary Benevolent Association.” Then One stood before them—the Great Teacher and Leader of both parties. Said the Great Teacher, “Blend your companies. There is to be no severing into distinct families. No two parties are to be distinguished—the one to criticize, condemn, judge, and censure the other. Each may have a special work to do, but it is in unity and blending in one.” *18LtMs, Ms 203, 1903, par. 4*

The Lord God of Israel is your strength and your salvation and your joy. Whatever God bids you do, do it and without standing to consider how you shall designate your two parties. You must put away this separating spirit and consider One is your Leader and Master, even Christ, the Majesty of heaven, the King of glory. All can be saved through the one Lord Jesus who will soon take His place upon His throne. Here in this world Christ the Great Teacher is the Leader of both. While the Lord appoints men as his human helpers, not one is to lift up his soul unto vanity to rule and command and judge and condemn. This climbing upon the judgment seat and taking the position of commander is not ordained of God. There is but one Lawgiver and all redeemed by the blood of

the only begotten Son of God are not to be subject one to another; every man is amenable to God. They all love God supremely and their neighbor as themselves. And in every case they will, if they are sanctified through the grace Christ bestows, act out the example of the Lord Jesus in every particular—loving righteousness and hating iniquity. *18LtMs, Ms 203, 1903, par. 5*

The One of authority with great solemnity looked upon the parties and said, “There are very many here who have come to My banquet who have not on the wedding garment. Only those who can represent Me by their dress—to show they are married to me by wearing the wedding garment which is My righteousness, My words, My character—can partake of My supper. Your ordinary garments will do Me no honor. Those who choose their own natural traits of character will not reveal they are married to Me and are in most holy covenant to remain bound up with Me for to partake of My heavenly banquet. I cannot represent you to My Father and your God in such variety of habiliments as you display. You are not in any wise representing the character I purchased for you with My own blood.” *18LtMs, Ms 203, 1903, par. 6*

The Lord God of heaven, who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that you should not perish but have everlasting life, will make you His only on condition that you shall come out from the world and be separate, “and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.” [2 *Corinthians 6:17, 18.*] Should you stand before the Judge of the quick and the dead and reveal your loyalty [when] you do not keep the commands of God but the precepts of men, there is not the designation that God will acknowledge you as His peculiar people, a holy nation. [Christ will say,] “How came you into the marriage supper of the Lamb, disregarding the robe of righteousness I purchased for you with the price of My own blood?” [See *Matthew 22:12.*] As He addressed leaders [He said], “Have you given these sentiments of disregard to those you were educating and training? You have [shown] in all your manners that you considered your own clothing good enough to enter the heavenly courts. Your case is far worse than those who refused to come at all. Because of your speech, your spirit, you have brought to the foundation hay, wood, and



stubble, material that will not stand the test of the day of God but will be consumed." *18LtMs, Ms 203, 1903, par. 7*

## Ms 204, 1903

Diary/The Use of Means and Family Responsibilities

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*1 Thessalonians, chapter 1.* We need to read this chapter with interest, for it is a lesson to the individual members of the church. The writings of the apostles bear testimony that they are laborers together with God. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 1*

Each retains his individuality as a person whose character is continually forming—valuable to the work of the church and able to be used to the glory of God. They have not all the same stamp of character. There is diversity as in the branches of the vine, yet in diversity there is unity in Christ Jesus. Each branch of the parent stock is doing its best to bear the most perfect fruit, pleasant and profitable, each acting out his personality in union with the Great Worker, as represented in the prayer of Christ just before His death. They now have a mutual understanding of the words of Christ, “It is my Father’s good pleasure” “that ye bear much fruit.” [See *Luke 12:32; John 15:8.*] “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing” that will be of value with God. “If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you”—for abiding in Christ, he has the spirit and will of Christ. “Herein is my father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.” [*Verses 4-9.*]*18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 2*

He [Christ] enjoins the disciples to show distinctly the depth and clearness and fullness and reality of the work of the Holy Spirit of

God upon the human heart. They have the depth and clearness of the genuine love of God, for in their experience it carries its own credentials. Their characters and work bear careful examination, for the fruit testifies of the character of the tree. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 3*

The use of money is a wonderful talent. [Is it] to be put out in interest in various speculations in houses and lands? No; no. This is not the way of using the means. It is to be invested in various ways only to glorify God. "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's." [1 *Corinthians 6:19, 20.*] In cooperation with Christ Jesus, the Lord's own money is to be used to do the work He has given His life to accomplish, first as the Alpha and continuing until the Omega. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 4*

God calls upon all [to] cooperate with Him, to use His talents of means in His charge, that His entrusted capital shall become an instrumentality placed in the hands of His people to be invested and consumed, to produce fruit through the various methods that He, the Alpha, shall outline. They will be God's stewards, investing His means wisely, bringing to many souls the gospel of Jesus Christ. First there must be the sowing of the seed, else there will be no harvest. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 5*

We will all try to answer correctly the lesson given by the parable of the unjust steward who showed, in one sense, a wise calculation that all should learn from, in administering his master's estate, to make the best possible security for himself in the future, thus becoming an example to others. How much property is being wasted in outward show, in speculations, and in buildings which testify nothing to the glory of God, when if that money was put into circulation to accomplish the work of God in this world, human minds would be enlightened to make provision for the future, eternal home in the mansions Christ has gone to prepare. He said to His disciples, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. ... If I go, ... I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." [*John 14:1, 3.*]*18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 6*

Will we consider [that] Satan is playing the game of life for the souls of every human being, that they may perish with him? He has in mind still another battle, when he shall have in his ranks all who are not on the Lord's side, and in that battle take not only the kingdoms of the earth but also the kingdom of heaven. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 7*

He is tempting men to secure money-value in every objectionable way possible, but the most successful way is to become so besotted with poisonous liquor and tobacco, and the various drugs—opium, laudanum, and kindred drugs—to use [them] until the countenance bears the irritated, inflamed, representation in the features of the face, destroying the moral image of God in man. Thus whole families are reduced below the level of the brute creation. It is these temptations to deal in these life and health destroying drugs that are legalized by the laws of the nation until the whole family is ruined. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 8*

What can be done? Is nothing to be set in operation to save the souls from death, eternal death? In the place of diverting thousands, millions, of dollars in liquor, let there be a voice earnestly heard in missionary lines to call to those who have means to help erect sanitariums and schools and churches, as Christ has counseled we should do. Let every effort be made to call into circulation the Lord's entrusted capital, to be consuming in order to be producing decided reformatations. All who claim to be laborers together with God are now to begin to work in various lines as colporteurs, as evangelists, as Bible readers. House-to-house work may be done by women and men. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 9*

God calls upon all who have means to put it into circulation and incorporate it into various working agencies to the saving of souls. Many, in their turn, will unite in giving of their means and in uniting their own physical, mental, and moral efficiency to advance the work. Especially is the work to be done for the youth, as is being done in several localities in Berrien Springs and in other parts of America, and which is already in operation in some foreign countries. Use your entrusted means for saving the souls of men, women, and children. We need church schools. We need to educate the youth, and [we need] schools for older students who

will give themselves wholly to the Lord and to His work.*18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 10*

While some Christian men in various lines [of work] are acquiring property, they may be all the time in touch with a class to whom their own example of strictest integrity as servants of Jesus Christ is exerting its influence. They are to watch for souls as they that must give an account. Ever bear in mind the Christian is one who is pledged to God. He is not his own, for he is bought with a price. He is to strive continually to do the will of his Master. [He is to do] just that work which he is best adapted to perform, guided by the Master in all his acts. The Lord calls for workmen and Satan ought not to be permitted to gather in all the talents of influence.*18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 11*

God calls for more earnest, thoroughly converted workmen who shall speak in united voice all the words Christ has commanded them. This they can do with the word of the Old and New Testaments. Some are to be trained workers. God has assigned men His work. As money is a necessity, let all consider how much good they can accomplish in putting their entrusted goods out to usury to gain souls for Christ. Now, just now, let there be a reformation. [Let] every worker strive to do his best in being a witness for Christ by imitating His life of unselfishness. All are required to work and use their talents according to their several ability. Some can conduct a Bible class; some can speak in the pulpit; some conduct conference and prayer meetings; some do house-to-house work. Use your talents to secure tangible results. Some can run a farm, and so conduct that farm as to add means in small sums, and others in larger sums, to aid the advancement of the work of God.*18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 12*

Nashville needs help just now, and Washington and Berrien Springs. Let all who can, place the work upon a higher ground, growing larger and larger bases. Those farmers tilling the soil can reason from cause to effect. Their seed must be put in in season. In order to be successful there is pruning to be done, pruning of the orchards, and every tree bearing fruit is to be cared for in its season. "Ye are God's husbandry," others are God's building, but all, harmonious in action, are to be planting the seeds of truth in

men's hearts. [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] Ministers of the Word [are] to speak a word in season. "Go, ye therefore into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [*Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:20.*] Let the farmers, the carpenters, [and] the men who have various kinds of business be diligent and acquire in order to improve your talents to impart, to be used in wisdom to the glory of God.*18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 13*

Fathers in this world should encourage their children to ever keep in view the usefulness of their children in doing the greatest good in winning souls to Christ. The great good to be done for our children is to keep before them that work which will educate as for eternity. There is no greater harm done by parents than to lay up an inheritance for their children and neglect to use their means to advance their [children's] education in this life. [They should] give more time to personal interest in their children by taking them with them in the work, that these children may have, from their youth, greater attention and education and training to seek for the heavenly treasure rather than the earthly. We can afford to devote this life to the very best interest of our children, that they will know God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent, as in the prayer of Christ in *John 17:3*. "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."*18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 14*

The time given to securing the wealth of this world may [cost] parents and their children the wealth of the eternal riches in the world to come. Fathers themselves should feel the responsibility resting upon them to respond to the claims of God to serve the Lord with their undivided affection and to encircle their children with every saving influence possible to make them your companions in early life. Fathers and mothers, let there be no question in the matter. Take your children by the hand and affectionately, lovingly, lead them to Jesus. Let your home be made fragrant with kind, affectionate, tender love. Bring capacity and knowledge by practical experiment, into the home. By your tact and capabilities, experiment to win your children in the home circle. Make your home so full of pleasantness that angels will love to abide with you, when you, as

parents, make the very most of your capabilities to win every member of your family through earnest, unwavering Christlike endeavor for their souls.*18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 15*

Fathers, educate your boys to be useful and to ever be an interested link in the family firm. Keep them from the evil association of city life; bind them, fathers and mothers, to your heart with the strong, firm cords of affection and love and keeping-power from the evils that are in the world. Your sons may become trained to consider that the faithful discharge of duty in this life is the education they are to receive in their home life below to fit them with a preparation for the school in heaven above, to become members of the royal family and children of the heavenly King. Let the boys be cared for. Fathers [should,] if it is possible, arrange their business so as to take their boys with them to educate and train them.*18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 16*

The mothers at home should keep in mind the future of her children. Give them something useful to do. Unless you attend to the earliest years of their lives, teaching them to help the mother to do the jots and tittles that they can do, and should be educated to do, they will have other educators. Satan will teach other lawless, wicked youths to inspire the children with his wily alluring, and through the associations with others will put wicked plans in words and habits into their minds.*18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 17*

I wish to cry out with heart and soul and voice. Fathers, mothers, if you would save your children, give them something to do—little jobs. Let them be encouraged [that] they do help you.*18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 18*

In allowing them money to expend as they choose, [they receive] an education that will be dangerous. The habit is formed of becoming spendthrifts. They will learn to steal to obtain little or larger sums to gratify their inclination. There should be lessons taught to be economical. The missionary box [should be] purposely made prominent. Father and mother, put in that box a certain sum, besides their tithe, to help in providing means to aid the poor children who are suffering, to help in various ways to meet their necessities. Some are in real poverty through sickness; some have

no father and mother. Let the children earn something themselves to have something to give; but, parents, do not hire your children to help you in the home, or round about the house, or in things that must be done in various lines. They are to understand they are to help in the jots and tittles according to their strength. [They are] acting a part in the firm, to receive in food and clothing, and in preparing—making and repairing—their clothing. They must help in all these necessary things to be done, and they must act their individual parts in useful employment. The Lord's money is to be carefully treasured, while they are fitting themselves to be the Lord's helping hand to the very needy. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 19*

Guard against providing means to help your children obtain an education that will, in all probability, unfit them for taking up the very work in the service of God that they might do. Never let the idea be fastened in their mind that it is an enviable position to be trained to be above the necessity of working. If the parent sees that his means is not being used wisely, then withhold it. You are a steward of the Lord's goods. Christians are not excusable in indulging in luxuries. Tea and coffee should not be placed upon our tables. Tobacco should be ever presented to the children as a disgusting indulgence and detrimental to the physical, mental, and moral health. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 20*

We see what the world is becoming by not obeying the commandments of God. If the world would have received Christ Jesus as their personal Saviour, then they would have conducted themselves altogether differently. They do not feel to act their individual part in being honorable toward their parents. And they are receiving, in this neglected line of their education, the idea that they [should] receive all the home attentions in food and in clothing as their individual right. They spend money for that which is not bread. They are permitted to be in society to learn to become gentlemen, and the very worst part of their nature becomes strengthened through indulgence. This is the reason the world today is as it was in the days of Noah, and in Sodom and Gomorrah—hot beds of iniquity—as is represented [as being] acted around the dwelling of Lot. The worst deeds of iniquity are being practiced under Satan, the general of armies. This education and selfish indulgence in the home is the large cause of these iniquitous practices. *18LtMs, Ms*



The more children are first educated diligently in the home life, the better are they prepared for entering the school to behave as gentlemen, to help lessen the arduous task of the teacher in managing the varied minds and dispositions of the learners of all ages. The well-regulated home prepares children to be a help to the teacher in the school to influence, as far as possible, the lads and misses whose course of action represents the home education. The children who have been trained at home to understand how to bear home burdens and appreciate the care of the mother in her varied lines of work will not permit the mother to be a slave in the family of several children. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 22*

The children, especially the young misses—the “little ones,” God calls them—are prepared to do the little jots and tittles from their early years. [*Matthew 18:6, 10, 14.*] They regard life as a serious and important matter, not to be spent in play while the mother is harried in the home work which their young strength can do. They can be continually learning by the mistakes they make. A wise mother will not fret and scold over their early errors in the efforts to help mother. And the father will not expect of the lad, just beginning to help father, the wisdom of how to do even the little jobs that will [be learned] if he patiently trains without fretting and scolding. Let the father patiently speak encouraging words. They may blunder at first, because they have never been taught, but the mistakes and blunders [had] better be [met] in the early beginning with a father's and mother's patient forbearance, than to say to them, “You have done that all wrong. I wish you would go away and not try to help. You have broken a dish,” and thus, and thus. Something has been done so awkwardly your patience is tried, but remember, they are learners not teachers. You are the teacher, showing them over and over and over again how to do the little matters carefully, neatly, savingly. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 23*

Not one cross word should ever be spoken to people trying to learn. One encouraging word at the right time is as apples of gold in pictures of silver. The child will often remember how his heart was made sad and discouraged by an impatient word, or a bruise to the soul when he was awkwardly doing the best he knew how. One

word of encouragement, "Well, we will not feel bad over your failure, for it will be something to be thought of to not do the same thing again," will be a lesson upon the mind worth more than the loss through some mistake for lack of knowledge. Then your children have improved by practical exercise, so that they are able every day to be learning what it means to have a home and to understand how every member is to have the privilege of acting their part in fulfilling their duty and, as children, to lighten the burdens of their parents. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 24*

Parents, while they feel their responsibilities as teachers in the home school, are themselves gaining a first class education that will aptly repay them for all the experience and task in training their children. If they study their Bibles, they have been coming to know how to properly obey the requirements of the heavenly Teacher. They know how they have felt when their children made blunders, and they will guard their own words in the home life in order to be faithful guardians in the position where the Lord has placed them. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 25*

When trials arise, they will not offend the Lord Jesus by being grown-up little children that have never disciplined themselves to leave their childhood mistakes and follies behind, but have taken them with them right along, so that their childhood ignorance is brought into the church and spoils their Christian experience. They are fretful and impatient when they should be a continual example to those little ones [who are] trying to learn. Through the error of mismanagement they have brought a very unpromising disposition with them into their own family life. Oh, how hard it makes everything in their home training school! Undisciplined mothers and fathers, unless you shall learn your lesson from the Great Teacher how to speak kindly, having control of your own unamiable temper, you will sow the seeds of murmuring, complaining, fretting, and all the ills of an undisciplined heart. This is the experience in the church life. This want of harmony in the home life is carried into the religious life, and, oh, what an unsightly presentation heaven looks upon! Some parents have had so little self-control that they carry all their ill dispositions, unconverted and unreformed into the church and spoil that life as a member of the family of God. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 26*

God's present government takes cognizance of the conduct of men. Every soul will be judged according to his works. There is to be a just discrimination revealed when the Judge of all the earth shall speak the words written in the books, and every man and woman and youth [is judged] according as their works have been. This is a close and accurate discrimination and not a promiscuous handling of things—an averaged account in measurement. The Judge of all the earth will do right. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 27*

Every man and woman will be judged and punished according to their deeds. There are human agencies that are doing, as they suppose, many good things, but that criticism in the home and carried into the church is a counter-working influence against the work of the gospel ministry, and it is a discouragement to the whole church. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 28*

[The Judgment will reveal] the measure of the guilt in counter-working the messages to be given by human agencies to the church, hindering by their negative position when the Lord says, "Advance!" [They] criticize every movement that others are trying to make in the line of work God has given them. And if they had opportunity, they would continue their church work they consider essential to find fault and manufacture mistakes. If all such would just go to work earnestly and prayerfully, to reveal in some locality their wise judgment in showing the better and faultless way, they would then have no time to watch others, but just show and give full proof of their ministry. They would soon understand they had their hands full to keep themselves straight. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 29*

The Judge of all the earth has the case of every man written in the books. The arguments you have given to quiet your own conscience—why you did this or that wrong action—will not appear to you as you made them appear to yourself or to those who are blinded by not being able to give that clear interpretation. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 30*

If men and women only believed that every human agency will be judged according to their deeds, just as the Word declares, then how much wiser it would be to acknowledge this without your

reasoning to make it other than the Word declares. Let all rest fully assured that at the Judgment not one sinner shall ever enter the courts of heaven. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 31*

Satan, the originator of sin, was once expelled from heaven, because he would not acknowledge sin was sin but claimed it to be righteousness. The law of God has plainly specified what constitutes sin and what is meant by righteousness. What a pity, then, that men have invented a god of their own and a sanctification that calls sin righteousness. But all this will stand revealed just as it is—an invented god of their own interpretation—a god who will connive at sin through the sanctifying of sin. This will not do. There stands the cross, representing all who will believe in Christ as their sin-pardoning Saviour, [and who] will cease to transgress the law of God. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 32*

The transgression of this law condemns every sinner who does not repent of his sins and believe in Christ, accepting His power to make them sons of God. He is Truth, sacred, eternal Truth. The Word of God defines the work of the gospel ministry. [It] is to preach the truth, Bible truth as revealed in His Word. The [idea that it makes] no difference what doctrine you teach is Satan's lie. The Word of God is truth. If men will put their own explanation upon the truth, what it is, and urge their own ideas that are not in harmony with the truth of the Word, and they misinterpret the Word, we cannot say, ["It does] not matter what doctrine you believe." *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 33*

It does very much [matter] whether we believe the Word of God or the word of the enemy. It made every difference with Cain and Abel in the offering of representation before God. Cain made a truth of pretention—an altar, a most splendid presentation—but the only representation that made that altar and offering of any value was obedience to the Lord, to offer the blood of the slain lamb, which could take away sin. God had respect unto Abel and his offering, and fire from heaven consumed the sacrifice. His acceptance of Abel's offering made Cain furious, because Abel vindicated the truth upon the subject—doing just as God had directed. There was every difference as to the presentation of the two offerings. God acknowledged the offering of Abel and sent fire from heaven to

kindle the altar's sacrifice. He gave no recognition of Cain's offering. *18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 34*

While Cain was complaining of God's partiality, Abel was reasoning with his brother, to show that he had gone according to the Lord's direction, and therefore, in obeying the Lord in every particular, the Lord honored the sacrifice. Cain would not admit any error on his part. He was filled with hatred because Abel did not follow his lead. The Lord condescended to talk with Cain. "And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him." [*Genesis 4:6, 7.*]*18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 35*

But Cain would not correct his wrong course. And while he talked with his brother, and was in opposition to God, he put all the blame on Abel and God. "And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?" [*Verses 8, 9.*] Cain lied to God and refused the responsibilities of an elder brother which were his, to care for and protect [Abel] from any evil. And the Lord said, "What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground." [*Verse 10.*] Read *verses 11-15.**18LtMs, Ms 204, 1903, par. 36*