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Letters

Lt 1, 1905

Students in the Huntsville School

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 1, 1905

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To the students in the Huntsville School

Dear young friends,—

Are you daily preparing for graduation into the higher school? Are you daily becoming better fitted for entrance into the heavenly courts? Are you making the most of your privileges, seeking earnestly to overcome all evil habits? At the great examination day, one wrong habit unconquered will keep you from receiving the overcomer’s reward. Do not let sin obtain the victory over you. Strive to enter in at the strait gate. “Wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.” “Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” [*Matthew 7:13, 14.*]*20LtMs, Lt 1, 1905, par. 1*

There is a special and important work for you to accomplish. Clear directions are given in the Word of God regarding the part that you are to act. “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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 1, 1905, par. 2*

“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, 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 God dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching, and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 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 4, 12-17.] *20LtMs, Lt 1, 1905, par. 3*

I would urge upon you the importance of a determination to honor God by consecrating to Him the powers of mind and body. It is your privilege to give yourselves to God. In word and deed seek to honor Him. Set your mark high, and by constant watchfulness gain decided victories. *20LtMs, Lt 1, 1905, par. 4*

Be kind in all you do and say. If any one speaks harsh, irritating words to you, do not retaliate. Speak gently, and thus help those around you to bear the cross after Jesus. In every perplexity ask God for advice and counsel, and it will be given. When your mind is troubled, go to the Lord Jesus, and ask Him to give you His grace. Cast all your care upon Him who cares for you. "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ." [*Philippians 4:6, 7.*] *20LtMs, Lt 1, 1905, par. 5*

Ask yourselves, Why am I obtaining an education? Is it not that I may be better fitted to work for the Lord? I must make the very best use of my school days, honoring God by developing a character like the character of Christ. Then when I return to my home, I can be a blessing and a help to those around me. *20LtMs, Lt 1, 1905, par. 6*

Watch and pray, and keep the heart always in a condition to discern and receive all the good that God has for you. Ask Him for the wisdom that will enable you to turn from the evil that you may see and hear. Learn from Christ how to keep your souls in harmony with

His. When the peace of God fills the heart, thank God, praise His holy name, and keep yourselves where you can receive still more of the Holy Spirit. Thus you will make friends with God, and He will make of you true Christians.*20LtMs, Lt 1, 1905, par. 7*

The peace of Christ is worth everything to you. It is your privilege to be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. While a student here under human teachers, remember that you are also a student under the great Teacher, who gave His life for you, that you might learn of Him to be meek and lowly. He desires you to realize that His yoke is easy and His burden light. In time of need, the true Christian will realize the keeping power of God. He who asks help from God will receive it. The student who is learning to serve God acceptably will be a blessing to those with whom he is associated.*20LtMs, Lt 1, 1905, par. 8*

God will guide all who desire to be guided. In the time of temptation He will hide them in His pavilion. Do your best. Be faithful in word and act. Give evidence that the efforts made in your behalf are not in vain. Then God will greatly bless you and will help you to make a success of your work. Give yourselves, heart and mind and soul, to the work of obtaining a fitness for God's service. Co-operate with your teachers. Respond to their efforts in your behalf. Give them evidence that these efforts are not in vain. Thus you will disappoint the enemy and cause rejoicing amongst the angels of God.*20LtMs, Lt 1, 1905, par. 9*

Pray and believe, and the Lord will be to you a present help in every time of need. Trust in the Saviour. Ask Him for what you need, believing that He will hear and answer you, that He will receive and bless you, because you confess and forsake your sins.*20LtMs, Lt 1, 1905, par. 10*

We are praying for you in Huntsville—praying that the Spirit of God may come upon you, to encourage you, to make you apt students, that you may know and do the will of God and magnify the truth. Angels have charge over you, and they are ever ready to help you, to give you light and faith and courage. Submit yourselves wholly to God's guidance, and you will be established in the truth and will gain a fitness to teach those who know not the truth.*20LtMs, Lt 1,*

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Yours in the blessed hope of Christ's coming.*20LtMs, Lt 1, 1905, par. 12*

Lt 3, 1905

Jones, C. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 4, 1905

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Dear Brother C. H. Jones,—

I have written a letter to all who are bearing responsibilities as leaders in the work of the Pacific Press, and now I wish to write you personally a few lines, which I earnestly desire you to read carefully and prayerfully, that you may discern the high, noble principles that are to be carried out in the life practice.*20LtMs, Lt 3, 1905, par. 1*

I do not see how it will be possible for me to attend the meeting at Mountain View. But I have often talked with you and before you in regard to the way in which those who are bearing responsibilities should conduct the work.*20LtMs, Lt 3, 1905, par. 2*

Your course in connection with the work of God has not been in all respects a pattern for others to follow. There have been and there still remain in your mind mixed sentiments. You are placed where you have opportunity to favor yourself in many ways, and this you have done in certain business lines. The Lord does not record this to your credit. These things may in your view be passably right, but there are some things that are not right, and I am obliged, though with much regret, to state a few points regarding them.*20LtMs, Lt 3, 1905, par. 3*

You have sometimes accepted favors for yourself. If others should do the same in this respect, proportionally, as you have done, a condition of things would be brought in that the Lord condemns. There are matters that must be investigated by our brethren who are bearing responsibilities in the work, in order that the standard of unselfish action may be maintained. The Lord expects those who occupy offices of trust in connection with His work to purify their souls by obeying the very highest principles of truth.*20LtMs, Lt 3,*

1905, par. 4

To you and to brother Frank Gage I am instructed to say, Be afraid lest you yield to the temptation to follow your own inclinations. Others have done this; but this is no excuse for you. The standard of principle sometimes followed by Brother W. C. Gage was a very objectionable one. Never should we follow the devising and policy of the world as he has done. The business dealings carried on in connection with the Signs office are all to be true, clean, and fragrant. *20LtMs, Lt 3, 1905, par. 5*

God is in earnest with us. He would have us put self out of sight. The advantages that you have taken to yourself may not be made apparent to some who shall investigate the matter. The questionable things may, from a worldly standpoint, be justified, but they can not be from a Christian standpoint. I write this to warn you not to vindicate yourself from a worldly point of view; for this would hurt your future influence as a worker in connection with the cause of God. Your judgment in regard to the justice of some business transactions has been dimmed. The advantages that shall come to those connected with the cause, because of their connection with it, are not to be regarded as a personal matter, to be used for personal advantage. The benefits accruing to any one because of his connection with our institutions are not to be appropriated for selfish advantages, but are to be placed to the advantage of the institutions. *20LtMs, Lt 3, 1905, par. 6*

It is your privilege to obtain an experience of that which you now have. God is saying to you, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*] The standard of the world is not to be the criterion for Christians. Settling matters from the standpoint of the law by worldly lawyers has brought great entanglement upon the work and cause of God. The way in which men, connected with the Battle Creek Sanitarium, sustained by worldly lawyers, have carried out their own plans and have swayed things in harmony with their own ideas has been opened before me, chapter after chapter. I can see it all as plainly as if I had been present. But I do not wish to specify these matters to the managers of the institution; for it would be of no use. There are wrongs that will never be made to appear as they really

are. Therefore I shall not specify any particulars. It would be of no use.*20LtMs, Lt 3, 1905, par. 7*

But I do wish to state that the rule followed by worldlings who do not recognize the law of Jehovah, as the standard that all must reach, is not the rule that is to be followed in our institutions. Worldly policy in business dealing is not to be brought into the cause of God.*20LtMs, Lt 3, 1905, par. 8*

Brother Jones, you have been led to take steps in business transactions that are not right. You have erred in judgment. Closely investigate all your business transactions; for we are living in the day of judgment, when every case is to be tried. Every weakness, every misleading transaction should now be repented of and forgiveness earnestly sought. Search for the selfishness that has developed, and examine it in the clear light of the Word of God. And then make these things right if you would stand acquitted in that great day when every man shall be judged according to his works. God expects a man who has had the experience that you have had to stand as a veteran in His army. He calls upon His people to stand, and having done all, to stand. What is meant [by] "all"? [*Ephesians 6:13.*] Read the words of Christ in the Old Testament and in the New Testament, and you will see.*20LtMs, Lt 3, 1905, par. 9*

Let us keep in view the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for those who are engaged in the battles of the Lord in this world. Let us look away to the city "which hath foundations, whose maker and builder is God." [*Hebrews 11:10.*] We are engaged in a stern warfare, and we are to fight manfully. And let us never forget that those only are crowned who fight lawfully. In all good works we are to enter into partnership with Jesus Christ. Day by day we are to keep the way of the Lord, saying humbly and gratefully, "Lord, I have done as Thou hast commanded me. What shall I do next?" Every day, with Bible in hand, we are to learn in Christ's school the lessons taught by Him and His apostles. Never are we to do that upon which He could not place His commendation.*20LtMs, Lt 3, 1905, par. 10*

My brother, in this life we are to prepare for the future immortal life.

This is our work. We are to become familiar with the Levitical law in all its bearings; for it contains rules that must be obeyed; it contains the instruction that if studied will enable us to understand better the rule of faith and practice that we are to follow in our dealings with one another. No soul has any excuse for being in darkness. Those who receive Christ by faith will receive also power to become the sons of God.*20LtMs, Lt 3, 1905, par. 11*

Your sister in Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 3, 1905, par. 12*

P.S. I have been given a representation of things that occurred at the death of Brother Lunt. Before this, his daughter Charlotte had given him a small sum of money. After his funeral expenses were paid, I think there was something left. This money rightly belonged to his wife, who had done her duty faithfully in caring for her sick husband. It should have been placed in her hands. But that small amount of money was made to appear as not belonging to Sister Lunt.*20LtMs, Lt 3, 1905, par. 13*

The impression made upon the widow by the course followed was very painful. Had Brother and Sister Jones placed in her hands the money which had they been in her circumstances they would have claimed as their own, the approval of God would have rested in their unselfishness.*20LtMs, Lt 3, 1905, par. 14*

God calls us to do unto others as we would wish them to do unto us. Every effort should have been made to show Sister Lunt that the faithful care she had given her husband was appreciated. But instead, a distressing and humiliating impression was left upon her mind. The outcome of the transaction was that the pleasant relationship that had existed for years was decidedly changed. A door that should have been strictly guarded was left open for temptation to enter.*20LtMs, Lt 3, 1905, par. 15*

God weighs motives and actions. Every dollar of the money left unused should have been freely given to Sister Lunt. Sister Jones would have been highly aggrieved had she been similarly treated. Both she and her husband would have pronounced judgment upon such a course.*20LtMs, Lt 3, 1905, par. 16*

In the lives of all there are times when tests and proving come

through circumstances. If the unselfish spirit of Christ is revealed, great good is the result. If the mind is controlled and guided by the Spirit of God, the actions will speak for themselves.*20LtMs, Lt 3, 1905, par. 17*

“If any man will come after Me,” Christ says, “let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [*Matthew 16:24.*] Opportunities come when character is revealed, and supreme decisions are made. My brother and sister, such an opportunity came to you, and [you] failed. May the Lord help you to make this matter right. May He help you to make straight paths for your feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way.*20LtMs, Lt 3, 1905, par. 18*

Lt 5, 1905

Church in Reno

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 4, 1905

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To the church in Reno

Dear Brethren and Sisters,—

My advice has been asked as to whether the matter of establishing a sanitarium in Reno should be brought up just now. To this I respond: Special talent is required to start a sanitarium and place it in running order, even though the enterprise be a private one. Before starting out in such an enterprise, our brethren should ask the advice of wise counsellors. Reno must be worked; but it must be worked in the right way. Were enterprises started that would prove a disappointment, were the one who had taken the responsibility of the work upon himself to fail in his enterprise, it would be very difficult to overcome the impression thus made against the truth.*20LtMs, Lt 5, 1905, par. 1*

Whoever has in view the starting of a sanitarium should consult those of his brethren who carry the burden of the work in fields nigh and afar off. We cannot afford to have any impression made by our medical work in the cities other than that God is our leader and our defense.*20LtMs, Lt 5, 1905, par. 2*

When a sanitarium is established in Reno, it should be conducted in such a way as to be a powerful influence in the uplifting of the banner of truth. To those who desire to start a sanitarium in this place, I would say, Do not move hastily. Consult your brethren. Attend the meeting of leading men soon to be held at Mountain View. There many matters of interest will be discussed, and light will come in to help you to understand what is your duty. You will have opportunity to learn what it means to establish sanitariums and to conduct them on the elevated plane that has been marked

out for our institutions.*20LtMs, Lt 5, 1905, par. 3*

To our brethren and sisters in Reno I would say, Move cautiously. Enter into no enterprise unless you are sure that it is in harmony with the will of God. Do not loan or invest your means without first giving the matter careful consideration. Dishonor will come upon us as a people if a sanitarium be started in Reno in a hasty, illogical way. Such an enterprize should not be started without carefully counting the cost and seeing whether the work planned for can be completed. The instruction that the Lord has given is that those who plan to establish a sanitarium should consult with the officers of the conference before undertaking the work.*20LtMs, Lt 5, 1905, par. 4*

To our brethren everywhere I am instructed to say, Let the enterprises already started in needy fields be considered before new enterprises are begun, else a large burden of debt will be brought upon our people. The institutions that are being established at the capital of our nation must have special help just now. The important work that has been undertaken in Washington, D.C., must be completed.*20LtMs, Lt 5, 1905, par. 5*

Just now money is greatly needed also to advance the work in the Southern field. I have been instructed that means must be provided to carry forward the work begun in Nashville. The school in which young men and women are to be educated to go out as missionaries is to be firmly established. Special efforts must also be made just now to help the colored people. The sanitarium that has been established in Nashville for the colored people must be provided with better facilities, and those who are making efforts to build at Huntsville an orphanage for colored children must have help.*20LtMs, Lt 5, 1905, par. 6*

With this I will send you copies of letters recently written to others about the work in mission fields. These letters you may read at your meetings.*20LtMs, Lt 5, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 7, 1905

Workmen in the Pacific Press Publishing House

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 5, 1905

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To the Workmen in the Pacific Press Publishing House,—

I am entrusted with a message to all who are connected with the work of God. Accustom yourselves the whole day long to draw near to God. Yes, draw nearer to Him than you have ever before felt the necessity of doing. This God demands of every one connected with the publishing house at Mountain View. Talk with God, and with gratitude learn of Him His way and will. He will give tact and skill to those who do their work to His glory.*20LtMs, Lt 7, 1905, par. 1*

Christ says, Reach up higher and still higher in every business transaction. Let no selfish scheme to favor self come in. The whole day long, in all your business transactions, remember that you are in the Lord's presence. Seek in simple faith to be pure in His sight. Be sure not to bring to the foundation that which is represented as wood, hay, and stubble. Lay your souls open before God, and put yourselves entirely under His guidance. Whatever you may be doing, let your prayers rise to God. Seek in simple faith to enter into union with Christ. You are not half acquainted with the requirements of Christ. You are foolishly neglecting the truth by which you are to be sanctified. Pray, O pray; for a soul without prayer is like a lost sheep, which has strayed from its shepherd.*20LtMs, Lt 7, 1905, par. 2*

The temper is on the track of every one. He will lead all he possibly can to heed the sentiments which, if followed, must end in eternal destruction. We have none too much time to prepare to meet God. No longer talk of unimportant subjects. Draw near to God. You occupy an important position, and your example is to help others to purify their souls through the truth. Let the converting power of God come in among you. The Saviour desires every one connected with

the office at Mountain View to be tenderhearted, pitiful, courteous. Look to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith. He is holy, and He will impart His holiness to His true followers.*20LtMs, Lt 7, 1905, par. 3*

I am instructed to say, There are but few who have advanced as they should in heavenly discipline. Among those acting a part in the office of publication, there are some whose fellowship is not a spiritual advantage to the apprentices working with them. God blotted out our two largest institutions in Battle Creek, because those connected with them would not heed the appeals and warnings given. My spirit is grieved day and night as I see so little real devotion, so little earnest, determined effort to rise to a higher standard. O how much precious time is trifled away on unimportant lines of work.*20LtMs, Lt 7, 1905, par. 4*

It is not the house, the land that you possess, but the condition of your heart at which God looks. Firm and unshaken, hold fast to the truth. With heart and mind and soul and strength, love the Lord your God. Let the prayer go forth from unfeigned lips, Give me Thy love in my heart, that I may impart it to others. There is only one power—the power of the grace of Christ,—that can energize the soul. All pride, all self-indulgence is to be overcome, or we can never enter the abodes of bliss. The science that all should learn is the science contained in the words, “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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 7, 1905, par. 5*

“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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 7, 1905, par. 6*

“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.*]20*LtMs, Lt 7, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 9, 1905

Leading Men of the Pacific Press

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 5, 1905

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To the leading men of the Pacific Press

Dear Brethren,—

I am very much interested in your work as it now stands in Mountain View. I have this message to present to you: Look to God for your orders. Do not shape your cause in conformity to the views of worldly businessmen. We are living in the great day of atonement, when every case is being decided by the Judge of all. Those who are preparing for entrance into the heavenly courts cannot afford to be careless now. “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect,” is the word that comes to us. [*Matthew 5:48.*] We are to be constantly reaching forward toward perfection of character, striving continually for conformity to the will of God. Daily we are to make earnest efforts to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and of the spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*20LtMs, Lt 9, 1905, par. 1*

The solemn instruction that the Lord gave to Moses for the guidance of Israel is to be studied and obeyed by the church of God in these last days. From the pillar of fire this instruction was given, and it contains principles from which there is to be no departure. Every institution under the control of God’s denominated people is now to take its stand in its God-given knowledge of right, of justice, of virtue, free from every vestige of self-serving, if it would be a blessing to humanity in this degenerate age.*20LtMs, Lt 9, 1905, par. 2*

We are to stand firm against all forms of degeneracy and backsliding, against every temptation to mingle worldly policy with the work of God. The policy of worldly men is not to be brought into

our institutions and our churches. It is a spurious fabrication, which makes to appear righteous, that which the Lord calls fraud. God calls upon those connected with our publishing houses, sanitariums, and schools, and with all others lines of His work, to stand under His banner, following His principles in every business transaction. They are safe only when they are standing on the side of truth and righteousness. They are to take their stand against all Satan's devising; for if followed this devising would spoil the figure of the pattern that Christ has given us to work out in our characters. Never are the rules of worldlings to be adopted. Never are the standards of those who do not recognize the standards of Jehovah to be accepted and followed in our institutions. *20LtMs, Lt 9, 1905, par. 3*

The love of God is free from all selfishness. The prosperity of His institutions is to be our first consideration. At every point self-denial is to be exercised without measure and without its bitterness' being tasted. Never are we to ask, How can I gain advantage for myself. *20LtMs, Lt 9, 1905, par. 4*

In the time of Israel's deliverance, God gave men wisdom and skill to be used in building the tabernacle. In their work they were to be guided by the unseen Leader. These chosen men felt greatly honored that a part had been assigned them in the Lord's work. Love and reverence for God led them to offer Him faithful, unselfish service, returning to Him the increase of the talents given them. *20LtMs, Lt 9, 1905, par. 5*

And today the capabilities God has given men and women are not to be employed for selfish advantage. These gifts have been bestowed upon them that they may show forth the glory of God. They are to praise Him that He has chosen them to reveal, in the smaller as well as the larger matters of life, the greatness of His gift. *20LtMs, Lt 9, 1905, par. 6*

Christ has a place for all sanctified ability. He first bestows the gift and then the power to improve the gift. Not for selfish interest is this power to be exercised, but for the advancement of the cause of God. There is to be a daily surrender of self to God. Every capability is to be used with unselfish love for God. The cross of self-denial is

to be cheerfully and willingly borne. And the worker is not to forget to go apart, at times, to rest and commune with God, that he may learn how to work in a way that will redound to the greatest glory of God.*20LtMs, Lt 9, 1905, par. 7*

Great is the grace imparted to one who works thus. The Lord bestows on him wisdom and judgment and skill, and he is to give them back to the Lord in willing service.*20LtMs, Lt 9, 1905, par. 8*

The glory of God is to be your first consideration. Confess your own nothingness, and praise the Lord that He has singled you out as one whom He can entrust with the capabilities. Pray for the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Hold converse daily with God.*20LtMs, Lt 9, 1905, par. 9*

True godliness is a close union with Christ. This godliness enables us to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that it is God which worketh in us, both to will and to do of His own good pleasure. Day by day we are to follow on to know the Lord. To all who are weary and heavy laden the invitation is given, "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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 9, 1905, par. 10*

The Lord permits the confused soul to exert all his strength in an attempt to gain holiness; and then when he has become weary and faint in following his own devising, He invites him to come to Him in simple faith, saying, "I have surrendered myself to the Lord, believing in Him as my Redeemer, my sanctification, my righteousness. I surrender all to Him." Those who accept this invitation will find rest and peace.*20LtMs, Lt 9, 1905, par. 11*

Surrender to Christ means more than many realize. We cannot make this surrender while we refuse to wear His yoke and to learn His meekness and lowliness. The mind, the will must be wholly surrendered to the control of the will of God. All schemes and makeshifts to show that you have nothing to confess must be put away. You must be born again of the Holy Spirit. All your attempts to gain holiness in your own strength will avail nothing. You are to surrender all to the Lord Jesus, whose you are by creation and by

redemption, saying, "I am His, I am not my own. I belong to Him. All the talents and capabilities that I have are to be used to glorify His name. I must keep foremost the prosperity of His institutions. If I am not prepared to work unselfishly for the prosperity and growth of the institution with which I am connected, I must renew my consecration to God and make a solemn surrender of all to Him."*20LtMs, Lt 9, 1905, par. 12*

In this the great day of atonement, God calls for a condition of things among His people that is appropriate to the occasion. Confess, confess, confess your mistakes and errors. To all who profess to be Seventh-day Adventists, I would say, You are entitled to the name of Christian only as you employ your talents in harmony with the plan of the Lord Jesus Christ, only as you are co-workers with God. The life of Christ is the only pattern that it is safe for us to follow.*20LtMs, Lt 9, 1905, par. 13*

Lt 11, 1905

Those Assembled in Council at Nashville

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To those assembled in council at Nashville

Dear Brethren,—

I am deeply interested in the work that is being done in the Southern field, and especially in the work of the Huntsville School. This school farm was represented to me as having on it fruit trees in full bearing, and also a variety of grains and vegetables, which were in a flourishing condition. Then the words were spoken: "This land is a precious treasure. If thoroughly cultivated, it will yield a valuable increase for the support of the school. But special pains must be taken in its cultivation. Much more may be realized from it than now appears possible. If properly treated, this land will be a lesson book to the students, and to our people, and to those not of our faith." *20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 1*

There was presented before me a gathering in of the harvest with much rejoicing. Painstaking effort had gained a liberal reward. Then the explanation was given: Thus it may be in the lives of the students, if they will put forth patient effort to acquire knowledge and will respond to the painstaking effort put forth in their behalf. The seed sown by the diligent efforts of the teachers will be seen in the development of valuable faculties, which will be of use in the Lord's cause. The students will gain knowledge that they can give to their own race. *20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 2*

When I was last in Nashville, I was asked whether it would not be best to dispose of the Huntsville school farm and purchase land

elsewhere. Those who asked this question thought that perhaps there was more land in this farm than could be properly managed by the students.*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 3*

When I was on the steamer *Morning Star*, the matter was opened before me. I wrote out the instruction given and read it to a large number at the Huntsville meeting. I will have this matter copied and sent to Brother Rogers and to other workers in the South.*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 4*

I will not repeat in this letter the lengthy message given me, but will say, Be of good courage, my brethren. Be of good courage in the Lord. A way out of present difficulties will be found. Our part is to reach forward and upward toward the mark of the prize of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus. He who is in harmony with God ever stands bravely for the right. His influence is always exerted on the side of truth.*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 5*

There is a power for good in intellect, if it is conformed to the mind of Christ, sanctified and controlled by the Spirit of God. But intellect alone cannot give a fitness for heaven or enable us to reach the divine standard. In order for a man to be what God desires him to be, he must have a pure, noble character. The right that one has to claim that he is a man is determined by the use that he makes of his intellect. Before man can be acknowledged as a laborer together with God, he must get out of and away from the self-confidence that claims much and gives little.*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 6*

Many who have grown to the physical stature of men have kept in their characters a childishness that makes it impossible for God to be glorified in them. In order to be partakers of Christ's character, we must leave all childishness behind.*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 7*

Human beings have no right to think that there is a limit to the efforts that they are to make to represent the goodness and love of God in the work of saving souls. Did Christ ever become weary in His work of soul-saving? Did He ever draw back from self-denial and sacrifice? When church members bring into their lives the self-denial that Christ brought into His life, when they put forth the continuous, persevering efforts that He put forth, they will have no

time and no inclination to weave into their experience the false threads that would spoil the pattern.*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 8*

As church members we cannot afford to stop to quarrel; for time, precious time, is passing into eternity. We are to watch, and work, and pray, never letting self obtain the mastery. We are to be all ready, through watchfulness and prayer, to spring into action in obedience to the Master's command. Wherever we see work waiting to be done, we are to take it up and do it, constantly looking unto Jesus. If our church members would heed this instruction, hundreds of souls would be won to Jesus.*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 9*

Let those who are easily irritated refuse to retaliate when words that vex them are spoken. Let them seek the Lord in prayer, asking Him to show them how to work for souls perishing in sin. He who keeps busy in this work will be so thoroughly imbued with the Spirit of God that his manners, his voice, his whole life will be a revelation of Christ. Try it, brethren, try it. Crucify self in the place of seeking to crucify your brethren. "If any man will come after Me," Christ said, "let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*]*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 10*

Self-denial means much. It means a denial of the natural desires and the natural disposition. It means a denial of the inclination to find fault and accuse. It is a neglect of this self-denial that needs now to be corrected. My brethren, take yourselves in hand on this point, and you will find that you will not have so many provocations to anger. Be kind in word and spirit. Is it not high time that you were preparing for the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for those that love Him? Will you not stop censuring one another? Will you not cease speaking words of faultfinding to your brethren and to your children? Your happiness depends on refusing to speak one disagreeable, impatient word.*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 11*

For Christ's sake, watch and pray; and during the year that we have just entered, strive to restrain all harsh words. Resolve that you will not speak words that will cast a shadow over the lives of others. Do not stop to ask whether those around you appreciate your efforts to deny self. Open the windows heavenward. Think of Christ, and try

to please Him. “Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against all 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 6:11, 12.*] Satan will use every possible device to make you like himself and thus separate you from the One who gave His life for you. Evil angels will strive for the mastery in your life. If you have not on the whole armor of God, you will be overcome. Shall it be thus, or will you sign the pledge that you will not be intemperate in word or in spirit, that you will keep the divine Pattern ever before you?*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 12*

This warning was not given by the apostle without a purpose. We should all feel that it is our duty to stand at our post, on guard over ourselves, lest the evil agencies warring against us shall be successful in leading us to say and do that which will please the enemy.*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 13*

“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.” [*Verse 13.*] What is meant by “all”? Read the words of Christ in the Old Testament and in the New, and you will see.*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 14*

“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 14-17.*] The words and deeds of Christ’s followers are to be fragrant with the holiness of truth.*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 15*

“If so be that ye have heard Him, and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus; that ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor; for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and

sin not; let not the sun go down upon your wrath; neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good, to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto 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." [*Ephesians 4:21-32.*]*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 16*

God forbid that our church members should stay any longer on the lowlands, subject to Satan's plans and suggestions and devisings. I pray that they may have the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. We belong to one body, one church. One interest is to animate us, one Spirit guide us.*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 17*

Pray for a thorough transformation of character, and then work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that it is God who worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 18*

Were all the useless books destroyed, were all the money saved that is expended for reading that does not cause one ray of light to shine upon the pathway, were the Word of God studied with the deep interest that its importance demands, there would be a wonderful increase of appetite for the bread of heaven.*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 19*

Read and study the Word of God. Do not fill your minds with the reading contained in magazines and novels. Reject this, and spend the money thus saved in sending our papers to those who have them not. Keep searching the Scriptures and eating the bread of life.*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 20*

There are many who have not kept their baptismal vows. Christ and His disciples had a clear, decided testimony to bear in the power of the Holy Spirit. Such a testimony we also must bear, or we shall be unprepared for the coming of the Lord. How does your record stand

in the heavenly courts? Will you not now, for Christ's sake, examine your own souls. Will you not love God supremely and your neighbor as yourself. Remember that every time you stir up strife, every time you accuse and condemn others, the enemy lays a snare to destroy your usefulness.*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 21*

For many nights I have not been able to sleep for more than a short time. My soul bears a heavy burden as the situation of our people is presented before me. I am saying in my sleep, You are unready to do the work that should be done. There are grave dangers before you. O that my soul might be relieved of this burden! It is represented to me that all through our ranks there are those to whom the messages of the third chapter of Revelation are applicable. "I know thy works," God says, "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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 22*

Now, just now, humble your hearts before God, and make earnest work for repentance. Arouse from your careless indifference, and seek the Lord with all the heart, and soul, and mind, and strength. Confess your sins before Him, and repent with the whole heart. The wickedness that is in our world is very great, and every day it is increasing. How long it will be before the great day of trouble comes, we do not know.*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 23*

May the Lord open blind eyes, that His people may understand wondrous things out of His law. I entreat you to heed the warning I bear to you. I entreat you to cease finding fault and censuring, and set your hearts in order, that you may labor for those who are perishing in sin.*20LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 24*

Are your lives, your characters controlled by the Holy Spirit? We are living amidst abnormal wickedness, but we may stand free from it all. Serve God zealously and faithfully, and thus be preparing for the great day when Christ shall come to take His jewels to Himself. Oh,

awake out of sleep. Without transformation of character you cannot be ready to meet the Lord in peace. Christ will save all who will make an entire surrender to Him. Make a covenant with God by sacrifice. Humble yourselves before Him, and remember that you cannot repent of other men's sins. It is of your own sins that you are most thoroughly to repent. You are to work for others, that they may believe in Jesus, and be washed in the blood of the Lamb.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 11, 1905, par. 25*

Lt 13, 1905

Haskell, S. N.; Butler, G. I.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 10, 1905

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Dear Brethren Haskell and Butler,—

I wish to write you a few lines. I have been instructed that cases regarding which it is difficult to decide will be brought before you. One such case is that of Brother W. O. Palmer. I wish to say that his case has been presented before me, and I was referred to the record of the way in which Christ treated the case of the woman brought to Him by the Pharisees to answer to the charge of adultery. Her case was held up by her accusers in the very worst light, but as they continued to urge the matter, the Saviour answered not a word. Stooping down, He began to write on the ground; and as they pressed nearer to see what He was writing, they saw, traced in clear characters, the guilty secrets of their lives. Rising and fixing his eyes upon them, Jesus said, “He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone.” [*John 8:7.*] And stooping down, He continued writing on the ground.*20LtMs, Lt 13, 1905, par. 1*

The woman’s accusers, their robes of pretended holiness torn from them, stood, guilty and condemned, in the presence of infinite purity. They trembled lest the hidden iniquity of their lives should be laid open to the multitude; and one by one, with bowed heads and downcast eyes, they stole away, leaving their victim with the pitying Saviour.*20LtMs, Lt 13, 1905, par. 2*

Jesus arose and, turning to the weeping woman, said, “Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?” She said, “No man, Lord.” And Jesus said unto her, “Neither do I condemn thee. Go, and sin no more.” [*Verses 10, 11.*]*20LtMs, Lt 13, 1905, par. 3*

You may be asked decisions against Brother Palmer. Before you do this, find out whether those who bring charges against him have gone to him, and in the spirit of Christ have labored with him, and whether, if they have been to him, and he has refused to listen to them, they have taken with them one or two others, according to the directions given in the Word of God. If the course that Christ outlines in His Word has been followed, you know from the Scriptures what course to pursue. But if these steps have not been taken, you have no right to drop Brother Palmer's name from the church roll or to speak in condemnation of him.*20LtMs, Lt 13, 1905, par. 4*

That which will bless humanity is spiritual life and obedience to all God's commands. The work of each church member is to reach forward constantly toward the perfection of Christian character. The life of Christ is to be our example in all things. Every business transaction is to be in accordance with the principles laid down in His Word. Let church members walk and work in the meekness of Christ. Each one will have his hands quite full if he attends to his own case, striving to reach the grand ideal held up before him in Christ's life of love and mercy.*20LtMs, Lt 13, 1905, par. 5*

Those who are inclined to make discord in the church need to feel in their lives the transforming power of the grace of Christ. Those who, like ministering angels, work for the salvation of souls become closely allied to God.*20LtMs, Lt 13, 1905, par. 6*

Strife and contention is bitter fruit and is not borne on the Christian tree. Let every church member pledge himself not to speak or think evil of any one.*20LtMs, Lt 13, 1905, par. 7*

Those whose hearts are filled with the love of Christ will love one another as brethren. They will be pitiful and courteous in their dealings with those who were so precious in God's sight that He gave His only begotten Son for their redemption. We should be careful how we treat the souls for whom Christ has died. Let us not forget that we are to show to the church and the world the sign of discipleship. The love of Christ, revealed in the life, is a strong argument in favor of genuine conversion.*20LtMs, Lt 13, 1905, par. 8*

Lt 15, 1905

Leaders in our Work at Takoma Park

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 11, 1905

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To the leaders in our work at Takoma Park,—

I exhort all who are connected with our work at Takoma Park to bring Christ into all that they do and say. Lift Him up, higher and still higher, that by beholding Him, you may be changed into the same image. To you, and to all others who believe in Him, He becomes an inspiring force. To all who receive Him, He gives power to become the sons of God. Only by obtaining this power can we gain perfection of character.*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 1*

We can be partakers of the divine nature. In the strength of the Redeemer, we can live pure, noble, helpful lives. Make yourselves acquainted with every detail of the life of Christ. Strive to become like the Saviour, who was meek and lowly and self-denying. He was inspired with the purest purposes. So must you be if you see the King in His beauty. Pure, unselfish love was the principle that governed all that He said and did. He has power to imbue us with the faith that works by love and purifies the soul.*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 2*

I thank the Lord that we have men in charge of our work at Takoma Park who have taken a firm stand that they will not be corrupt in any of their transactions with worldly men. Thus businessmen will be convinced that the faith of Seventh-day Adventists is not a pretense or a sham, but that it leads men to walk in the way of the Lord and to do His will.*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 3*

I have been instructed that strong temptations will come to those who are connected with our institutions. The work we are called upon to do in Washington is to keep every jot and tittle of the law in surety and in strength, in might and in power. When worldly men

present temptations to you, listen not to their offers and accept not their bribes. I thank the Lord that you have not betrayed the sacred trusts committed to your hands.*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 4*

Our physicians also will have opportunities to gain advantages for themselves by following worldly policy. Let them distinctly tell those who offer these temptations that they will not enter into any worldly schemes. I rejoice to think that those who have charge of the work in Takoma Park are Christians, men who can teach the youth in their charge to do acceptable work! My brethren, let unselfishness and scrupulous integrity characterize all that you do. Do not allow your actions to be tainted by dishonesty. Work for time and for eternity, remembering that the Lord sees and hears all that is said and done. His all-seeing eye examines every work. Never resort to the slightest dishonesty to gain an advantage. Do not buy or sell dishonestly. In all that you do, inquire, "Is this the way of the Lord?" Cherish a clear sense of what you must be and do in order to develop a character that is without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. It is the perfect man in Christ who meets God's ideal. The work of those who are guided and controlled by Christian motives will bear witness for God. Christ lived the life that He desires His followers to live.*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 5*

The Saviour has a deep contempt for all deception. The stern punishment meted out to Ananias and Sapphira shows this. Desiring to receive commendation for good deeds, yet unwilling to give all to God, they sold their possessions, and keeping back part of the price, laid the rest at the apostles' feet. They hoped to be thought liberal and self-denying, but the Holy Spirit read the deception, and sudden punishment came upon them. Today the same Spirit condemns all underhand dealing. All selfish meanness is to be put away from the character. This is the lesson that God would have us learn from the experience of Ananias and Sapphira.*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 6*

There are virtues that are daily to be strengthened. A reverence for justice and equity is to be cultivated. He who permits in himself that which he condemns in others is doing himself a great wrong.*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 7*

“Love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.” [1 *Peter* 3:8.] Cherish a supreme reverence for justice and truth and a hatred for all cruelty and oppression. Do unto others as you would wish them to do unto you. God forbids you to favor self to the disadvantage of another. *20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 8*

A terrible deception has taken possession of the Christian world. There is a high profession, but a dwarfed godliness. Let us so live that at last God can say to us, “Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” [*Matthew* 25:23.] Our lives may show a steady spiritual growth. But I have seen that which makes me tremble—men and women dwarfed in character, possessing the Word of God which tells them what they must do in order to be saved, yet unsanctified and unholy. *20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 9*

“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.] *20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 10*

This is a time for every one to deal truly with his own soul. “Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven.” [*Verse* 21.] *20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 11*

Daily, hourly, the leaders in the work are giving lessons to those with whom they are associated. My brethren, be reasonable in your every requirement, as men of intelligence whom God has chosen. Let all you do reveal the strictest integrity. Be true and faithful. Set an example that all may safely follow. Do not draw into the web of your character one thread of selfishness; for this would spoil the pattern. *20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 12*

As you advance in the work, you will find that there are many things that must receive careful consideration. Allow no shiftlessness. When a man is employed in the work of God, he is under obligation to use all his capabilities in the very best service that he can offer. He is to remember that God has hired him to work in His vineyard.

Every woman is to stand in her place, helping to perfect her own character and the characters of the members of her family. Father, mother, and children are to do honor to the principles of heaven, that the influence of angels may unite with their efforts in the preparation of character for the higher life.*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 13*

To the Faithful Helpers

To the stewards and matrons, accountants and clerks, foremen and laborers, I would say: Let your stewardship and all your business dealing be marked by strict integrity and the sanctifying influence of the truth, that others may take knowledge of you that you have been with Jesus and have learned of Him. Be faithful in all that you do. Let not one selfish, covetous act be recorded in the books of heaven against your name. Do not allow it to be seen that while you profess to be children of God, you are really serving the world. Serve God with heart and mind and soul and strength. The angels of heaven will come close to you and will lift up for you a standard against the enemy.*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 14*

Give your whole heart and life to the service of Him who gave Himself for your redemption. Disappoint the enemy. Refuse to be his tool for the carrying out of his plans. Turn away from the financial advantages which he offers you and which, if accepted, would prove to be a curse to your religious experience. Then you can say in the cleanness of your heart, "My soul shall make her boast in the Lord." [*Psalm 34:2.*] Let there be in your lives no deceitful devising, no artifice, no underhand schemes and contrivings. Depart from all that you would condemn in others.*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 15*

Living Bible truth day by day will place you on vantage ground. Your face will be calm and peaceful, and your words will be, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall be joyful in the Lord; for He hath clothed me with the garments of His righteousness, and it is my salvation. He hath covered me with the robe of His righteousness." You will be able to give comfort and hope to others, because you have through your integrity glorified God.*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 16*

You will walk carefully, lest you make crooked paths by which weak, struggling, halting souls shall be led out of the way. You will refuse to co-operate with worldly men to carry out worldly principles. As you realize that you have a work to do for God, the temptations and allurements of the world will not tempt you from the path of equity and uprightness. The whole life will bear the testimony, "Whom have I in heaven but Thee, and there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee. My flesh and my heart faileth, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." "O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art God. ... The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup." [*Psalm 73:25, 26; 16:2, 5.*] With the eye of faith you will behold the invisible, and the soul will find its strength in the One who never fails. He is the joy of your life.*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 17*

We are fighting a battle with the powers of darkness. The Bible is the rule of our life. This Word is the light which is to guide us in all our perplexities. Make the Lord your counsellor. When you are at work, the enemy may come to you with suggestions and temptations, hoping to lead you from the path of integrity. Do not listen to him. Look away from him to the One who has bought you with His life. Give yourself to Christ, trust in Him, and He will give you strength to resist the enemy.*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 18*

"If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*] "Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth." "Ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are His." [*1 Corinthians 10:24; 6:20.*]*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, 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.*] Never forget that you belong to Christ. Let your work, to the most minute detail, be such that He can approve. Do not, in order to gain worldly advantages, steal that which belongs to God.*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 20*

Only by doing the will of God can we show that we possess true religion. Those who strive sincerely to break from the grasp of the enemy, and with full purpose of heart seek to know and obey the

commandments of God, will be given power to become the sons of God. Their search after the things of heaven will be rewarded.*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 21*

To the Students in the Training College

To the students in the school I would say: Keep in the path of self-denial. Avoid all ungodly companionship. Seek daily for the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. You will find your safety in studying the Word of God with a sincerity that keeps Christ constantly before the mind as the example to be followed. Lift Him up, the man of Calvary, by purity of word and work; for thus you honor God. By true religion, revealed in the daily life, you and I and all who are striving for the crown of life are to bear witness for Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 22*

He who is sanctified by the truth is strengthened to resist the assaults of those who have grown hardened in guilt. Shun the companionship of those who have not heeded the appeals of conscience. Let your light shine forth in Christlike words and deeds. Ask yourselves, What can I do to help those with whom I am brought in contact to resist temptation! What can I say to warn those who have not been taught to believe that the Lord is soon to come?*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 23*

Earnest searching of the Scriptures, with a sincere desire to understand the truth, will receive a sure reward. An occasional glance into the Word is not enough. An occasional prayer is not enough. "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.*] Make the Bible the man of your counsel. Only thus can you gain strength to overcome. Let your light shine forth in clear, constant, distinct rays. An occasional service done for the Master is not enough. Only by an unreserved consecration to Christ of all that you have and are can you win souls to Him.*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 24*

Let the students who are engaged in building do their work with thoroughness. Let them learn from their daily work lessons that will help them in their character building. Let them remember that in

order to have perfect characters they must make their work as perfect as possible. Into every line of this work let there be brought that stability which means true economy. *20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 25*

Students, eternal interests are before you. Work with heaven in view, remembering ever your character building. Keep a pocket Bible with you as you work, and improve every opportunity to commit to memory its precious promises. *20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 26*

“All things are yours, ... and ye are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s.” [*Corinthians 3:21-23.*] God gave Christ to be the head over all things to the church. The Saviour loves the church with an everlasting love. “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 gave Himself for the church “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 5:27.*]*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 27*

Remember that Satan will not leave any one alone who is working to build up memorials for the Lord. “Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.” [*Matthew 26:41.*]*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 28*

From the Washington training college, missionaries are to be sent forth to distant lands. Let the students improve every opportunity to prepare for missionary work while at the school. They are to be tested and proved, that it may be seen what their adaptability is and whether they have a right hold from above. If they have a firm hold on Christ, they will have a right hold on all with whom they come in contact. *20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 29*

The Lord will surely bless all who seek to bless others. The school is to be so conducted that students and teachers will be continually increasing in power through the faithful use of the talents given them. By faithfully putting to a practical use that which they have learned, they will continually increase in wisdom and knowledge. We are to learn from the Book of books the principles by which we are to live and labor. By consecrating all our abilities to Him who has the first right to them, we may ennoble all that is worthy of our

attention.*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 30*

The students who will get the most good out of life are those who live the Word of God in their dealings with their fellow-men. Those who receive to give will feel the greatest satisfaction in this life. Those who live for themselves are always in want; for they are never satisfied. There is no Christianity in shutting up our sympathies in our own selfish hearts. We are to bring brightness and blessing into the lives of others. We are to be channels through which God can let His goodness, mercy, and truth flow to the world. We are to be co-workers with Jesus Christ, imparting to others the blessings bestowed on us.*20LtMs, Lt 15, 1905, par. 31*

Lt 17, 1905

Our Workers in Washington, D. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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To our workers in Washington, D.C.

Dear Brethren and Sisters,—

You are engaged in a most important work, and I feel a deep interest in all of you. I am hoping that every stroke that is made in Takoma Park and in the city of Washington toward the upbuilding of the cause of God may tell to the glory of the Lord. I pray that you may all work in such a way that many souls shall be brought to a knowledge of the truth for this time. Let all who can speak words for the Master be wide-awake now, just now, when so much depends upon the earnestness of our efforts. We have not a moment to lose. The end is nearer than when we first believed. Keep your eyes fixed steadfastly on Jesus. Seek the Lord daily for a new consecration.*20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 1*

Often ask yourselves the question, “What must I do to be saved?” [*Acts 16:30*.] Then search your Bibles, and pray earnestly for the impartation of the Holy Spirit, that you may understand the truth as it is in Jesus.*20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 2*

Remember that you are workers together with God, and that your hearts are to be purified from all defilement. Put away all strife, all evil speaking and evil thinking. Remember that haphazard work will not answer now. We are to do faithful work in upholding the claims of God’s law.*20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 3*

Truth in the heart guides us to Christ, who is the author of all truth and the only one who can cleanse the soul from defilement. The practice of the principles of truth fills the soul with peace.*20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 4*

The Medical Missionary Work

I am very much pleased to know that our brethren in Washington have been successful in finding in a good locality a building suitable for well-equipped treatment rooms. I see the providence of God in this. I have been instructed that some provision must be made to carry on sanitarium work in this city, as soon as possible, while the sanitarium building at Takoma Park is being erected. It would be in harmony with the instruction given me for our brethren to begin sanitarium work in rented buildings in the cities and then carry on the work until other buildings outside of the cities can be provided. Patients can be transferred from the city place to the institutions in the country. City treatment rooms and country sanitariums can work together advantageously and harmoniously. In Washington the sanitarium work should thus make rapid advancement. The city patients can be gathered in by the place in the city and from there be taken to Takoma Park, which is only a few miles away and where they can have the retirement of rural life. *20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 5*

It is in the order of God for the sanitarium work to begin right in the city at first. Thus the people will become acquainted with methods of rational treatment and with the success that attends the use of these methods. Thorough work is to be done in advertising the opening up of sanitarium work. We must do all in our power to obtain the attention of the people. *20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 6*

And after the sanitarium buildings at Takoma Park are completed and occupied, the city treatment rooms will still be needed. These treatment rooms will act as a feeder for the suburban sanitarium, and many patients may be transferred from them to the sanitarium. Careful consideration must be given to this matter. Such a place as Washington must not be left without treatment rooms in the city proper. We must work and plan carefully. These two places, properly managed, will become a power of influence in medical missionary lines. *20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 7*

In our Washington work wise, competent physicians, efficient managers, and nurses with the very best qualifications will be needed. Earnest, devoted young people also will be needed to

enter the work as nurses. These young men and women will increase in capability as they use conscientiously the knowledge they gain, and they will become better and better qualified to be the Lord's helping hand. They may become successful missionaries, pointing souls to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world and whose healing efficiency can save both soul and body.*20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 8*

The Lord wants wise men and women, acting in the capacity of nurses, to comfort and help the sick and suffering. Through the ministrations of these nurses, those who have heretofore taken no interest in religious things will be led to ask, "What must I do to be saved?" [*Verse 30.*] The sick will be led to Christ by the patient attention of nurses who anticipate their wants and who bow in prayer and ask the great medical missionary to look with compassion upon the sufferer and to let the soothing influence of His grace be felt and His restoring power be exercised.*20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 9*

O that all who are sick and afflicted could be ministered to by Christlike physicians and nurses, who could help them to place their weary, pain-racked bodies in the care of the great Healer, in faith looking to Him for restoration.*20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 10*

The nervous timidity of the sick will be overcome as they are made acquainted with the intensive interest that the Saviour has for all suffering humanity. O the depth of the love of Christ! To redeem us from death, He died on the cross of Calvary.*20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 11*

Let our physicians and nurses ever bear in mind the words, "We are laborers together with God." [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] Let every physician and every nurse learn how to work for the alleviation of mental as well as physical suffering. At this time, when sin is so prevalent and so violently revealed, how important it is that our sanitariums be conducted in such a way that they will accomplish the greatest amount of good. How important that all the workers in these institutions know how to speak words in season to those who are weary and sin-sick.*20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 12*

Physicians and nurses should ever be kind and cheerful, putting

away all gloom and sadness. Let faith grasp the hand of Christ for His healing touch.*20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 13*

As our nurses minister patiently to those who are sick in body and soul, let them ask God to work for the suffering ones, that they may be led to know Christ, and let them believe that their prayers will be answered. In all that is done, let the love of Christ be revealed.*20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 14*

Every sincere Christian bows to Jesus as the true physician of souls. When He stands by the bedside of the afflicted, there will be many, not only converted, but healed. He who declared, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," will be with His faithful physicians and nurses as they strive to co-operate with Him. [*John 14:6.*] If through judicious ministrations the patient is led to give his soul to Christ, and to bring his thoughts into obedience to the will of God, a great victory is gained.*20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 15*

It is for the object of soul-saving that our sanitariums are established. In our daily ministrations we see many careworn, sorrowful faces. What does the sorrow on these faces show? The need of the soul for the peace of Christ. Poor, sad human beings go to broken cisterns, which can hold no water, thinking to satisfy their thirst. Let them hear a voice saying, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters." [*Isaiah 55:1.*] Poor, weary, oppressed souls, seeking you know not what, come to the water of life. All heaven is yearning over you. Come unto Me, that ye may have life.*20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 16*

It is that thirsting souls may be led to the living water that we plead for sanitariums, not expensive, mammoth sanitariums, but homelike institutions in pleasant places.*20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 17*

Never, never build mammoth institutions. Let these institutions be small, and let there be more of them, that the work of winning souls to Christ may be accomplished. It may often be necessary to start sanitarium work in the city, but never build a sanitarium in a city. Rent a building, and keep looking for a suitable place out of the city. The sick are to be reached, not by massive buildings, but by the establishment of many small sanitariums, which are to be as lights shining in a dark place. Those who are engaged in this work

are to reflect the sunlight of Christ's face. They are to be as salt that has not lost its savor. By sanitarium work, properly conducted, the influence of true, pure religion will be extended to many souls.*20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 18*

From our sanitariums trained workers are to go forth into places where the truth has never been proclaimed and do missionary work for the Master, claiming the promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:20.*] Christ can bring light out of darkness.*20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 19*

I appeal to all who have means to make a determined effort to carry out the instruction God has given regarding the establishment of a sanitarium in Takoma Park. Let our people rally to the support of this important enterprise. Let the churches in every state act their part, that the work in Washington may not come to a standstill. Let us make liberal gifts to this work, and the Lord will bless us and it. We cannot see this work coming to a standstill while it is but half done. It need not come to a standstill if all our people will come up to the help of the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 20*

Let us come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty powers of darkness. Satan is working with intensity of purpose to enslave and destroy souls. Let us take a firm stand against him. The Word of God urges every one to go steadily forward on the upward grade, pressing toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*20LtMs, Lt 17, 1905, par. 21*

Lt 19, 1905

Workers in the Washington Publishing House

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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To the workers in the Washington Publishing House,

Dear Brethren,—

I am entrusted with a message to all who are connected with the work of God. Accustom yourselves the whole day long to draw near to God. Yes, draw nearer to Him than you have ever before felt the necessity of doing. This is expected of every one connected with the publishing houses at Washington, Nashville, and Mountain View. Talk with God, and with gratitude learn of Him His will and way. He will give tact and skill to those who do their work to His glory.*20LtMs, Lt 19, 1905, par. 1*

We are running a race for a crown of immortal life, but we cannot expect to win this crown unless we strive lawfully. If our publishing houses had ever held fast to the pure principles of Bible truth, they would have retained the favor of God and would have been built up in the most holy faith. Thousands who do not obey the truth would have been converted; and these, by keeping the commandments of God and living out the high, holy principles of His Word, would be winning many souls from the ranks of the enemy.*20LtMs, Lt 19, 1905, par. 2*

Christ says, Reach up higher and still higher in every business transaction. Let no selfish scheme to favor self come in. The whole day long, in all your business transactions, remember that you are in the Lord’s presence. Seek in simple faith to be pure in His sight.*20LtMs, Lt 19, 1905, par. 3*

By the daily work of character building, men are deciding whether they will be given the life that measures with the life of God. Be sure

not to bring to the foundation that which is represented as wood, hay, and stubble. Lay your souls open before God, and put yourselves entirely under His guidance. Whatever you may be doing, let your prayers rise to God. Seek in simple faith to enter into union with Christ. You are not half acquainted with the requirements of Christ. You are foolishly neglecting the truth by which you are to be sanctified. Pray, O pray; for a soul without prayer is like a lost sheep which has strayed from its shepherd.*20LtMs, Lt 19, 1905, par. 4*

The tempter is on the track of every one. He will lead all he possibly can to heed the sentiments which, if followed, must end in eternal destruction. We have none too much time in which to prepare to meet God. No longer talk of unimportant subjects. Draw near to God. You occupy important positions, and your example is to help others to purify their souls through the truth. Let the converting power of God come in among you. The Saviour desires every one connected with our publishing houses to be tenderhearted, pitiful, courteous. Look to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith. He is holy, and He will impart His holiness to His true followers.*20LtMs, Lt 19, 1905, par. 5*

Young men, be sure to bring the strictest fidelity into all that you do. "Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord, and walketh in His ways." [*Psalms 128:1.*] Remember that every word you speak, every deed you do is passing sentence for or against you. Those who suppose that by deception they can obtain advantages for themselves are incurring fearful loss. Unless this sin is repented of and pardoned, they can never enter heaven. The Lord will declare to them, "I know you not." [*Matthew 25:12.*] They may urge the good things they have done, but Christ says, "Depart from Me, ye that work iniquity." [*Matthew 7:23.*]*20LtMs, Lt 19, 1905, par. 6*

Let those who accept positions of trust realize the responsibility resting upon them to set a right example, to deal with the strictest integrity, lest they rob God of the facilities which, wisely and carefully handled, would bring means into the treasury to build up the work of God in many places. It is God's purpose that our publishing houses shall stand in strength and power, because those connected with them co-operate with God, putting self out of

sight.*20LtMs, Lt 19, 1905, par. 7*

Let the beauty and holiness of the Lord our God be upon the workings of our institutions, which, in their various departments, must be managed by men who serve the Lord with full purpose of heart. Let every man in a position of trust live so honestly and truly that God can say of him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." [*Matthew 25:23.*]*20LtMs, Lt 19, 1905, par. 8*

Now is the time for us to work righteousness. Just now let the beauty of the Lord our God shine forth from the lives of His true, faithful workers. God says, "Thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty; for it was perfect through My comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord." [*Ezekiel 16:14.*] Let us pray daily, "Establish Thou the work of my hands." [*Psalms 90:17.*]*20LtMs, Lt 19, 1905, par. 9*

I am instructed to say, There are but few who have advanced as they should in heavenly discipline. Among those acting a part in the office of publication, there are some whose fellowship is not a spiritual advantage to the apprentices working with them. God blotted out our two largest institutions in Battle Creek because those connected with them would not heed the appeals and warnings given.*20LtMs, Lt 19, 1905, par. 10*

Day and night my spirit is grieved, as I see so little real devotion, so little earnest, determined effort to rise to a higher standard. O how much precious time is trifled on unimportant lines of work.*20LtMs, Lt 19, 1905, par. 11*

It is not the house, the land that you possess, but the condition of your heart at which God looks. Firm and unshaken, hold fast to the truth. With heart and mind and soul and strength love the Lord your God. Let the prayer go forth from unfeigned lips, Give me Thy love in my heart, that I may impart it to others. There is only one power—the power of Christ—that can energize the soul. All pride, all self-indulgence is to be overcome, or we can never enter the abodes of bliss. The science that all should learn is the science contained in the words, "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.*]20LtMs, Lt 19, 1905, par. 12

Let those connected with the institutions in Washington keep the way of the Lord. Let them not defile their workings with covetousness. Let no one engaged in this important work do anything that would bear witness against him as a Christian. “We all, with open face beholding as in a glass 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.*] “Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord, that walketh in His ways; for thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands. Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.” “Commit thy ways unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.” [*Psalms 128:1, 2; 37:5.*]20LtMs, Lt 19, 1905, par. 13

Lt 21, 1905

Prescott, W. W.; Colcord, W. A.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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To Elders Prescott and Colcord
Washington, D.C.

Dear Brethren,—

One night we seemed to be in a council meeting, and One of acknowledged authority was telling us that now is our time to press to the front in Washington. A decided testimony must be borne to the people in the national capital, and this work must not rest upon a few. Those who engage in this work must exert themselves to the utmost of their ability to proclaim the truth with clearness and energy; yet they must not forget that it is the power of God alone that can convert the heart; and that it is only the power of God that can hold the four winds, that they shall not blow until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 1*

A most important work is to be done in Washington, and I inquire whether you do not need the help of those who in years past have stood prominently for religious liberty. Can it not be arranged for Elder A. T. Jones to work with you for a time in Washington and for some one to take his place in Battle Creek? Elder Jones can help you. It may do him a world of good to have a part in this work now. When plans were being laid for him to go to Battle Creek, I was instructed that it would not be very long before many strong Bible expositors would have to act a part in Washington. This I told Brother Jones, and he said he would be in Battle Creek for one year only, and then if some one would take his place in Battle Creek, he would be free to go elsewhere. Do all you can to encourage him and other strong men to unite with you in proclaiming the truth in Washington. I do not think that any thing should stand in the way of

your making the most of the present interest.*20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 2*

I do not think that Brethren Haskell and Butler could now be spared from the field where they are at work. In that field there is much to be done that requires continuous labor, and it must not be neglected or delayed. The truth must be proclaimed with power where they are at work.*20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 3*

As we work with all our might, our trust must be in God. Sooner or later Sunday laws will be passed. But there is much for God's servants to do to warn the people. This work has been greatly retarded by their having to wait and stand against the devisings of Satan, which have been striving to find a place in our work. We are years behind. God calls upon His workers to humble themselves before Him and put away every sin. He calls upon them to hold fast to the word, "It is written," and put away all infidelity. We are to humble ourselves before the Lord, and at the same time we are to be as firm as a rock to principle.*20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 4*

God's law is to be vindicated by the obedience of heart and mind and by strong arguments. Who will now strive to meet the demands of God by complete transformation of character?*20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 5*

For a long time I have carried a heavy burden regarding the work to be done in Washington. Not one in a thousand of the people there knows what the Bible says about the Sabbath. The instruction given me is that the ten commandments should be printed in plain letters in a prominent place in the *Review*. Had these commandments been obeyed, the wickedness now seen in our world would never have existed. Appeal to the people to study the special directions given to Israel regarding the sacredness of the law, as recorded in *Exodus, chapter twenty*.*20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 6*

In awful grandeur the Creator of heaven and earth came down and proclaimed His law to the people; and then that it might not be forgotten or corrupted, He wrote it with His own finger upon tables of stone. And yet religious teachers are venturing to make of no effect that holy law.*20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 7*

Put these decided statements of the law on the first page of the *Review*, and let them remain there for a time, speaking to the people. Then let some one search out all the scriptures where the Sabbath is spoken of, such as the *fifty-eighth of Isaiah*. Point out the wonderful promises made to those who obey God's law. *20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 8*

Get together the plain scriptures bearing on the Sabbath question, and put them in tract form. Make it clear and plain that no change has been made by God in His day of rest. The *fifty-eighth* and the *fifty-first chapters of Isaiah* should be doing their important work in the hearts of the people. Now is the time when these scriptures should be brought to the front. Now is the time when every worker must draw nigh to God, by faith laying hold of the hand of infinite power. Now is the time when all should have the sanctification of the Holy Spirit. *20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 9*

Encourage also the study of the *fifty-second*, the *fifty-third*, and the *fifty-fourth chapters of Isaiah*. These prophecies regarding Christ's work are to be a help and a blessing to His people. The time has come when the liberty of the church of Christ is endangered. Let it be a time also when true missionary work shall be done in public ministry and in house-to-house labor. The oppression of Christ's church would apparently be a great victory for the side of the transgressors of the Sabbath and would cause rejoicing amongst evildoers. But nothing should discourage us. God has victory for His people. Let sanctified ability be brought into the work of proclaiming the truth for this time. If the forces of the enemy gain the victory now, it will be because the churches have neglected their God-given work. For years the work has been before them, but many have been asleep. If Seventh-day Adventists will now arouse, and do the work assigned them, the truth will be presented in our neglected cities in clear, distinct lines and in the power of the Spirit. *20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 10*

When wholehearted work is done, the efficacy of the grace of Christ will be seen. The watchmen on the walls of Zion are to be wide-awake, and they are to arouse others. God's people are to be so earnest and faithful in their work for Him that all selfishness will be separated from their lives. His workers will then see eye to eye, and

the arm of the Lord, the power of which was seen in the life of Christ will be revealed. Decided changes will be made. Confidence will be restored, and there will be unity in the churches throughout our ranks.*20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 11*

The Lord calls upon every believer to gird on the gospel armor. Those who have been weakening are now to stand firm. We are to be true to one another and to God. Fidelity is to mark all that we do. We are not to strive for the highest place, not to seek to be first; we are to see who can be the most accurate in representing to the world the truth for this time. “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 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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 12*

“Be strong in the Lord,” is the first charge. [*Verse 10.*] In order to be strong we must be united to Christ by living faith, depending on Him who died for us and who estimates aright the value of the human soul. We are to put on Christ. His grace is to enable us to perform faithfully every duty. In the power of His might we are to conquer every foe. It is our privilege and duty as children of God to grow in grace, and in the strength of the experience that God is waiting to give every one who will use unselfishly the blessings bestowed, brightening with hope and courage the lives of those ready to die.*20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 13*

Thus we are to work out our own salvation. It is the duty of every soul to have spiritual strength to perform the duties given him. Constantly trusting in Christ to supply our needs, we are to go forward in the strength of His might, ever helping the weak. As we

look to Him for our orders and obey His commands, we shall be given wisdom to discern the wiles of the enemy. We shall see clearly the devices and the stratagems which he has prepared to deceive and ruin men and women.*20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 14*

We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers. Satan uses human agents in which to hide himself. He works through them to carry out his designs. He works also through evil spirits of a high order called principalities and powers and specified as the rulers of the darkness of this world. He creates troubles to stir up the minds of unconverted church members. Because of their spiritual blindness, they do not see that it is Satan, working through human beings not subdued by the Holy Spirit, that is the cause of the trouble.*20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 15*

Said Christ, "I sanctify Myself." [*John 17:19.*] That is, He held fast to divine grace, thus controlling His words and temper. His humanity must be perfect. He must be an example for every human being, that by following Him men and women may form perfect characters. He knew that He must watch and pray always and that He must not utter a word which would give Satan opportunity to accuse Him. Let church members now cultivate self-control so that Satan cannot work through them. Let each one be sure that his character building is according to the pattern given in Christ's character. Those who are suspicious and envious do great harm to themselves and grieve the Holy Spirit; for the attributes of the enemy are manifest in their spirit and their words. Such ones should be told that if they continue thus to serve Satan, they cannot be retained in the fellowship of the church, because others will be contaminated by their unchristlike words and spirit.*20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 16*

There should be one hundred workers where now there is but one. Wake up, my brethren and sisters, and dedicate yourselves to God, body, soul, and spirit. The Captain of your salvation is saying, Advance. Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men. Thus He said to the fishermen in their boats. They obeyed the call and under the Saviour's guidance did a great and good work. Those who today obey the call, and who take the Saviour as their example, will have many souls as their reward.*20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 17*

When all our ministers and physicians come into line, taking their stand under the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel, we shall see an army of men and women going forth to work for Christ, speaking the Word with holy boldness and power. Brethren and sisters, confess your sins to Christ, repent of them, and be converted, and then with faith and much prayer and with Bible in hand, go forth among those who have never heard the message, teaching His Word. Christ will be your support and sufficiency, and you will have success. *20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 18*

Remind our people often of the work that may be done by the sale of our books and the distribution of tracts. Encourage them to sell the periodicals containing the message for this time. Our large books can be sold in Washington and other cities in the East, if the canvassers will take up the work courageously. *20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 19*

Instruction has been given me that the important books containing the light that God has given regarding Satan's apostasy in heaven should be given a wide circulation just now; for through them the truth will reach many minds. *Patriarchs and Prophets, Daniel and the Revelation, and Great Controversy* are needed now as never before. They should be widely circulated because the truths they emphasize will open many blind eyes. *20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 20*

When *Patriarchs and Prophets* was first issued, it was neglected for a book easy to sell and more profitable to the publishers. Many of our people have been blind to the importance of the very books that were most needed. Had tact and skill then been shown in the sale of these books, the Sunday-law movement would not be where it is today. *20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 21*

I am glad that the Lord has at Washington able men who can treat this Sunday movement as it should be treated. Let every minister, every evangelist now put on the whole armor of God and work and watch and pray. Our church members also should humble their hearts before God, and cry aloud, and spare not. O that the Lord would imbue the members of His church with a sense of the importance of the responsibility of being laborers together with Him. *20LtMs, Lt 21, 1905, par. 22*

Lt 23, 1905

Nicola, Brother and Sister C. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 17, 1905

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Dear Brother and Sister Nicola,—

I have just read your letter giving the particulars of your loss by fire. We are sorry that you should lose one penny, but the part of the building that burned was objectionable in many ways. When I first saw it, I said to some one, If that part of the building could be taken away, it would be a great blessing. This will have to be done in order for the institution to make a right representation.*20LtMs, Lt 23, 1905, par. 1*

I first heard of the fire three days ago. That night I lay awake for hours. All the news we had regarding the matter was a short paragraph in one of our papers, and from reading it I feared that the whole building had been destroyed. A day or two later I received a fuller account, which told us that only the old portions of the building had been burned.*20LtMs, Lt 23, 1905, par. 2*

“The Lord is good; praise His holy name,” I said over and over again. He has mercifully saved every life and has taken away an objectionable part of the building. I am glad that it has come about in this way. Had a proposition been made to tear that part of the building down, some would have regarded it as a great waste.*20LtMs, Lt 23, 1905, par. 3*

Now you can have a suitable addition put on to the building. It is an unfavorable time of the year to take up this work, but begin to rebuild as soon as you can. Be continually making preparations to this point. If much snow falls, I suppose you will have to

wait.*20LtMs, Lt 23, 1905, par. 4*

If I could help you financially, I certainly would; but I cannot. I have had to borrow money recently myself. I have written to Brother Gilbert Collins, asking him to do his best for you. We must do our best. There is so much to do, and such a lack of means, that it almost looks as if we had to make bricks without straw.*20LtMs, Lt 23, 1905, par. 5*

Talk with Brother Place, and try to get him to show an interest in building up the sanitarium work. I will try to get time to write to him.*20LtMs, Lt 23, 1905, par. 6*

I shall pray the Lord to open the way for you to rebuild in a way that will correspond with the rest of the buildings. I pray that God will bless all that you do, that it may be well done.*20LtMs, Lt 23, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 25, 1905

Place, A. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 17, 1905

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Elder A. E. Place

Dear Brother,—

I have recently learned in regard to the burning of a portion of the Melrose Sanitarium. At first I felt almost overcome, but later I learned that only a part of the main building has been destroyed. I want you to see, my brother, that the Lord is good. Do not mourn over the loss, as long as the best part of the building is saved. Thank the Lord that considerable of the furniture was saved and above all that no one was hurt or killed. *20LtMs, Lt 25, 1905, par. 1*

Can you not do something to arouse our people in the East to arise and rebuild the sanitarium? I feel a deep anxiety that Boston shall hear the word of the Lord and the reasons of our faith. Ask the Lord to raise up laborers to enter the field. Ask Him to raise up laborers who can gain access to the people of Boston. The message must be sounding forth. There are thousands in Boston craving for the simple truth as it is in Jesus. Cannot you who minister in word and doctrine prepare the way for this truth to reach souls? *20LtMs, Lt 25, 1905, par. 2*

O how I long to see the Holy Spirit's working on human minds. For hours during the night I lie awake, unable to sleep, pleading with God to let the power of His Spirit come upon the minds and hearts of the people in our cities. *20LtMs, Lt 25, 1905, par. 3*

Let us regard the fire that has destroyed a part of the sanitarium as

a blessing in disguise. The Lord is in this cutting away of the objectionable portion of the building. It was a firetrap and made but a poor representation. After considering the matter, I said, "Amen and amen. Refined and purified by fire."*20LtMs, Lt 25, 1905, par. 4*

Our people in the East are to do their part in helping to rebuild the destroyed portion of the building. May the Lord impress the hearts of those who have money to come up to His help and assist in the erection of a building that will be wholesome and safe and convenient. Work to this point.*20LtMs, Lt 25, 1905, par. 5*

I must close now; for I am very weary. I ask you to do all in your power to help Dr. Nicola in the erection of the buildings that are essential for the accommodation of patients.*20LtMs, Lt 25, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 27, 1905

Evan, T. J.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 18, 1905

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Dr. T. J. Evans

My brother,—

I have words to speak to you. In the past you and your wife have been very happy together. You have loved your wife and have treated her very kindly. She has not lost her love for you, because she has loved you sincerely; and for years the heavenly angels bent over you, pleased at your unity. But you have lost the balance of your mind, and you will be inclined to write and speak unjustly and to say and do that which, were you in your right mind, would greatly shock you. You have lost your wisdom and judgment. *20LtMs, Lt 27, 1905, par. 1*

It is time that you placed yourself in a right position. Through the grace of God, I have been the instrument, by means of the testimonies given me, of saving several, yes, many who were passing through an experience similar to that through which you are now passing. Do not try to work out some plan by which you can escape the reproach which, unless you change, you will be the cause of bringing upon the work of God. Only by falling upon the Rock Christ Jesus can you escape this reproach. *20LtMs, Lt 27, 1905, par. 2*

If you continue to do as you have been doing for some time, should you continue to remain under the power of Satan’s delusive representations, it would be impossible for you to retain your position of influence. Talk no more of love to any woman besides your wife. Such a love is base. It has in it nothing of true love. Love is too sacred a word to be used in such a connection. Lust is the word, not love. It is the lust of the mind, the fruit of corrupt

thoughts.*20LtMs, Lt 27, 1905, par. 3*

I shall call things by the right name. For Christ's sake, for your own soul's sake, and for the sake of those who would cheapen themselves to respond to your expressions of love, I send you this warning. I ask you to read and study the *fifth chapter of First Thessalonians*.*20LtMs, Lt 27, 1905, par. 4*

Temptations of this kind prevail in the nominal churches of today. They are described in the *eighteenth chapter of Revelation*. "After these things," John writes, "I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power, and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies." [*Verses 1-3.*]*20LtMs, Lt 27, 1905, par. 5*

The vileness of character that marks many of those composing the religious bodies of today is placing them where God's wrath, unmixed with mercy, will be poured upon them. I might write more about this, but I will not dwell longer upon the dark picture.*20LtMs, Lt 27, 1905, par. 6*

I would say to you, Come back to the sanitarium as soon as ever you can, so that the remarks made may not be increased by the strangeness of your absence. Your wife will not remain in the institution with you away. Come back, and come a sane man. A strange spell is upon you. You cannot reason correctly, and you need help. I am instructed to say that the Lord will heal your soul of its disease if you will make thorough work for repentance and forever rely upon His power and grace. Do not imperil your soul by continuing in Satan's snare, under his instruction. The principles of the Christian religion call upon you to break away from your sins and place yourself under the influence of the Holy Spirit.*20LtMs, Lt 27, 1905, par. 7*

I advise you to come back at once and place your feet in the

straight and narrow path of holiness. The Lord forgave Paul for his misconception of what constitutes true religion, and He will forgive you. But we could in no case link up with you while you continue to take your present view of matters. I am strongly opposed to certain sentiments in *Living Temple*, because I knew that the outcome of a belief in these sentiments would be just such evils as you have been practicing. *20LtMs, Lt 27, 1905, par. 8*

Lt 29, 1905

Bradford, Sister

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 1, 1905

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Dear Sister Bradford,—

I have just read your letter. For some time past I have been doing much writing. There have been many important matters to complete, and I have become so thoroughly exhausted that it has seemed difficult for me to rest. Last night I was unable to sleep after one o'clock. *20LtMs, Lt 29, 1905, par. 1*

I was away from home during the greater part of last year. We left home in April, and with the exception of three weeks, we were away till the end of December. We reached home from the East about the middle of October, expecting soon to go on to Los Angeles and San Diego. We found Sister Marian Davis very sick, and as it seemed impossible that she could live long, we waited that we might be with her during her last days. But our tickets, which had been bought to Los Angeles, were good for one month only after we reached home, and as the physicians at the sanitarium thought that Sister Davis might linger for two or three weeks, we made preparations to go South and return soon. At first we planned to leave home on Monday, October 24, but something prevented us, and we decided to wait till the next day. On Tuesday morning a telephone message came from the sanitarium to say that Marian had been unconscious since seven o'clock A.M. She remained unconscious until four o'clock in the afternoon, when she breathed her last. The funeral service was held the following day, and she now lies buried in the St. Helena Cemetery. *20LtMs, Lt 29, 1905, par. 2*

For twenty-five years Sister Davis had been a most faithful helper in my work. She was greatly appreciated by me and by all who were acquainted with her and her work, and we miss her very much. Of

her it can truthfully be said: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, ... that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." [*Revelation 14:13.*]20LtMs, Lt 29, 1905, par. 3

Friday, October 28, we left home for Southern California. We spent the Sabbath at Fresno, at which place I spoke to our people. But I will not take time to enter into the details of our trip.20LtMs, Lt 29, 1905, par. 4

While at Los Angeles, we had opportunity to become acquainted with the work that has been done there by Elder Simpson. He has been used by the Lord to bring many souls to a knowledge of the truth, twenty-five having begun the observance of the Sabbath as a result of his ministry in Los Angeles during the past summer.20LtMs, Lt 29, 1905, par. 5

For a long time we have seen the importance of having a sanitarium established near Los Angeles. A restaurant and treatment rooms have been conducted there, but it is impossible to care properly for patients in the heart of the city, where the din and confusion can plainly be heard. Recently a large building, eight miles from the city, in a beautiful, retired spot, has been purchased by our people for sanitarium work. The property includes five acres of land. This property has been held for fifty thousand dollars, but it was offered to us and purchased by us for twelve thousand dollars.20LtMs, Lt 29, 1905, par. 6

Every year great numbers of tourists visit Los Angeles and San Diego, and sanitariums have been established in these places that they may stand as lights, giving the last message of mercy to all who come within the range of their influence.20LtMs, Lt 29, 1905, par. 7

We are to work in the highways as well as the byways. We feel that the Lord has greatly favored us in the purchase of this property. During my stay in Los Angeles, two of the rooms in the new sanitarium were placed at my disposal.20LtMs, Lt 29, 1905, par. 8

When this property was first brought to our attention, we had nothing with which to purchase it. But our people have taken hold well and have done their best. The property in Los Angeles is not

yet entirely paid for, but the ones from whom it was purchased have given us liberal terms and easy payments, so we have been able to begin work there.*20LtMs, Lt 29, 1905, par. 9*

The work has been begun in Washington, D.C., none too soon. It should have been started there twenty-five years ago. At present there is a strong agitation in favor of a Sunday law for the District of Columbia, and our workers are laboring with all their might to present the facts regarding the Bible Sabbath and to prevent the enforcement of a Sunday law. The daily papers are publishing articles on both sides of the question.*20LtMs, Lt 29, 1905, par. 10*

It has seemed almost impossible for me to carry all the burdens that are laid upon me. While I was speaking in the tent at the Omaha camp-meeting, I took cold, and this cold has clung to me ever since. During the four weeks that I spent in San Diego, I was sick all the time. I isolated myself from the rest of the family, not wishing to expose any one. I have not yet completely recovered from this sickness, but I can see that I am improving.*20LtMs, Lt 29, 1905, par. 11*

I supposed that you were coming to Melrose while I was there, and that I should see you then. Had I know that you were not coming, I might have made a visit to New Bedford, though my health seemed to forbid it; and besides, I had appointments for the Middletown camp-meeting and for Battle Creek and Omaha.*20LtMs, Lt 29, 1905, par. 12*

I have many letters to write, but I shall try to write to you again soon. I am interested in you and your husband and in Brother Gilbert Collins. I wish that he might help in establishing a sanitarium in New Bedford. But while many suitable places for sanitariums may be found, the greatest difficulty, my dear sister, is to find the talent necessary to conduct these institutions aright. If such a work is started without the help of those who can carry forward the work wisely, the results will be worse than if the matter had been delayed.*20LtMs, Lt 29, 1905, par. 13*

Many of our people who are now congregated in Battle Creek should be out in the harvest field. But many seem content where they are. I feel so sorry that they do not awake to the importance of

the time in which they are living. Thousands in the world are calling for the Word of God. But the Lord will open the way for His work to be carried on, if we will trust in Him. Look up, not down, my sister. Keep the windows of the soul opened heavenward, that the sunlight of heaven may shine in. May the Lord bless and cheer you.*20LtMs, Lt 29, 1905, par. 14*

January 11

I completed your letter this morning, but the noon mail brought me a letter from Brother Haskell, enclosing a letter from Brother Uchtman, who is laboring in New Bedford. Since reading the letter from Brother Uchtman I feel like writing you a few lines more. I am glad that these letters have come at this time and that I know that the Lord has begun a good work in New Bedford. Do not worry, my sister. The Lord is acquainted with your situation. Nothing escapes His notice. He will hear your prayers; for He is a prayer-hearing and a prayer-answering God. Put your trust in Him, and He will certainly bring relief, in His own way. I am very thankful for what I hear of the blessing that has attended the work in New Bedford. Let us trust in God, and let our faith take hold of Him most earnestly.*20LtMs, Lt 29, 1905, par. 15*

If Brother Gilbert Collins does not feel free to give his means to establish a sanitarium at this time, it is best not to urge him. The ideas that we think are good may not always be the best. Let the Lord's way be established.*20LtMs, Lt 29, 1905, par. 16*

O how I long to see the work going with power in New Bedford and Fairhaven, and in many other places just as greatly in need of the truth as these places. We hope that sometimes a sanitarium may be established in New Bedford. Medical missionary workers are needed in such cities. But, dear sister, it requires talent of no ordinary ability to manage a sanitarium. Men of experience, tried and tested, must take hold of the work. That part of the workers who undertake to establish such an institution are experienced and qualified is not sufficient. For their own sake, for the sake of the institution, and for the sake of the cause at large, it is important that a complete corps of well-qualified men and women be found to enter upon the work. The Lord's eye is over the whole field; and

when the time is ripe for an institution to be started in a certain field, He can turn toward that place the minds of the men and women best prepared to enter the institution.*20LtMs, Lt 29, 1905, par. 17*

There are many lines of work to be carried forward. There is an opening for well-trained nurses to go among families and awaken in households an interest in the truth. There is urgent need of many evangelists and Bible workers in such cities as Boston and New Bedford. Such workers would find many opportunities to sow the good seed. There is work for every energetic, thorough, earnest worker. The teaching of Christ, the simple truths taught by His parables are just as much needed today as they were when He was in the world in person.*20LtMs, Lt 29, 1905, par. 18*

It is getting dark, and I must close. I would say in closing, Be of good courage. Do not think that you are forsaken. Trust in the Lord; and in His own time and way, He will bring the truth to New Bedford and Fairhaven.*20LtMs, Lt 29, 1905, par. 19*

Lt 31, 1905

Haskell, Brother and Sister

Mountain View, California

January 25, 1905

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Dear Brother and Sister Haskell,—

I have just received and read your letter.*20LtMs, Lt 31, 1905, par. 1*

I wish to say to you that the Lord has instructed me that Brother W. O. Palmer is not to be separated from the sympathy of the church. Brother Palmer is not perfect. Over and over again he has shown himself to be defective. I am to be as a mother to him, and as such I have spoken to him faithfully. I shall still continue to correct his wrongs, but I wish to present to him the hopeful side, that he may not fall into utter discouragement. I shall reprove his errors and encourage him in every way possible.*20LtMs, Lt 31, 1905, par. 2*

We need especial wisdom that we may know how to deal with those who are tempted, that we may labor for the reformation of the erring. Hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil will often gain the ascendancy. But often the very ones who would deal severely with the one in the wrong are, in the sight of God, more to be blamed than the one they so bitterly condemn. Brother Palmer knows that I am his friend. I will tell him the truth in love, clearly and truthfully, without prejudice or unfeeling severity.*20LtMs, Lt 31, 1905, par. 3*

In response to the charge made against Christ that He ate with publicans and sinners, Jesus replied, “I came not to call the righteous (the self-conceited Pharisees), but sinners to repentance.” [*Mark 2:17.*] His work was not for those who would not receive His message, but with and for those who might be helped and saved after His crucifixion.*20LtMs, Lt 31, 1905, par. 4*

Let those who see faults and errors in their brethren go to them as

Christ has directed, pray with and for them, and with hearts softened and subdued by the grace of Christ endeavor to point out kindly the wrongs that have been done.*20LtMs, Lt 31, 1905, par. 5*

“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.*] Christ, the great Teacher, is not referring merely to those who are children in years, but to those who need care and protection in their religious experience. “The Son of man is come to seek and save that which is lost.” [*Luke 19:10.*]*20LtMs, Lt 31, 1905, par. 6*

“How think ye? If a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.*20LtMs, Lt 31, 1905, par. 7*

“Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he will 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. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.” [*Matthew 18:12-20.*]*20LtMs, Lt 31, 1905, par. 8*

Do not these words encourage us to do more praying for our brethren and less accusing of them? I know that if these directions were followed with those who are sin-sick, the Lord Jesus would be better pleased. Would this not be better than to separate an individual from the church, and leave him a subject of Satan's

temptations? When all will study their Bibles closely, and give heed to its teachings, the saving grace of Christ will be manifested to the church in rich blessings. I am directed that we must continue our work of soul-saving in harmony with the Bible plan.*20LtMs, Lt 31, 1905, par. 9*

“Then came Peter unto Him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but until seventy times seven.” [*Verses 21, 22.*]*20LtMs, Lt 31, 1905, par. 10*

Brother Haskell, read this instruction to the church at Nashville and at other places. Tell them that if they will read the Bible and walk in its counsels and directions, there will not be the difficulties to contend with that they have now. In our institutions and in our churches, there needs to be an entire change of action in dealing with those who are in fault. Let the sympathy and love of Christ come in, and the still, cold heart will be melted by His grace, and a heavenly atmosphere will pervade the church.*20LtMs, Lt 31, 1905, par. 11*

Study the *eighteenth chapter of Matthew*. Print it in *The Watchman*. And may our Lord Jesus Christ give His grace to every member of His church, that they may all be established in His Word.*20LtMs, Lt 31, 1905, par. 12*

“Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge ye shall be judged, and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. 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 the mote out of thy brother’s eye.” [*Matthew 7:1-5.*]*20LtMs, Lt 31, 1905, par. 13*

Lt 33, 1905

Groves, Mildred

Mountain View, California

January 23, 1905

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Dear Sister Mildred Groves,—

We are greatly troubled and perplexed over the movements of Dr. Evans. Some time ago he left the sanitarium for the purpose, as we supposed, of taking a short vacation and rest to recover his health. His long absence has given occasion for remarks, and inquiries are being made as to where he is and why he does not return to continue his work in the sanitarium.*20LtMs, Lt 33, 1905, par. 1*

A report has been circulated that Dr. Evans has become familiar with you, as a nurse in the sanitarium, that he is in correspondence with you, and that he is tempted to separate from his wife that he may live with you. Dr. Evans and his wife have lived together happily until you were closely associated with him as a nurse during his confinement with the small pox.*20LtMs, Lt 33, 1905, par. 2*

Sister Evans is passing through the deep waters of affliction. For nine years she has lived happily with her husband, and she has loved him as a true-hearted Christian woman should love the man whom she has chosen for her life companion. And the knowledge that he has become infatuated with you is a source of bitter humiliation to her.*20LtMs, Lt 33, 1905, par. 3*

Dr. Evans and his wife are, as physicians, well adapted to each other and are well qualified to unite as true medical missionaries, and we had hoped that their united labors might have [had] a decided influence in bringing the work of our sanitarium nearer in accordance with the Word of God. We have been pleased to see the husband and wife united in seeking to treat the sick by correct methods and to impart to those coming to the institution the sound doctrines of the gospel. Under the hallowed influence of such

teachings, souls will be converted. The truth practiced and taught by medical missionaries will be received in the heart of some and will lead to conversion and the establishment in the heart of the true principles of righteousness. Will you and Dr. Evans take such a course that an opposite influence shall be the result?*20LtMs, Lt 33, 1905, par. 4*

The Spirit of God is grieved because the commandments of God have not been kept in spirit and in truth. We can make no advancement in Christian growth unless we receive the truth of God and allow it to sanctify and purify the soul.*20LtMs, Lt 33, 1905, par. 5*

I ask you, my sister, how could you give the least encouragement to familiarity to a married man, one whose wife was doing a noble work as a physician in connection with her husband? This is no trifling matter. Sister Evans has always loved her husband and has respected him as a noble, worthy man. And now, even though he has taken a course that is bitterly humiliating to her, her affection for him is not diminished. She still loves the man she married and to whom she has pledged her heart. O how did the wiles of the enemy lead you and Dr. Evans to do his wife such a wrong?*20LtMs, Lt 33, 1905, par. 6*

My sister, we must one day individually give an account of our actions to Him who reads the heart. You cannot afford to transgress God's holy law and to bring such distress of heart to a faithful, worthy woman. The law of God is to be written on the heart and obeyed.*20LtMs, Lt 33, 1905, par. 7*

In no case are you justified in receiving the affections of a man who is married to another. What conditions would exist in our sanitariums were such things practiced and sanctioned among medical missionaries?*20LtMs, Lt 33, 1905, par. 8*

I ask you now to cut the last thread that binds you to Dr. Evans. You should endeavor to realize how such a course of action as you have been following will affect you in the future. What kind of an influence do you think you could exert spiritually? Your course would ever be as a weight to keep you from any advancement in religious lines.*20LtMs, Lt 33, 1905, par. 9*

Unless Dr. Evans is able to see the sinfulness of his course in this transaction, he can never again be trusted in a position of responsibility among our people. His life will be like a shipwrecked vessel. You could not honor and respect or even hope to retain the affections of such a man, were he to marry you. He would soon tire of you and seek some new connection. Neither of you could enjoy peace and happiness while transgressing God's holy law.*20LtMs, Lt 33, 1905, par. 10*

I say to you, my sister, that you are entirely wrong in accepting the love which belongs to another. Are we to conclude that the truth has lost its power over you? Will you not break away from this satanic snare, confess your sins to the Lord and to those whom you have so deeply wronged, and will you not turn to God with all your heart? He is of great compassion, and He will abundantly pardon.*20LtMs, Lt 33, 1905, par. 11*

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind." [*Luke 10:27.*] In these words is revealed the necessity of our giving ourselves unreservedly to God. Shall men and women be employed in our institutions who, with the Word of God open before them, drink up iniquity and heed not the plain restrictions of God's "Thou shalt not"?*20LtMs, Lt 33, 1905, par. 12*

"Keep thy heart with all diligence." [*Proverbs 4:23.*] The affections must be sanctified. "If ye then be risen with Christ, set your affection on things above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God." [*See Colossians 3:1, 2.*] Shall we now see that the doctor has come to his senses, and that you, a nurse, realize that you are sin-sick and need healing from the great Physician?*20LtMs, Lt 33, 1905, par. 13*

God will pardon you, if you now step out of the path in which Satan has been leading you. But your work and that of Dr. Evans must ever be in different places, that this temptation may forever end. Never again should you work in the same institution. God knows the weakness of the resolution of a man who has once been led astray. Yet Dr. Evans is a man whom God loves, a man to whom He has given power to do a good, pure, and solid work in connection with our institutions. He desires us to do all in our power to save this

man for whom Christ has died from making a shipwreck of faith.*20LtMs, Lt 33, 1905, par. 14*

Please let me hear from you, my sister, as to what these things mean. What course do you now intend to pursue? We do not desire to give publicity to this sad experience; for unless carefully guarded, it will spread far and wide. Let us do all in our power to correct the matter at once. I have written to Dr. Evans and have sent one copy to Brother Rogers, whom I believe to be a faithful, God-fearing man. I have not yet received any letter from the doctor.*20LtMs, Lt 33, 1905, par. 15*

The Lord is not pleased with the course that Dr. Evans has taken. In the position he occupied in the sanitarium, he should have been as a father to you, shielding you from contamination and guarding your virtue as Christ's purchased possession. He has decidedly failed in this, but the Lord has not cast him off.*20LtMs, Lt 33, 1905, par. 16*

And the Lord has not rejected you. He pities and loves you, and He calls you now to come to Him and receive His spirit of purity and holiness and His everlasting love. Cast aside every suggestion that you are unworthy to be called a child of God. Come just as you are to Jesus, make a true heart work of repentance, receive His forgiveness, and never again be led to repeat such an experience as calls this letter from me.*20LtMs, Lt 33, 1905, par. 17*

I write you, my sister, because with all my heart I pity you, and because I desire you to see the danger of the path you are treading.*20LtMs, Lt 33, 1905, par. 18*

In love.*20LtMs, Lt 33, 1905, par. 19*

Lt 35, 1905

White, Ella May; White, Mabel

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 26, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Ella May and Mabel White

Dear Children,—

Sara and I have just returned from Mountain View. We desired to reach home last evening, but made a mistake in regard to the train connections and left Mountain View on a train that went one hour after the one we should have taken. We were obliged to wait four hours in San Jose and one hour at Niles; and when we reached Oakland, the train for St. Helena was gone, so we were obliged to spend the night in Oakland.*20LtMs, Lt 35, 1905, par. 1*

Sister Hall, who accompanied us as far as Oakland, had telegraphed from San Jose to Brother Fred Byington, and he met us at the station and took us to his home. I had never met Brother Byington before, but our stay was made very pleasant. We had a nice visit with him and his wife. His first wife was Mary Thorpe's sister. They have four children, one of them a pretty little girl of three years.*20LtMs, Lt 35, 1905, par. 2*

It was seven o'clock when we reached Brother Byington's. We visited an hour or two and at nine o'clock went to bed. It took me quite a while to get to sleep, and the next morning I awoke at three o'clock. I then arose and wrote a letter to your father.*20LtMs, Lt 35, 1905, par. 3*

The confusion of travel, the frequent changing from one train to another, and the long waiting at some places were very trying. The streets in Oakland were muddy, and we found changing from one streetcar to another very disagreeable. But such trials are of small moment. We should be very happy if we had no greater

perplexities. But we are made sad as we see so many of our people asleep. They know not the time of their visitation.*20LtMs, Lt 35, 1905, par. 4*

We had interesting meetings at Mountain View. It rained much of the time, but we heard no complaints because of this. There was a much larger attendance at this meeting than was expected, but I think all were made comfortable. Many of the citizens opened their houses for the accommodation of visitors, and the delegates were given meals free of charge at the Pacific Press restaurant. The food was excellent and well prepared, and all were much pleased with the dining arrangements. Sara, Miss Peck, and I had two rooms in the house of a Judge Burns, an unbeliever, and were made very comfortable.*20LtMs, Lt 35, 1905, par. 5*

Presidents of Conferences and men in leading positions in our work on the Pacific Coast were in attendance, and all felt that they had been greatly blessed by attending the meeting. I believe that this council will result in the clearing away of much misunderstanding that has existed between some of our brethren.*20LtMs, Lt 35, 1905, par. 6*

Edson White came to St. Helena rather unexpectedly just before the meeting, and he and your father went to Mountain View on Tuesday. Sara, Sister Hall, Sister Peck, Dores, and I went down the following Thursday. Edson is collecting donations from our people for the purpose of establishing an orphanage in Huntsville for colored children.*20LtMs, Lt 35, 1905, par. 7*

The colored people of the South need the sympathy and help of every one. I would invite those who have means that they are willing to invest in the cause of God to send to me donations for this needy field, and I will see that the means thus received is sent to the workers in the South. I have sent several hundred pounds of prunes to help them, but I have not been able to send them much money. My money has been exhausted in the preparation of new books—books that the people need, which I prepare in harmony with the will of God. In order to help in the establishment of sanitariums in Southern California, I have hired money from the bank at heavy interest.*20LtMs, Lt 35, 1905, par. 8*

We now have a sanitarium in San Diego, and one in Los Angeles, both nearly ready to begin their work of caring for the sick. These sanitariums are not mammoth institutions, but they are large enough to attract the attention of tourists and to represent the truth for this time which we are trying to give to the world.*20LtMs, Lt 35, 1905, par. 9*

The colored people of the South must be helped. The Lord is greatly blessing the efforts that are being made to build up the work of the Huntsville school. This institution had been greatly neglected and was crippled because it had received so little support. But since Brother F. R. Rogers has taken charge of the school, conditions are much improved. There are seventy-five students in attendance, and fifteen more desire to come; but there is not sufficient room at present for their accommodation.*20LtMs, Lt 35, 1905, par. 10*

There are many places where it is impossible for white workers to labor for the colored people. Colored workers must be trained for this work. In the Huntsville school colored students are being fitted to bear the message to their own race. Some are being educated for teachers. These will be able to establish many smaller schools for the colored people, and in this work they will exert a holy influence, drawing others to the truth.*20LtMs, Lt 35, 1905, par. 11*

A small building is being erected near the Huntsville school as a home for colored orphans. This enterprise should receive the sympathy and support of our people.*20LtMs, Lt 35, 1905, par. 12*

A colored sanitarium should be established at Nashville. A very desirable property is offered to us a few miles out of the city, and we greatly desire that this property be secured for this work. On this property there are buildings that can be utilized in our sanitarium work. Our brethren are trying to raise five thousand dollars for this enterprise.*20LtMs, Lt 35, 1905, par. 13*

All these enterprises are positive necessities. Perhaps there are some in the Reno church who would be glad to give something to help the workers who are endeavoring to help the colored people in this their time of great necessity. You may feel free to read this letter to them and to tell them that it is their privilege to co-operate with those whom God has led to take part in this good work. Let all

do something to help in the creating of facilities for work among the colored people. I have done what I could, and I now feel free to ask my friends to do their part. God will call to account those who selfishly withhold help from those who are doing all they can to carry forward a difficult work. There is a power and efficiency in a "Thus saith the Lord." When we as Seventh-day Adventists manifest a genuine faith in the doctrines we hold, we shall be laborers together with God, and the work will go with power. We shall feel a deep interest in every place where His work is to be done.*20LtMs, Lt 35, 1905, par. 14*

All heaven is interested in the work we are to do for the Master. Heavenly agencies will unite with us in presenting the words of Christ to the unconverted. Remember that we are to be laborers together with God. That word "together" has great significance. [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*] "Without Me," said Christ, "ye can do nothing." [*John 15:5.*] All the converting efficiency is of Him. We are in danger of greatly overestimating our own capabilities. Our power for service is dependent upon our bringing the Word of God into our life practice. Do not seek merely to work upon the feelings of those for whom you labor. The Word presented in simplicity, with a settled, intelligent knowledge of its requirements, will be received by many, and the Spirit of God will bring conviction to their hearts.*20LtMs, Lt 35, 1905, par. 15*

God calls upon every church member to be a laborer together with Him. The Holy Spirit will be your efficiency. That which you can make divinely real will shine forth and draw sinners to the light. As you reflect the glory of God, conviction will be deepened, and the truth will shine out before the people with power.*20LtMs, Lt 35, 1905, par. 16*

Lt 37, 1905

Butler, G. I.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 30, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Elder G. I. Butler

My dear Brother,—

I am praying and hoping that the converting power of God shall come into every church, that the evil spirit of faultfinding and censuring may be put entirely away. I am instructed to say, When the temptations of Satan strive for entrance, and an inclination to pick flaws and to condemn is seen, whether it is in a large assembly, or where only two or three are together, let those present say, “Let us pray. This is a time when we need to be afraid and to realize that instead of letting the enemy come in, we are to bow before God in prayer.”*20LtMs, Lt 37, 1905, par. 1*

Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. He will lift up for you a standard against the enemy. Yes, prayer, humble, earnest prayer, is our means of deliverance from unwholesome speech. The tongue is to be sanctified. We need to feel the reconverting power of God. Those who have violated their baptismal vows need to repent and be converted. Then they will not do such unchristlike work in dealing with others.*20LtMs, Lt 37, 1905, par. 2*

Read the *first chapter of Second Peter*. This chapter is of great value to every church member. Every word should be stamped upon mind and heart. Read this chapter to the church. See if we cannot have a revival, not by accusing one another, but by praying for the Holy Spirit and by thinking of the suffering that Christ endured in order to secure pardon for sinners, however sinful they may be. He humiliated Himself in order that human beings might become partakers of the divine nature, having overcome the corruption that is in the world through lust.*20LtMs, Lt 37, 1905, par.*

Satan delights to ruin and destroy souls. Shall we catch his zeal? Shall we become accusers of the brethren and thus help the enemy in his cruel work? Is it not time that we humbled ourselves to save the souls ready to perish?*20LtMs, Lt 37, 1905, par. 4*

Read the *three first verses of the third chapter of Revelation*. See what Christ opens before John. The trial spoken of in these verses has come to many. "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.*] There are many to whom these words apply. But Christ does not leave them in hopeless despair. He is so tender, so pitiful! Although some of them are in partnership with satanic agencies, He does not cast them off. "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die," He says; "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.*] Do not yield one iota of your faith for spiritualistic ideas which will set you adrift in the mazes of uncertainty. Hold fast your past experience in the things that you have received and heard, and repent.*20LtMs, Lt 37, 1905, par. 5*

This is a time when the truth that is received, unless put into practice, will be disregarded, and its place will be taken by that which is false and which causes spiritual weakness and unbelief. Forgeries will be presented by Satan and will be received as a great blessing, but they bring spiritual death.*20LtMs, Lt 37, 1905, par. 6*

The call to repent and hold fast is made to those who have loosened their grasp on the truth that they have heard and received. God calls upon them to repent because of their unbelief in the truth in which they once rejoiced. They have become infatuated by Satan's theories, which they have received.*20LtMs, Lt 37, 1905, par. 7*

"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." [*Verses 3,*

4.] Study these statements. Teach the church that the enemy will bring before them every phase of deception. Those who have not held fast with the grip of faith to the experience given them by God in the past will fail to watch now. They are in danger of listening to and heeding the sophistries of Satan. Those who have admitted the enemy to their companionship need to be watchful and repent, lest in the day of God they be found with the workers of evil, who call falsehood truth.*20LtMs, Lt 37, 1905, par. 8*

The false theories advanced in the past have by no means been given up. When a favorable opportunity comes, they will have a resurrection. Let us not forget that everything is to be shaken that can be shaken. The enemy will be successful in overthrowing the faith of some, but those who are true to principle will not be shaken. They will stand true to principle. Those who, notwithstanding that the Lord has pointed out their errors, are not able to see where Satan has come in will continue to be led in false paths.*20LtMs, Lt 37, 1905, par. 9*

Jesus bids us to be watchful and strengthen the things that remain, which are ready to die. There is a laxity that should not be. Corrupt influences and seducing spirits have come in and are working in many ways that people do not realize. "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." [*Verse 3.*] At the present time the insidious working of Satan is going on. The warning given by Christ is to be faithfully heeded.*20LtMs, Lt 37, 1905, par. 10*

We are sure that, although there is at the present time a suppression of sentiment, there are those who are standing in slippery places, those who have not taken their stand upon the true platform. Just now we are having a severe trial with one who has in the past worked as a physician. False sentiments have been working in his mind until, as a result, he has placed himself in a very perilous position. And this when we have great need of physicians such as he could be, but is not.*20LtMs, Lt 37, 1905, par. 11*

It is such things as these that the enemy is striving to bring in among us. He will use all his seductive arts to lead those once firm in the faith into deception and error, so that they will defile their

faith. Upon those who yield to him he exercises his hypnotizing power, and it is exceedingly difficult for them to escape from his snare.*20LtMs, Lt 37, 1905, par. 12*

I know that the terrible, seductive influence of satanic agencies is at work. The result of receiving specious, spiritualistic sentiments is being seen. Those who fall under the spell of the enemy know not what is the matter with them. They are not in their right mind, and of themselves they cannot escape.*20LtMs, Lt 37, 1905, par. 13*

“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.] He who overcomes will not be led one step in the path of spiritualistic, mesmeric influence. He will be guarded. He will watch and pray and strengthen the things that remain. Saith the Heart-searcher, “I have not found thy works perfect before God.” [Verse 2.] These words I am to repeat and repeat. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard. Cling to your faith with all the power of your being. Let no false messages hypnotize you and lead you to act out the sentiments of satanic agencies.*20LtMs, Lt 37, 1905, par. 14*

“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.” [Verse 5.]*20LtMs, Lt 37, 1905, par. 15*

Let us pray earnestly and constantly. Let us guard carefully the mind and the soul-temple. We must pray and watch unto prayer.*20LtMs, Lt 37, 1905, par. 16*

Lt 39, 1905

Belden, Brother and Sister [S. T.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 30, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *3SM 72-73*.

Dear Brother and Sister Belden,—

We had a very pleasant journey from College View to Battle Creek. We were given a hearty welcome by the friends at Battle Creek. During my stay in the city, I spoke five times—three times in the Tabernacle and twice to the patients and helpers in the sanitarium. I had a message to bear, and the Spirit of the Lord seemed to impress those present. I know that God gave me strength to speak. On Sabbath there were about three thousand people present in the Tabernacle and on Sunday about two thousand five hundred. *20LtMs, Lt 39, 1905, par. 1*

The meeting on Sunday afternoon was attended by many of the citizens of Battle Creek. They paid the best of attention. At this meeting I had opportunity to state decidedly that my views have not changed. The blessing of the Lord rested upon many of those who heard the words spoken. I said: “You may be anxious to know what Mrs. White believes. You have heard her speak many times. She has spoken to you in the Park close to the Tabernacle more than once. She has spoken in the large tent and at the camp-meetings held in the suburbs of Battle Creek. The message that she bears today is the same that she bore then. She has the same service to do for the Master that she had when she addressed the people of Battle Creek years ago. She receives lessons from the same Instructor. The directions given her are: ‘Write the messages that I give you, that the people may have them.’ These messages have been written as God has given them to me.” *20LtMs, Lt 39, 1905, par. 2*

I have written many books, all of which will stand the test of investigation. Of myself, I could not have brought out these books,

but the Lord has given me the help of His Holy Spirit. These books contain the instruction which for nearly half a century God has been giving me. They contain light from heaven and will bear the test of investigation.*20LtMs, Lt 39, 1905, par. 3*

The truth that we proclaim today is the same truth that we have proclaimed for the last fifty years. We can say, as John says in his first epistle: "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." [*1 John 1:1-5.*]*20LtMs, Lt 39, 1905, par. 4*

I wanted to remain in Battle Creek for another week, but Sister Marian Davis was very sick, and we feared that she might die before we reached home. She was very anxious to see us, and we decided to hasten home. Our folks at home were very much relieved by our return.*20LtMs, Lt 39, 1905, par. 5*

We found Sister Davis very sick. She was at the sanitarium, receiving the best of care, and her sister Mrs. W. K. Kellogg was with her. About a week after our return, she rallied, and for a while we hoped for her recovery. But her strength suddenly failed, and on Tuesday, October 25, she passed away. On leaving Battle Creek, we bought our tickets through to Los Angeles, and these tickets allowed us to spend a month at St. Helena. We had been at home for three weeks, and the physicians thought that Sister Davis might linger for sometime, so we decided to go South, planning to leave home on Monday. But something prevented us, and we decided to wait till the next day. On Tuesday morning a telephone message came from the sanitarium that Marian had been unconscious since seven o'clock A.M. She remained thus until four that afternoon, when she quietly breathed her last.*20LtMs, Lt 39, 1905, par. 6*

A beautiful spot in the St. Helena Cemetery was chosen for her grave, and the dear, helpful worker rests in her narrow bed until Jesus comes. No more trouble will come to her. At seventy-seven I am still toiling, but am not worth much at present; for I am very tired. We are all in the hands of the Lord. I trust in Him; for I know that He will never leave nor forsake those who put their trust in Him. I have committed myself to His keeping.*20LtMs, Lt 39, 1905, par. 7*

Friday morning, October 28, we left St. Helena for Southern California. We had been at home less than three weeks, and the work of completing unfinished books was urgent. But there were two new sanitariums in Southern California in which I was deeply interested, and I hoped to be able to help our brethren who had the burden of the work in arranging for the opening and successful operation of these two sanitariums.*20LtMs, Lt 39, 1905, par. 8*

We spent the Sabbath at Fresno. I spoke to the church there on Sabbath afternoon. The large meetinghouse was well filled, and the Lord helped me to bear my testimony. Here we met Dr. G. A. Hare from Washington, D.C., who had been called back to his old home by the sickness of his mother. He told us of the advancement of the work at Takoma Park and of the excellent place secured for treatment rooms in the city of Washington.*20LtMs, Lt 39, 1905, par. 9*

We intended to go on to Los Angeles Saturday night, but we were unable to secure accommodations on the train, so we stayed over and on Sunday went to the Hanford-Lemoore district, intending to spend the day visiting old friends. On our arrival there, we found a missionary convention in progress, and the brethren asked us to stay with them for a few days. This we consented to do, and I spoke each afternoon while I was there—twice in Hanford, once in Lemoore, and once in Armona.*20LtMs, Lt 39, 1905, par. 10*

After spending four busy days at Hanford, we resumed our journey South and reached Los Angeles Thursday, November 3. At the restaurant on Third Street we were welcomed by Elder Burden and Dr. Simpson.*20LtMs, Lt 39, 1905, par. 11*

Elder W. W. Simpson had been holding tent-meetings in the heart of the city during a large part of the summer, and the large tent was

used by the church for their Sabbath meetings. Letters were sent to our people in the neighboring churches, suggesting a general meeting Sabbath and Sunday. In response to this, two or three hundred came in from surrounding towns, and these, with the believers in Los Angeles, filled the large tent Sabbath morning. The Lord helped me to speak to this congregation of over a thousand souls, all of whom seemed much interested. At the close of my discourse, the collection for our work among the colored people of the Southern States was taken up, amounting to seventy-five dollars.*20LtMs, Lt 39, 1905, par. 12*

We rejoice that the work is moving forward in Los Angeles. The interest aroused by the meetings that Brother Simpson has been holding is remarkable. Night after night the large tent, holding two thousand people, has been crowded. As a result of these meetings, a large number have taken their stand for the truth.*20LtMs, Lt 39, 1905, par. 13*

Brother Simpson presents the truth as it was presented in past years, illustrating his remarks by means of many charts. He explains the prophecies very clearly, showing plainly that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord certainly works with him, and I wish that there were hundreds of workers such as he in the field, proclaiming the last message of warning with the same earnestness and enthusiasm.*20LtMs, Lt 39, 1905, par. 14*

Special light has been given me regarding the character and magnitude of the work to be done in Los Angeles. Several times messages have been given regarding the duty that rests upon us of proclaiming the third angel's message with power in that city.*20LtMs, Lt 39, 1905, par. 15*

Earnest efforts must be made to lead men and women to place themselves on the Saviour's side. In this work there is need of divine help and untiring vigilance. No one is to sleep at his post of duty. Every capability is to be put to use to win for Christ a victory against the powers of darkness.*20LtMs, Lt 39, 1905, par. 16*

The voice of duty is the voice of God. The gospel demands from Christians unreserved consecration of soul and body. The Lord claims the highest service that human beings, aided by divine

grace, can offer. Each one is to stand at his post of duty in the great enterprise of saving souls. *20LtMs, Lt 39, 1905, par. 17*

Those who present the truth are to enter into no controversy. They are to speak the gospel with such faith and earnestness that an interest in present truth will be awakened. By the words they speak, the prayers they offer, the influence they exert, they are to sow seed that will bear fruit to the glory of God. There is to be no wavering. The trumpet is to give a certain sound. The attention of the people is to be called to the third angel's message. Let not God's servants act like men walking in their sleep, but like men preparing for the coming of Christ. *20LtMs, Lt 39, 1905, par. 18*

Lt 41, 1905

Belden, Brother and Sister [S. T.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 1, 1905

This letter is published in entirety in *RY 60-62*.

Dear Brother and Sister Belden,—

I am sending you with this copies of letters in which you may be interested. I wish I could talk with you both. I wish to ask you, Do you receive the two dollars a week that I arranged to have sent you by the Australian Union Conference? Please tell me in regard to this. Brother Hindson says that generally the money has been placed to your credit on the office books, and that you have sent to the office orders for goods which have been filled. Would you prefer to have the money sent you? If so, please let this be known, and it will be done.*20LtMs, Lt 41, 1905, par. 1*

I made the arrangement before leaving Australia that you were to receive a certain sum each week. The brethren gave me their word that they would do as I had requested. Please let me know your circumstances; and if the arrangement that I made has not been carried out, I will write again about it. I do not want you to suffer for want of food and clothing.*20LtMs, Lt 41, 1905, par. 2*

It is not right that Frank does not write to you often. I am very sorry that he does not do this and that he does not give you any financial help. Be assured that you shall not want while I live, if you will keep me acquainted with your circumstances. If your children neglect their duty, I will try to supply the lack, though I am paying interest on twenty thousand dollars.*20LtMs, Lt 41, 1905, par. 3*

Please write to me every mail. In the last mail I sent a response to your question regarding your coming to America. I dare not take the responsibility of deciding this matter. You can do as you think best and as your friends shall decide. I dare not at my age take any more responsibility. I have very heavy burdens to bear in

connection with the cause of God. Morning after morning I rise at one and two o'clock to write out important matters.*20LtMs, Lt 41, 1905, par. 4*

With much love,*20LtMs, Lt 41, 1905, par. 5*

Your sister.*20LtMs, Lt 41, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 43, 1905

Brethren and Sisters

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 29, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *Ev 24; 5MR 137; 6MR 242.*

Dear Brethren and Sisters,—

I am always glad to hear of the prosperity and success of the Wahroonga Sanitarium. Will our churches in every place arise and shine? Will they, for the sake of Him who suffered and died to redeem the world, feel the necessity of denying self? Will they show their willingness to share with Christ in His self-denial and sacrifice?*20LtMs, Lt 43, 1905, par. 1*

I ask you to study carefully and prayerfully the *first chapter of Revelation*. “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. ...*20LtMs, Lt 43, 1905, par. 2*

“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 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. 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 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; 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 which thou sawest are the seven churches.” [*Verses 9-20.*]20LtMs, Lt 43, 1905, par. 3

Let not those who are ministering in word and doctrine be dull of understanding now. The world is being flooded with books and magazines which contain that which will lead the mind astray. I would say to God’s people, For Christ’s sake do not spend your time in reading that which is a hindrance to spiritual growth. Remember that, spiritually, men and women are built up from the food which they give the mind. The Bible contains the bread sent down from heaven. Read the *sixth chapter of John*, and ask God to give you clearness of understanding, that you may comprehend the important statements that it contains.20LtMs, Lt 43, 1905, par. 4

There is a work to be done in the place where the truth has never been proclaimed. In order to do this work, you need greater than human help. The Lord can take a worm to thrash a mountain. It is close communion with God that qualifies His messengers to subdue the opposition of the enemy. God calls for consecrated workers who will be true to Him—humble men who see the need of evangelistic work and do not draw back, but do each day’s work faithfully, relying upon God for help and strength in every emergency. The message is to be taken up by those who love and fear God. Lay not your burden upon any conference. Go forth, and, as evangelists, in a humble way present “Thus saith the Scriptures.”20LtMs, Lt 43, 1905, par. 5

“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.*]20LtMs, Lt 43, 1905, par. 6

As Christ taught, all classes of people flocked about Him. Mark the interest shown by these eager, astonished listeners. Priests and rulers listen to Him as he proclaims the gospel message. He does not present pleasing fables, but the truth of heaven. He points to the great gift of eternal life as the highest object of attainment. He presents the science of salvation as something that will not have to be left behind by those who are called to enter the higher school. The sick came to Him to be healed, and He healed them. Thus many were led to believe on Him. *20Lts, Lt 43, 1905, par. 7*

Today the truth is to be proclaimed as Christ proclaimed it when He was on this earth. Our people who are so collected together at large centers should be out in the field working for souls. They should go to places where the truth has not yet been heard, and pray and plan and work, and gain an experience by practical work. Is not Christ in our world today as verily as He was then? Can He not heal the sick as well now as then? Let small sanitariums and treatment rooms be established, and let people be given an education in the simple methods of treating disease. Those who take up this work will increase in capability; for unseen heavenly agencies will be present to help them. "Lo, I am with you always," Christ declares, "even unto the end of the world." [*Verse 20.*] *20Lts, Lt 43, 1905, par. 8*

Is not this, then, the work that is to be undertaken, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth? Disease can be cured if right methods are employed. We are now to move forward in earnest, heeding the words of Christ, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." [*Verse 20.*] Our highest aim is to be to heed and obey the teachings of the One who gave His life for the world. Far-fetched suppositions are not needed. There is to be no lording it over God's heritage, as there has been in the past. Those who are burdened with a desire to proclaim the message are not to be bound about. They are not to be required to place themselves under the control of any man's ideas or plans. "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.*] *20Lts, Lt 43, 1905, par. 9*

Lt 45, 1905

Washburn, Brother and Sister [F. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 3, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *2SM 255*.

My dear Brother and Sister in affliction,—

We can sympathize with you, although at a distance from you. I would say, Do not give up hope, but cling to the promise, “Ask, and ye shall receive.” [*John 16:24.*] Yet do not feel discouraged if He who can do the work of healing, He who knows the end from the beginning, permits His child to die, to rise in the morning of the resurrection. Say, “Not my will, but Thine, O God, be done.” [*Luke 22:42.*] The Lord understands what is to come upon our world. The end of all things is at hand.*20LtMs, Lt 45, 1905, par. 1*

My brother, do not become discouraged. Do all you can on your part, and then trust in the Lord. This is the worst part of the year. Have courage in the Lord. If your wife falls under the affliction, remember that there is a future life. The last trump will call forth all who have received Christ, believed in Him, and trusted in Him for salvation.*20LtMs, Lt 45, 1905, par. 2*

My dear sister, we will pray for you. You have our sympathy. We shall present your case to the great Physician. I understand that this has already been done. Hold fast to the hand of Him who can bless and heal if He sees that it is for your present and eternal good. And now, my brother and sister, while you are both alive, take this precious time to appropriate by faith to yourselves the precious promises of the Word of God. I am thankful that you are both presenting yourselves as humble seekers for the pardon of all sin. This is your privilege. Do not disbelieve. The precious Saviour is ever touched with human woe, and He will be found of all who seek Him with all the heart and mind and soul, believing His promises, made as a sure pledge of pardon and full forgiveness to all who repent of their backslidings. Make an entire surrender.*20LtMs, Lt*

45, 1905, par. 3

Our precious Saviour has given His life for the sins of the world and has pledged His word that He will save all who come to Him. "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.*] These are the conditions of gaining eternal life. Comply with them, and your hope is secured, whether you live or die. Trust in the soul-saving Redeemer. Cast your helpless soul upon Him, and He will accept and bless and save you. Only believe. Receive Him with all your heart, and know that He wants you to win the crown of life. Let this be your greatest and most earnest request. Make an entire surrender, and He will cleanse you from every pollution and make you vessels unto honor. You may be washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb. Thus you gain the victory. Thus you become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruptions that are in the world through lust.*20LtMs, Lt 45, 1905, par. 4*

"Walk in the light while ye have the light." [*John 12:35.*] Open the eyes of your understanding, and you will see the pathway. It will be plainly defined to your spiritual vision. This pathway is sure to lead you through the strait gate that leads to the city of God.*20LtMs, Lt 45, 1905, par. 5*

O how many are walking in the darkness of the broad road. The Christian's hope is the only hope that will never disappoint the seeker. The path that Christ has marked out is the only path which will lead to the mansions that He has gone to prepare for all who love Him and serve Him with all the capabilities of heart and mind and soul.*20LtMs, Lt 45, 1905, par. 6*

In faith hold fast.*20LtMs, Lt 45, 1905, par. 7*

Your sister in Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 45, 1905, par. 8*

Lt 47, 1905

Pallant, Jesse

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 1, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Elder Jesse Pallant

Dear Brother,—

I was engaged in my writing when my secretary brought me a letter from Sister C. J. Anderson. I read this letter and answered it, with only a short time to give to the matter. I am grieved in spirit that a gospel minister should be in such a condition spiritually and physically that he cannot exert the influence in his home that he should exert. The wife needs a helper that she does not now have in her husband.*20LtMs, Lt 47, 1905, par. 1*

Sister Anderson says that her children do not attend school because there is no church school where she is. Now, my dear brother, why do not you use your influence to set a church school in operation? Our example is not what it should be when we neglect this means of educating the children and youth in right lines. Will you please consider this matter, and see that your children are brought out from the influence of the world? The children of Israel were instructed to bring their children into their homes, that the plagues might not fall upon them. Their doorposts must be marked with blood, as a witness that they were the denominated people of God. Those whose houses were thus marked were not visited by the destroying angel.*20LtMs, Lt 47, 1905, par. 2*

I would, my brother, that the Andersons, both father and mother, might both be brought nigh to Christ. I fear that parents and children will be lost if the converting power of God does not come upon the whole family. I have written a letter to Brother Anderson, and one to Sister Anderson, and if there is time to get these letters copied, I will send you a copy. I wish you to mark whether these letters have any

influence upon our brother and sister. Brother Anderson is a self-opinionated man. So self-exalted has he been, so proud of his own supposed capabilities, that he has made himself a man who will do harm and not good. But the Lord will have mercy upon him, if he feels his need of humbling his heart before Him.*20LtMs, Lt 47, 1905, par. 3*

I know that Sister Anderson has a hard life to live. May the Lord help her to walk circumspectly, casting her tried soul upon One who knows and who will help and encourage her. But she must realize that she will not help matters by answering back; at such times silence is eloquence; for it will never make quarrels. The poor children are the ones who must suffer in a special manner.*20LtMs, Lt 47, 1905, par. 4*

Brother Pallant, I should be pleased to hear from you. I have not heard from you for a long time. How is your health, both physical and spiritual?*20LtMs, Lt 47, 1905, par. 5*

I have been writing since four o'clock this morning, and it is now twelve; so if some words are left out of this letter, you will know why. I am writing as fast as my hand will move over the paper.*20LtMs, Lt 47, 1905, par. 6*

How is the work moving in the place where you are working? I have a large interest in that part of the field. May the Lord give you good courage in Him. That is all that I can write at this time, I think. I repeat, Be of good courage. Our warfare here will soon be accomplished. Soon, if faithful, we shall see the King in His beauty.*20LtMs, Lt 47, 1905, par. 7*

I will now say farewell; for they have come to take this letter to the mail.*20LtMs, Lt 47, 1905, par. 8*

Lt 49, 1905

Anderson, C. J.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 1, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brother Anderson,—

For Christ’s sake humble your heart before God, and be converted. What example are you giving your wife and children? God would not have you make your home thus unhappy. Your heart must be changed, else you will never be saved. You are a hard man to yourself. You treat yourself in such a way that you cannot do justice to your wife or your children. You could teach your children to be Christians if you would feel your need of true conversion.*20LtMs, Lt 49, 1905, par. 1*

May the Lord bear with you and not cut you off as a cumberer of the ground. Show yourself a man. Go to work, even though you think you would die in the effort. See if you cannot bring a sweet, fragrant atmosphere into the home. If you will take yourself to task, and cease your faultfinding and censuring, you can do this. It will be a severe tax upon you to keep your tongue as with a bridle. Satan is pleased with your ministry in your home. Turn square about, and watch unto prayer.*20LtMs, Lt 49, 1905, par. 2*

If you will patiently educate your children, line upon line, precept upon precept, you will be fitting yourself for service to do a larger work. But at present you are making the life of your wife very hard. You have labored in the capacity of a minister of the gospel, and you should now act in altogether a different way from the way in which you have been acting. You have blamed your wife. Now show her that you will cast your helpless soul upon Jesus Christ. He knows your every weakness, your every sin. He hears every word you speak and marks its effect upon the souls of your wife and children.*20LtMs, Lt 49, 1905, par. 3*

Will you now come to the Lord with humble, heart-broken repentance? If you continue to cherish your present spirit, you will never, never be admitted to heaven; but if you repent and humble yourself as a little child, you will be helped of God. Will you not make a determined effort? Seek the Lord. When your heart becomes humble, your words and spirit will be entirely changed. Though your sins be as scarlet, He, your Saviour, will make them white as snow. Though they be as crimson, He will make them white as wool. Stop right where you are in showing so much authority. Let your heart be melted and broken. Let the Spirit of Christ take possession of it. Then everything in your home life will be changed. Support your family, and God will bless you. Make the effort—do make the effort.*20LtMs, Lt 49, 1905, par. 4*

Lt 51, 1905

Anderson, Sister [C. J.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 1, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Sister Anderson,—

I have just read your letter, and I have but little time to reply; for your mail must leave here in a few hours.*20LtMs, Lt 51, 1905, par. 1*

My sister, I am very sorry for you. I understand your difficulties. I urge you to put your trust in the Lord. That which now troubles you may continually increase; but be patient. It will be to your injury to contend with your husband. Contention always makes matters worse. Be always kind and gentle, and teach your children to be kind.*20LtMs, Lt 51, 1905, par. 2*

Could you not teach a school yourself, and thus educate your own children and the children of others? I leave this for you to decide. You can judge best of your capability for this work. If you could not act as teacher, I hope that those who have charge of the work in West Australia will lay plans to set a church school in operation at once. Where it can possibly be avoided, children ought not to be sent to the public school; for they are in danger of learning much evil. But your children would be far better in attending school than to be under the influence that pervades your home.*20LtMs, Lt 51, 1905, par. 3*

What I wished to say to your husband is that his rasping spirit is hurting his wife and children. If he would humble his heart before God, if he would take hold of work willingly and cheerfully, it would prove an influence for good upon his disposition.*20LtMs, Lt 51, 1905, par. 4*

In regard to yourself, my sister, I would say, Watch unto prayer. Soft

answers to your husband's provocations will prove a great blessing to him and to you. To cherish a feeling of superiority to you is as natural to him as it is to breathe; but he does not do this because he has superior qualifications. He does it because he has been deceived by the enemy.*20LtMs, Lt 51, 1905, par. 5*

The Lord Jesus gave His life to save sinners, and if your husband will come to Him as a repentant sinner, a change will be seen in his life.*20LtMs, Lt 51, 1905, par. 6*

My sister, do your best in the name of the Lord. Never retaliate; because this makes matters worse. The heavenly angels will not leave you if you will put your trust in God. And remember, He says, I will never leave nor forsake those who come to Me, and take My yoke. By learning of Him to be meek and lowly we find rest unto our souls. Every day give your children an example of patience and love. Never, never become provoked; for when you do, you bring into the home just that influence that should not be allowed to enter. Pray, pray, pray in faith. There is a God in heaven who pities you and who will help you. Go forward trustingly and in faith, relying upon the Lord's love and promises.*20LtMs, Lt 51, 1905, par. 7*

In love.*20LtMs, Lt 51, 1905, par. 8*

Lt 53, 1905

Ballenger, E. S. and Palmer, E. R.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 2, 1905

This letter is published in entirety in *18MR 227-231*.

Dear Brethren Ballenger and Palmer,—

We were very much pleased to receive a letter from Brother Ballenger, full of hope and telling of the good results of the work of our sanitarium in Paradise Valley. This is just as we have expected it would be, and we thank the Lord for such a good, encouraging record. The Lord be praised.*20LtMs, Lt 53, 1905, par. 1*

I am pleased, Brother Ballenger, that you and your wife are at the sanitarium. This is as it should be. If you possibly can, fit up more bathrooms without delay. Get this sanitarium in full-running order as soon as possible. As soon as you can, finish the bathrooms, as they should be furnished.*20LtMs, Lt 53, 1905, par. 2*

O how much we need experienced workers as matrons and helpers in our institutions. I cannot encourage you to employ as matrons the one mentioned in your letter.*20LtMs, Lt 53, 1905, par. 3*

The Lord will have helpers prepared for the fulfilment of their duties, if the men and women who are thirsting for the knowledge that will qualify them to labor in our medical institutions will follow His directions, not going into such long preparations, but taking right hold and putting the whole soul into their work, in the fear of the Lord and with love for the souls for whom Christ has given His life.*20LtMs, Lt 53, 1905, par. 4*

We felt a little disappointed, Brother Ballenger, that you could not accompany Brother Palmer to the meeting at Mountain View. But you were in the place where the Lord wanted you to be. Good is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. If only souls will be converted from the error of their ways, and seek the Lord, and learn the science of

preserving the health of the body and the soul! And where can they learn these much-needed lessons as well as at our sanitariums, which the Lord has said should be established in many places. Lectures might be given to the multitudes; but while the words spoken would enlighten many minds, how can people understand fully without a practical knowledge? One patient, successfully treated, will have a testimony to bear of the virtue of the simple methods of treatment, the simple, healthful remedies that nature has provided without the use of any drugs.*20LtMs, Lt 53, 1905, par. 5*

When Christ was upon this earth, He did not direct fishermen to leave their nets and boats and go to the Jewish teachers to gain a preparation for the gospel ministry. Walking by the sea of Galilee, He saw “two brethren, 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.” [*Matthew 4:18-22.*]*20LtMs, Lt 53, 1905, par. 6*

This prompt obedience, without any questions, without one promise of wages, seems remarkable. But the words of Christ were an invitation that implied all that He meant it should. There was an impelling influence in His words. There was no long explanation, but what He said had a drawing power.*20LtMs, Lt 53, 1905, par. 7*

It was at the very beginning of His ministry that Christ began to gather in His helpers. This is a lesson to all ministers. They should constantly be looking for and training those whom they think could help them in their work. They should not stand alone, trying to do by themselves all that needs to be done.*20LtMs, Lt 53, 1905, par. 8*

Christ would make these humble fishermen, in connection with Himself, the means of taking men out of the service of Satan and making them believers in Christ, teaching them in regard to the kingdom of God. In this work they would become His ministers,

fishers of men. They were to be His prime ministers. But He did not tell them to go to worldly schools to obtain the advantages of worldly cultivation. He did not tell them to go to the Jewish synagogues to learn of the Rabbis their customs and traditions, in order that they might be prepared for the work He had for them to do as His evangelists. He said, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." [*Verse 19.*] *20LtMs, Lt 53, 1905, par. 9*

Just as soon as Christ began to preach, He began to gather disciples who were to hear all His words and learn of Him, the great Teacher, and, afterward, preach the gospel. These disciples, supposed to be ignorant fishermen, were not to become teachers after the manner of the Jewish educators. They were to be Christ's witnesses, bearing to the world His truth, unmingled with the traditions and sophistries of men. By practicing His virtues, by walking and working with Him, they were to be qualified to be His representatives. *20LtMs, Lt 53, 1905, par. 10*

Christ's call, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men," and the power of His grace, manifested to them, was indeed their ordination, their appointment to the work of the gospel ministry. The Saviour's work as a teacher, His example, His opening of the Scriptures to the multitude, His works of healing were preparing the disciples to carry on the work that He began. Through His words, and through His sanctifying influence, He gave gifts unto men, preparing the members of this early church to be His messengers. His treasure of knowledge was put into earthen vessels. He did not advise His disciples to learn of the Jewish teachers. By the simplicity of faith, by clean, pure, humble service, the disciples were being educated in His school to carry responsibilities of the same kind that He was bearing. *20LtMs, Lt 53, 1905, par. 11*

Certainly Christ chose the foolish things of the world—those whom the world pronounced unlearned and ignorant—to confound the wise men of the world. The disciples were unlearned in the traditions of the rabbis, but with Christ as their example and teacher, they were gaining an education of the highest order; for they had before them a divine Example. Christ was presenting to them truths of the highest character. *20LtMs, Lt 53, 1905, par. 12*

Those whom God employs to do service for Him, He would have fitted in His way for that service. Those who preach Christ must learn of Christ daily, in order to understand the mystery of saving and serving the souls for whom He had died. They must bring with them nothing like spiritual pride or self-indulgence. In speech, in voice, in every phase of character, they must reveal the spiritual refinement, the Christlike courtesy that connection with the Saviour gives. His tender love and compassion must constantly be revealed. "Follow Me," were the words of the great Teacher, "and I will make you fishers of men." [*Verse 19.*] They must do this work with hearts filled with Christ's love for souls. They must pattern after Him in all things, sharing His tender compassion and His sternness against all evil working. Christ is the great example for all. We are to be workers together with Him. Those who are in His service need to separate from all business entanglements that would tarnish their Christlikeness of character. The fishermen that the Saviour called straightway left their nets. Those who give themselves to the work of the ministry must not entangle themselves in business lines that will bring a coarseness into their lives and will be a detriment to their spiritual advancement in the work the Lord has given them to do.*20LtMs, Lt 53, 1905, par. 13*

All through my Christian experience I have been presented with the neglect of our churches to show that care and wisdom that Christ would have them show in looking not only on their own things, but also on the things of others. We are to be kind and attentive to those around us, helping in every necessity, relieving the oppressed, and giving them every encouragement. To love God supremely and to love our neighbor as ourselves—these are the two great principles of the law of God. If the Lord has placed means in our hands, so that we can relieve those who are in need, there should not be a question in our minds as to the part we should act toward these unfortunate ones.*20LtMs, Lt 53, 1905, par. 14*

But I am stretching out my letter lengthily. I shall now close by saying that I am of your mind regarding the well. Before any more money is expended on it, prove that which you have already obtained. Let the blessing of success lead all who are interested in this work to be thankful, and praise the Lord. We desire that everything shall be done economically, but not in a niggardly

way.*20LtMs, Lt 53, 1905, par. 15*

We feel grateful to God that Brother Palmer has been able to connect with the work for a time. He can now thank God that the efforts put forth have been a success. Those who have been interested in this institution, and have given of their means to set it in operation, should be encouraged.*20LtMs, Lt 53, 1905, par. 16*

Lt 55, 1905

Olsen, O. A.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 30, 1905

See variant *Ms 140, 1905*. Portions of this letter are published in *1MR 140-142*.

Elder O. A. Olsen

My dear Brother,—

We had a very pleasant journey from College View to Battle Creek. We were given a very hearty welcome by the friends in Battle Creek. I was treated with all the attention possible by Dr. Kellogg. He urged me to go to St. Louis and bear my testimony there. He treats me with great consideration. I could ask no more from him on this line.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 1*

During my short stay in Battle Creek, I spoke five times, three times in the Tabernacle, once to the students in the medical College, and once to the patients and helpers in the sanitarium. I had a message to bear, and the Spirit of the Lord seemed to impress those present. I know that God gave me strength to speak. On Sabbath there were about three thousand people present in the tabernacle and on Sunday about two thousand.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 2*

The meeting on Sunday afternoon was attended by many of the citizens of Battle Creek. They paid the best of attention. At this meeting I had opportunity to state decidedly that my views have not changed. The blessing of the Lord rested upon many of those who heard the words spoken.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 3*

I understood that some were anxious to know if Mrs. White held the same views as she did years ago when they had heard her speak in the sanitarium grove, in the Tabernacle, and at the camp-meetings held in the suburbs of Battle Creek. I assured them that the message she bears today is the same that she has borne during

the sixty years of her public ministry. She has the same service to do for the Master that was laid upon her in her girlhood. She receives lessons from the same Instructor. The directions given her are, "Make known to others what I have revealed to you. Write out the messages that I give you, that the people may have them." This is what she has endeavored to do.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 4*

I have written many books, and they have been given a wide circulation. Of myself, I could not have brought out the truths in these books, but the Lord has given me the help of His Holy Spirit. These books, giving the instruction that the Lord has given me during the past sixty years, contain light from heaven and will bear the test of investigation.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 5*

The question is sometimes raised, "What if Mrs. White should die?" I answer: "The books that she has written will not die. They are a living witness to what saith the Scriptures."*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 6*

The truth that Seventh-day Adventists proclaim today is the same truth that they have proclaimed for more than fifty years. We can say, as John says in his first epistle: "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." [*1 John 1:1-5.*]*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 7*

During the discourse, I said that I did not claim to be a prophetess. Some were surprised at this statement, and as much is being said in regard to it, I will make an explanation. Others have called me a prophetess, but I have never assumed that title. I have not felt that it was my duty thus to designate myself. Those who boldly assume that they are prophets in this our day are often a reproach to the

cause of Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 8*

My work includes much more than this name signifies. I regard myself as a messenger, entrusted by the Lord with messages for His people.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 9*

When this work was first given me, I begged the Lord to lay the burden on someone else. The work was so large and broad and deep that I feared I could not do it. I have been weak and feeble physically much of my life, but by His Holy Spirit the Lord has given me ability to perform the work entrusted to me.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 10*

God has made plain to me the various ways in which He would use me to carry forward a special work. Visions have been given me with the promise, "If you deliver the message faithfully, and endure unto the end, you shall eat of the fruit of the tree of life, and drink of the water of the river of life."*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 11*

The Lord gave me great light on health reform. In connection with my husband I was to be a medical missionary worker. I was to set an example to the church by taking the sick to my home and caring for them. This I have done, myself giving the women and children most vigorous treatment. I was also to speak on the subject of Christian temperance, as the Lord's appointed messenger. I engaged heartily in this work and spoke to large assemblies on temperance in its broadest and truest sense.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 12*

I was instructed that I must ever urge upon those who profess to believe the truth the necessity of practicing this truth. This means sanctification, and sanctification means the culture and training of every capability for the Lord's service.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 13*

I was charged not to neglect or pass by those who were being wronged. The Lord presented such cases before me; and disagreeable though the duty may be, I am to reprove the oppressor and plead for justice. I am to present the necessity of maintaining justice and equity in all our institutions.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 14*

If I see those in positions of trust neglecting aged ministers, I am to present the matter to those whose duty it is to care for them. Ministers who have faithfully done their work are not to be forgotten or neglected when they have become feeble in health. Our conferences are not to disregard the needs of those who have borne the burden of the work.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 15*

It was after John had grown old in the service of His Lord that he was exiled to Patmos. But God did not forsake him. Christ knew where to find him, and on that lonely island he received more communications from heaven than he had received during the rest of his lifetime. Of this we read: "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." [*Revelation 1:1-3.*]*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 16*

After my marriage I was instructed that I must show a special interest in motherless and fatherless children, taking some under my own charge, for a time, and then finding homes for them. Thus I would be giving others an example of what they could do.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 17*

I have felt it my duty to bring before our people that for which those in every church should feel a responsibility. I have taken children from three to five years of age, and have educated them, and trained them for responsible positions. I have taken into my home from time to time boys from ten to sixteen years of age, giving them motherly care and a training for service. These boys have now grown to manhood, and some of them occupy positions of trust in our institutions. One was for many years head pressman in the Review and Herald Publishing House. Another stood for years as foreman of the type department in the Review and Herald. He is now assisting my son Edson in his work near Nashville.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 18*

In Australia I carried on this same work, taking into my home

orphan children, who were in danger of being exposed to temptations that might cause the loss of their souls.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 19*

While we were in Australia we worked as medical missionaries in every sense of the word. At times I made my home in Cooranbong an asylum for the sick and afflicted. My secretary, who had received a training in the Battle Creek Sanitarium, stood by my side and did the work of a missionary nurse. No charge was made for her services, and we won the confidence of the people by the interest that we manifested in the sick and suffering. After a time the health retreat at Cooranbong was built, and then we were relieved of this burden.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 20*

To claim to be a prophetess is something that I have never done. If others call me by that name, I have no controversy with them. But my work has covered so many lines that I cannot call myself other than a messenger, sent to bear a message from the Lord to His people and to take up work in any line that He points out.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 21*

I wanted to remain in Battle Creek for another week, but Sister Marian Davis was very sick, and we feared that she might die before we reached home. She was very anxious to see us, and we decided to hasten home.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 22*

We found Sister Davis very sick. She was at the sanitarium, receiving the best of care, and her sister Mrs. W. K. Kellogg was with her. About a week after our return, she rallied, and for a while we hoped for her recovery. But her strength suddenly failed, and on Tuesday, October 25, she passed away.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 23*

On leaving Battle Creek, we bought our tickets through to Los Angeles, and these tickets allowed us to spend a month at St. Helena. We had been at home for about two weeks, and the physicians thought that Sister Davis might linger for some time, so we decided to go South, planning to leave home on Monday. But something prevented us, and we decided to wait till the next day. On Tuesday morning a telephone message came from the sanitarium that Marian had been unconscious since seven o'clock

A.M. She remained thus until four that afternoon, when she quietly breathed her last.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 24*

A beautiful spot in the St. Helena Cemetery was chosen for her grave, and the dear, helpful worker rests in her narrow bed until Jesus comes. No more trouble will come to her. At seventy-seven I am still toiling, but am not worth much at present; for I am very weary. We are all in the hands of the Lord. I trust in Him; for I know that He will never leave nor forsake those who put their trust in Him. I have committed myself to His keeping.*20LtMs, Lt 55, 1905, par. 25*

Lt 57, 1905

Breed, Sister [A. J.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 5, 1905

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Dear Sister Breed,—

I am very glad to hear that you are improving in health. I should be very much pleased to meet you again. I am now in my seventy-eighth year. My brain is still active, and my health is good for one of my age. During my recent travels, the Lord kept and preserved me from accident and harm. He would have us look to Him in all our trials and afflictions. Be of good courage, my sister. A little longer, and we shall see Jesus. “Let not your heart be troubled,” He said to His disciples, “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.*] *20LtMs, Lt 57, 1905, par. 1*

Encourage your heart in the Lord. I rejoice in the bright prospects of the future, and so may you. Let us be cheerful and praise the Lord for His loving-kindness to the children of men. Do not look on the dark side. Have faith in God. We are Christ’s property, and let us remember that He loves us and will be our helper and our God. *20LtMs, Lt 57, 1905, par. 2*

Last night I was awake for a long time. I was troubled and anxious; for I knew that some were tempted and tried, and I was wondering how I could help them to look to Jesus and comfort their hearts in His love. I thought, If I could only take hold of Christ’s hand and hear His voice, as I lie awake, praying for myself, and much more for others who are tempted and tried! I could not sleep after one o’clock. I was so sorry, because I had writing that I wanted to do today, and I thought that I would be useless if I could not sleep. But

at two o'clock I arose and dressed, made my fire, and before breakfast had written many pages. I have written many pages since breakfast and have not felt sleepy at all.*20LtMs, Lt 57, 1905, par. 3*

Let us be thankful for every favor. Let us try to be sunshiny Christians. The souls that I trouble about, fearing that they will not hold fast till the end, I will commit to God. That which is divinely real will shine amidst the moral darkness, because Christ's light shines upon it. To Him we own constant praise and thanksgiving; for we are kept by His power through faith. We can not keep ourselves.*20LtMs, Lt 57, 1905, par. 4*

Be of good courage. The Lord loves you and pities your every weakness. He will certainly strengthen and bless you if you will only trust Him. It would not satisfy the heart of the infinite God to give to those who love His Son a less blessing than He gives His Son.*20LtMs, Lt 57, 1905, par. 5*

"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 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."
[Ephesians 1:3-7.]20LtMs, Lt 57, 1905, par. 6

Lt 59, 1905

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 4, 1905

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Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

I often think of you and of those connected with you. I did not while in Los Angeles find opportunity to talk with either of you as much as I desired. I was hoping that we should have opportunity to counsel more at length about the work. But an opportunity will come. We shall see you sometime, perhaps in our own home, which you vacated for us.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 1*

I am doing as well as could be expected. I have had very little opportunity to go out riding since returning from the Mountain View meeting. We have had rain, rain, rain; and it is a blessing which God has sent us, for which we ought to praise His holy name, and be thankful. The rain has fallen softly and steadily most of the time, but some days it has been heavier. Today the sky is cloudy, but no rain is falling. I was pleased, when I rose this morning, to see the stars; but it may rain again soon; for the sky is very cloudy.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 2*

I long to be where I can bear my testimony to the people, but I dare not be presumptuous.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 3*

The remark is often made, by one and another, “Why depend so much on sanitariums? Why do we not pray for the miraculous healing of the sick, as the people of God used to do?” In the early history of our work many were healed by prayer. And some, after they were healed, pursued the same course in the indulgence of appetite that they had followed in the past. They did not live and

work in such a way as to avoid sickness. They did not show that they appreciated the Lord's goodness to them. Again and again they were brought to suffering through their own careless, thoughtless course of action. How could the Lord be glorified in bestowing on them the gift of health?*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 4*

When the light came that we should have a sanitarium, the reason was plainly given. There were many who needed to be educated in regard to healthful living. A place must be provided to which the sick could be taken, where they could be taught how to live so as to preserve health. At the same time light was given that the sick could be successfully treated without drugs. This was the lesson that was to be practiced and taught by physicians and nurses and by all other medical missionary workers. Drugs were to be discarded; because when they are taken into the system, their after effect is very injurious. Many suffering from fever have died as the result of the drugs administered. They might have been alive today had they been given water treatment by those competent to administer it.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 5*

Another point presented to me was that by careful watching and proper dieting, patients may be prepared for the thorough treatment that is required in fevers. However severe the fever, in most cases it can be mastered without once administering drugs. Some of our physicians are in need of being converted to the use of simple healthful treatments without the use of drugs.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 6*

Our sanitarium work is not to be done in mammoth buildings in a few places. Every large city should if possible have a small sanitarium, in the outskirts, where the air is not contaminated by the smoke from many chimneys, and where the noise and confusion of the streets cannot be heard.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 7*

The nurses connected with these institutions should be prepared to exert a soul-saving influence. Those who are not rooted and grounded in the truth should not be employed. Let them first become established in the truth. Then let them learn to be ever on guard, ever seeking to make the right impression on the minds of the sick. We need to study the true science of healing. Nothing

should be administered that will be in any way injurious. Our nurses should thoroughly understand how to give simple remedies that will prove effectual.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 8*

Nurses should always be pleasant and cheerful and should show thoughtful consideration. They are ever to strive to do their work wisely and well, realizing that they are serving the Lord, and that in the discharge of their duties they are to live out before unbelievers their faith in the truth for this time.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 9*

Great care should be shown in choosing young people to connect with our sanitariums. Those who have not the love of the truth in the soul should not be chosen. The sick need to have wise words spoken to them. The influence of every worker should make an impression on minds in favor of the religion of Christ Jesus. Light has been given me that the young people chosen to connect with our sanitariums should be those who have evidence that they have been apt learners in the school of Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 10*

They are to be truly converted; then they will be prepared to speak, and work, with true wisdom.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 11*

Nurses should have regular Bible instruction, that they may be able to speak to the sick words that will enlighten and help them. Angels of God are in the rooms where the suffering ones are to take treatment, and the atmosphere surrounding the soul of the one giving treatment should be pure and fragrant. In the lives of the physicians and nurses the virtues of Christ are to be seen. His principles are to be lived. Then by what they do and say, the sick will be drawn to the Saviour. We need the saving grace of God.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 12*

It is to save the souls, as well as to cure the bodies of men and women, that our sanitariums are at much expense established. God designs that by means of them the rich and the poor, the high and the low shall find the bread from heaven and the water of life.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 13*

I will thus explain the reason why we have sanitariums. It is to gather in a class of people who will become intelligent upon health

reform and will learn how to regain health and how to prevent sickness by following right habits of eating and drinking and dressing. As a part of the treatment, lectures should be given on the different points of health reform. Instruction should be given regarding the right choice and preparation of food, showing that food may be prepared so as to be wholesome and nourishing, and at the same time appetizing and palatable. These lectures should be diligently kept up as a means of teaching the patients how to prevent disease by a wise course of action. By means of these lectures the patients may be shown the responsibility resting on them to keep the body in the most healthful condition because it is the Lord's purchased possession.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 14*

“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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 15*

An experienced Christian nurse in the sickroom will use the best remedies within her knowledge for restoring the sufferer to health. And she will pleasantly and successfully draw the one for whom she is working to Christ, the healer of the soul as well as of the body. The lessons given, line upon line, here a little and there a little, will have their influence. The older nurses, whether they be men or women, should lose no opportunity of calling the attention of the sick to Christ. Those who care for the sick should be prepared to blend spiritual healing with physical healing. Let the nurses in our sanitariums show that in the solemn work of caring for the sick, they do not rely on drug medication, but on the power of Christ and the use of the simple remedies that He has provided—the application of hot and cold water and simple, nourishing food, without intoxicating liquor of any kind, with judicious exercise, and a putting away of all injurious practices. In treatment such as this there is health for the sick.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 16*

The sick may look to the great Healer for health as they do all that is possible to be done in their part, co-operating with 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. He who would be healed must cease to transgress the law of God. He must cease to choose a life of sin. God cannot bless the one who

continues to bring upon himself disease and suffering by violating the laws of heaven.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 17*

But the Holy Spirit comes as a healing power to those who cease to do evil and learn to do well.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 18*

Those who have no love for God will work constantly against the best interests of soul and body. But those who awake to the responsibility and solemnity of living in this present evil world will be softened and subdued. Tenderness and love for Christ will find their hearts. They know that He is their friend. In many cases the realization that they have such a friend means more to the suffering ones in their recovery from sickness than the best treatment that can be given. But both lines of ministry are essential. They are to go hand in hand.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 19*

The Lord says to the physicians in our sanitarium, Prepare to use to the utmost all your resources in winning souls to eternal life in the kingdom of God. Place only chosen helpers in positions of responsibility. One who cares for the sick should live in close communion with God; for a bright religious experience is of the highest value to the unconverted. He should move carefully and intelligently, speaking words that Christ can use to impress the mind. As he speaks words that are helpful and appropriate, and as he offers prayer for the sinsick soul, the Lord Jesus will make the application. God speaks through human lips. The heart is reached. Humanity is brought into touch with divinity.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 20*

The souls thus saved are trophies of divine grace. They are seals of Christ's ministry—living epistles, known and read of all men.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 21*

There is medical missionary work to be done for the saving of souls. The Lord will give those who watch unto prayer a rich experience. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path." [*Proverbs 3:5, 6.*]*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 22*

I think I have answered the question, "Why do we not pray for the healing of the sick, instead of having sanitariums?" The education

of many souls is at stake. In the providence of God, instruction has been given that sanitariums be established, in order that the sick may be drawn to them and learn how to live healthfully. The establishment of sanitariums is a providential arrangement, whereby people from all churches are to be reached and made acquainted with the saving truth for this time.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 23*

It is for this reason that we urge that sanitariums be established in many places outside of our cities. The physician who is connected with a sanitarium should at all times carry himself circumspectly. He should be a truly converted man so that he can minister to the sin-sick souls of the patients. He will meet all classes, rich and poor, high and low, and he is to work for their salvation. The work placed in his hands—the care of the soul as well as of the body—calls for constant preparedness by the Holy Spirit.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 24*

The highest standard is held up before those who connect with our sanitariums, whether they be physicians, nurses, superintendents, or business managers. To all such I would say, Never think that you are out of danger. Satan is laying his snare for souls. Remember that you are carrying weighty responsibilities. Your work brings you into association with the Lord Jesus. He is saying to you, “If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [*Matthew 16:24.*] Christ calls you. You have been chosen to do a sacred work in our sanitariums. Your conversation and attitude is to be seasoned with the grace of Christ, such as will place you on a high plane, as medical missionaries, working in union with a pure, holy God, carrying forward the greatest work ever entrusted to mortals. Those whom God has called out from among men to stand in our sanitariums as His medical missionaries are to cultivate integrity and purity of character, showing those with whom they come in contact what true Christianity means, and throwing a cheering, sanctifying light upon minds.*20LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 25*

May the Lord bless you all and give you courage and hope and faith. May all who are connected with the Glendale Sanitarium consecrate the powers of body and mind and soul to the service of God, in singleness of purpose. “If thine eye be single, thy whole

body shall be full of light.” [*Matthew 6:22.*]20*LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 26*

May God bless you all is the prayer that I offer for you at our family worship.20*LtMs, Lt 59, 1905, par. 27*

Lt 61, 1905

Breed, A. J.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 5, 1905

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Dear Brother Breed,—

I have just read your letter of February 1, telling us of the report which is being circulated, that Walla Walla College is to be sold by our people and may be bought by the Mormons. I am sorry to hear of such reports. You should contradict them promptly. The instruction given me by the Lord regarding the Walla Walla College would lead us to take a course that is the very opposite of these reports.*20LtMs, Lt 61, 1905, par. 1*

Instruction was given me that a mistake was being made in selling so much of the school land. The land should have been kept by the school, to be utilized in raising crops that would have done much to sustain the school. I have said that if some of the land that was sold could be purchased back, it would be well.*20LtMs, Lt 61, 1905, par. 2*

The school in College Place is not to be discouraged or hindered. Let all show an interest in building up and strengthening this institution. For years the care of the Lord has been over this school, as His servants have striven to make it a success, and it would not be pleasing to Him for any one to counterwork these efforts. No, no! Gather up your forces, and let all be united in carrying the work steadily forward. Thus God’s name will be glorified.*20LtMs, Lt 61, 1905, par. 3*

Let your work advance. Discouragements will come, but do not give up. Let every one resist the enemy, saying, “I will not fail nor be discouraged.” [See *Isaiah 42:4*.] Let the students show unselfish zeal in their efforts to build up the school. Let each one do his best. Have faith in God. Should the school be given up now, a lesson of

great value would be lost.*20LtMs, Lt 61, 1905, par. 4*

Let the work of selling *Object Lessons* be revived. See if you can not plan together to make the outlook more hopeful and encouraging. Let each help the other to help the school. Consecrate the powers of body, soul, and spirit to the service of God. Let head, hands, and heart be cheerfully used for God and His work. Thus only can you make a success in life. Let your motto be, "This one thing I do." [*Philippians 3:13.*] Singleness of purpose will bring success.*20LtMs, Lt 61, 1905, par. 5*

Do not be discouraged if you do not gain immediate success, but work for it, pray for it, and believe that you will obtain it. Encourage one another to have a holy ambition to take hold anew to bring about the most excellent results for the Lord Jesus. Be in earnest to excel in holy living. Strive for the oneness for which Christ prayed, and remember that all minds and plans are not alike. We are to have much patience and unshaken faith. Let us bear with one another and help one another.*20LtMs, Lt 61, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 63, 1905

Farnsworth, Brother and Sister [E. W.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 5, 1905

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Dear Brother and Sister Farnsworth,—

Your interesting letter was handed to me today, and I will begin a letter to you at once, lest other matters come before me and I forget. I may not have time to write you all I wish, but I will make a beginning and finish when I can.*20LtMs, Lt 63, 1905, par. 1*

We are very busy just now with *Ministry of Healing*. I am so glad that this book will soon be ready to place in the hands of the many who will appreciate its contents.*20LtMs, Lt 63, 1905, par. 2*

I wish to write particularly about one point in your letter. You speak of the burning of the Melrose Sanitarium and ask why the sick should not be healed by the prayer of faith instead of there being so many sanitariums established. There is more to this matter than at first strikes the mind. The Lord has given instruction that sanitariums should be established and that advantage should be taken of opportunities to purchase at a reasonable price desirable properties out of the cities. The Lord has shown me that there should be sanitariums near many important cities.*20LtMs, Lt 63, 1905, par. 3*

When we have shown the people that we have right principles regarding health reform, we should then take up the temperance question in all its bearings and drive it home to the hilt.*20LtMs, Lt 63, 1905, par. 4*

Suitable places must be provided to which we can bring the sick

and suffering who know nothing of our people, and scarcely anything of Bible truth. Every effort possible is to be made to show the sick that disease may be cured by rational methods of treatment, without having recourse to drugs. Let the sick be separated from harmful surroundings and associations and placed in our sanitariums where they can receive treatment from Christian nurses and physicians.*20LtMs, Lt 63, 1905, par. 5*

Should all the sick be healed by prayer, very few would improve their opportunities to become acquainted with right ways of eating, drinking, and dressing. Those connected with our sanitariums should realize the duty resting upon them to give the patients an education in the principles of healthful living.*20LtMs, Lt 63, 1905, par. 6*

The sick have their lessons to learn. They must be denied those preparations of food that would retard or prevent their recovery to health. They must learn the science of self-denial, eating simple food prepared in a simple way. They should live much in the sunlight, which should find its way to every room of the building. Lectures on health topics should be given. These lectures will open the blinded understanding, and truths never before thought of will be fastened on the mind.*20LtMs, Lt 63, 1905, par. 7*

February 8

I began your letter a day or two ago, but other letters came that had to be answered immediately, and I have been interrupted again and again. I will now try to finish your letter.*20LtMs, Lt 63, 1905, par. 8*

I wish it were possible for me to communicate the things that come to my mind. But it is impossible. Words cannot express the matters that are opened up before me. I am assured that by beholding Christ, we shall be changed into His image. We must dwell more on the results of genuine conversion. Not only is the sinner forgiven when he repents and confesses his iniquity, he becomes a child of God, a member of the royal family, an heir of God and a joint-heir with Christ to an immortal inheritance. It seems impossible for the mind to comprehend this. The power of Satan is broken. Man is brought into sacred unity with Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 63, 1905, par. 9*

“Christ also hath suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.” [1 *Peter* 3:18.] “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” “God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.” [*Romans* 5:1, 8-11.] We joy also in our life of tribulation, rejoicing that we can be partakers of Christ’s sufferings in this life and hereafter be partakers of His glory. By the power of His most holy name, He makes us one with Him and shares with us all that He is. We are completely identified with Him. Can we grasp the greatness of the favor bestowed on us? 20LtMs, Lt 63, 1905, par. 10

Let us die to self. This we must do if we would live to God. Let us follow in the footsteps of Christ. Well might the inspired apostle say, as he sought to comprehend the great blessing presented in the gospel: 20LtMs, Lt 63, 1905, par. 11

“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 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 even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.” [*Ephesians* 1:3-7.] 20LtMs, Lt 63, 1905, par. 12

There is true sanctification for every one. Let us humble ourselves before God, and pray, “Lord, cleanse us from all selfishness, and help us to see more clearly the breadth and depth and height of the love that passeth knowledge.” [See *Ephesians* 3:18, 19.] 20LtMs, Lt 63, 1905, par. 13

It is the purpose of God to glorify Himself in His people before the world. He longs to make us channels through which He can pour His boundless love and mercy. Why do we not grasp the offered gifts, and live out our love and gratitude? Did we do this, we should regard time as too precious to be spent in finding fault with and judging one another. Let each church member seek the Lord and confess his own sins, not the sins of some one else. In this world we are to make preparation for the world to come.*20LtMs, Lt 63, 1905, par. 14*

Are we what God would have us? No, we are not. The members of the church in every place need to surrender themselves to God. It is an individual work that is needed. I have been made to understand as much as I could bear regarding this subject. We need to be converted. Let us seek the Lord, not in a fitful way, but with all the heart, that we may find Him. The Word declares that Jesus is our Saviour. Let us make Him so, to all intents and purposes. There are many who touch Him only with the tips of their fingers. Let us give Him the service of our whole being and praise Him for His wonderful, matchless love to the children of men.*20LtMs, Lt 63, 1905, par. 15*

Lt 65, 1905

Jones, A. T.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Elder A. T. Jones

My dear Brother,—

The light given me is that you should be in Washington just now. Go there, and offer to help. The Lord has a work for you to do in Washington in connection with the workers there. Stand in the place of your appointment. Again and again it has been presented to me that you would be one who, in connection with your brethren, would proclaim the message in Washington. The time has come for you to do this.*20LtMs, Lt 65, 1905, par. 1*

Washington and Baltimore are very close together, and in both of these places a decided interest is to be aroused. You should now be putting forth earnest efforts in Washington.*20LtMs, Lt 65, 1905, par. 2*

Regarding your classes, the very best education you can give those who have a desire to work is to teach them to practice what they have been taught. Those who will spend much time in prayer and will humbly take counsel will increase in a knowledge of how to work. Those who are willing to be learners will have opportunity to gain increased knowledge, while gaining success in active service. It is time for earnest work to be done throughout the field by those who desire to become missionaries.*20LtMs, Lt 65, 1905, par. 3*

While Elder Jones, Elder Daniells, and Elder Prescott, with other of our ministers, are doing their part in Washington, our people east

and west, north and south should be preaching the Word on the same lines.*20LtMs, Lt 65, 1905, par. 4*

Let the youth from our schools go forth into the harvest field to do service for the Lord, praying as they go, "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" and our hearts "establish Thou it." [*Psalm 90:16, 17.*]*20LtMs, Lt 65, 1905, par. 5*

Let those who have been trained for service now take their places quickly in the Lord's work. House-to-house laborers are needed. The Lord calls for decided efforts to be put forth in places where the people know nothing of the truth. Singing and prayer and Bible readings are needed in the homes of the people. Now, just now is the time to obey the commission, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." [*Matthew 28:20.*] Those who do this work must have a ready knowledge of the Scriptures. "It is written" is to be their weapon of defense. God has given us light on His Word that we may give it to our fellow men. The truth spoken by Christ will reach hearts. A "Thus saith the Lord" will fall upon the ear with power, and fruit will appear wherever honest service is done.*20LtMs, Lt 65, 1905, par. 6*

The Lord calls for action. The Sabbath question is being agitated in Washington; and while minds are stirred, there is an opportunity for our people everywhere to sow the seeds of truth. Should we neglect to take advantage of this time, we should miss a great opportunity for letting light from God's Word shine forth. The trumpet is to give a certain sound.*20LtMs, Lt 65, 1905, par. 7*

Say to the people: Know yourselves of the doctrine. Let not your lips utter a sentence of doubt. Do not come before the people with an uncertain sound. Know what is truth and proclaim truth. Christ's teaching was always positive in its nature. Never, never utter sentiments of doubt. Bear with a certain voice an affirmative message. Lift Him up, the Man of Calvary, higher and still higher. There is power in the exaltation of the cross of Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 65, 1905, par. 8*

Christ's divinity is to be steadfastly maintained. When the Saviour

asked His disciples the question, "Whom say ye that I am?" Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Said Christ, "Upon this Rock," not on Peter, but on the Son of God, "will I build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." [Matthew 16:15-18.] *20LtMs, Lt 65, 1905, par. 9*

Great is the mystery of godliness. There are mysteries in the life of Christ that are to be believed, even though they cannot be explained. The finite mind cannot fathom the mystery of godliness. *20LtMs, Lt 65, 1905, par. 10*

Christ is to be preached, not controversially, but affirmatively. Take your stand without controversy. Let not your words at any time be uncertain. The Word of the living God is to be the foundation of our faith. Gather up the strongest affirmative statements regarding the atonement made by Christ for the sins of the world. Show the necessity for this atonement, and tell men and women that they may be saved if they will repent and return to their loyalty to God's law. Gather all the affirmatives and proofs that make the gospel the glad tidings of salvation to all who receive and believe on Christ as a personal Saviour. *20LtMs, Lt 65, 1905, par. 11*

The charge given to Timothy is: "Take heed to thyself and to the doctrine; for in so doing thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee." "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." [2 Timothy 4:16, 2-5.] *20LtMs, Lt 65, 1905, par. 12*

Elder Jones, is it not time that the many held in Battle Creek were obeying this charge? Is it not time that they had some place assigned them in the harvest fields? *20LtMs, Lt 65, 1905, par. 13*

I hope and pray that you will now stand in your place. May God help you, is my prayer. What is Elder Waggoner doing? How is Elder Tenney? *20LtMs, Lt 65, 1905, par. 14*

Lt 67, 1905

Brethren and Sisters

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 18, 1905

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Dear Brethren and Sisters,—

The message given me for Brother W. O. Palmer is: We shall be placed in trying positions; but if we examine ourselves carefully, and see what our defects of character are, and then brace ourselves against temptation, with watching and prayer, God will help us to overcome. As difficulties arise, we must so conduct ourselves that our conscience will be free in Christ. If our conscience does not condemn us, then we may thank God that we are kept by His power. We can all act some part in the Lord’s work if we exercise great care that our feet do not stray from the path of righteousness. From day to day our hearts must be drawn out after victory.*20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 1*

“If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 2*

Let your words be few and well chosen. The men in the office of publication know that God has committed you to me as a charge. I was surprised at the time. I could not understand why this should be done. But the experience of the past explains the matter. At times you show but little wisdom. You do not move discreetly. If, at such times, your brethren would speak to you kindly regarding your faults, and then pray with you, they would be following a course in

accordance with the mind and will and example of Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 3*

I have frequently been instructed to have a special charge over some who were in danger through special temptations. There are many who have weak points of character. I am instructed that when they shall be overtaken in a fault, and overcome, I am not to leave them to the unadvised words or unchristlike methods of those who have not the love and pity and grace of Christ in their hearts.*20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 4*

Those who can see the weakness and mark the faults of an erring one have a special responsibility to try to help him. If they push him off and crowd him away, I am to hold out to him the hand of hope, that he may grasp it and never let go. I am to say to him, Never be discouraged. I am to tell him of his mistakes, manifesting the kindest sympathy. Thus a soul may be saved and a multitude of sins hidden; for if he confesses his faults, the Lord will pardon him. And from his own experience he will learn how to deal with others who make mistakes.*20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 5*

In dealing with the erring, Christ showed tender, forgiving love, and we are to practice the lessons He has given.*20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 6*

When Christ ate with publicans and sinners, the priests and rulers made all the capital possible out of His action. But Christ did this that He might speak to erring men the words of encouragement that the priests and rulers were not willing to speak. He would satisfy the inmost longings of the soul and help the sore-troubled ones who needed guidance and encouragement. His words were always spoken with wisdom. They always exalted the truth. He presented principles that searched the recesses of the hearts of those who listened. He said that which reached the diseased imagination and drew the mind out after eternal realities.*20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 7*

While Christ accepted invitations to feasts and gatherings, He did not partake of all the food offered Him, but quietly ate of that which was appropriate for His physical necessities, avoiding the many things that He did not need. His disciples were frequently invited with Him, and His conduct was a lesson to them, teaching them not

to indulge appetite by overeating or by eating improper food. He showed them that portions of the food provided could be passed by and portions chosen.*20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 8*

Christ went to these feasts because He wished to show those who were excluding themselves from the society of their fellow men how wrong their course of action was. He wished to teach them that truth was given to be imparted to those who had it not. If they had truth, why keep it selfishly to themselves.*20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 9*

“I came not to call the righteous,” Christ declared, “but sinners to repentance.” [*Mark 2:17.*] This was His work.*20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 10*

In church capacity there are many things that we must do if we would be laborers together with God. If we would study Christ’s methods, we would see many things to be reprov’d and corrected. But in doing this, we are to be sure to follow Christ’s methods.*20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 11*

Christian fellowship reveals duties to be performed and responsibilities to be borne. In all, we are to follow Christ’s example. In failing to deal faithfully with one who has erred, in refusing to speak kindly to him, we commit a grievous sin in the sight of God. In acting a harsh, stubborn part, in treating the one who has made a mistake in accordance with our own unchristlike traits of character, we discourage a soul that is in danger and leave him to settle down into spiritual warfare or to relapse into spiritual death.*20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 12*

A disregard of Christ’s directions as to how to deal with the erring leads to contention and strife. A desire to cast a mote out of the eye of a brother often creates a beam in the eye of the accuser, because of his neglect or refusal to work in Christ’s way.*20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 13*

If the directions of Christ, so explicitly given in His lessons to His disciples, are not followed; if church members engage in accusing and condemning their brethren and sisters, refusing to heed the words of the Saviour, serious estrangements will come into the church as the result.*20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 14*

Christ says, "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 7:5.*] The one who neglects to follow the directions of Christ, who accuses his brother without first going to him, and talking the matter over with him, in the spirit of the Saviour, has a beam in his eye. He pays no attention to the remedy that Christ has given for the cure of dissension and strife. He does not go to the one he has condemned, telling him kindly what appears to be against his character. An explanation might clear away the difficulty, but he does not give the one he condemns an opportunity to make the explanation. *20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 15*

Is it not time that we heeded the lessons of Christ, learning from Him how to proceed in wisdom in dealing with the erring? The Saviour pities the one who does wrong and in love corrects him and, if he confesses and forsakes his sin, forgives him. Christ cannot save the purchase of His blood without, through reproof and correction, administering His discipline. This is necessary for the safety of the church, for the preservation of a wholesome atmosphere in the church. But he sees the danger of unwise judgment, and he gives the following injunction: *20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 16*

"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, and 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 thou shalt see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." [*Verses 1-5.*]*20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 17*

To make His people perfect, the Lord points out their mistakes and dangers. If they give no heed to His words, He permits the sure consequence of wrongdoing to come upon them. But He does not forsake them and turn from them unless they are willfully stubborn. If after reproof on reproof has been sent to them, they still refuse to reform, He says, "Separate them from the church, lest others be defiled; for their example is detrimental to the health of the

church.”*20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 18*

But let all remember the words, “First cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then thou shalt see clearly to cast the mote out of thy brother’s eye.” [*Verse 5.*] Let us not be so ready to accuse. God will make His people perfect if they will be molded and fashioned after the divine similitude. If they err, and then repent, He forgives them. His reproofs and corrections are sent to make His people perfect. Then let us accept reproof, and acknowledge our errors, and seek to avoid them.*20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 19*

No unlikeness to Christ will be permitted in the holy city. The process of gaining perfection of character is to be carried on in this life, that we may be prepared for the future immortal life. It is God’s purpose that His church on earth shall reach perfection. It is essential that His directions be strictly obeyed. The members are to help and strengthen one another. No self-exaltation or accusing or harshness are to be shown in our dealings with one another. We must purify our souls through love and obedience to the truth. We must act like saints toward one another, preparing ourselves, drilling ourselves, to be without fault in character, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.*20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 20*

“We have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence; shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits, and live. For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous, nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruits of righteousness to them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore 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 12:9-15.*]*20LtMs, Lt 67, 1905, par. 21*

Lt 69, 1905

Brown, M. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 18, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Elder M. H. Brown

Dear Brother,—

Do not make a public matter of Rodney McClure’s case. I know that Brother McClure is misled and deceived by the boy he has adopted. Both he and his wife are so deceived that they cannot be the help to the boy that they otherwise could. Brother McClure could not believe what I wrote, until Rodney himself told his father that every word was true.*20LtMs, Lt 69, 1905, par. 1*

Please be very discreet with the McClure letter. It is not best to have it blazed abroad. Go to the boy yourself, and talk with him, and make in his behalf the efforts you have neglected to make. Get your right bearings. I positively do not want this matter to come before the whole church. Make every effort in your power to find out Rodney’s real situation. Talk with the men in positions of responsibility in the school. Make every effort to get the truth from the boy himself.*20LtMs, Lt 69, 1905, par. 2*

These disagreeable burdens must be borne, but they are to be borne in a way that God can approve. My heart aches for all the erring. I am very sorry that Elder McClure has allowed such an example of mismanagement in his home to be set before the church.*20LtMs, Lt 69, 1905, par. 3*

I shall not have time to write more now. I will send you with this [a] copy of an article written to one of our churches regarding brotherly love and unity. I have written more on this subject, and sometime I hope to have it all put together in a pamphlet so that the churches can have it.*20LtMs, Lt 69, 1905, par. 4*

Move judiciously and prayerfully. Before anything else is done, let the boy be visited by some one whom you may judge best. May the Lord give wisdom is my prayer.*20LtMs, Lt 69, 1905, par. 5*

I had hoped that the school could be moved away from Healdsburg. I still hope that a way will open for this to be done and that it will be clearly seen that it is best for the school to be in some other place. Is it thought best to move to Mountain View?*20LtMs, Lt 69, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 71, 1905

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 18, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Son Edson,—

Last night I was counselling you not to do as you proposed, not to let the deed of your property stand in my name, because the influence would not be for the best. Raise what means you can, but do not use my name as owning this property. It will not be best to make the transfer of the property to me and to dispose of it as my personal property.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 71, 1905, par. 1*

I was counselled not to become thus entangled. To bring my name in thus would be charged as a scheme of yours to raise funds for your own benefit, and it would hurt my influence. Nothing should be brought in to give me any connection with the sale of your property. I can call for means for the establishment of the colored sanitarium, but anything that would appear as a means of extorting money, in connection with you, would hurt me as well as you and bring me into perplexity. Therefore I dare not have you call for money in that way.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 71, 1905, par. 2*

I am in such a condition of mind that my brain should be freed from all perplexity. Nothing must be done that could be interpreted as a scheme of J. E. White to influence his mother. I write this because I wish to save you and myself from further perplexities. I must stand alone as much as possible. You are at liberty to consult your mother at any time, and to be free to write to her, but do not mix me up in matters that will bring me perplexity and weariness and hurt my influence.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 71, 1905, par. 3*

I write you this because I do not know that I shall have time to talk with you.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 71, 1905, par. 4*

Lt 73, 1905

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 1, 1905

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Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

I have just read the very interesting letters received in the last mail from Dr. Kress and Sister Irwin. I am always pleased to receive letters from you, and I thank you for writing so many particulars.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 1*

I am beginning this letter some days before the mail leaves, so that I shall be sure not to disappoint you. I have much to do in writing out that which must be written in order to straighten things out, lest the enemy shall come in and lead unwary feet astray. My heart is often sad, and often I spend the greater part of the night in prayer. I am thankful that the Lord is so kind and helpful to me. I desire to praise Him with heart and soul and voice.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 2*

I wish to say, my dear friends, whom I love in the Lord, that the suggestions which I make to you in my letters are not to be taken as reproofs, but as light that has shone upon my pathway for the sanitarium with which you are connected and for other sanitariums. Therefore do not, I beseech you, take these things as reproofs, but as a word of instruction from the Lord, sent to be a blessing, not to cause you discouragement. The Lord will help you and lead you and prosper you. He has done this, and He will continue to do it. He appreciates your work, and He will be with you in every emergency.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 3*

I cannot advise you to change your position and go elsewhere. You are being greatly blessed by the Lord in physical and spiritual lines, and you have qualifications that enable you to do the work that

needs to be done. We are so thankful that you are connected with the sanitarium. Do not change your place, supposing that some one else would do better. Go straight forward in the name of the Lord, and watch and pray and believe. We have stern battles to fight. And when I see that the Lord is giving you precious victories as you advance step by step, I say, "May God abundantly bless them."*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 4*

Do not fear, but trust. Improvements will certainly continually be made. There is no one at work in the Lord's vineyard but needs to become more perfect in the preparation of food that is appetizing, and yet entirely wholesome. The proper combination of foods is a science in which we are to become more and more skilled. We are to stand firm by the principles of healthful living.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 5*

In the matter of diet no one can be a criterion for another. Food that may be perfectly adapted to one might not be at all advisable for another. This is why I have urged that all our people become intelligent on the point. We are to study how to meet the people where they are. The Lord has chosen you, Brother and Sister Kress, to do this work in the Wahroonga Sanitarium. You are to instruct those who need to learn the why's and wherefore's in regard to hygiene in eating, drinking, and dressing. Never, never provide an impoverished diet. I know that many have received wrong impressions in our institutions because of a failure in this respect on the part of those in charge. Those who come to the sanitarium from the higher classes are accustomed to a rich and varied diet, and they will need table fare different in many respects from the food that you or I would place on our tables. Some of us find it necessary to pass by the nicely prepared dishes that others in the family may eat freely of.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 6*

The preparation of food for sanitarium patients needs close and careful attention. Some of the patients come from homes in which the tables are daily loaded with rich food, and every effort should be made to set before them food that is both appetizing and wholesome.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 7*

The Lord would have the institution with which you are connected

one of the most satisfying and enjoyable places in the world. I want you to show special care in providing for the patients a diet that will not endanger health, and at the same time will recommend our principles of health reform. This can be done, and, being done, it will make a favorable impression on the minds of the patients. It will be an education to them, showing them the advantages of hygienic living above their own way of living. And when they leave the institution, they will carry with them a report that will influence others to go there.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 8*

Dr. Kress, we would be much pleased to see you, but we dare not say, "Leave your present post of duty." We pray that the rich blessing of God may be upon you. At times I long to go to Australia again and visit you and the sanitarium that is now filling with patients. We thank the Lord for the prosperity that has attended the institution.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 9*

I have just been writing a letter to Dr. Nicola of the Melrose Sanitarium. He fears that they will not be able to get means sufficient to build a sanitarium that will accommodate the higher classes, but I have no fears in this respect.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 10*

I was glad to get the copy of the article taken from the Outlook. I was greatly pleased with most of it. It will be a means of good, I am sure. As I read the article, I felt so thankful that such words could be spoken of the sanitarium and its workers. Let us thank the Lord and praise His holy name, and let everything connected with the sanitarium give character to the truth for this time. As you strive to do this, Christ will be in you "a well of water, springing up unto everlasting life." [*John 4:14.*] You will be daily refreshed by the streams of His salvation, and you will be a source of refreshing to those around you; for from you will flow "rivers of living water." [*John 7:38.*] The beauty of holiness will be seen in your life; for the comeliness of Christ will be put upon you.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 11*

We all have the same cause for thanksgiving. The resurrection and ascension of our Lord is a sure evidence of the triumph of the saints of God over death and the grave, and a pledge that heaven is open

to those who wash their robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. Jesus ascended to the Father as a representative of the human race, and God will bring those who reflect His image to behold and share with Him His glory.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 12*

There are homes for the pilgrims of earth. There are robes for the righteous, with crowns of glory and palms of victory. All that perplexed us in the providences of God will then be made plain. The things hard to be understood will then find an explanation. The mysteries of grace will unfold before us. Where our finite minds discovered only confusion and broken purposes, we shall see the most perfect and beautiful harmony. We shall know that infinite love ordered the experiences that seemed most trying and hard to bear. As we realize the tender care of Him who makes all things work together for our good, we shall rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 13*

Pain cannot exist in the atmosphere of heaven. In the home of the redeemed there will be no tears, no funeral trains, no badges of mourning. The inhabitants shall not say, I am sick; the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity. One rich tide of happiness will flow and deepen as eternity rolls on. Think of this; tell it to the children of suffering and sorrow, and bid them rejoice in hope.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 14*

The nearer we come to Jesus, the more clearly we behold the purity and greatness of His character, the less we shall feel like exalting self. The contrast between our characters and His will lead to humiliation of soul and deep heart-searching. The more we love Jesus, the more entirely will self be humbled and forgotten. When our souls are filled with pride and self-esteem, we cannot realize the need of divine power; but when we are aware of our own insufficiency, our hearts cry out, "Other refuge have I none," and we hang our helpless souls on Him who is mighty to save.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 15*

He who is meek in spirit, he who is purest and most childlike will be made strong for the battle. He will "be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man." [*Ephesians 3:16.*] He who feels his

weakness, and wrestles with God as did Jacob, and like this servant of old cries, "I will not let Thee go except Thou bless me" [*Genesis 32:26*], will go forth with the fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit. The atmosphere of heaven will surround him. He will go about doing good. His influence will be a positive force in favor of the religion of Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 16*

These words point out what the workers in the sanitarium may be. I am so glad that we can come to God in faith and humility and plead with Him until our souls are brought into such close relationship with Jesus, that we can lay our burdens at his feet, saying, "I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." [*2 Timothy 1:12*.] The Lord is able to do "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." [*Ephesians 3:20*.] Our cold, faithless hearts may be quickened into sensibility and life, until we can pray in faith, preach in faith, and say in faith, "The life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God." [*Galatians 2:20*.] Let us seek for the fulness of the salvation of Christ. Let us follow in the footsteps of the Son of God, for the promise is, "He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." [*John 8:12*.]*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 17*

I am so thankful that you can say to those who come to the sanitarium: Jesus invites you, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:28-30*.] Say to the weary and heavy laden, Have you found this blessed rest, or are you slighting the Saviour's invitation? Do you pour out your trials and grievances into human ears? Do you go for help to those who cannot give you rest?*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 18*

Have faith in God. Believe His precious promises. Go to Jesus in childlike simplicity, saying, Lord, I have borne these burdens as long as I can, and now I lay them upon the Burden-bearer. Do not gather them up again, but leave them all with Jesus. Go free; for Jesus has set you free. He has said, "I will give you rest." [*Verse 28*.]*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 19*

Our God is a very present help in time of need. He is acquainted with the most secret thoughts of our hearts, with all the intents and purposes of our souls. When we are in perplexity, even before we open to Him our distresses, He is making arrangements of our deliverance. Our sorrow is not unnoticed. He knows much better than we do just what is necessary for the good of His children, and He leads us as we would choose to be led if we could see the end from the beginning. I rejoice that we have this cheering message to give to others.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 20*

I have just received a most encouraging letter from Brother E. S. Ballenger, who is at present connected with Brother E. R. Palmer in the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. He writes that they had had several nice rains and were having still more. This is a cause of great rejoicing; for it is nearly ten years since so much rain has fallen in that section of California. I will try to send you a copy of Brother Ballenger's letter.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 21*

Just now we are very busy. We are finishing up *Ministry of Healing*, which is now in the printers' hands, and are making an effort to prepare matter for *Testimony IX*. I have been reading the matter prepared for *Ministry of Healing*, and I feel much relieved to think that the book is ready for publication, and that it will soon be in circulation.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 22*

In *Testimony IX* there will be a department giving a history of the work that has been done for the colored people of the Southern states and showing the needs of this work. For years very plain testimonies have been borne regarding the necessities of this work, and yet very little has been done to aid the workers.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 23*

If the Lord will help us to complete the work on these two books before General Conference, we shall thank Him, and take courage.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 24*

I am longing to get out to ride, but it is raining; and though the rain is coming down very gently, I dare not expose myself.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 25*

I think of you all very often, and I hope that you will write as often as

you can. I read your writing nearly as well as print. I may sometimes send you a letter in my own handwriting, and you must tell me whether you can read it readily.*20LtMs, Lt 73, 1905, par. 26*

Lt 75, 1905

Palmer, E. R.; Ballenger, E. S.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 20, 1905

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Dear Brethren Palmer and Ballenger,—

We are well pleased with the reports that Brother Ballenger has sent us of the work of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. What we see being accomplished there is a fulfilment of what I have been instructed we might expect. For this we thank the Lord, and take courage for the future, believing that the Lord will bless and guide.*20LtMs, Lt 75, 1905, par. 1*

The patronage you are receiving, even before you are fully prepared to accommodate patients, has exceeded my expectations. The Lord has been good to us, and we must ever bear in mind that this sanitarium is to be made a means of communicating truth to those who know it not.*20LtMs, Lt 75, 1905, par. 2*

Treatment rooms should be fitted up soon. Let them be, as was suggested when we were there, outside the main building. Were they inside the sanitarium, the steam from them would make an unhealthful atmosphere, which would pervade the rooms of the patients. Let us take every precaution to make everything connected with the Paradise Valley Sanitarium healthful and wholesome.*20LtMs, Lt 75, 1905, par. 3*

We are made sad as we see in many places so much left undone that should be done. But the Lord will use in the accomplishment of His work means that we do not now see. He will raise up from among the common people men and women to do His work, even as of old He called fishermen to be His disciples. There will soon be an awakening that will surprise many. Those who do not realize the necessity of what is to be done will be passed by, and the heavenly messengers will work with those who are called the common

people, fitting them to carrying the truth to many places. Now is the time for us to awake and do what we can.*20LtMs, Lt 75, 1905, par. 4*

I have received a letter from Brother Burrill of Canada, in which he speaks of the Sunday question that is soon to be met there. He says that they especially need Brother Robinson to help them in meeting this issue. He is a native-born Canadian and can be a great help to them at this time.*20LtMs, Lt 75, 1905, par. 5*

Brother Burrill has written to me because he understood that I had encouraged Brother Robinson to come to San Diego. At first I could remember nothing in regard to the matter. But after I received Brother Ballenger's letter, stating the Brother Robinson was expected in San Diego soon to act as business manager of the sanitarium, I remember that Brother Robinson was one whose name had been mentioned in some of our councils. I think he was presented as one who was not well and who needed a change of climate. I asked if he were qualified to act as manager. When it was stated that he seemed to have the qualifications necessary for the place, I think I said, "Then by all means let him come." But I did not present this as light that had been given me by the Lord. It was merely my personal judgment, formed from your presentation of the case.*20LtMs, Lt 75, 1905, par. 6*

Brother Burrill also stated that Elder W. W. Simpson is a Canadian, and that such men as he are needed in Canada. He seems to think that it is not right that Elder Simpson should be held in Los Angeles. I know nothing in regard to Elder Simpson's case, except that he has been used by the Lord in His work in Los Angeles and that he has been greatly blessed. Over one hundred have taken their stand for the truth as a result of his labors. At the close of his last series of tent-meetings, he thought of changing his field of labor; but he received a petition signed by many of the citizens of Los Angeles, asking him to remain and continue his meetings. The Lord has given Brother Simpson a spirit of adaptability, with wisdom to plan and carry out his work; and He has blessed him in the bringing out of leaflets, notices, and charts that have aroused the interest of the people.*20LtMs, Lt 75, 1905, par. 7*

I would say, Let Brother Simpson labor where his message is evidently accomplishing great good. Those who have come to his meetings have given freely of their means to sustain the work that he has carried forward. At this time, when there is such urgent need of workers in Los Angeles, when the brethren are seeking to establish a sanitarium there, I dare not say to Elder Simpson, You must go back to Canada. And, besides, such a move might not be best for his health. For the present let him remain in Los Angeles; for the Lord is giving him marked success in bearing the message to the people. Let him give the trumpet a certain sound, arousing those who have never heard the truth. May the Lord encourage him to remain in Los Angeles until the church members are aroused to gird on the armor and show that they have a burden to give the message. Our ministers are not to hover over the churches. They are to proclaim the truth, as Elder Simpson is doing. Let those who know not the truth be given an opportunity to hear the reasons of our faith. *20LtMs, Lt 75, 1905, par. 8*

I believe that Brother Simpson is presenting the truth as God would have many others present it. Some of the brethren in Los Angeles felt that he should do more in the church there. When this was suggested to me, I thought of the answer that Christ gave when the priests and rulers reproached Him for eating with publicans and sinners. "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance," He declared. [*Mark 2:17.*] Let the work now being accomplished for those who have never before heard the truth lead our ministers and church members in Los Angeles to arouse; let them take hold, as they see that God is working. Let them make diligent work in repenting of their coldness and indifference and selfishness. As the church is by repentance cleansed from this neglect, and the members are converted, they will heartily engage in laboring from house to house. By teaching those who are seeking for the light of truth, they themselves will receive a valuable education. *20LtMs, Lt 75, 1905, par. 9*

Let no one, by precept or example, seek to draw Elder Simpson from his God-appointed work. Let all take hold with him in an effort to carry the work in clear lines. The members of the Los Angeles church need to heed every message that comes to them, bidding them arouse from their stupor. If they will earnestly seek the Lord,

He will give them light and life and the quickening power of the Holy Spirit.*20LtMs, Lt 75, 1905, par. 10*

The message that I have to bear to the church in Los Angeles is, Awake, and put on the whole armor of God. There is selfishness in the church that must be rooted out. Seek the Lord earnestly. Reveal in your lives the sanctifying power of the truth. Co-operate with the evangelist that the Lord has placed amongst you. God would have you work as fishers of men. Pray much, and practice self-denial, that you may help in establishing the sanitarium at Glendale, which is struggling to make a beginning. Seek to make it an institution after God's order. Some can do more than others, but all can do something. There are those who, if they will deny self, may do much more than they have done, and if all will take hold in earnest, the Glendale Sanitarium may be made a praise in the earth.*20LtMs, Lt 75, 1905, par. 11*

In the securing of buildings for sanitarium work in Southern California, we see the gracious leading of God. These buildings have been secured at a very small cost, and the Lord would now have His people build up and strengthen the work.*20LtMs, Lt 75, 1905, par. 12*

The Glendale Sanitarium must be furnished and equipped. There is a great work to be done for that institution. Do not discourage those who are trying to do what they can to carry on the work. Help Brother Burden and those who are placed in charge of the sanitarium work, that they may do all that needs to be done.*20LtMs, Lt 75, 1905, par. 13*

I make a special appeal to the church in Los Angeles. God expects you, as a church, to be purified and refined. Put away all accusing and dissension, lay aside all fault-finding and jealousy, and let every one come up to the help of the Lord. You need to arise and trim your lamps, that they may give a clearer light. All should appreciate what is being done to bring the truth before unbelievers.*20LtMs, Lt 75, 1905, par. 14*

Let the older members be an example to those who have recently come into the truth. I entreat those who have been long in the truth not to hurt the new converts by living irreligious lives. Lay aside all

murmuring, and do thorough work in your own hearts. Break up the fallow ground of your hearts, and seek to know what you can do to advance the work in Los Angeles. *20LtMs, Lt 75, 1905, par. 15*

Temptations are being brought in by men who have been long in the truth. The truths that we received in 1841, '42, '43, and '44 are now to be studied and proclaimed. The messages of the first, second, and third angels will in the future be proclaimed with a loud voice. They will be given with earnest determination and in the power of the Spirit. *20LtMs, Lt 75, 1905, par. 16*

The members of the Los Angeles church need to have a deep work of grace done in their own hearts. Let every one build over against his own house. The messages given by Elder Simpson, which convert sinners, should be sufficient to arouse you also. Awake, awake, and give to the unconverted evidence that you believe the truth of heavenly origin. Unless you do awake, the world will not believe that you practice the truth that you profess to hold. *20LtMs, Lt 75, 1905, par. 17*

Pray earnestly. Read and study the prayer of Christ, as given in the *seventeenth chapter of John*, and then seek to live lives that will answer that prayer. Read also the messages given in the *third chapter of Revelation*. God sent His angel from heaven to give these messages. The message to the Laodicean church belongs to the church in Los Angeles and to our churches generally. Will they arouse and do the work that God has given them to do? *20LtMs, Lt 75, 1905, par. 18*

Lt 77, 1905

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 21, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Son Edson,—

I will send this letter to Walla Walla, hoping that it will reach you there. I am anxious about you. When Dores told me that you spoke for so long a time in Healdsburg, and that you were very hoarse, I feared for your health. I wish to say, Be careful of your words, and do not wear yourself out, so that you will be used up when you reach Nashville.*20LtMs, Lt 77, 1905, par. 1*

I have cautions to give you. Do not speak words that will disparage Brethren Prescott and Daniells. Let your words be well chosen. Nothing will hurt your influence more than for you to speak as if the present administration were to blame for diverting means into the wrong channel. This will react on you and will be displeasing to God. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt. The light given me is that by accusing those bearing responsibilities, you will in the end hedge up your own way. Be a man of sound judgment. Make no breach between you and your brethren. By criticizing and condemning, you will make of no effect the testimonies of the Spirit of God given to your mother.*20LtMs, Lt 77, 1905, par. 2*

I hope that you will bear this warning in mind. Do not leave behind you the record of a mischief maker. If you speak unwisely, those who hear you will suppose that you voice my mind and express my opinions. Please be guarded; for all that you say will be reported. As you visit the churches, do not, for Christ's sake, in this perilous time, criticize others. Do not seek to disparage the General Conference or to judge any man. Do not speak words that will leave a wrong impression on the minds of any regarding your brethren who have been appointed to do a special work for this time. We

must keep a clean record.*20LtMs, Lt 77, 1905, par. 3*

The light given me by the Lord is that we are all to stand shoulder to shoulder, united as brethren under the influence and control of the Holy Spirit.*20LtMs, Lt 77, 1905, par. 4*

There is need that a thorough work be done in your heart and mind day by day, else you will make a record that will be to your disadvantage. And again, be guarded; for unless you are, words will be reported as having been spoken by you, which will place you in a strange light. Constantly preserve nobility of soul and the sweetness and grace of Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 77, 1905, par. 5*

I want to publish an account of your labors in the South, but you will kill this book if you do not move discreetly. We must give no place to the enemy, but pray and watch unto prayer. Said Christ, "I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified." [*John 17:19.*] This is the work of every true follower of the meek and lowly Jesus. Unify, unify, is the word spoken. Put away dissension. Put away fault-finding and accusing. Unity is strength. Since you do not admire the spirit of criticism, be careful not to criticize. O when shall we answer Christ's prayer for unity? When shall we be one with Him as He is one with the Father?*20LtMs, Lt 77, 1905, par. 6*

Edson, my heart is heavy, very heavy. I fear much for W. O. Palmer. His assurances were so strong that he was trusted, but he will never again exert the influence for good that he might have exerted. I fear greatly that he will be a hindrance to you. I was unable to sleep last night because this burden rested so heavily upon me.*20LtMs, Lt 77, 1905, par. 7*

I beg of you, my son, to keep very clearly on the Lord's side. Be true to principle. Let nothing lead you to do one wrong act. Do not speak one word that might arouse suspicions regarding the men bearing responsibilities in the General Conference. Do not sow seeds of mistrust.*20LtMs, Lt 77, 1905, par. 8*

I have a most pointed message to bear regarding the necessity of coming into unity and refusing to join the enemy in accusing and criticizing. Be true to yourself, true to your brethren, and true to God. There must be no judging of one another. We are each to

walk as in the sight of a holy God.*20LtMs, Lt 77, 1905, par. 9*

O how my heart has ached all day. I had not heard by voice or pen from anyone. But when I retired to rest, the whole scene of estrangement passed before me, and I saw what it means to us as a people. I will write more tomorrow, but I am too sick at heart to write more tonight. If you raise means for the Southern Missionary Society, this will in itself arouse unpleasant issues; but I have not seen how you could do otherwise. But do not cast reflections on the men in positions of trust in the General Conference. Were you in Elder Daniells' place, carrying the heavy burden that he carries, you might not do as well as he does. Edson, it pays to walk humbly with God. I beseech you to cherish no feelings of bitterness; for if you do, they will spring up to bear fruit whereby many will be defiled.*20LtMs, Lt 77, 1905, par. 10*

Lt 79, 1905

Kress, D. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 17, 1905

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Dear Brother Kress,—

I have received and read your letter, and I will answer it at once, fearing that if I leave it till later, something will occur that will prevent me from writing to you at all. We are pressed on every side with urgent work. For a long time I have been unable to sleep as I should. But I am endeavoring by the help of God to write letters that will be a help, not merely to those to whom they are addressed, but to many others who need them. *20LtMs, Lt 79, 1905, par. 1*

We see the necessity in many places of the help that you and your wife could give. But we dare not call you from your work in Australia. The Lord is prospering you and giving you health and a precious experience, and you are doing a good work. We praise God that you and your family are in the Wahroonga Sanitarium. We want you to continue to make a success in that place. I would not dare to say to you, “Come,” unless I had clear light on the point. We must remain where the Lord places us until we have evidence that He desires a change to be made. To exchange you just now for other physicians would not be wise. When the Lord desires you to cross the broad waters, He will let you know. *20LtMs, Lt 79, 1905, par. 2*

There is a work to do all over the world, and as we near the time of the end, the Lord will impress many minds to engage in this work. If you are able to use your influence in setting in operation the work that needs to be done in Sydney, many souls will be saved, who have never yet heard the truth. The cities are to be worked. The saving power of God is to go forth through them as a lamp that burneth. *20LtMs, Lt 79, 1905, par. 3*

I have had no evidence that Dr. Kellogg's heart has been changed or that he has given up his erroneous theories. There are hundreds held in Battle Creek who at this very time should be working in the large cities that have never heard the truth.*20LtMs, Lt 79, 1905, par. 4*

Our sanitariums are to reach a class that can be reached by no other means. "Why," asks one and another, "is not prayer offered for the miraculous healing of the sick, instead of so many sanitariums being established?" Should this be done, great fanaticism would arise in our ranks. Those who have much self-confidence would start into action, as did certain ones in Indiana who had a great deal to say about holy flesh. These were carried away by a spiritualistic delusion. At the General Conference of 1901, they were rebuked by a message given me for them by the Lord. Should we carry out the plans that some would be pleased to have us carry out, companies would be formed who would bring in spiritualistic manifestations that would confuse the faith of many.*20LtMs, Lt 79, 1905, par. 5*

The Lord has opened this matter before me. The perverted habits of the world and the declension of religion have brought in indulgence of appetite and wrong habits of eating and drinking. The world is given over to self-indulgence and extravagance. Our sanitariums are established to educate people in regard to right habits of living.*20LtMs, Lt 79, 1905, par. 6*

Before our first sanitarium was established, the Lord opened the plan before me, showing me that the work would be solidified if those connected with the institution were men who had a genuine experience and who were fully settled in present truth.*20LtMs, Lt 79, 1905, par. 7*

Errors will come in and strange doctrines will be advocated. Some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. As far back as the establishment of the first sanitarium, these things began to appear. They were similar to the errors that manifested themselves soon after the disappointment of 1844. A strong phase of fanaticism appeared, calling itself the witness of the Holy Ghost. I was given a message to rebuke this

evil work.*20LtMs, Lt 79, 1905, par. 8*

The light given me was that a sanitarium should be established and that in it drug medication should be discarded and simple, rational methods of treatment employed for the healing of disease. In this institution people were to be taught how to dress, breathe, and eat properly—how to prevent sickness by proper habits of living.*20LtMs, Lt 79, 1905, par. 9*

I will send you a copy of a letter written to Brother Burden regarding this subject.*20LtMs, Lt 79, 1905, par. 10*

The medical missionary work is to be to the third angel's message as the right hand to the body. To be indifferent in regard to the medical missionary work is to dishonor God. The Lord would have perfect harmony prevail among His workers. The strife for advantage in any institution is a curse to that institution, although those connected with the institution may not thus interpret it. Received into the heart, truth exerts a sanctifying, purifying influence, making men and women kind, considerate, tender-hearted.*20LtMs, Lt 79, 1905, par. 11*

A true appreciation of the plan of salvation will fill us with wonder and love. Our hearts will be melted with the love that Christ has manifested for us. We shall devote ourselves to His service, refusing to allow our time and attention to be taken up with the selfish interests of the world. When Christ abides in our hearts, we have a true conception of the sacrifices that He has made. We understand something of the perfection of the law that He came to magnify and make honorable. The privilege of obedience seems precious to our souls.*20LtMs, Lt 79, 1905, par. 12*

From age to age Christ takes His position in His church as a refiner and purifier. He works continually to cleanse the hearts of all who are sincere. But He will separate from those who are bringing in dissension and strife. He will make the path of His true followers bright and certain. Proportionate to the advancement made by the church in holiness will be her increase in strength and influence.*20LtMs, Lt 79, 1905, par. 13*

Lt 81, 1905

Faulkhead, N. D.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 27, 1905

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Dear Brother Faulkhead,—

We received the money, and thank you for sending it; for we needed it. For several years I have been carrying a heavy debt caused by borrowing money to advance the work in different places. I have brought out large and small books, but I am still heavily in debt. After the burning of the Review and Herald office, I purchased the plates of *Patriarchs and Prophets* and several other of my books in the German, Danish, and Finnish languages, because I desired to bring out a new edition. I hope that in the future my books may be given a wide circulation in this country and that sometime I may be free from debt. *20LtMs, Lt 81, 1905, par. 1*

I have recently added to my indebtedness by borrowing two thousand dollars from the bank to help in the purchase of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium property. I could not endure the thought that the opportunity to purchase this property for so low a price should not be improved, and Sister Gotzian and I clasped hands over the table in a resolution that we would purchase it and set the sanitarium in operation. *20LtMs, Lt 81, 1905, par. 2*

This we have done, with the help of some others, and now the building is filled with patients. A good flow of soft, pure water has been secured by digging a well on the lower part of the land. This means much in a country where water is so scarce. *20LtMs, Lt 81, 1905, par. 3*

I should be very much pleased to visit Australia; but this I can not do; for my work is here. I have much to do in writing. Last year I went to Washington and was away from home nearly a year. This put us so much behind with our work that I shall never make so long

a trip again without a positive “Thou shalt” from the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 81, 1905, par. 4*

My work is very much behind, and I hardly think that I shall attend the coming General Conference; for when I am away from home, my workers cannot labor to much advantage. W. C. White will go, but will return as soon as possible to help me.*20LtMs, Lt 81, 1905, par. 5*

The Lord is my helper, and if He spares my life a few years longer, I can bring out books that will be a great help to our people. Then, should my life close, the printed matter will remain and do its work.*20LtMs, Lt 81, 1905, par. 6*

We are to live in this world a life that will give us a right to enter in through the gates into the city of God.*20LtMs, Lt 81, 1905, par. 7*

I would be very much pleased to see you and talk with you. I wish to say to our brethren in Australia, Give Brother Robert Hare encouragement to go right into the cities and labor for those who have never heard the truth.*20LtMs, Lt 81, 1905, par. 8*

Lt 83, 1905

Ballenger, E. S.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 26, 1905

This letter is published in entirety in *PC 322-325*.

Dear Brother Ballenger,—

I received your letter on Friday, and we feel deep sympathy with you in your emergency. I wish that Sister Hall could spend some time with you, but she is under engagement to leave us in two or three weeks to stay with her relatives for a while.*20LtMs, Lt 83, 1905, par. 1*

I have been trying to think of some one who could go to your assistance. But we do not know exactly what you want. Sister Hall has been telling me of a friend of hers, a Miss Webber, who worked with her for a time in the Battle Creek Sanitarium. Miss Webber has had a long experience in sanitarium work and has diplomas from two schools at least. She is thorough in all that she does and is as firm as a rock to duty and principle. I think she would answer your purpose. She would come to California if we asked her to.*20LtMs, Lt 83, 1905, par. 2*

But even though we should decide to send for Miss Webber, I suppose it would be necessary to get some one to fill the place till she could get here. If necessary I could spare my matron Mrs. Nelson, who is an excellent cook and caretaker and who has taken part of the nurses' course in Battle Creek.*20LtMs, Lt 83, 1905, par. 3*

I have asked Mrs. Ings to consider the matter and see if there is any one at the sanitarium here who could fill the bill. I could barely mention the matter to her, as it was Sabbath, and I had only a few minutes in which to talk with her before going to the chapel to speak. I asked her to report to me after the Sabbath, and I shall doubtless hear from her soon.*20LtMs, Lt 83, 1905, par. 4*

Please let me know whether you have any one in mind who could fill the vacancy. Of course, you will stand by, and your wife might be able to help until we can make other arrangements. Perhaps Sister Howard could come in for a while until a suitable matron could be found.*20LtMs, Lt 83, 1905, par. 5*

I can think of no one more competent than Miss Webber. I know her to be a faithful woman, one who will show a care for things indoors and out-of-doors. Sister Hall has just received a letter from her, saying that she will be coming to California in about two months.*20LtMs, Lt 83, 1905, par. 6*

Brother Ballenger, I am very desirous that the buildings and land that we designed to purchase shall not be allowed to pass into other hands. I think we ought to obtain this property, even if four thousand dollars are asked for it. If we had only purchased it before the rain came, what a good thing it would have been. We must ask the Lord so to arrange matters that we can obtain this property. We shall need every foot of the land.*20LtMs, Lt 83, 1905, par. 7*

I hope, Brother Ballenger, that when you see a suitable place in Redlands, which could be used as a sanitarium, offered for sale at a reasonable price, you will let us know about it. We shall need a sanitarium in Redlands. Unless we start an enterprise of this kind, others will. I understand that the property owners are afraid that consumptives will come in, and thus the reputation of the place be spoiled.*20LtMs, Lt 83, 1905, par. 8*

But of course, we should make it clear that we were not going to establish a consumptives' home.*20LtMs, Lt 83, 1905, par. 9*

I merely mention this matter so that you and Brother Burden may keep it in view. We shall not take any steps to establish a sanitarium in Redlands until we can be assured that we are doing the right thing. Brother Burden and you can visit the place from time to time and see what openings there are. And in all that you do, be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves.*20LtMs, Lt 83, 1905, par. 10*

Our sanitarium work is one of the most successful means of reaching such people as live in Redlands and bringing the truth

before them. We must educate, educate, educate pleasantly and intelligently. We must preach the truth, pray the truth, and live the truth, bringing it with its gracious, health-giving influences within the reach of those who know it not. As the sick are brought into touch with the Life-giver, their faculties of mind and body will be renewed. But in order for this to be, they must practice self-denial and be temperate in all things. Thus only can they be saved from physical and spiritual death and restored to health.*20LtMs, Lt 83, 1905, par. 11*

When the human machinery moves in harmony with the life-giving arrangements of God, as brought to light through the gospel, disease is overcome and health springs forth speedily. When human beings work in union with the Lifegiver, who offered up His life for them, happy thoughts fill the mind. Body and mind and soul are sanctified. Human beings learn of the great Teacher, and all upon which they look ennobles and enriches the thoughts. The affections are drawn out in gladness and thankfulness to the Creator. The life of the man who is renewed in the image of Christ is as a light shining in darkness.*20LtMs, Lt 83, 1905, par. 12*

Adam listened to the specious sophistry of Satan and received it as truth. He had originally the wonderful gift of a sinless nature. But he listened to the falsehoods of the one who fell from his first estate. Satan exercised his hypnotism upon him, and Adam, listening to him, sinned and thus opened the door through which the enemy could ever after gain access to human beings. Adam and Eve lost the spiritual life that would have been theirs by continual endowment.*20LtMs, Lt 83, 1905, par. 13*

Christ came to this world bearing a message freighted with redemption. To all who receive Him as a personal Saviour, He gives power to become the sons of God. "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, ... full of grace and truth. ... And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace." [*John 1:14, 16.*]*20LtMs, Lt 83, 1905, par. 14*

All who become the sons of God are possessed of His nature. They are the objects of His love and special affection. They dwell in Christ as Christ dwells in God. Knowing the power of His grace,

they are commissioned and qualified to bear the message of salvation to a sinful world, to make known His grace and truth. As they consecrate themselves wholly to God, the grace they impart will be continually renewed in increased measure. Converted to the truth, imbued with the Holy Spirit, they are under the transforming influence of divine grace. The life of self-indulgence they once lived has been changed to a life of service. They become sons of God, spiritual children, adopted into the Lord's family.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 83, 1905, par. 15*

Lt 85, 1905

Gotzian, J.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 26, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *PM 358-359*.

Dear Sister Gotzian,—

I am wondering why we do not hear from you. You and I were united in the purchase of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, and I think we should have a mutual understanding regarding its work. Please write and tell me whatever you think may be of interest. Brother Ballenger has written me some letters, but you will be able to tell me some things regarding the inside working of the institution that he has not mentioned. Women generally enter more deeply into detail in their letters than do men. *20LtMs, Lt 85, 1905, par. 1*

I would be pleased could I visit you in San Diego at this season of the year, but my time is fully employed in the preparation of *Ministry of Healing* and some matter pertaining to the Southern field that is to be published in the next volume of the *Testimonies*. I hope that when these books come out, some of the burden I now feel can be laid aside, because of the knowledge that the light that God has given me is placed where the people can receive it. O if the truths that are taught in the *Ministry of Healing* shall be effective, a genuine religious interest will be manifested in the sick and suffering in our sanitariums. Though my life may be ended, these books will live and teach the truth. *20LtMs, Lt 85, 1905, par. 2*

The times in which we live call for reformatory action. We hope and pray that those who believe the truth may have a genuine religious experience. Let every one carry into life and speech and action such pleasantness as will melt away prejudice and win souls to Christ. In the sanitarium where you are, let Christ be revealed as the One altogether lovely and the chiefest among ten thousand. *20LtMs, Lt 85, 1905, par. 3*

I am praying that if it is in harmony with the will of God, He will yet place in our hands the property we desired at first to obtain. Unless the price is placed so high that we cannot reach it, we should have the extra land and the buildings that we expected to purchase. We will pray that if it is for His name's glory, the Lord will open the way for us to obtain this property. And we must also act in faith, if we desire the Lord to break down the impediments. Those who carry their burdens to the Lord and exercise a working faith will find relief in every perplexity.*20LtMs, Lt 85, 1905, par. 4*

W. C. White is now in Mountain View to look after the publication of some of the books we have been preparing. Miss Peck also left us this morning for Mountain View.*20LtMs, Lt 85, 1905, par. 5*

Last Friday Willie's little girl Gracie fell from a wagon and broke her arm. It is rather a bad break, but Dr. Bush, who is attending to it, thinks that with care it will heal nicely.*20LtMs, Lt 85, 1905, par. 6*

I did not sleep very well last night and therefore am not in a condition to write much this morning.*20LtMs, Lt 85, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 87, 1905

Haskell, Brother and Sister

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 25, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *8MR 17*; *BTS 03/1915*.

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell,—

I have just finished my dinner. This morning, for the first time in several weeks, I spoke to the church at the sanitarium. Of late, I have not thought it advisable for me to undertake to speak, fearing that the exertion might unfit me for the necessary work in closing up the book *Ministry of Healing* and the collection of material in regard to the Southern field. I hope that the *Ministry of Healing* and the next volume of the *Testimonies* may soon be in circulation. *20LtMs, Lt 87, 1905, par. 1*

My work now is to publish plainly the light that the Lord has given me during the past years. In my diary are thousands of pages of matter, some of which is personal testimony to individuals, but which may, if necessity demands, have to be made public. I have received word that Elder Tenney and others have taken some of the statements in my writings and are using them in such a way as to make it appear that I have advocated theories they wish to advocate—theories I have never acknowledged. Such a use of the testimonies is condemned. Dr. Kellogg was reprovved for endeavoring to make it appear that the erroneous theories taught in *Living Temple* were to be sustained by my writings. *20LtMs, Lt 87, 1905, par. 2*

If isolated sentences, separated from their true setting, are taken from my writings and used to substantiate erroneous positions, I must meet this effort by publishing some things that I would prefer to withhold. I am weary of trying to withstand the attempts that are being made to do violence to the truth that should be proclaimed at this time. *20LtMs, Lt 87, 1905, par. 3*

If my words are taken by some to sustain error, I shall not be led into controversy, but I shall continue to set before the people the truth as God designs them to understand it. I shall endeavor to make my words so plain that they cannot be misinterpreted. The truth of God will be vindicated and effect the purpose that God designed it should. The mind can only be freed from error when every thread is cut that binds it to the fallacy of the enemy. *20LtMs, Lt 87, 1905, par. 4*

A great reformation is needed among the people of God. Many sapless and unfruitful branches are to be removed from the parent vine. Everything will be shaken that can be shaken, that that which cannot be shaken may remain. *20LtMs, Lt 87, 1905, par. 5*

The enemy has worked upon the minds of some and has led them to do violence to our past experience by mingling with the truth erroneous and false theories. He has led ministers and teachers to weave into their doctrines some pleasing figures of his own invention. Every deviation from the truth as we have advocated it in the past is a departure from truth that has been witnessed by the Holy Spirit and upon which God has placed His seal. *20LtMs, Lt 87, 1905, par. 6*

Truth must stand in its own order, linked only with truth. Unbelief disturbs the balance of the system of truth and tends to destroy the whole. The mind that cherishes sentiments that tend to destroy the foundation of the faith that has made us what we are becomes confused and cannot discern between truth and error. *20LtMs, Lt 87, 1905, par. 7*

The truths that have been substantiated by the manifest working of God are to stand fast. Let no one presume to move a pin or a foundation stone from the structure. Those who attempt to undermine the pillars of our faith are among those of whom the Bible says that "in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." [1 Timothy 4:1.] *20LtMs, Lt 87, 1905, par. 8*

One step from the path in which God has ordained us to walk places us where we are subject to the temptations of Satan. This is represented in the case of Adam and Eve. Outside of God's way,

we may be led to believe a lie. But angels of God will commune with those who obey His laws. Let mind and heart be united in following in the light that God has given. Keep soul and body pure and clean and holy. When we do those things that God has commanded in His Word, angels of God will act as our teachers. Our happiness is dependent upon our living a righteous life.*20LtMs, Lt 87, 1905, par. 9*

Let not the mind be occupied with sophistry, with strained applications or misinterpretations of the Word. Such action of the mind leads into false paths. And, once started in such a path, it is often the case that an individual, thinking that a confession of his sin will lower his dignity, goes on and on in a similar course. And the further he goes the more easily will he be beguiled by Satan, until it becomes for him forever too late for repentance and forsaking of sin, because he would not consent to heed the words of Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 87, 1905, par. 10*

We are subject to certain laws, even as the plants are subject to law. Every tree will bear its appointed fruit. Disobedience to the laws that govern our being result in sickness and suffering and death.*20LtMs, Lt 87, 1905, par. 11*

The soul is also subject to laws, and a disregard of these laws, by the wresting and misinterpretation of Scripture, will result in the sickness and death of the soul. Those following in a path of error lose from the heart the genuine peace of Christ and become like the troubled sea, casting up mire and dirt.*20LtMs, Lt 87, 1905, par. 12*

Spiritual life is the result of the action of the soul in obedience to the Word and in harmony with the laws of God. Let the soul be regulated by the law, "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." "This do, and thou shalt live." [*Luke 10:27, 28.*]*20LtMs, Lt 87, 1905, par. 13*

Lt 88, 1905

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 25, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Elder W. C. White,—

It is evening after the Sabbath, and I will write you a few lines, and Sister Peck will take the same to you as she leaves in the morning. I spoke to quite a full congregation in the chapel. All gave the best of attention. I think it was right for me to speak. We received this letter, which I send to you, in yesterday's mail.*20LtMs, Lt 88, 1905, par. 1*

I have been trying to get Lucinda to consent to go according to request, but she says it costs money to go there and only remain a few weeks—about forty dollars to go and return. Sister Nelson would go for a month or two until a girl could be obtained, but it is a most expensive route. I spoke to Sister Ings. She spoke favorably of seeing if one could not be spared from [the] sanitarium, but it being on the Sabbath she would have to wait until after the Sabbath before introducing the matter. I shall try to find out tonight.*20LtMs, Lt 88, 1905, par. 2*

May and the boys are here just making a call. They say Grace is getting along nicely.*20LtMs, Lt 88, 1905, par. 3*

I present the matter. Sister Nelson could go for a few weeks, but will it pay to have this done? Lucinda speaks of Sister Webber. Says she is wanting to come to California. She thinks she would look after everything and see that there was no extravagance and would work for a reasonable sum. What think you? You know Emma Webber, graduate of several schools. She has an excellent education. She is wanting to come to California. I think it would be well. She would be an experienced hand. Please think of this matter and say what shall be done.*20LtMs, Lt 88, 1905, par. 4*

Lt 89, 1905

Ballenger, E. S.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 1, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *PH094 16*; *8MR 17*.

Dear Brother Ballenger,—

I have just had an interview with Sister Taphouse about a Miss Williams, who, it is thought, would make an excellent matron for the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. Mrs. Taphouse says that Miss Williams received the truth through Bible readings given by her husband, and she gives her the highest recommendations. Miss Williams is now in Nebraska, where she has been nursing. She has been earning twenty dollars a week, but she is a Christian woman and she would not ask the sanitarium to pay her this. Mrs. Taphouse says that just now Miss Williams is free, and I told her to write to her and see if she would be willing to come. We must make an effort to secure her; for, from what I hear of her, she seems to be thoroughly competent. She is well fitted to receive the patients. We need a matron who will make a favorable impression on those who come to the institution, and one who can help them spiritually. *20LtMs, Lt 89, 1905, par. 1*

I am in favor of securing the services of Miss Williams, if this can be done. Please let me know what you think of it. I think we would be doing the right thing in engaging one so competent. The Paradise Valley Sanitarium is just beginning its work, and at this time it needs the best kind of help. I think that Miss Williams is the one we should have as matron. We need first-class helpers, and I am in favor of her coming. *20LtMs, Lt 89, 1905, par. 2*

Please let us know if there is any opening for Mabel White in the sanitarium. She has been nursing in Reno, but I think that the work is too heavy for her to do continuously. I should be glad to have her connected with the sanitarium in San Diego. *20LtMs, Lt 89, 1905, par. 3*

W. C. White is still at Mountain View. He may not return till the beginning of next week. He will wish to see Brother Palmer, I am sure. I understand that Brother and Sister Palmer are to leave Paradise Valley today, Wednesday. *20LtMs, Lt 89, 1905, par. 4*

I am very busy reading the proofs of *Ministry of Healing* and the matter that is to go into the next *Testimony* regarding the work for the colored people of the Southern states. *20LtMs, Lt 89, 1905, par. 5*

I am glad that you are of good courage in the Lord. You cannot think how thankful I am that there are two sanitariums in running order in Southern California. I hope that great good will be accomplished by these institutions. I was glad to read what you wrote about some belonging to the higher classes being at the San Diego sanitarium. This is a class that we need to reach. Time is short, and the Lord would have the truth proclaimed in the highways and the byways. Angels of God will go before those who lift up the standard and wisely proclaim the truth. *20LtMs, Lt 89, 1905, par. 6*

In closing, I would ask you not to forget that sometime a sanitarium will be needed in Redlands. When you have opportunity, examine the field cautiously, and tell us what you find there. We must not allow others to get in ahead of us and shut us off. Now is the time to make discreet inquiries. *20LtMs, Lt 89, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 91, 1905

Williams, Jennie

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 1, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Sister Williams,—

We are in great need of a matron at the San Diego sanitarium. I have talked with Sister Taphouse about the matter, and she encourages me to write to you. Will you tell me whether you can come. Brother Palmer’s family leaves there today, and we need such help as you can give us. Please write us in reference to this matter, or come without writing. I hope that the matter can be settled as soon as possible. May the Lord impress your heart in this matter, so that you will come to our help in San Diego.*20LtMs, Lt 91, 1905, par. 1*

I dare not wait to hear from W. C. White before writing to you, but I know that he will be much relieved if you can come as soon as possible. Let us hear from you, but we would rather see you.*20LtMs, Lt 91, 1905, par. 2*

Lt 93, 1905

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 5, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *CW 135*.

Dear Son Edson,—

I will write you a few lines today, Sunday, trusting that we may receive a letter from you soon.*20LtMs, Lt 93, 1905, par. 1*

I have carefully examined the matter that has been selected for publication regarding the work in the Southern field with which for many years you have been connected. I am much pleased with the matter and believe its publication will do much good. We shall push forward the work on this book as rapidly as possible, but I fear we shall not be able to complete it before the General Conference shall convene.*20LtMs, Lt 93, 1905, par. 2*

I am not sure that I shall attend the General Conference. It is a question whether I ought to go where there is a liability of strife and contention. It all seems so inconsistent with our profession, so ill-timed, in the very midst of the great scenes preceding the close of this earth's history.*20LtMs, Lt 93, 1905, par. 3*

Scene after scene has passed before me of what is about to take place, as recorded in the *eighteenth chapter of Revelation*. My heart is burdened as I contemplate these things. Last night I was unable to sleep until after one o'clock, and I awoke at half-past three. I then arose and finished reading the matter that had been left for my examination. I have some things pertaining to the early experience in your work, but I am too weary today to look them over carefully.*20LtMs, Lt 93, 1905, par. 4*

I hope that you will reach your home safely. I read in yesterday's paper of an accident that happened to a train crowded with people who were going to attend the inauguration of President Roosevelt.

These calamities will continue till the end.*20LtMs, Lt 93, 1905, par. 5*

I have been reading the *Review* this morning. It is full of precious matter. This paper should be in every family of our people, not only in America but in every country. It is our church paper for the world. I shall endeavor to obtain subscribers for it in America and Australia. I do not disparage the *Signs of the Times*. Both the *Review* and *Signs* should be widely circulated. And I hope the subscription list of the *Watchman* may be greatly increased. I hope you will endeavor to obtain subscriptions for the *Watchman* and for the *Review*, for these papers contain important matter for this time.*20LtMs, Lt 93, 1905, par. 6*

W. C. White has been at Mountain View for a week. He came home Friday afternoon and after a few days at home will make another trip to Mountain View.*20LtMs, Lt 93, 1905, par. 7*

I thank the Lord for His mercy and goodness in sparing my life. May He care for you also. I shall be glad when I hear of your safe arrival at home.*20LtMs, Lt 93, 1905, par. 8*

I hope the Lord will open the hearts of the people to be liberal in their gifts and offerings for the destitute fields in the South. We hope you will have good health, and that the Lord will make your testimony a blessing to the people. Be of good courage in the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 93, 1905, par. 9*

Your Mother.*20LtMs, Lt 93, 1905, par. 10*

Lt 94, 1905

Gotzian, J.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 11, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *UL 79*. See *Lt 113, 1905*.

Dear Sister Gotzian,—

I was glad a few days ago to receive a letter from you. We lost much time on our book work last summer, and I have been very busy for some time reading over the proofs and preparing the matter for *Ministry of Healing*. This has been very trying to my brain, and I have been obliged to be somewhat moderate in my letter writing. But I desire to keep up a correspondence with you. We are united together, with others, in bearing a responsibility, and we should communicate with each other frequently.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 94, 1905, par. 1*

There is an important work to be done in the place where you are. If we seek the Lord earnestly, He will teach us what to say and what to do as His agents to win souls to Christ. If we will only cultivate the kindness and tenderness and sympathy of Christ, He will make us a blessing. It has been my great desire to do all I possibly can for the sanitarium at Paradise Valley, that from it the very best influence may go out and may result in the salvation of souls.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 94, 1905, par. 2*

We must take up the work of the Lord disinterestedly. We must all be careful not to cast blame upon those who are trying to do the Lord's work, but rather seek to encourage them in what is commendable. Our work is to win souls. For this purpose we—you and I—have united and pledged our interests before God. But we must deal lovingly and kindly with all. We must not get in a habit to blame or chide, for this tries people and does not help them.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 94, 1905, par. 3*

If it should be my privilege to visit the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, I

desire that we may be united in the strong bonds of Christian union in seeking to bless all with whom we associate. We cannot set ourselves as a criterion to which others must conform. We will reveal a tenderness of heart and a whole-souled enthusiasm in promoting the happiness of all with whom we are connected. We have a duty to do in eliminating self from our plans and in feeling a personal responsibility to act as Christ would act in circumstances similar to those with which we are surrounded. Then we will impress the minds of others in such a way that God will be glorified.*20LtMs, Lt 94, 1905, par. 4*

As followers of Christ we should seek to make the most favorable impression upon the minds of all we have connection with, of the religion we profess, and to inspire noble thoughts. Some will be affected by our influence through time and through eternity.*20LtMs, Lt 94, 1905, par. 5*

Those who are connected with our sanitariums must be educators. By pleasant words and kindly deeds they are to make the gospel attractive. If we would teach others, we ourselves must daily learn lessons from Christ. There are some who do not comprehend the sacredness of the work of God. Those of the least ability, the most thoughtless and even the indolent youth, especially demand our prayerful consideration. We need special wisdom to know how to help those who seem inconsiderate and thoughtless. Said David, "Thy gentleness hath made me great." [*Psalm 18:35.*]*20LtMs, Lt 94, 1905, par. 6*

In the work of applying ourselves to help others, we may gain most precious victories. We must devote ourselves with untiring zeal, with earnest fidelity, with self-denial, and with patience to the work of encouraging those who need to develop. Kind, encouraging words will do wonders. There are many who, if a constant, cheerful effort is put forth in their behalf, without faultfinding or continual chiding, will show themselves susceptible of improvement. The less we criticize others, the greater will be our influence over them for reformation. Let Christlike kindness be enjoined upon every soul.*20LtMs, Lt 94, 1905, par. 7*

There is a science in dealing with those who have special

weakness in character. Those who are least objectionable, who are least in need of help, are likely to receive most of our attention. But there are others who may, by persevering effort in their behalf, be helped to become useful in the Lord's work. We must exercise wise discretion in dealing with those who seem to be ignorant and out of the way. We want broad views, that we may do the true medical missionary work, that we may exercise tact in dealing with minds. Bear in mind that they will respond to a patient, tender, loving interest. This work ranks equal in importance with the work of the gospel minister.*20LtMs, Lt 94, 1905, par. 8*

We are to co-operate with the Lord Jesus in restoring the inefficient and the erring to intelligence and sacred purity. We are called by God to manifest an untiring, patient interest in the salvation of those who need divine polishing.*20LtMs, Lt 94, 1905, par. 9*

Too many frequent, positive admonitions will do more harm than good. Let us pray and work with self-sacrificing zeal. God will not withhold wisdom from those who seek for it. He gives grace to one, that he in turn may impart it to some other needy soul.*20LtMs, Lt 94, 1905, par. 10*

Last night I seemed to be speaking these words before a company of teachers and students. My soul is stirred by the instruction given me. The mind is to act intelligently, not to follow inclination, but to bring all the actions into harmony with the divine law. We may be opposed by those who would have their sins vindicated. But teach the Word of the Lord, and leave selfish authority out of all discipline.*20LtMs, Lt 94, 1905, par. 11*

The life and the teachings of Christ are intensely practical. They are fitted to deal with the actual duties of life. They enjoin patience in the performance of all necessary duties, whether agreeable or disagreeable. "Whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." [*Colossians 3:17.*]*20LtMs, Lt 94, 1905, par. 12*

This is the sanctification that is needed in every institution that shall be established for the healing of the souls and bodies of those who are suffering from the malady of sin. All the requirements of God's law are to make the character complete in Christ, He who knew no

sin. *20LtMs, Lt 94, 1905, par. 13*

In the Christian graces, Bible truth is to be exemplified before a sinful world. *20LtMs, Lt 94, 1905, par. 14*

“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.*] *20LtMs, Lt 94, 1905, par. 15*

Such is the sanctification of the soul, through the operation of the Holy Spirit of God. A new nature is implanted. The human is made a partaker of the divine, having escaped the corruptions that are in the world through lust. Ye are the light of the world. ... Let your light so shine before men, that they, by seeing your good works, may glorify your Father which is in heaven. *20LtMs, Lt 94, 1905, par. 16*

Lt 95, 1905

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 14, 1905

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Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

I did hope to have time and strength to write to you fully in this mail; but I can write but little; for I have a tired brain. Many letters come to me, and I try to respond, but there is for me none of that feeling of safety in writing that there once was; for sometimes a wrong interpretation is placed on my writings, and it is becoming a very serious matter to write in full confidence even to those who for years have known my views. I do not wish you to think that any of this applies to you. I have been free to write to you, and I am glad that you have written freely to me.*20LtMs, Lt 95, 1905, par. 1*

The time has come when whatever I may write in private letters to some of our brethren will do little good; for those who have not held the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end will be liable to interpret my communications in a false way. To have ministers and physicians, who have long known the truth, using my writings in a way that gives the impression that these writings uphold the very sentiments that are condemned by the testimonies I have received from God places a very heavy burden on my soul. These men place such an interpretation on extracts which they take from my writings, that the reproofs given by God are made of no effect. The Lord God of heaven declares: If they repent, I will pardon their transgressions; but if they do not repent, I will call them to account for that which they have misinterpreted in order to serve theories that are not true. By their course, souls have been led astray; and when I cease My forbearance, because they will not repent, I will punish them for all

the evil they have done by mingling false sentiments with the true. They have departed from the faith themselves and have led others astray.*20LtMs, Lt 95, 1905, par. 2*

This manner of working is making my burden heavier than God ever designed it to be. This painful experience makes my heart ache. I am instructed to say [to] those who endeavor to tear down the foundation that has made us Seventh-day Adventists: We are God's commandment-keeping people. For the past fifty years every phase of heresy has been brought to bear upon us, to becloud our minds regarding the teaching of the Word—especially concerning the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary and the message of heaven for these last days, as given by the angels of the *fourteenth chapter of Revelation*. 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 sought out by prayerful study and 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 testimonies of His Spirit. He calls upon us to hold firmly, with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority.*20LtMs, Lt 95, 1905, par. 3*

God has placed in our hands a banner on which is inscribed the words, "The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." [*Verse 12.*] "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ," He declares. [*Revelation 12:17.*] At all times and in all places we are to hold the banner firmly aloft. God's denominated people are to take a firm stand under the banner of truth. The truths that we have been proclaiming for more than half a century have been contested again and again. Again and again the facts of faith have been disputed, but every time the Lord has established the truth by the working of His Holy Spirit. Those who have arisen to question and overthrow the principles of present truth have been sternly rebuked.*20LtMs, Lt 95, 1905, par. 4*

"Unto the angel of the church at 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.]20LtMs, Lt 95, 1905, par. 5

Among the many things which those to whom this message applies are truth, there are theories that are so objectionable that they endanger the faith and spoil the experience of many.20LtMs, Lt 95, 1905, par. 6

"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." [Verse 5.] They are not to give heed to seducing spirits. They are not to remove one pin from the foundation of truth that the Lord has built up from point to point by the ministration of the Holy Spirit. If one point is yielded, there is no surety that other points will not be discarded; and point by point, the structure of truth will be assailed and discarded.20LtMs, Lt 95, 1905, par. 7

"Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." [Verse 4.] This represents a moral fall. There can be no abatement of this love without a moral fall. God calls for unity among His people in these last days, but there cannot be unity without firm adherence to right principles.20LtMs, Lt 95, 1905, par. 8

"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." [Revelation 3:1, 2.]20LtMs, Lt 95, 1905, par. 9

With some there is an outward show, a form of godliness, but there is no real power; and against them is pronounced the sentence, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and found wanting." [Daniel

5:27.] They are deficient, yet, in false confidence, they are deceiving themselves and misleading others. Yielding to Satan's sophistry, they stand on a false track, and by their representations endeavor to tear down truths that God has made fast, never to be moved. By their course, the inexperienced are led to wonder whether these special truths are not, after all, errors that ought to be shunned. When brought into strait places, they will give up the Sabbath and its powerful endorsement, and the more they are opposed in their apostasy, the more self-sufficient and self-deceived they become. They have lifted up their souls unto vanity, and God says, "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 3:3.*]20LtMs, Lt 95, 1905, par. 10

"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.*]20LtMs, Lt 95, 1905, par. 11

Those addressed in the message to the church in Sardis have heard and received the principles of truth. We are to be true to the evidences that God has given us in the representation of heavenly things. We are to hold fast the things that we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. The right path is plainly outlined before us. Those who misinterpret the precious things God has given me for His people; those who take the sentiments by which God so beautifully shows the difference between the earthly and the heavenly, removing these sentiments from the position in which God has placed them, and making them testify to seducing errors, are removing landmarks. They cherish sentiments which they should resolutely have discarded. In an unmistakable, decided manner the reproof of God has come to them, forbidding them to spoil the people of God, forbidding them to teach sophistry for truth.20LtMs, Lt 95, 1905, par. 12

Dangerous things have been written and dangerous things have been said, which God declares that our youth should not hear. I am

bidden to say in the name of the Lord, "Beware of the leaven of philosophy and false science that has been introduced among the medical missionary workers at Battle Creek. Beware of the spiritualistic leaven that has already been placed in the meal, to leaven many minds. By the introduction of this leaven, the messages sent by God to His people are made of no effect. The leaven works until the whole mass is leavened."*20LtMs, Lt 95, 1905, par. 13*

The messages that the Lord has been giving me for the past half century have never, never sanctioned the cherishing of these erroneous sentiments. And yet the assertion of some is that Sister White teaches these very things. I say in the name of the Lord that the truth has been misinterpreted and misapplied.*20LtMs, Lt 95, 1905, par. 14*

I am filled with sorrow because statements made under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and designed by God to be a great blessing to His people, to guard them against the seducing sentiments of Satan, are woven in with spiritualistic views and are thus made to testify to falsehoods of Satan's own creating. How can I say to our people, Harmonize with peace, and say, Unify. God gives me the message, Beware of the leaven of those who have been destroying the faith of Seventh-day Adventists. There are those to whom I fear to write personally. God says, Beware of the leaven of those who have stepped off the platform of truth. Those who use my writings, given me by God, to build themselves up in sophistry and deceptive theories, steal that which was given to establish souls in the sanctification of the truth, and use it to testify to theories against which I am bidden to warn our people. Beware of the leaven that some who have lost their connection with God will introduce, declaring their theories to be in harmony with that which Sister White has written.*20LtMs, Lt 95, 1905, par. 15*

Have I not a knowledge of how to present these things without spoiling the faith of our people? I shall write just as God bids me write. What I have written, I have written. Every word is truth. I am to give to the people of God the warnings given me. But I am not to send these warnings in private letters to those who claim to be vindicating the truth, while in reality they are leading in a false

“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. 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 14-21.]20LtMs, Lt 95, 1905, par.

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Lt 97, 1905

Workers in the Glendale Sanitarium

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 14, 1905

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To the Workers in the Glendale Sanitarium,—

We are glad that, notwithstanding some delay, the property at Glendale has been secured for a sanitarium. Years ago the Lord gave me instruction that there should be a sanitarium near the city of Los Angeles. Instruction was also given that we should find properties for sale on which there would be buildings suitable for sanitarium purposes, and that we might secure such properties at a very low cost. The location of the Glendale Sanitarium meets the representation given me of a place God has reserved for us. The electric cars running close by the institution make access to it very convenient.*20LtMs, Lt 97, 1905, par. 1*

Let all connected with this sanitarium keep in mind the purpose for which this property has been secured. The institution is to act a special part in bringing souls to Christ, leading them to love God and keep His commandments. Unless the workers have a living connection with God, unless there is seen in the institution a spirit of kindness and compassion, which will recommend Bible truth and win souls to Christ, the establishment of the sanitarium will have been in vain. Spiritual as well as physical healing is to be brought to those who come for healing.*20LtMs, Lt 97, 1905, par. 2*

Brother and Sister Burden, I am glad that you have a part in the work of the Glendale Sanitarium. May the Lord increase your wisdom and courage and faith. I am glad that Dr. Simpson and her husband can unite with you. You and Dr. Abbott and the other workers may do a precious work in letting the light of present truth shine forth in clear rays. Remember that you are doing a work for time and for eternity. You should have an ever-increasing faith in the promises of God’s Word. It is your privilege to seek wisdom and

help from God. Come to the Saviour in humility, confessing your sins and asking for strength and grace.*20LtMs, Lt 97, 1905, par. 3*

The Holy Spirit enlightens the mind of the one who depends on the merits of a crucified and risen Saviour and indites a prayer of confession and repentance that is acceptable to the Lord. "We know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us, with groanings that cannot be uttered." "He that searcheth the heart knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." [*Romans 8:26, 27.*]*20LtMs, Lt 97, 1905, par. 4*

Let no man boast that he does not confess the sins that the Lord has pointed out to him. If he makes no confession, he receives not forgiveness and pardon from God. He must go forth in sorrow, to work in his own strength. The enemy finds him in this position, a subject to be deceived.*20LtMs, Lt 97, 1905, par. 5*

There are many, many of this class. May the Lord open their eyes, that they may see the danger of their self-sufficiency. A superficial work is always a snare to every professed Christian. Satan finds easy access to the heart of the one who is careless and slack in his experience and beguiles him with seducing theories that will destroy his faith in God. "He that cometh to God must believe that He is, (as He has declared Himself in His personality) and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." [*Hebrews 11:6.*]*20LtMs, Lt 97, 1905, par. 6*

In every sanitarium there must be kept before all in the institution the principles of true service. From the institution is to go forth light and knowledge. All connected with it are to act their part intelligently, as representatives of the truth for this time. It is that they may be trained to do true missionary work that young people are brought to our sanitariums.*20LtMs, Lt 97, 1905, par. 7*

If you will co-operate with God, He will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rearward. Heavenly angels will break forth into singing as souls receive the great gift of God through Jesus Christ. You may assure the sick and afflicted that Christ is the great healer. They may believe on Him and trust in His Word; for it will never fail.*20LtMs, Lt 97, 1905, par. 8*

“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.” [*Isaiah 56:1, 2.*]20LtMs, Lt 97, 1905, par. 9

What a representation is here given! “My salvation is near to come”—that great salvation wrought out for each soul through Jesus Christ, the salvation for which the prophets have inquired and searched diligently. Our Lord is soon to come to us in mercy and compassion and love. We must go forth to receive Him as a welcome guest.20LtMs, Lt 97, 1905, par. 10

The Lord Jesus calls upon every one to become interestedly engaged in the work of becoming a channel of light through which the grace of Christ may flow. Jesus 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.*] In the great salvation wrought through Jesus Christ, the unbelieving world is to be helped through the work of believers. In the work you do in the sanitarium, many may become convinced that you are indeed the children of God.20LtMs, Lt 97, 1905, par. 11

“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, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.20LtMs, Lt 97, 1905, par. 12

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. 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 that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” [*Isaiah 55:6-11.*]20LtMs, Lt 97, 1905, par. 13

All the promises of God's Word are made on gospel terms. If we on our part will fulfil the condition, if we will seek the Lord while He may be found, we may claim the promise:*20LtMs, Lt 97, 1905, par. 14*

“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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 97, 1905, par. 15*

Let this message be sounded to all people, Seek the Lord while He may be found. Seek Him against whom you have been in rebellion. Let us make every effort to check the seducing sentiments that would come into our ranks. Let every soul be wide awake to close every avenue of the soul to the sophistry of Satan, as revealed in heaven and in Eden. Let us be armed with that vigilance that shall resist his enchantments.*20LtMs, Lt 97, 1905, par. 16*

Lt 99, 1905

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 6, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *PM 31*.

Elder W. C. White,—

I have just received a letter from Elder Ballenger, written from Paradise Valley. I think a similar one came to you and is being forwarded in this mail.*20LtMs, Lt 99, 1905, par. 1*

I have been thinking in regard to the purchase of the land of which Brother Ballenger writes, on which are a packing house, two dwelling houses, and a barn, all of which can now be secured for three thousand five hundred dollars. Do you not think it best to secure this property. It seems so to me.*20LtMs, Lt 99, 1905, par. 2*

Unless we take immediate steps to secure this property, the price may be raised. Brother Burden writes from Glendale that the sanitarium there is crowded to its utmost capacity, and they have been obliged to put off some applicants because they had not sufficient room for their accommodation. He says that had we waited until now before purchasing the Glendale Sanitarium, it could not be secured for less than twenty thousand dollars, as the recent rains have so raised the price of land.*20LtMs, Lt 99, 1905, par. 3*

Did I send you a copy of the letter I received from Brother Ballenger a few days ago? I cannot find it. Brother Ballenger has written no particulars regarding the work at Paradise Valley for some time.*20LtMs, Lt 99, 1905, par. 4*

For a few days I have been having some trouble with my hip. Last night I slept but little, but slept a little before dinner today. I hope Sister Hall will remain with us for a time.*20LtMs, Lt 99, 1905, par. 5*

I do not think it will be my duty to go to the General Conference. The long distance to travel is not the greatest consideration, but there will be the difficulty of securing proper conveniences, and there will be many perplexities to be met that will tax my mind.*20LtMs, Lt 99, 1905, par. 6*

I have had presentations regarding the deceptions that Satan is bringing in at this time. I have been instructed that we should make prominent the testimony of some of the old workers who are now dead. Let them continue to speak through their articles as found in the early numbers of our papers. These articles should now be reprinted, that there may be a living voice from the Lord's witnesses. The history of the early experiences in the message will be a power to withstand the masterly ingenuity of Satan's deceptions. This instruction has been repeated recently. I must present before the people the testimonies of Bible truth and repeat the decided messages given years ago. I desire that my sermons given at camp-meetings and in churches may live and do their appointed work.*20LtMs, Lt 99, 1905, par. 7*

There will be constant warfare with seducing spirits that will bring in theories to counteract the truth of God. All who turn from the warnings that God sends them will be linked up with these seducing agencies. Every soul must be wide awake. The science of the Lord Jesus Christ will teach us to awake. The science of the Lord Jesus Christ will teach us to abhor all dishonesty and prevarication and every form of iniquity.*20LtMs, Lt 99, 1905, par. 8*

"Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." [*John 3:3.*] "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." [*1 John 3:9.*]*20LtMs, Lt 99, 1905, par. 9*

I must get this copied now so it may go in this mail.*20LtMs, Lt 99, 1905, par. 10*

Lt 101, 1905

Packham, James

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 7, 1905

Previously unpublished.

James Packham

Dear Brother,—

I have a message from the Lord to you. He has blessed you with health and strength, and He would have you place yourself where you can impart to others the light and knowledge He has given you. You have intelligence, and you should, by communicating to others what you have learned, improve your mind. You place too small an estimate upon your own capabilities, and you will never overcome this tendency until you realize that you are amenable to the Lord God of heaven, and that it is your duty to put your talents to use for the Master.*20LtMs, Lt 101, 1905, par. 1*

Your mental and physical powers are God’s entrusted gifts, and by burying these talents you are withholding from Him that which is His own. Will you not now seek to give back to God in loving service what He has given you of physical, mental, and moral capabilities?*20LtMs, Lt 101, 1905, par. 2*

It is not for me to say precisely what you should do, but I urge you to overcome the disposition to isolate yourself from us all, as though you were not fit for our society. This we know God does not approve. We are to have companionship one with another. You should meet with the people of God when they assemble to worship. On this point He speaks decidedly: “Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching.” [*Hebrews 10:25.*]*20LtMs, Lt 101, 1905, par. 3*

My brother, time is very short, and through your backwardness you

have lost much. I desire now to see you put your whole heart and mind and soul into the work of God. All around us, in the hills and valleys near St. Helena, are those who are perishing because they know not the Bible truths so essential for this time. You could visit some of these settlements, distribute reading matter, and teach the people from the Scriptures. There are some whom you could reach better than could a regular minister of the gospel. I entreat of you to do something to help needy, perishing souls.*20LtMs, Lt 101, 1905, par. 4*

“At that time shall Michael stand up, the great Prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to same and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.” [*Daniel 12:1-3.*]*20LtMs, Lt 101, 1905, par. 5*

The Lord calls you now to make a decided move that you may stand in your lot and place. We have no time to lose. There are troublous times ahead for the world, but God’s people will be protected, though some of them may lose their lives for the truth’s sake.*20LtMs, Lt 101, 1905, par. 6*

You are now building for time and for eternity. May the Lord bless and guide you.*20LtMs, Lt 101, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 102, 1905

White, J. E.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 4, 1905

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Elder J. E. White
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Children Edson and Emma,—

I thank the Lord that it is as well with me as it is at the present time. For more than a week Willie has been in Mountain View, and he will likely remain there for still another week. He is looking after the interests of the book *Ministry of Healing*, which is now going through the press and which is nearly completed. Many think that this will be a grand book. If it accomplishes the object for which it was prepared, I shall be very grateful to my heavenly Father.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 102, 1905, par. 1*

Yesterday was a trying day for me. I suffered from a severe pain in my heart and thought I was going to die. I looked to my Saviour and had no fear of death, but the intense pain passed away, and I have done all I could to preserve my health.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 102, 1905, par. 2*

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

her work, but Sister Hall returned soon after and is now here.*20LtMs, Lt 102, 1905, par. 3*

I am receiving many urgent invitations to visit various places. I am urged to attend a meeting in Mountain View, when the Pacific Press buildings are to be dedicated. I have been invited to attend a meeting at Fernando of the Southern California Conference. But until the book *Ministry of Healing* and the book regarding the work in the Southern field are out, I shall not feel free to travel much. If I were to go anywhere it would be to the General Conference. But such a long journey as this might be more than I can undertake.*20LtMs, Lt 102, 1905, par. 4*

I think of you often and wish that I might see you. If I do attend the General Conference, I may be able to make you a visit. But the matter of my going is not yet decided. I dare not say, Nay, nor do I dare to say, Yea. My prayer is that the Lord will teach His servant what to do.*20LtMs, Lt 102, 1905, par. 5*

In the night seasons I have received decided instruction for you, Edson. In our conversation, you were presenting some plans. I was bidden to advise you not to increase your responsibilities. You are not to take to yourself extra burdens. Your nervous system needs rest and quiet. Christ has a work for you to do in opening the Scriptures to those who will be interested. You must not take upon yourself burdens that will disqualify the soul for devotional exercises in searching the Scriptures and in prayer.*20LtMs, Lt 102, 1905, par. 6*

You need to rest in God. He would have your mind calm and free from everything that would prevent the richest Christian experience. You have so burdened your mind by commercial matters that you have been held back from the work God would have you do in presenting the Bible truths to the people. You need rather to unload than to gather new responsibilities. Some things that seem to you to be advantageous or necessary are but a snare to lead you into deeper worry and perplexity.*20LtMs, Lt 102, 1905, par. 7*

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

talents given us of God.*20LtMs, Lt 102, 1905, par. 8*

The Lord Jesus has entrusted His goods to you, and to others, that with them you may accomplish results which will be as far reaching as eternity. Our Lord's entrusted goods are sacred and are to be kept unmingled with worldly merchandise. Few, even among church members, realize their accountability to God as His servants. The leaven of worldliness permeates the mind, and spiritual discernment is lost. Cleanse the soul temple from the buyers and the sellers.*20LtMs, Lt 102, 1905, par. 9*

To do the Master's bidding, and to promote His work, is to be the one aim and purpose of our lives. Then there will be an upward growth, and the Holy Spirit will work upon the heart to transform the character. We shall not bear the reproach of doing nothing; for the mind will not be stagnant. A generous spirit will be revealed in kindness and in tender regard for others. Self will be hid with Christ in God.*20LtMs, Lt 102, 1905, par. 10*

By beholding the character of Christ, we shall become changed into His likeness.*20LtMs, Lt 102, 1905, par. 11*

Let us forsake self and accept Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Faith in Him is the only valuable science. He is the living representative of perfect obedience to the eternal Word. He took human flesh into vital union with divinity. He passed over the same ground where Adam fell. He bore the test upon which our first parents failed. He was tempted in all points like as we are. Had He failed on one point, Satan would have been victorious.*20LtMs, Lt 102, 1905, par. 12*

In the night seasons my mind often goes over the grand work of infinite sacrifice manifested in the humiliation and death of Christ. The Creator of man, He who upon Mount Sinai proclaimed the eternal law, in His dying agony vindicated His right to pardon transgression and sin.*20LtMs, Lt 102, 1905, par. 13*

As He hung upon the cross His murderers and they that passed by reviled Him. "Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save Thyself." "If Thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross." "Likewise the chief priests, mocking Him with the

scribes and Pharisees, said, He saved others; Himself He cannot save.” [*Matthew 27:40-42.*]20LtMs, Lt 102, 1905, par. 14

O how His mother and His disciples hoped that He would manifest His mighty power and silence His revilers by coming down from the shameful cross! They were pained by the unfeeling taunts of the spiritually ignorant revilers. “Let Him come down from the cross, and we will believe on Him.” “He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him; for He said, I am the Son of God.” [*Verses 42, 43.*] Christ prayed to His Father, “Father forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted His raiment and cast lots. And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided Him, saying, He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He be the Christ, the chosen of God. And the soldiers also mocked Him, offering Him vinegar to drink and saying, If Thou be the king of the Jews save Thyself.” [*Luke 23:34-37.*]20LtMs, Lt 102, 1905, par. 15

“And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on Him, saying, If Thou be the Christ, save Thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him saying, Dost thou not fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.” [*Verses 39-42.*]20LtMs, Lt 102, 1905, par. 16

The faith of the dying thief grasped the truth of a sin-pardoning Saviour. And Jesus showed Himself able to save to the uttermost all who should receive Him. Jesus said unto him, “Verily I say unto thee today, Shalt thou be with Me in Paradise.” [*Verse 43.*] Jesus did not say, “I shall be in My kingdom today, and thou shalt be with Me.” After His resurrection He said to Mary, “I have not yet ascended unto My Father.” [*John 20:17.*] Even in the agonies of death, in His humiliation and apparent defeat, He asserted His right and His power to forgive sins.20LtMs, Lt 102, 1905, par. 17

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

substitute to be punished in place of the sinner.*20LtMs, Lt 102, 1905, par. 18*

O that all who profess to be Christian would walk humbly with God. They are not to deny that they have erred, but they are to acknowledge their sins, and repent and be converted. He who is too proud to acknowledge his mistakes will not be accepted of God, no matter what his position. All who will now confess and forsake their sins, and trust wholly in the merits of Jesus, will be proclaimed worthy of salvation, before the world and before the holy angels.*20LtMs, Lt 102, 1905, par. 19*

Lt 103, 1905

Ballenger, E. S.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 9, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *TDG 108; 7MR 139*.

Dear Brother Ballenger,—

I have just read your letter. I shall be able to answer only a few questions today, but will write fully when I have more time.*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 1*

I think you will have to secure a bookkeeper. Too many burdens are being placed on you.*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 2*

I cannot but be pleased with the improvements made in the bathrooms. But are not the permanent bathrooms to be put up outside the main building, as was talked of when we were together at San Diego?*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 3*

That which you have done to clear away the rubbish from the east porch is a good step taken in the work of reform.*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 4*

In your last letter you spoke of the land. I think that it should be secured. I fear that if we delay, the price will be raised. I think we shall need the houses on the land, and the barn also, but we dare not involve ourselves. In a former letter, you said, I think, that the property with the packing house was for sale for \$3,500. The matter must be carefully considered, and if it is thought best, the property must be secured.*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 5*

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

that such cases as that of the young man you mentioned may by the blessing of God be helped. The Lord will help us in His own way if we come to Him in faith, nothing doubting. I regret that the business matters of the institution keep you so fully employed that you cannot give the time you desire to the evangelistic part of the work.*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 6*

May the Lord give His grace and His healing power to the lady you speak of—the postmistress of Coronado. We have a very powerful Medical Missionary who understands the intricacies of every case. He can heal the afflicted ones, both soul and body.*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 7*

Last night I was in the night season talking to a company such as you bring to my mind in speaking of your seasons of family worship. I was repeating the promise given in the *seventh chapter of Matthew*, “Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” [*Verses 7, 8.*]*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 8*

“Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him? Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.” [*Verses 9-12.*]*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 9*

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

law of God, it will be for their present and eternal good also to do this. Our highest aim is to be to them medical missionary workers after Christ's order.*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 10*

“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” [*Verses 13, 14.*]*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 11*

All who enter through the pearly gates into the city of God must have set forth Christ in all their dealings. It is this that constitutes them the messengers of Christ, His witnesses. They are to bear a plain, decided testimony against all evil practices, pointing them to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world. He gives to all who receive Him, power to become the sons of God. Regeneration is the only path by which we can reach the holy city. It is narrow and the gate by which we enter is strait, but along it we are to lead men and women and children, teaching them that in order to be saved, they must have a new heart and a new spirit. The old hereditary traits of character are to be overcome. The natural desires of the soul must be changed. All deception, all falsifying, all evil speaking must be put away. The new life, which makes men and women Christlike, is to be lived. We are, as it were, to swim against the current of evil.*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 12*

The way to heaven is narrow, hedged in by the divine law of Jehovah. Those who follow this way must constantly deny self. They must obey the teachings of Christ. “The words that I speak unto you,” He said to His apostles, “They are spirit and they are life.” [*John 6:63.*] Temptation will sometimes be strong. Let us not trust in man, but in Jesus Christ, who died that He might win us to righteousness. When He commands, do not stand and consult your own convenience. “Enter in at the strait gate.” [*Matthew 7:13.*] Life and death, good and evil, are set before every soul.*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 13*

Now comes a warning. “Beware of false prophets”—those who pretend to be Christians—“which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their

fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit." Why? Because the root, the heart, is purified and cleansed. "Neither can a corrupt tree," be it ever so productive, "bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." [Verses 15-20.]*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 14*

I am as gratified as you are to hear of so many patients attending your meetings. I was glad to read what you wrote about the senator from Minnesota. My brother, win souls to Christ. This is the science of salvation.*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 15*

I think with you that there ought to be a change in the presidency of the Southern California Conference. I fear that Brother Santee is not the best qualified to fill the place. But Brother Burden will have to remain where he is at present. It is not best to unsettle the minds of those who are filling important positions. Let every step taken first be carefully considered.*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 16*

In regard to the school work, I have been instructed that the plan of charging students nothing for tuition, depending on the second tithe to support the school, will always leave a school in a condition of financial embarrassment. When I first heard of this movement, I thought I would let it be worked out. But I tell you now that the light given me is that other plans will have to be made than the plan of supporting schools from the second tithe. Students should be charged a reasonable price for their tuition. There will be an abundance of places to use the second tithe in doing earnest missionary work in new places.*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 17*

In your letter you speak of having an addition of guests in the sanitarium. You may need to put up tents. The barn will have to be converted into a house. Consult over this matter. The barn should not stand there as a barn, for it is too near the building.*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 18*

I can but thank God that you are getting along so well. Be of good courage in the Lord. Let us increase in faith and in love for God. The Lord Jesus will be with every one who will walk with Him. We

hope and pray that souls will be converted at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, and that the power of the Holy Spirit shall be seen among your company of workers.*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 19*

I am sending your letter to W. C. White with a copy of my answer.*20LtMs, Lt 103, 1905, par. 20*

Lt 104, 1905

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 4, 1905

Previously unpublished.

My Son Willie White,—

I had a letter to send to you yesterday, but it was overlooked. Mabel was not here for two days [as she was] washing and ironing her clothes, for she received a letter to be ready to come at any time. Mabel wrote that she would come Thursday and if they needed her before she would come any day if they would signify it. Mabel is having her dresses and necessary wardrobe prepared. Lucinda has done the getting of meals with the little help of the girls at times. I have received a letter of a few lines with invitation to come to Los Angeles on our way to Washington and attend the coming meeting. But I shall write him that our preparation of writing will keep us here close by at work until W. C. White shall leave for the conference. I am sure we could not possibly leave here to attend the meeting in the school interest.*20LtMs, Lt 104, 1905, par. 1*

I have had some strength given me recently and I am thankful. Had a severe time of it today, with pain about the heart, but it yielded to treatment. I do not think I shall attend conference, but I may if I feel I must. But up to that period when we—or rather you—should start for Washington, I think there will be full work on the books to prepare them. Your wife has just been in. She says she has not heard from you. May and the children are in good health. Grace no longer wears the splints. The children have been playing in our yard today.*20LtMs, Lt 104, 1905, par. 2*

I have not received letters of any consequence. I have no inclination to go to the school council meeting in Los Angeles. I hope you will keep well.*20LtMs, Lt 104, 1905, par. 3*

Dores, Clarence, Stanley, Maggie Hare, and Sister Graham worked

Sunday until half-past twelve o'clock to get off the matter your letter suggested. They came to the breakfast late, but they got the matter off. It is getting dark. Please tell us how you are getting along.*20LtMs, Lt 104, 1905, par. 4*

To break up now and go to Mountain View would be a great loss of time to me, and I have not the least disposition to go either to Mountain View or to Los Angeles.*20LtMs, Lt 104, 1905, par. 5*

Well, it is getting dark. I shall not have this copied. I thought I might go, and the letter I had written yesterday goes out tonight; but since writing it I have decided it would not be best for me to go to Mountain View.*20LtMs, Lt 104, 1905, par. 6*

P.S. I am of good courage, putting my entire trust in the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 104, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 105, 1905

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 10, 1905

Previously unpublished.

My dear Son,—

Last night I learned from your wife that Brother Russell has disconnected from the food factory. May says that he is a bookkeeper and handy at almost any kind of work. I don't like to think of Brother Ballenger being confined to bookkeeping. It is not natural to him, and he could serve the cause better in evangelistic work. Would it not be best to arrange for Brother Russell to take charge of the books at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. It seems to me that this would be wisdom. I think that such a man is needed there and that he would exert a good influence. Will you take the responsibility of advising in this matter. We need at Paradise Valley the best help we can possibly obtain; and if Brother Russell's services can be secured, should not this be done.*20LtMs, Lt 105, 1905, par. 1*

Sister Peck told me of a woman in San Francisco who, Brother Fulton thinks, would come in to do the cooking for my family. But this woman has a husband, from whom she has separated. She has two boys; and I see no light in her connecting with me. I fear that were we to make such a move, we would be taking on perplexities that would be hard to deal with. I think that in time we shall find the proper one.*20LtMs, Lt 105, 1905, par. 2*

By reading Brother Ballenger's letter, you will see that he thinks there should be a change in the presidency of the Southern California Conference. He proposes that Brother Burden be chosen as president. But I fear that this would not be the best thing to do. The peculiar elements connected with the Glendale Sanitarium make it essential for the manager of that institution to be a man of excellent ability. I will not urge anything; but I see no light in taking

Brother Burden from the position that he is now filling.*20LtMs, Lt 105, 1905, par. 3*

Yesterday I wrote twenty-three pages of letter paper. I slept better last night than I have for some time.*20LtMs, Lt 105, 1905, par. 4*

I feel that I must caution you in regard to your eyes. You need rest, and you ought to take it before going to Washington; for I fear that while there you will be heavily taxed. I want your brain nerve power to be preserved.*20LtMs, Lt 105, 1905, par. 5*

I am glad that I closed up my writing on Washington matters yesterday; for today I am not able to do much.*20LtMs, Lt 105, 1905, par. 6*

Later. An hour or two ago I lay down; for I could not keep my eyes open, and I could scarcely hold my head up. I slept for an hour or more.*20LtMs, Lt 105, 1905, par. 7*

I must not forget to speak to you in regard to the land joining our sanitarium property in Paradise Valley. I hear that the dwelling house, packing house, and barn have been offered for \$3,500. I wish they could be secured for this; but if \$500 more is asked, would it not be well to pay it in order to secure the property. Talk with Brother Palmer in regard to this.*20LtMs, Lt 105, 1905, par. 8*

May the Lord clearly manifest Himself to His people, and may He direct us in all matters, is my prayer.*20LtMs, Lt 105, 1905, par. 9*

In love.*20LtMs, Lt 105, 1905, par. 10*

Lt 106, 1905

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 10, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

I am so much pleased with your good letter, that all is moving in harmony, that my heart gives thanks to our heavenly Father. If these two sanitariums will draw in even cords, then the work will move much more pleasantly and after the order of the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 106, 1905, par. 1*

In a letter received from Brother Ballenger, he speaks as though it would not be wisdom to keep Brother Santee as president of the conference. But while I cannot see that he is qualified to fill the bill in such an important position, who present themselves as preferable? The suggestion has been made that you shall take the place. Now while I greatly desire that there should be a different element in the character of the managing force in the South, as president of the conference, still the most difficult problem would be presented: Who shall be the manager of the sanitarium at Glendale? Everything possible needs to be done to carry on in that sanitarium a more thorough change than has been possible prior to the settlement in Glendale.*20LtMs, Lt 106, 1905, par. 2*

Yourself and wife can do much to mold things in proper order. May the Lord help you all to maintain the credit of conformity, the highest pattern—which means Christ formed within, the hope of glory. To be meek is to be like the saints in light. God’s glory is to be kept before the eyes, and the appreciation of Bible truth will make us followers of God, as dear children. This adjusting of the Glendale Sanitarium seemed to be a difficult matter, but the Lord will help everyone who will work in right lines.*20LtMs, Lt 106, 1905, par. 3*

But I must stop here. I think there is help for the sanitarium in

Paradise Valley. Brother Russell is a bookkeeper and a man that will make himself useful wherever he is. Now he does not wish to connect with the food factory; and if he can be secured for Paradise Valley and give Brother Ballenger more freedom in other lines to labor as an evangelist, it would be more as God would have it; and Brother Russell is to grow in capabilities and become a more responsible man, bearing the burdens in different lines.*20LtMs, Lt 106, 1905, par. 4*

I wish you to consider these things I mention and may the Lord bless you and Brother and Sister Simpson to do a good work each in their several order. Brother and Sister Burden, Brother and Sister Simpson—all to draw in even cords.*20LtMs, Lt 106, 1905, par. 5*

I can write no more. In much love to all dear friends.*20LtMs, Lt 106, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 107, 1905

Brethren and Sisters

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 9, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *Ev 85*.

My dear brethren and sisters,—

I make this appeal to you: Send in your gifts and offerings to the work in Washington, that the buildings needed there may be erected. For many years, because of a lack of clear, spiritual eyesight, this work has been neglected, but it is now to be earnestly carried forward.*20LtMs, Lt 107, 1905, par. 1*

The work that has been done in the school buildings at Takoma Park is in the order of God. A sanitarium is to be established and a meetinghouse erected. Besides this, a building is to be erected in which the publishing work may be carried on. The completion of these important enterprises is to be our burden now.*20LtMs, Lt 107, 1905, par. 2*

I know that doors are opening everywhere for the entrance of truth. In the providence of God the way has been prepared for our people to occupy buildings in the best positions in Washington, that many may have the opportunity of hearing the reasons of our faith.*20LtMs, Lt 107, 1905, par. 3*

I am instructed to say that the office of publication was not moved from Battle Creek any too soon. Washington and the other cities of the South are to hear the message of warning. I am also instructed to say that outward display is not to be allowed to absorb the means that should be used in bearing the message of salvation to a needy, sinful world. From town to town, from city to city, from country to country the warning is to be proclaimed, not with outward display, but in the power of the Spirit, by men of faith.*20LtMs, Lt 107, 1905, par. 4*

In the erection of the buildings in Washington, there is to be no extravagant outlay of means. And let all who take up the work in our large cities be careful in this respect. In no place should there be any needless expenditure of money. It is not by outward display that men and women are to learn what is comprehended by present truth. Our workers are to practice strict economy. God forbids all extravagance. Every dollar at our command is to be expended with economy. No great display is to be made. God's money is to be used to carry forward in His own way the work that He has declared must be done in our world.*20LtMs, Lt 107, 1905, par. 5*

What every worker needs is a thoroughly converted mind and heart. Let each one look to God for His Holy Spirit and walk before Him in all humility of mind. Those who are working for God are not to trust in men or make flesh their arm; they are to look to Jesus, the author and finisher of their faith, for aid and guidance.*20LtMs, Lt 107, 1905, par. 6*

My heart has been heavily burdened as representations have been given me of the lack of wisdom that has been shown in the use of means. Night after night I have been in great distress as I have seen the contrast between the work of our Master and the efforts of those who desire to make a display. Christ could have called to His side the armies of heaven and marched through the streets of Jerusalem as the King of kings and Lord of lords. But He did not do this. No pomp or display marked His work.*20LtMs, Lt 107, 1905, par. 7*

"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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 107, 1905, par. 8*

How little good is done compared with that which might be done were the Lord's money expended in a way that would honor Him! Night after night I am awakened out of sleep with the burden upon me, and I am bidden not to withhold the message of the Lord's disapproval. God will not pass over a wasteful expenditure of His means. He is today testing men and women, to see who are fit to give the last message of warning to our world. Who will take up his work with humility and unselfishness, refusing to disregard the

claims that God has upon every human being.*20LtMs, Lt 107, 1905, par. 9*

Many are in danger, through worldliness and selfishness, of losing eternal life. The watchmen are to awake and watch for souls as they that must give an account. Money is called for, that new fields may be entered with the truth. From unworked places in this country and in far-off fields comes the call for workers. But the treasury is not supplied with sufficient means to send the workers who are waiting to go. The officers of the General Conference can not but feel deeply distressed when they see that they cannot comply with the urgent appeals for men and means. The fields are all ripe for the harvest, and God's people are to bring every dollar that they can spare to His treasury. When this is done, the workers in needy fields will not call in vain for help.*20LtMs, Lt 107, 1905, par. 10*

God has a controversy with the people of this generation, because they have been unfaithful in service. They have robbed Him by appropriating to selfish uses that which He has reserved for the proclamation of the gospel. They declare that God has deserted them. But He says, "I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from Mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?" [*Malachi 3:6, 7.*]*20LtMs, Lt 107, 1905, par. 11*

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." Do not bring upon yourselves the curse of robbing God of the means He has lent you in trust. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." [*Verses 8-10.*]*20LtMs, Lt 107, 1905, par. 12*

The Lord has made us His stewards. He has placed His means in our hands for faithful distribution. He asks us to render to Him His

own. He has reserved the tithe as His sacred portion, to be used in sending the gospel to all parts of the world. My brethren and sisters, confess and forsake your selfishness, and bring to the Lord your gifts and offerings. Bring Him also the tithe that you have withheld. Come confessing your neglect. Prove the Lord, as He has invited you to. "I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightsome land." [Verses 11, 12.] *20LtMs, Lt 107, 1905, par. 13*

Church officers should faithfully set before the members the importance of paying tithe. They should set an example in accordance with the instruction given in the Word of God. If there are those who are weak in the faith, they are to labor earnestly for them, making the Bible the great instructor. What we should pray for now is men who know what is truth and who will be as firm as a rock to principle. We need men who know what they believe and who will hold fast to the truth. *20LtMs, Lt 107, 1905, par. 14*

We are intensely desirous that the Washington fund shall be closed as quickly as possible. I pray that the Lord God of Israel will furnish the means necessary for the accomplishment of the work in this important place. This means is in the hands of His stewards, and I pray that He will make them willing to give liberally. *20LtMs, Lt 107, 1905, par. 15*

I know, my dear brethren and sisters, that you are often called upon to give; but what else can we do. We must call upon you, in order that the gospel message may be sent all over the world. Will you not now send in your gifts and offerings, that the Washington fund may be closed and the necessary buildings erected. Thus you will be doing the very work that the Lord has pointed out should be done. Delay not in this important matter. Send in your gifts as soon as possible, that the work to be done in Washington may be accomplished and the standard of truth planted in other places. *20LtMs, Lt 107, 1905, par. 16*

Lt 107b, 1905

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Lt 109, 1905

Walling, Addie; Walling, May

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 11, 1905

This letter is published in entirety in *14MR 254-258*.

Dear children Addie and May:—

I have just finished reading over the proofs of *Ministry of Healing*. We hope that this book will be out before General Conference. I will send you a copy as soon as I receive some from the Press. W. C. White is now at Mountain View, helping on *Ministry*. When he is not there, other things are allowed to come in, and the work on my book goes very slowly. *20LtMs, Lt 109, 1905, par. 1*

Ella White is still at Reno, Nevada. Her school closes this week. One of the public schools there wants her to teach in its primary division for a few weeks. I think that she will. Mabel is now at Paradise Valley, San Diego. She left here last Thursday, and on her way to San Diego, she called at Mountain View and spent a few hours with her father. At Los Angeles, she spent a little time at the Glendale Sanitarium. I expect to receive a letter from her soon, saying that she reached San Diego safely. *20LtMs, Lt 109, 1905, par. 2*

The sanitarium at Glendale is well filled with patients. The managers think that they will have to put up a building near the sanitarium, so as to provide more accommodations for patients. Many more are desirous of coming to the sanitarium, but there is no room for them. Those in charge of the sanitarium are perplexed to know how to take care of the patients already there. Brother J. A. Burden is manager of the institution. Sister Burden is the bookkeeper. Dr. Abbie Winegar-Simpson is lady physician. She has charge of the training class. Nora Lacey is head nurse, and she assists in the class work. *20LtMs, Lt 109, 1905, par. 3*

A few days ago I received a letter from Brother Burden, saying that

all is moving forward harmoniously and that more room is needed.*20LtMs, Lt 109, 1905, par. 4*

Brother Burden writes that since rain has fallen in such abundance in Los Angeles County, the property for which they paid twelve thousand five hundred dollars could not be purchased for twenty thousand. Property has gone up one third higher than it was before the rain came. We are so glad that our brethren were able to purchase the Glendale Sanitarium for so low a price. It is an imposing building and is situated in a very pleasant location.*20LtMs, Lt 109, 1905, par. 5*

The Paradise Valley Sanitarium is full of patients also, and those in charge will be obliged to provide more room for the accommodation of those who are coming in. Yesterday I had a letter from Brother E. S. Ballenger, the manager of the institution, in which he says that all the rooms in the building are filled, and that there are eight more persons who desire to come for treatment. As yet, no advertising at all has been done, and yet the patients continue to come. I meant to have had Brother Ballenger's letter copied, so that I might send it to you; but it was sent on to Willie.*20LtMs, Lt 109, 1905, par. 6*

Brother Ballenger is holding Bible studies and prayer meetings in the sanitarium, and he writes that the patients are showing much interest in these meetings. The day that he wrote the letter, twenty of the patients attended the morning service. At this service there is singing and then reading and prayer. Brother Ballenger said that all but one of the patients bowed in prayer. A deep impressing is being made by these meetings, and we hope that souls will be converted.*20LtMs, Lt 109, 1905, par. 7*

The Paradise Valley Sanitarium cost the original owners twenty-five thousand dollars. Almost all the rooms are furnished with a marble washstand. Water is laid on all over the house. The rooms are beautifully arranged and are very airy. There are broad verandahs round two sides of the house. The building stands on a high rise of ground, and the lawns and gardens were once very beautiful. Many of the ornamental trees died during the long drought, but this year a good supply of rain has fallen, and all the lawns are green again.*20LtMs, Lt 109, 1905, par. 8*

We purchased this building, with twenty acres of land, for five thousand dollars. Since then eight acres of land have been bought for eight hundred dollars. There is a piece of property adjoining, consisting of ten acres of orange orchard, a packing house, a dwelling house, and a large barn. This property was offered for three thousand five hundred dollars, and we may buy it if it can still be secured for this price. In order to do this, I should have to borrow money, but I do not think that the property ought to be allowed to pass into the hands of worldlings.*20LtMs, Lt 109, 1905, par. 9*

I thank the Lord for these two sanitariums in Southern California, and I am sure that their influence for good can be made far reaching. San Diego is becoming more and more popular as a health resort. We went to considerable expense in digging a well on the sanitarium land. The diggers went down ninety feet and found an abundant supply of soft, pure water. This water is pumped into a large tank placed on the highest elevation of the property and from there carried all over the grounds. I was at the sanitarium when the well was being dug, and we were all intensely interested in the progress made by the diggers. One morning Brother Palmer came to my room to tell me that the water was coming into the well in a stream as big as his arm. The next morning he told me that there was fifteen feet of water in the well. So we knew that success was ours.*20LtMs, Lt 109, 1905, par. 10*

Soon after this the rain began to fall, after a drought of five years, and it fell in abundance, refreshing the dry, thirsty country. We are indeed grateful to our heavenly Father for this great blessing.*20LtMs, Lt 109, 1905, par. 11*

I wish that you could leave New York and make me a visit. We could find employment for you where you could be a decided help in the work and cause of God. I think the time has come when we should be where we could see each other now and then.*20LtMs, Lt 109, 1905, par. 12*

A few weeks ago I lost my housekeeper Mrs. Nelson, who had been with me for nearly four years. She was faithful and true in her work and a real caretaker. I shall never find a housekeeper who will suit me better. But she desired to finish the nurses' course, which she

began in Battle Creek four years ago. Then, too, her husband, for whom she has been separated for six years, wishes to come back to her. Had I urged it, Mrs. Nelson might have stayed with me; but I could not have done this. It would not have been right. It would have been selfish for me to say, I cannot part with you.*20LtMs, Lt 109, 1905, par. 13*

Well, children, this is just a little of my recent experience. I may not attend the General Conference. I have a large amount of work to do in selecting from the *Signs* and the *Review* articles written by my husband and myself many years ago, to be reprinted in book form, that our experiences in the third angel's message may be kept fresh in the minds of our people.*20LtMs, Lt 109, 1905, par. 14*

April 11. I wrote the forgoing pages yesterday. This morning I found a letter from Willie under my door, saying that he will leave Mountain View on Wednesday for Los Angeles, to attend important conference meetings at Fernando. After this, he will visit San Diego. There are important questions to be decided in regard to providing greater facilities for the accommodation of patients. This is most important medical missionary work to be done in our sanitariums. May the Lord help us and teach us and enable us to be a blessing to others.*20LtMs, Lt 109, 1905, par. 15*

Elder Corliss will attend the meeting at Fernando. I think that he is improving in health. He can still do excellent work in evangelistic lines.*20LtMs, Lt 109, 1905, par. 16*

I must now close this letter. But I want you to consider whether you would not be glad to engage in some line of work in direct connection with the cause of God. Do you not desire to aid in proclaiming the truth that all need to understand?*20LtMs, Lt 109, 1905, par. 17*

May the Lord bless you both and keep you and make you a blessing to others.*20LtMs, Lt 109, 1905, par. 18*

With much love.*20LtMs, Lt 109, 1905, par. 19*

Lt 111, 1905

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 11, 1905

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Dear Son W. C. White,—

This morning I have received and read your short letter.*20LtMs, Lt 111, 1905, par. 1*

Yesterday I sent you copy of a letter I received from Brother Ballenger and would be pleased to have you return it after you have read it. When I answered this letter, I did not know that you were going so soon to Los Angeles and San Diego, or I would not have written to Brother Ballenger so fully and freely.*20LtMs, Lt 111, 1905, par. 2*

I do not feel a burden to attend the meeting at Mountain View. I should enjoy being present, but I feel that my work here demands my presence at this time, and a trip to Mountain View might unfit me for writing that I ought to do. From now on I mean to do less writing and obtain more exercise and more of out-of-door life. Certainly no place I have ever seen equals the beauty of the scenery around here. The weather is excellent and has been all of this month.*20LtMs, Lt 111, 1905, par. 3*

The sister who came to work in the house does not take to cooking and is not satisfied. She wishes to leave the last of this month, so we will have no one to do the work that Sister Nelson did. As far as cooking is concerned, Sister Carlson is inexperienced. But Sister Hall has come in to help us out. Sister Hall and Sister Carlson have been putting my hats in good condition and have been doing what sewing I need to have done. So as far as clothes are concerned, I will be prepared to go to the General Conference if I desire.*20LtMs, Lt 111, 1905, par. 4*

I have not decided to attend the General Conference, but I do not regard it as impossible. I should prefer to remain at home if my brain will allow me to get my writings in proper shape. But if I have to bear the burden of the perplexities here at home, and must write constantly to the brethren assembled, I feel that I would prefer to be on the field of battle rather than where it takes two weeks to write and receive a reply. I only desire to do the will of my heavenly Father. If it is according to His will, I am willing to go.*20LtMs, Lt 111, 1905, par. 5*

But it is a problem what to do with the matters here at home. Maggie and the rest of my working force are here, and to leave for the conference would mean a breaking up of our work for several weeks. It seems that it would be a loss of much time. When I think of this, it seems impossible for me to go.*20LtMs, Lt 111, 1905, par. 6*

Brother Burden writes that the sanitarium at Glendale is crowded and that they must do something to accommodate those who apply for admission. Cannot tents be erected to accommodate some of the helpers or those who would be willing to live in tents? I hope some way may be devised, so applicants will not be refused because of lack of room.*20LtMs, Lt 111, 1905, par. 7*

It seems to me that the land adjoining our property at Paradise Valley should be secured. I have sometimes thought of visiting San Diego if the Lord wills, and if so, I would like to stay in the house on the property yet unpurchased. I would like to try the climate once more. But I must now close.*20LtMs, Lt 111, 1905, par. 8*

Lt 113, 1905

Gotzian, J.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 11, 1905

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Dear Sister Gotzian,—

I was glad to receive a letter from you a few days ago. Through my absence last summer, we lost much time on our book work, and for some time I have been very busy preparing matter for and reading the proofs of *Ministry of Healing*. This work has taxed my brain heavily, and I have been compelled to be somewhat moderate in my letter writing. However, I desire to keep up correspondence with you. We are united, with others, in bearing responsibilities, and we should communicate with each other frequently.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 113, 1905, par. 1*

There is an important work to be done in the place where you are. If we seek the Lord earnestly, He will teach us, as His agents, what to say and what to do to win souls to Christ. He will bless us in seeking to cultivate the kindness and tenderness and sympathy of Christ.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 113, 1905, par. 2*

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

commending them whenever possible.*20Lts, Lt 113, 1905, par. 3*

If it should be my privilege to visit the Paradise Valley Sanitarium once more, I desire that we may be united in seeking to bless all with whom we associate. We are not to set ourselves up as a criterion to which others must conform. We should reveal a tenderness of heart and a whole-souled enthusiasm in promoting the happiness of all with whom we are connected. We have a duty to perform in eliminating self from our plans and in feeling a personal responsibility to act as Christ would act in circumstances similar to those with which we are surrounded. Then we shall impress the minds of others in such a way that God will be glorified.*20Lts, Lt 113, 1905, par. 4*

Those who are connected with our sanitariums are to be educators. By pleasant words and kindly deeds they are to make the gospel attractive. As followers of Christ, they should seek to make the most favorable impression of the religion they profess and to inspire noble thoughts. Some will be affected by their influence for time and for eternity.*20Lts, Lt 113, 1905, par. 5*

In the work of helping others, we may gain most precious victories. We should devote ourselves with untiring zeal, with earnest fidelity, with self-denial, and with patience to the work of helping those who need to develop. Kind, encouraging words will do wonders. There are many who, if a constant, cheerful effort is put forth in their behalf, without faultfinding or chiding, will show themselves susceptible of improvement. The less we criticize others, the greater will be our influence over them for good. To many, frequent, positive admonitions will do more harm than good. Let Christlike kindness be enjoined upon all.*20Lts, Lt 113, 1905, par. 6*

There is a science in dealing with those who seem especially weak. If we would teach others, we ourselves must first learn of Christ. We need broad views, that we may do true medical missionary work and show tact in dealing with minds.*20Lts, Lt 113, 1905, par. 7*

Those who are really the least in need of help are likely to receive the most of our attention. But we need to show special wisdom in dealing with those who seem inconsiderate and thoughtless. Some do not comprehend the sacredness of the work of God. Those of

the least ability, the thoughtless, and even the indolent especially demand careful, prayerful consideration. We must exercise tact in dealing with those who seem to be ignorant and out of the way. By persevering effort in their behalf, we must help them to become useful in the Lord's work. They will respond readily to a patient, tender, loving interest.*20LtMs, Lt 113, 1905, par. 8*

We are to co-operate with the Lord Jesus in restoring the inefficient and the erring to intelligence and purity. This work ranks equally in importance with the work of the gospel ministry. We are called upon by God to manifest an untiring, patient interest in the salvation of those who need divine polishing.*20LtMs, Lt 113, 1905, par. 9*

These words I seemed to be speaking before a company of teachers and students. My soul was stirred by the instruction given. God will not withhold wisdom from those who seek for it.*20LtMs, Lt 113, 1905, par. 10*

The mind is to act intelligently, not to follow inclination, but to bring all the actions into harmony with the divine law. We may be opposed by those who desire to vindicate their sins; but we are to teach the Word of the Lord, leaving all selfish authority out of our discipline.*20LtMs, Lt 113, 1905, par. 11*

The life and the teachings of Christ are intensely practical. They deal with the actual duties of life. They enjoin patience in the performance of all necessary duties, whether they be agreeable or disagreeable. "Whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." [*Colossians 3:17.*]*20LtMs, Lt 113, 1905, par. 12*

This is the sanctification that is needed in every institution that is established for the healing of the souls and bodies of those who are suffering from the malady of sin. Bible truth is to be exemplified before a sinful world. By obedience to the requirements of God's law, our characters are to be made complete in Him who knew no sin.*20LtMs, Lt 113, 1905, par. 13*

"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.*]20*LtMs, Lt 113, 1905, par. 14*

Such is the sanctification of the soul, through the operation of the Holy Spirit. A new nature is implanted. The human being is made a partaker of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.20*LtMs, Lt 113, 1905, par. 15*

"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.*]20*LtMs, Lt 113, 1905, par. 16*

Lt 115, 1905

Burden, J. A.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 12, 1905

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Dear Brother Burden,—

I hear that plans are being laid for Elder W. W. Simpson to leave Southern California to labor elsewhere. If Elder Simpson feels it his duty to go, I have nothing to say against it. But I had hoped to see him extend his work from Los Angeles to Redlands and Riverside. The condition of Brother Simpson’s health is such that great care must be exercised in regard to the location of his field of labor. He should have suitable help, that he may be relieved from the burden of speaking so frequently. Would it not be well if Elder Corliss and Elder Simpson could labor together?*20LtMs, Lt 115, 1905, par. 1*

Redlands and Riverside have been presented to me as places that should be worked. These two places should not longer be neglected. I hope soon to see an earnest effort put forth in their behalf. Will you please consider the advisability of establishing a sanitarium in the vicinity of these towns, with treatment rooms in each place to act as feeders to the institution?*20LtMs, Lt 115, 1905, par. 2*

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

connected with him to help him in the work.*20LtMs, Lt 115, 1905, par. 3*

Our people in the churches of Southern California need to arouse to do a work that is necessary within their own borders. Let them awake to prayer and labor. They need more spiritual vitality. They need to be converted, that they may labor for souls. Wherever there is spiritual life, there will be an imparting as well as a receiving of light and blessing. The nourishment from God's Word will be received, and earnest work will be done. The act of imparting keeps open the channel for receiving. This truth our Saviour ever sought to keep before the people.*20LtMs, Lt 115, 1905, par. 4*

I have a message to bear to the church members in Southern California. "Arouse, and avail yourselves of the opportunities open to you. While Christ pleads in your behalf, plead for yourselves, that you may be purified from every unrighteous thought, every unholy action. Make an entire surrender to God of body, soul, and spirit. Be determined to do all in your power to learn the true science of soul-saving. While the light of God's day of mercy still shines, gather up every divine ray."*20LtMs, Lt 115, 1905, par. 5*

"Are you prepared to sell all, that you may purchase the field that contains the treasure? Said the apostle Paul, 'I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, ... that I may win Christ, and be found in Him.' [*Philippians 3:8, 9.*]*20LtMs, Lt 115, 1905, par. 6*

"Give up the self-righteousness that you have been cherishing. If the Lord permits you to behold such work as has been done in Los Angeles, seek, with all humility, to act your part. Not in your own strength, but in the strength of Christ, you are to ascend the ladder heavenward, round by round. Make diligent, thorough work in humbling yourselves, that the old habits and practices and all evil speaking may be put away. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Die to self; live to God."*20LtMs, Lt 115, 1905, par. 7*

Brother Burden, say to the church that the Lord will manifest Himself to all who seek Him with humble hearts. The end of all things is at hand. Let your eyes be fixed upon Christ. As the called and chosen of God, we must represent truth in its purity. Our lives

are to be such that the world will take knowledge of us that we have been with Christ, and that truth may seem to them more desirable than error.*20LtMs, Lt 115, 1905, par. 8*

If rightly conducted, our sanitariums may exert a refining, ennobling influence and lead many souls to Christ. The religious principles maintained in these institutions will demonstrate that there is relief for the soul, weary and sick with sin. Many are weak and sick because of disease of the soul. Let Christ be held up before them as the great Healer who invites them to come to Him and find rest. Tell them that the heart of Christ is drawn out in compassion and love for His blood-bought heritage. He will heal the troubled heart that looks to Him in faith.*20LtMs, Lt 115, 1905, par. 9*

To the poor, sin-sick soul repeat the Saviour's invitation: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] There is true joy in learning of Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 115, 1905, par. 10*

Tell the suffering ones of a compassionate Saviour. He is the only Physician who can heal both body and soul. He has given His life for the world, that men should not perish, but have everlasting life. He looks with compassion upon those who regard their case as hopeless.*20LtMs, Lt 115, 1905, par. 11*

While the soul is filled with fear and terror, the mind cannot see the tender compassion of Christ. Our sanitariums are to be an agency for bringing peace and rest to the troubled minds. If you can inspire the despondent with hopeful, saving faith, contentment and cheerfulness will take the place of discouragement and unrest. Wonderful changes can then be wrought in their physical condition. Christ will restore both body and soul, and, realizing His compassion and love, they will rest in Him. He is the bright and morning star, shining amid the moral darkness of this sinful, corrupt world. He is the light of the world, and all who give their hearts to Him will find peace, rest, and joy.*20LtMs, Lt 115, 1905, par. 12*

The world is filled with sickness. Sin is increasing, especially in the large cities. Death is taking away large numbers. But the great

Medical Missionary invites men to come to Him. "Come unto Me," He says, "and I will give you rest." [Verse 28.] "Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." [Matthew 7:7.] *20LtMs, Lt 115, 1905, par. 13*

Our part is, by believing His Word, to find rest in Christ Jesus. His words are spirit and life. In believing them there is rest and peace. "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you." [Verse 7.] Our prayers will reach the ear of Christ, and He will open unto us the rich treasures of His grace. Through prayer we are brought into communion with the high and holy One who inhabiteth eternity. He opens the door to every one who will knock. *20LtMs, Lt 115, 1905, par. 14*

As I think of how the skilful Physician longs to heal every sin-sick soul, I feel so anxious that those who are drawn to our sanitariums may there find what they need for the cure of their physical and spiritual maladies. *20LtMs, Lt 115, 1905, 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, saith the Lord Almighty." [2 Corinthians 6:17, 18.] This invitation will be accepted by those who are burdened for souls. They will become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King. *20LtMs, Lt 115, 1905, par. 16*

The law of God is to be obeyed. Obedience is the life of the soul. It brings health and peace and assurance. Seek the Lord in every necessity, and know that you have a friend in Jesus, one who loves you with an everlasting love. He will be as an anchor to the soul, both sure and steadfast. When men and women come just as they are, He cleanses them from their sins, and they become His sons and daughters. *20LtMs, Lt 115, 1905, par. 17*

P.S. Since writing this letter, I have learned that Brother Simpson is wanted to be present in Portland, Oregon, at the World's Fair. If God calls him there, I have no objection to offer. May the Lord guide His servant is my prayer. *20LtMs, Lt 115, 1905, par. 18*

Lt 116, 1905

Kellogg, J. H.

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April 22, 1905

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Dr. J. H. Kellogg,—

We have come to a time when church members grieve the Lord by searching into scientific problems that make void the past experience of the people of God. And because they cannot have the influence they desire to have over minds, to sway them in the same channel, which they suppose is an evidence of higher education, they become dissatisfied. They suppose that with their superficial minds they can comprehend God and His working, when they cannot comprehend the past facts of faith. It is to such that the instruction is given that is contained in the *first three chapters of Revelation*. Let our churches read and study this instruction, lest they follow a course that God condemns. *20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 1*

I have great burden of soul for you, Dr. Kellogg. If I could see you in the road that leads onward and upward, I should be more than thankful. Were you a child, I would say that you had been spoiled through flattery, vain conceit, and self-exaltation. That which makes your case so sorrowful, so hopeless, is that you are not a man of truth. You frame for the occasion any sentiments that may come into your mind. You twist words; you misinterpret; you make assurances that are false. You have cultivated this deceptive influence until you have become an unreliable man. With what grief and sadness the Lord has looked upon you! *20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 2*

When a man reaches the place where he will resort to any

subterfuge to accomplish his own will, and to appear to be just and righteous, his condition is grave indeed. O that you would repent and turn to the Lord before it is forever too late. When you obey the truth that works by love and purifies the soul, then you will have fallen on the Rock and been broken.*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 3*

Men who are ignorant of the byways you have entered, the crooked paths you have made, are in danger of following your lead. I have been compelled to bear my testimony to the church, "Enter not into that path, to follow a course of action that will leaven your faith with evil, spoil your confidence in Bible truth, and lead you to build castles that will fill you with self-confidence and separate you from God."*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 4*

There are occasions when God calls upon His people to take a firm stand on His side. If one man should bear rule and another man should bear rule, there would be collision. What shall be done? Each may claim as much authority as the other. The Lord has His messengers to whom He has given a special message. These messages point out God's way. There must be men who take a firm stand for God and for conscience. The course of action some will pursue will be no rule for those who take the Lord as their counselor. The man who fears God, who believes and practices the Word of God with high, unbending integrity of character, will make straight paths for his feet, that the lame be not turned out of the way.*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 5*

A great crisis is upon us, and all who stand under the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel, girding themselves for the battle, will be led and taught of God. The world, with all its selfish projects, its burden of leaven of dishonesty and craftiness, its boasting and its desire for the supremacy, its neglect of the things of God, is not to receive our attention or our confidence. Upon all who have received light in regard to the truth for this time is laid the obligation of proclaiming the warning message. The labors of our ministers are not to be confined to the churches who have received the truth.*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 6*

"Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:18-20.] Under His generalship, we are safe under all circumstances. *20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 7*

I have a word for you from the Lord. Take your stand for the right, and cease to suppose that you are safe where you are now standing. You need to undergo a transformation that will give you an experience which is the opposite of the experience that you now have. *20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 8*

Clearly and decidedly I am to bear my testimony to the people, and I am to trace this testimony on paper, that should I fall asleep in Jesus, the witness to the truth might still be borne. It is a matter of vital importance for you to become obedient to the light God has given you and to show yourself a pattern of religious decision. We are placed where we have not the semblance of an excuse for walking in the broad path that leads to death. In the world is seen the condition of things that Christ said would come upon those who do not receive the truth in the love of Christ. All who honor Christ and adorn the religion of the cross will be honored by God. But the Lord will not honor you as you now stand. Those who suppose that you are worthy to be honored will give you credit that does not belong to you. You know this; I need not tell you. When you accept the obligations laid upon you as one worthy of the position you occupy, you will show an altogether different character. You have a standard to maintain that you have not maintained for years. When you come into harmony with the Lord Jesus Christ, our churches will hear from your lips a testimony of Christian strength, Christian courage, the very root and groundwork of a thoroughly Christian life. You will be steadfast in the faith. You will not see in false science the charms you now see. You will see the danger of your erroneous sentiments becoming woven into the characters of men who do not view things in a correct light. *20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 9*

If every physician in our ranks would separate from your influence, they would sound the keynote of Christian medical education; for the angels of God would give them life and courage in the [Lord],

and power to stand against your persuasive influence. It is the privilege of every man who is converted to the truth to show moral independence, to stand firm for the truth and for righteousness. When propositions are laid before a believer to engage in business that would lead him to deviate from the principles of the law given for the guidance of every man's life, it is his privilege and duty to make a firm, decided refusal. The strongest representations that may be made should not lead him to engage in any enterprise that would pollute his conscience. He is to hearken to the Holy Spirit, who would lead him to say to the tempter, "So did not I, because of the fear of God." [*Nehemiah 5:15.*] I tell you, a great crisis is upon us, and those men who have united with you and sustained you have not said, "So did not I, because of the fear of God."*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 10*

In our work, we need men of moral independence, uncontaminated and unshackled, so that when a principle of religion or duty is at stake, they will stand firm in defense of the truth. We need men who will not hold their peace when they see evils coming in and wrongs being done. We need men who will refuse to give consent by silence to unjust actions.*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 11*

Nehemiah is an example of the standard that must be maintained at any expense. Neither danger nor difficulty would shake his adherence to the just, holy, righteous principles of truth. The honor that must be maintained in the work to be done for this time requires staunch determination. Men are needed who will say, "The hand of God is good upon me; I will arise and build." [See *Nehemiah 2:18, 20.*] There are today too many pliables. Beware of the inclination to follow your own impulses. Adam, hiding himself from God, encompassed himself in obstructing darkness.*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 12*

My brother, unless you change square about, calling sin, sin, and deception by its right name, you will continue to deny God, and the hindrance to rightdoing will become stronger and stronger. Yield no longer to the deceptive power of sin. Let your scientific researches be turned into a wholesome channel. Do not pretend to have fellowship with God, while you are an alien from Him. Fellowship it is impossible for you to have while you yourself make it impossible

to recognize what God is and what you are. The Lord is too pure to behold iniquity. So long have you refused light that I do not know that it is in your power to see yourself as you are.*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 13*

And your associates, bewildered by your scientific problems and your presentation of good works, mingled with false statements, need to study the message given to John as recorded in the *third chapter of Revelation*.*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 14*

“Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh, I will make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out; and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God; and I will write upon him My new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 15*

“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of My mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked; I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich, and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, [and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear;] and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent.*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 16*

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father upon His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [*Verses 11-22*].*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 17*

I have a message for those who have sustained Dr. Kellogg in his deceptive science. Those who have received and voiced his words have greatly hindered the work of God. To these I am instructed to say, Take your stand upon the platform of eternal truth that God has laid. Christ has pronounced a distinct blessing upon those who day by day accept and follow His teaching. His beatitudes are for those who receive the Word into good and honest hearts.*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 18*

God calls upon His people to unify, that the harmony among those who love Him and keep His law may convince those in the world that He sent His Son to save sinners. Christ calls upon those who love God and keep His commandments to unify on the truths that have called us out from the world as God's denominated people. God is love, and all who are truly practicing the truth will bear the precious fruit of love. Today Christ is standing at the right hand of God. He will teach every earnest seeker the true science, which is Christ within, the hope of glory.*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 19*

The testimony borne by the apostles confirms the teaching of the Old and New Testaments. The testimonies that they have borne come down the ages to our time, that we might have fellowship with the men who bore these testimonies. Before Christ left His disciples, He declared that the Holy Spirit would bring all things to their remembrance. "I will pray the Father," He said, "and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. ... Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; but ye see Me; because I live, ye shall live also." [*John 14:16, 17, 19.*]*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 20*

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth; and if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.” [1 John 1:1-10.]*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 21*

Let your efforts be put forth to become acquainted with the science of pure, undefiled religion. Come into line; come into line. No man who dishonors God is worthy of praise or honor. These words the angels stood repeating with deepest power.*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 22*

“I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth. As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their words; that they all may be one, as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one; I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me.” [John 17:15-23.]*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 23*

If these words were believed and practiced, a powerful influence would go forth from the Lord’s commandment-keeping people.*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 24*

“Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given

Me; for Thou lovest Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known Thee, but I have known Thee, and these have known that Thou hast sent Me. And I have declared unto them Thy name, and will declare it, that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them.” [Verses 24-26.]*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 25*

There is a great work to be done in a short time. The Lord will take men from the plow, even as He took Elisha, and will give them a part in the closing work. John the evangelist was called from his fishing boat and made a fisher of men. It is he who says, “And truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.” [1 John 1:3.] Can we lay hold of this greatest of all science? Is our fellowship with the Father and with Christ?*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 26*

The Lord will not much longer allow Dr. Kellogg to pursue the course of deception that he has pursued for years. He will take his case in hand. He has borne long with him, but the medical missionary work, so long controlled by him, shall not always bear the marks of his defection. God would have made Dr. Kellogg a man after His own mind, but Dr. Kellogg refused to place himself under God’s control. His crooked ways and deceptive works are a great dishonor to the truth. I have seen that Satan’s power over him has not been broken. Those who choose to sustain the man who so greatly dishonors God, and stood directly in the way of His work, will themselves become so deceived that their work will not be accepted by God.*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 27*

I have felt reluctant to say these things, but I know that the Lord would not have souls endangered any longer by Dr. Kellogg. Tares have been sown in the minds of God’s people, and as a result of this, some have given up the truth. Some have become infidels; the misrepresentations that Dr. Kellogg has made of the work that God has given me to do has made them infidels.*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 28*

If the crisis must come, let it come while I am alive. There are those who have been diligently gathering together what appear to them to be contradictions in the testimonies given me. But God stands at

the helm. Let Satan be rebuked. Dr. Kellogg has followed strange devisings to keep from acknowledging his course as wrong. He has not yet fallen on the Rock and been broken. Unless he does this, the Rock will fall upon him and grind him, with all his pretensions, to powder. I dare not sustain him in his course. I would not have the crookedness of his ways brought before the world, if it can possibly be avoided; but unless he renounces his companionship with Satan, and links up with Christ, the break must come.*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 29*

I have tried to keep silent, but as I have seen him exercising his subtle influence over the men who do not seem to realize that he is wrong, who do not understand the work that Satan is carrying on through him, I am constrained to speak. These men are binding up with Satan's sophistry, fastening their leader and themselves in Satan's snare, to practice the works of the enemy. God demanded of them truth in showing Dr. Kellogg his peril, but those whom we believed would receive the warnings given them have rejected them and have given him encouragement in an erratic course of action. I am now to say to our brethren, Cut loose, cut loose. Take your stand decidedly if you would save your souls; take your position for truth and righteousness.*20LtMs, Lt 116, 1905, par. 30*

Lt 117, 1905

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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My dear son Willie,—

I have just read your letter and the enclosures. After reading your letter, I nearly decided to awaken the family and go to Mountain View by the morning train. But I was admonished otherwise by a pain in my hip. I dare not be presumptuous, so I have entirely given up all idea of attending the meeting at Mountain View. I shall remain at home and keep as quiet as possible; for I dare not venture the trip to Mountain View with the many changes.*20LtMs, Lt 117, 1905, par. 1*

For some time I have had considerable trouble with my hip. I have not said much about it to the family, but it has been very painful and has kept me awake several nights. I have not even dared to ride much in the carriage. By frequently changing my position, from a chair to the lounge or to the bed, I have managed to keep up, but I do not think it wise to lave my home at this time. I feel very reluctant to leave a place where I have conveniences to relieve my infirmities.*20LtMs, Lt 117, 1905, par. 2*

For three nights I have slept well, and I feel rested this morning. The Lord is my Helper and my strong Defense. I will put my trust in Him and will not worry. I will be encouraged by the promise, “Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” [*Matthew 7:7*.] I have not lost my courage in the Lord. If the pain will only keep away from my heart, I can bear it and be cheerful in the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 117, 1905, par. 3*

This world is not our abiding place, but I feel very grateful for the

comforts of a good home. I consider the country here to be one of the most beautiful I have ever seen. I am thankful that the Lord Jesus knows all our necessities. He will provide for us, if we will look to Him in faith.*20LtMs, Lt 117, 1905, par. 4*

If I can only continue to sleep well, my head will remain clear, and I will be able to do a great deal of writing. I will leave my case in the hands of my heavenly Father. If it is His will for me to go to Washington to the General Conference, I will say, Amen. But I do not yet see it to be my duty.*20LtMs, Lt 117, 1905, par. 5*

If the property adjoining the sanitarium at Paradise Valley is purchased, I may be able to spend some time in the house that will be included in the sale, and which we will have to furnish.*20LtMs, Lt 117, 1905, par. 6*

We have not yet found a woman to act as matron of our home. Miss Carlson is an excellent seamstress, but she does not like house work and wishes to leave by the end of the month. I believe that the Lord will provide me with the help I need.*20LtMs, Lt 117, 1905, par. 7*

I hope you will be very careful in regard to your health. You have a family dependent upon you, and you must not weary brain and muscle so that you are unfitted to do your duty to your wife and children.*20LtMs, Lt 117, 1905, par. 8*

We are coming into troublous times, but let not one of the people of God, by his individual course of action, create a time of trouble beforehand. We are to follow on to know the Lord. We can not put our trust in any human being, but we will trust in the Lord God of Israel. We have an individual case pending in the courts of heaven, and we cannot afford to make mistakes that will lead others into a wrong course of action. An earnest desire to be humble and to walk circumspectly before the Lord is our only safety.*20LtMs, Lt 117, 1905, par. 9*

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

to perfect a character after the divine similitude.*20LtMs, Lt 117, 1905, par. 10*

I feel greatly troubled because we have heard nothing from Mabel since she left Mountain View, except a post card to her mother, written on the train and posted in Los Angeles. I do not understand why we do not hear from her. If you know anything about her whereabouts, please let us know. I hope nothing serious has happened.*20LtMs, Lt 117, 1905, par. 11*

This forenoon I have been to town with Dores and Mrs. Crisler and was unable to finish this letter in time to get it into the noon mail. I have written several pages of matter and will send you copies when it is written out.*20LtMs, Lt 117, 1905, par. 12*

Lt 119, 1905

Members of the Nashville Church

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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To the members of the Nashville church

Dear brethren and sisters,—

I ask you, What are you doing as individuals to benefit the colored people? Are you engaged in personal missionary work? As a church, what are you doing to provide a suitable sanitarium for the colored race?*20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 1*

In the night season, I received counsel from One who never errs. I heard some who spoke in favor of purchasing the dark, unhealthful place now used as a sanitarium, putting in some improvements, and continuing the work in the same place. Decided instruction was given:*20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 2*

“You are not to carry out the plans you contemplate. The present situation of the colored sanitarium is very objectionable. Let some place be secured where there is plenty of sunlight and where there is land to raise fruit and vegetables. Let the sanitarium be moved to a suitable location and so equipped that the better class of colored people may be accommodated and may be favorably impressed.”*20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 3*

For some time I have considered that the place which J. E. White left is the proper place for the establishment of a colored sanitarium. I hope that our brethren will see the necessity of making this move; for it is sensible, merciful, and consistent. The present showing of neglect of the colored people must be changed.*20LtMs, Lt 119,*

1905, par. 4

The fact that some one of our brethren is located on or near the property is not a sufficient excuse for not securing it for a colored sanitarium. For any one to urge merely a personal consideration against such a move is a sign of selfishness and shows a disregard of the Lord's plans. Far better would it be to repay what such a one had invested than to permit the enterprise to be blocked by such an excuse. *20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 5*

Will our brethren and sisters in Nashville consider that they are being tested and tried? Some who have neglected to do the work that should have been done long ago are, in heaven, accounted as unfaithful stewards. A more decided interest should be manifested in the work of helping the colored people. *20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 6*

If in the future we are to do nothing more for the colored people than we have done in the past, let us lay aside all pretense that we have entered Nashville for the purpose of helping them. If the interest we have taken in helping those who are laboring in the South is to have no better results, we had better turn our attention to the opening of the work in new fields, until the converting power of God comes upon the church in Nashville and barriers are removed. The Lord is not pleased with the present showing. Let there now be a reformation, and the Lord will work with those who are willing to co-operate with Him. *20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 7*

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

God. *20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 8*

I am instructed to say, "Clear the King's highway. The Lord Jesus will go before His people. Satan will intrude himself in every place possible. God forbid that men who feel themselves to be self-sufficient should come in with their devisings and place barriers in the way of the Lord's work. Clear the way." *20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 9*

"Behold," Christ said, "I send you forth as lambs among wolves." [*Luke 10:3.*] But you are not to assume the character of wolves, to hurt and to destroy. Do not, by a determination to carry out your own mind and spirit, create dissensions among yourselves. The disposition to make self supreme has been for years a barrier, preventing the work of God from being carried forward solidly in the South. If all our brethren had acted under the direction of Christ, in self-denial and self-sacrifice, the work in the South would be greatly advanced today. Thousands would have been converted to God, and men of ability would have been raised up who could have acted an important part in accomplishing the Lord's purpose. *20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 10*

How long shall this counter-working continue? There are those whom God holds accountable for the present showing of neglect. Will those who have not a sense of what God requires of them stand out of the way, and let the Lord lead and guide those who will take up the work and carry it intelligently? *20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 11*

Let those connected with the publishing house crucify self and receive the Spirit of Jesus Christ. The work of our institutions is in vain unless there are connected with them workers who are converted, and who will receive the sanctification of the Spirit of God, to subdue and cleanse away the haughtiness of self. *20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 12*

Let us serve God with pure, unalloyed motives, working with an eye single to His glory. The language of our heart should be, "I have set the Lord ever before me." [*Psalms 16:8.*] If this principle regulates our actions, our faith will increase, and we will make the Lord Jesus our Pattern in all things. *20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 13*

Lessons From the Sending Out of the Seventy

The workers in the cause of God may learn valuable lessons from the instruction Jesus gave to the seventy disciples and from their experiences. These disciples were sent to the cities and villages whither Jesus Himself was to follow, to awaken an interest in the work of Jesus, that the people might be prepared to receive the grand truths that He would impart to them.*20LtsMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 14*

“After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place, whither He Himself would come. Therefore said He unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.*20LtsMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 15*

“Carry neither purse nor scrip, nor shoes; and salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: and heal the sick that are therein, and say to them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.” [*Luke 10:1-9.*]*20LtsMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 16*

This was to be the burden of their message. They were not to lose sight of this message nor to enter into controversy over matters that were unessential or that would close the door to the important truths Jesus had bid them teach. They were to teach from the Old Testament, explaining the prophecies of the mission and work of Christ, and presenting truths that would soften the hearts of the people, that they might be prepared to receive Christ when He should follow.*20LtsMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 17*

“But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say, Even the very

dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.” [*Verses 10, 11.*]20*LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 18*

The messengers of God have a high calling. If, after giving positive evidence of their mission, in preaching the gospel and in healing the sick, their message is not received, they are to go to new fields where they will be received gladly. Those who reject the message of God and His messengers will be called to account.20*LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 19*

“Woe unto thee Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shall be thrust down to hell.” [*Verses 13-15.*] The cities of Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum had received great opportunity through the ministry of Christ and His disciples; and having rejected the truth, their condemnation was greater than that of those who had not received so great light.20*LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 20*

The disciples who were sent forth received their authority from Christ. Jesus said to them, “He that heareth you heareth Me; and he that despiseth you despiseth Me; and he that despiseth Me despiseth Him that sent Me.” [*Verse 16.*]20*LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 21*

The instruction given to the seventy was similar to the instruction given to the twelve disciples who had been sent forth previously. The seventy had not, like the twelve, been constantly with Jesus, yet they had often heard His lessons of instruction. They were sent forth under His direction, to work as He Himself was working. Wherever they went, they were to sound the message, “The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. All may be admitted into His kingdom who will receive His message and His Messenger. This is the day of your visitation.” They were to present the truth of God in such a manner that the people might be led to lay hold upon the blessings placed within their reach.20*LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 22*

These disciples constituted at that time the church of Christ, all entrusted with a message from Him to the world, all living and active in His service. They passed through varied experiences, going through trial and meeting opposition. Yet they were blessed in their work.*20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 23*

“And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name.” [*Verse 17.*]*20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 24*

To Christ they gave all the glory for their success. His name is the power of God unto salvation to every one who will humble himself and become meek and lowly in heart.*20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 25*

“And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents, and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.” [*Verses 18-20.*]*20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 26*

The Saviour had followed the disciples in their work. He rejoiced at the success that attended their efforts put forth in faith. The disciples did not complain of the hardship, fatigue, or opposition they had encountered. They rejoiced as they reported to their Master, “Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name.” [*Verse 17.*]*20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 27*

Jesus assured them that He had beheld their success. “I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven,” He said. [*Verse 18.*] Satan was once an angel of light in the heavenly courts. He was entrusted with an important position. But he coveted more power and sought to be even as God. As a result of his unholy apostasy, he and his followers were cast out of heaven and became angels of darkness. As Satan was cast out of heaven, so also he will be dispossessed of his dominion in the hearts and minds of those who will glorify God.*20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 28*

Through the preaching of the gospel, Satan and his angels are cast out from the minds of men. Through faith in the Word preached, men are enabled to gain the victory, and the devil loses his hold

upon them. So he will eventually lose his power over all who continue to believe. His kingdom totters and falls before the presentation of sanctified truth.*20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 29*

Let every one be on guard against selfishness and seeking to grasp advantages that are not his right. The Lord gives to every man his work; but if a man seeks to exalt himself, the Lord will humble him. He must not consider himself self-sufficient and think that his special work is to humble others. Let the work be carried forward by those whose hearts are renewed and purified from all selfishness.*20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 30*

“And He turned Him unto His disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things which ye see: for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see these things which ye see, and have not seen them: and to hear these things which ye hear, and have not heard them.” [*Verses 23, 24.*]*20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 31*

I have been instructed that men will be raised up to do the work of God, men who are not self-established, but who are humble, willing to learn of Christ, rather than from erring man. The Lord will remove those who are placing their own unconverted selves directly in the way to hinder the work of God from advancing in purity and holy principles.*20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 32*

“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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 119, 1905, par. 33*

Lt 121, 1905

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Dear son Edson,—

I have slept but little the past night. You have been represented to me as laying out many plans. You had written out on paper some things you desired to carry out. *20LtMs, Lt 121, 1905, par. 1*

One who guards your interests stood by your side, and said, “You are not to carry out your present purposes. These plans will prove a snare to you and will hinder you in the work you should do with pen and voice. You are inclined to make unnecessary burdens for yourself. No sooner is your mind relieved from one perplexity than you plan to engage in some other enterprise.” *20LtMs, Lt 121, 1905, par. 2*

The heavenly Messenger continued: “Bind about your plans. You need now to gather your thoughts, not to launch out into new perplexities. Take time to prepare yourself to do a work with pen and with voice in the ministry of the Word.” *20LtMs, Lt 121, 1905, par. 3*

“You should withdraw from all contention. Let the peace of God dwell in you richly, representing in heart, mind, and soul the work of grace upon the human character. Cultivate the principles of peace. There must be less friction and more harmonious action with your brethren. You gather on your soul burdens that you should not carry. Serve the Lord by whole-souled consecration. If you allow your character to be defective, these defects will lead others to question your religious standing. Free yourself from everything that brings in perplexities and grievous trials.” *20LtMs, Lt 121, 1905, par.*

“The words of Paul to Timothy are appropriate for every church member: ‘Take heed to thyself, and to the doctrine’—to thyself first, and then to the doctrine. [1 *Timothy* 4:16.] The ministry is a sacred office. Let the inner lamp of the soul be kept trimmed, that it may ever reflect the precious light from heaven. Then you may discern the voice of God, as you read His Word and as you pray in meekness and humility of mind.*20LtMs, Lt 121, 1905, par. 5*

“Take time to pray, and then believe that God hears you. ‘If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God.’ [*James* 1:5.] Do not give utterance to complaints against any. Keep your mouth closed as with a bridle against all accusations, lest there be implanted in other minds thoughts that will work injury to their brethren.*20LtMs, Lt 121, 1905, par. 6*

“God wants you to stand upon an elevated platform. Draw not a thread of selfishness into the fabric of your character. Pray earnestly that your heart may be refined and purified from all dross and filled with the knowledge of God in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. ‘That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.’” [*Colossians* 1:10, 11.]*20LtMs, Lt 121, 1905, par. 7*

Your countenance lighted up, as you replied, “I will not grieve the Holy Spirit of God with my imperfections of character. I will not offend God with my lips. I consecrate myself unto my Lord who has redeemed me by the sacrifice of His own life.”*20LtMs, Lt 121, 1905, par. 8*

These words were spoken, “You must always set before you the highest standard of duty, acting in the fear and love of God. Give no place to Satan’s temptations.”*20LtMs, Lt 121, 1905, par. 9*

The time has come when things must be called by their right names. The truth is to triumph gloriously, and those who have long been halting between two opinions must take their stand decidedly for or against the law of God. Some will take up with theories that

misinterpret the Word of God and undermine the foundation of the truth that has been firmly established, point by point, and sealed by the power of the Holy Spirit. The old truths are to be revived, in order that the false theories that have been brought in by the enemy may be intelligently met. There can be no unity between truth and error. We can unite with those who have been led into deception only when they are converted.*20LtMs, Lt 121, 1905, par. 10*

There is a God, and I am commissioned to say that His truth must be vindicated, that the evil, seductive theories that are coming in may be uprooted. Many minds have been taken captive because for years they have placed confidence in some one who has prepared a dish of scientific fables to suit their appetite.*20LtMs, Lt 121, 1905, par. 11*

We may well be alarmed at the crisis that is upon us. God's law has been transgressed, and the result is seen in the misrule and lawlessness that floods the world. Human lives are regarded as of little value. The spirit of disaffection is running riot.*20LtMs, Lt 121, 1905, par. 12*

The inhabitants of the Noachic world were destroyed because, after being granted a period of one hundred and twenty years in which to choose between the evil and the good, they deliberately chose to follow their own wicked ways. Because they did not avail themselves of the opportunity God gave them to repent and turn to Him, they were destroyed by the flood.*20LtMs, Lt 121, 1905, par. 13*

Once again, before the great destruction of the world by fire, there is granted a period of test and trial. Men are given opportunity to show whether or not they will be loyal to God. Satan is seeking to lead men in positions of trust to seek the regeneration of the world by plans of their own devising. These men desire to be reformers, but they fail because they do not work in Christ's lines. Can they reform others, when they cannot reform themselves?*20LtMs, Lt 121, 1905, par. 14*

Men are today being tested to see if they will obey the law of God. In the beginning Satan promised Eve that if she would only follow his suggestion, she would be greatly increased in knowledge. And

today he leads men to look for great blessings to come as a result of following their own unsanctified plans. Many choose to believe the words of a fallen angel rather than the words of God. Man's only hope is in repentance and conversion.*20LtMs, Lt 121, 1905, par. 15*

The word of God came to Isaiah: "Lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." [*Isaiah 58:1.*] As God's witnesses, we have a message to bear to all the world. The Lord has many children who have never heard the truth for this time. God's servants must give them the final warning.*20LtMs, Lt 121, 1905, par. 16*

Soon the Lord will demonstrate to the universe of heaven the utter inability of men to reform the world, while they themselves are living in transgression of the law of God. He is about to set aside the transgressors of His law, as He would cast away a despised and polluted vessel. The years of man's probation are soon to close. The great men of earth, the kings, the princes, and the statesmen will soon perish. Wickedness will come to an end. The little moment of time still remaining is most precious to those who, while making a profession of Christianity, have disregarded the laws of God. Will they now turn to Him, before it is too late?*20LtMs, Lt 121, 1905, par. 17*

Lt 123, 1905

Lane, S. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 16, 1905

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Elder S. H. Lane,—

Sister Peck, my bookkeeper, has just brought me a note for five hundred dollars to sign. This is the note that you sent in your letter, which I received today. I thank you for obtaining this money for me. For two or three years I have been using a thousand dollars belonging to Sister McEnterfer. The time has come when she needs this money, and I desire to borrow a thousand dollars in order to return her loan. If you can secure the one thousand on the two notes, please do so; and if not, please secure for me the three hundred.*20LtMs, Lt 123, 1905, par. 1*

For several years I have been rather closely pressed for means. Before leaving Australia, I invested all the money I could spare in the work there. How glad I am that I did this; for now the cause of God in Australia is established on a firm basis, and the work is rapidly being made self-supporting. I do not begrudge one dollar that I have invested in the cause of God, even though I am obliged to pay a thousand dollars a year interest. It would be a relief to me not to have to pay out so much money for interest. But I have nothing to worry about, save that there will not be manifested in souls unsaved all the interest that should be manifested in them.*20LtMs, Lt 123, 1905, par. 2*

I am not surprised at the conversion of the persons mentioned in your letter; for I am instructed to look for the conversion of a large number from the highways and from the byways. Unexpected talent will be developed in those in the common walks of life. If men and women can only have the message of truth brought to them, many who hear will receive it. Those of every rank of life, high and low, rich and poor, will accept the truth for this time. Some who are

regarded as uneducated will be called to the service of the Master, even as the humble, unlearned fishermen were called by the Saviour. Men will be called from the plow, as was Elisha, and will be moved to take up the work that God has appointed them. They will begin to labor in simplicity and quietness, reading and explaining the Scriptures to others. Their simple efforts will be successful.*20LtMs, Lt 123, 1905, par. 3*

House-to-house work will be done by men and women who will realize that they can labor for the Lord because He has put His Spirit upon them. As they go forth in humble faith, Christ will impart to them grace that they will impart to others. The Lord will give them the same love for perishing souls that He gave to the disciples of old.*20LtMs, Lt 123, 1905, par. 4*

In the future, human beings through whom angels can work will accept the truth. In the past, heavenly messengers have worked in co-operation with human agencies, giving them a force of language and power of influence that has furnished persuasive argument which has reached the citadel of the soul. The labors of apparently illiterate, unlearned men often have a wonderful influence for good. Men are spending precious time in the study of books, when, if they would give themselves to the Lord, and go forth to humble, earnest service, a holy influence would come upon them, and they would be enabled to speak words that would be like apples of gold in pictures of silver to unbelieving, hungry souls.*20LtMs, Lt 123, 1905, par. 5*

What think you, Elder Lane, of thousands converted in a day, after the Holy Spirit had come upon the apostles? After the day of Pentecost, the disciples went everywhere, preaching the simple, yet powerful truths that Christ had commanded them to preach.*20LtMs, Lt 123, 1905, par. 6*

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature,” said the Saviour. “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” [*Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:20.*]*20LtMs, Lt 123, 1905, par. 7*

None who catch the divine rays from the Sun of righteousness will lack for fitting words. It will not be oratory, as the world counts oratory, but heavenly eloquence. They will speak words that will go direct to minds, awakening conviction and causing their hearers to

ask, What is truth? We are to depend upon the great, invisible Master-teacher for appropriate words. In the days of the apostles, men spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. In this our day, men supposed to be illiterate will speak words dictated by the Holy Spirit.*20LtMs, Lt 123, 1905, par. 8*

Let men with the love of Jesus in their hearts go forth to give the invitation, "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [*Matthew 11:29.*] Such workers we may encourage, saying, I am sure that you will exert an influence for good in this grand and holy work, if you will take heed to yourselves, realizing that you are subjects of saving grace, brought into sacred family relationship with God, through Jesus Christ, and commissioned to work for the saving of souls.*20LtMs, Lt 123, 1905, par. 9*

I fear that I shall not be understood, but I know what I am writing about. "I live, yet not I; but Christ liveth in me," is to be our watchword. [*Galatians 2:20.*] Christ is our adviser. We are not to trust in men or make flesh our arm. Day by day we are to unlearn the lessons that we have learned in the world, and come into blessed relationship with Christ. The true child of God has no ambition but to be His consecrated messenger, found worthy to escape the things that will come to pass and to stand before the Son of man, not having his own righteousness, but the righteousness of Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 123, 1905, par. 10*

"Then shall the righteous man stand in great boldness before the face of such as have afflicted him, and made no account of his labor. When they see it, they shall fear and be troubled, and shall be amazed at the strangeness of his salvation, which is so far beyond their expectation. And they, repenting and groaning from anguish of spirit, shall say within themselves, This is he whom we held in derision, making of him a proverb of reproach. We fools counted his life madness and his end to be without honor. Now he is numbered among the children of God, and his lot among the saints."*20LtMs, Lt 123, 1905, par. 11*

Lt 125, 1905

White, J. E.; White, Emma

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 10, 1905

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My dear children Edson and Emma,—

I have letters written to you, but I fear they will not be copied in time to be sent to you today, so I will send you a few lines, with some copies of things that I have written.*20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 1*

I am in better health than I have been for several weeks, and I am thinking that it may be my duty to attend the General Conference. I will do this, if I am given light that it is my duty. I greatly hope that the work in Washington is moving forward in straight lines, and that means will come in speedily so that the buildings can be completed.*20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 2*

Over and over again I am instructed that there must be no hindrance in this work.*20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 3*

Please write to me, telling me what you are doing and how you are getting on. I have a word from the Lord for my son Edson. You are not to load yourself down with responsibilities. For a long time you have been in the midst of perplexities, and you must now compel yourself to give your brain rest. Place all your burdens upon the great Burden-bearer. Heed the invitation: “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls; for My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] Do not, I beseech of you, gather responsibilities to yourself. I am instructed, as the Lord’s messenger, to tell you to make God your trust and to leave your

perplexities in His hands. He will bring to pass His will. Now is your time to find rest of soul. Let not your dependence be in man, but in God. You must every moment make Him your trust. You, and all the Lord's people, have a work to do. We are to build the old waste places and raise up the foundations of many generations. The great issue regarding the law of God will soon be upon us. We are to work as those who are called and chosen of God. Our influence is to be united with that of the great Physician in repairing the breach and restoring paths to dwell in. We are to make a determined stand for the truth. Read the whole of the *fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah*. 20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 4

No one is to be idle now. O that those who have allowed continual differences to arise could see the loss they have thus sustained. Let us work on the plan given in the *fifty-eighth of Isaiah*. The instruction of this chapter shows what we are to do in co-operation with the great Master-worker. My son, do what you can to relieve the situation of the colored people of the South, and especially the situation of the colored people in Nashville. "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness? to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?" [Verses 6, 7.] 20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 5

This message is given me to give to others everywhere. God abhors selfishness. Let every one of us abhor it. Let us deal justly and mercifully with every line of the work of God. Those who change the issue, as had so often been done, to shun the doing of the work laid out in this scripture, will lose a most precious blessing. The Word of the Lord is sufficient. God calls us to action. Let us all take hold unitedly, with the will to do what God has said must be done. Success will attend those who co-operate with God all the time, not just once in a while, when it is for their advantage to do so. We are to regard it as a sacred privilege to work out the purposes of God. 20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 6

"Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before

thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, Here I am.” [Verses 8, 9.] What does this mean, but that obstructions will be placed in the way to hinder the advancement of the work which has been kept before the Lord’s people for many years? *20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 7*

Are the souls for whom Christ has given His life cared for as they should be? Are those whom He has entrusted with means moving consistently in relieving the oppressed? Are not the cries and complaints of the poor and needy entering the ears of the Lord God of hosts because His stewards are remiss in the work that they should do as His helping hand? Is not this evil in every church? “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice as a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.” [Verse 1.] Let the present order of things be changed. *20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 8*

“If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; and if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday.” [Verses 9, 10.] *20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 9*

God will not permit selfish adoration of some, while others, striving with all their capabilities, are left unhelped and are deprived of the blessings that more favored ones have. *20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 10*

I call upon all to arouse to their responsibilities. The Lord Jesus has said, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” [Matthew 28:20.] He takes observation and writes in His book the deeds of His children here below. He sees when His faithful ones are put in the hardest places and are permitted to do their God-given work under great disadvantages. He says, “Will I not judge for these things.” [Jeremiah 5:9.] *20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 11*

“And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.” [Isaiah 58:11.] *20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 12*

These rich promises are to be fulfilled. The Lord will co-operate with men in all their works of reform. But their salvation depends on their cutting loose from the scientific falsehoods of Satan.*20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 13*

“And they that be of thee shall build the old waste places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.”
[Verse 12.]*20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 14*

The Christian world has been drawn into a fallacy and has been led to trample on the law of Jehovah. The message of the immutability of this law is to be proclaimed by all medical missionaries and by all ministers of the gospel. The foundation of many generations is the law of God, and in clear, decided tones the message is to be given that the breach which has been made in the law of God is to be repaired.*20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 15*

“If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.” [Verses 13, 14.]*20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 16*

The command concerning the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath is still binding upon all the inhabitants of this earth. God has set apart this day as a sign between Him and His people of their loyalty. God’s commandments never change; they are as enduring as eternity. The Lord has His messengers whom He bids to proclaim His law as changeless in its character. Those who obey this law will bear the seal of the living God. There is no sanctity in the first day of the week. The seventh day was set apart as a memorial of the work of creation. Every one is to look to God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, for light and guidance, and Him alone are they to honor.*20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 17*

“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show My people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins.”

[Verse 1.] The messenger must deal faithfully with the great deception. He must convince the people of their sins. They are called the people of God, the house of Jacob. They bear honorable title, but because of the high privileges bestowed on them they have become self-exalted. They are not to be flattered. Their defects of character, their failure to honor God by self-denial and self-sacrifice, according to Christ's example, must be plainly revealed to them. *20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 18*

Said Christ, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work." [John 4:34.] "I seek not Mine own glory, but the glory of Him that sent Me." [See John 8:50.] The people of God are to be aroused to a sense of their deficiencies and of the work that they must do. They are to break every yoke and make their prayers practical. "Lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." [Isaiah 58:1.] For the eternal interest of the people of God, their sins and their defects of character must be plainly pointed out. So long have they exalted themselves as supreme in wisdom that they are self-deceived. They have not on the robe of Christ's righteousness; but it is not yet too late for them to repent and confess their sins and be converted and bring mercy, justice, and judgment into their lives. If they would receive the message and do the merciful acts of Christ, they would live a new life in Him, putting away all boasting, all falsifying, all evil speaking, and humbling their hearts before God, according to the instruction given by Christ in the Old and the New Testaments, remembering that in life and character they must be representatives of Christ. They would honor their Redeemer by daily living the new life—a life hid with Christ in God. *20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 19*

Practical Christianity means not working for God now and then, but continuously. It means being laborers together with God. A neglect to reveal this practical righteousness in our lives is a denial of the faith and of the power of God and makes of but little effect His principles of godliness. Such negligent Christians become faultfinders, at discord with their brethren and pronouncing judgment against many good works. They are spiritual paralytics. *20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 20*

Those who thus refuse to exercise for Christ the capabilities and

powers of the soul are lukewarm Christians, neither cold nor hot, and they are nauseating to Christ. He cannot endure their unsanctified traits of character. Their lives bear the evidence: I do not care to confess my sins. The confession may never be made until it is made in awful agony, when it is too late for wrongs to be righted.*20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 21*

Those who allow themselves to be deceived by the enemy are held accountable by God for failing in a faithful discharge of duty. These unfaithful stewards have aided in strengthening the deception that God designed should be broken. The testimony to be borne is, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." [Verse 1.] There are those who are self-deceived, yet, for fear of hurting their feelings, their brethren permit them to go on, though feeling that their course is not in harmony with the will of the Lord. These deceived ones commit sins that they will not acknowledge to be sins. They may appear to be reformed in some things, but they are not doing thorough work in confession and repentance. Those who might have saved them, but did not, become in their turn like them. Sentiments of a misleading character are presented. Sins are committed that are not acknowledged as sins.*20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 22*

God said to Isaiah, "Show My people their transgression." [Verse 1.] Let their sins appear as they are, whether or not they confess them, that the message of reproof sent them may be vindicated, and that God's faithfulness in warning them and condemning their wrong course of action may be shown. Evidence is to be given to the evil worker that the Lord knows the course followed by those who refuse to repent and be converted, that others may shun a similar course of affronting God and setting a wrong example. Those who make no difference between those who serve God with the whole heart and those whom He has reproved become a snare and lose their power of discernment.*20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 23*

There are plain, decided testimonies to be borne under the power of the Holy Spirit to men who will not see and acknowledge their sins. Such ones are a snare to others, setting them an example that leads them to do likewise. And when the word of the Lord comes to

His messengers, as it came to Isaiah, then wrong must be called wrong, and the right must be presented as it is presented in the *fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah*. The reproof is to be given with the earnestness and faithfulness represented in the words, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." [Verse 1.] *20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 24*

"Yet they seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God; they ask of Me the ordinance of justice; they take delight in approaching to God." [Verse 2.] The Lord sends His message to lay bare the deceptions of these ones, lest others, and among them those entrusted with large responsibilities, shall become unworthy of their trust. The reprove, the messenger of God, must speak with earnestness, as to ears that are deaf, because those addressed do not want to be convinced. They want to stand as wise men, who make no mistakes. But they are under the power of the enemy and bring in sentiments that are dishonoring to God. "Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and Thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and Thou takest no knowledge? behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure and exact all your labors. Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness; ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day unto the Lord?" *20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 25*

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? ...*20LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 26*

"If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday; and the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy

thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.”
[*Verses 3-7, 10, 11.*]20*LtMs, Lt 125, 1905, par. 27*

Lt 127, 1905

Brethren and Sisters

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 26, 1905

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Dear brethren and sisters,—

I am greatly burdened because means come in so slowly toward the making up of the one-hundred-thousand-dollar fund, which is needed for the completion of the buildings that the Lord has said should be erected in Takoma Park. These institutions should be put in working order as soon as possible. We have no time to lose.*20LtMs, Lt 127, 1905, par. 1*

I address all our church members. Not merely to a few has the Lord entrusted talents, but to all, and from each one, according to his several ability, He expects returns. The rapidly increasing wickedness in the world testifies plainly that the end of all things is at hand. Every believer should now use his talents in the accomplishment of the work that must be done before the coming of the Lord. We are to labor diligently, earnestly, unselfishly, looking to the Lord for success, and counting no sacrifice too great to make for His sake.*20LtMs, Lt 127, 1905, par. 2*

My brethren and sisters, take hold without delay to supply the means needed for the completion of the work in Washington. If you will open your hearts to the influence of the Holy Spirit, this work can soon be accomplished. Let your piety and liberality now be concentrated on this one object—the accomplishment of the work that must be done in Washington. Put your hearts into the effort, that soon the word may go forth that the needed means has been supplied, and that the work may go forward with joyful dispatch.*20LtMs, Lt 127, 1905, par. 3*

The Lord has entrusted you with means to be used in this very emergency. The work being carried on at the capital of our nation

concerns us all. Every believer has a part to act in helping to carry out the purposes of God for the establishment of His truth in this place. More than twenty years ago institutions should have been established in Washington. It is with deep regret that we think of the work that has been neglected. It must be neglected no longer. The erection of the necessary buildings must be carried forward without delay. Let not your zeal lessen till this work is accomplished. The training school must be fully equipped, that those who come may receive a thorough training as medical missionaries and teachers.*20LtMs, Lt 127, 1905, par. 4*

Unmistakable evidences point to the nearness of the end. The warning is to be given in certain tones. The way must be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace in the clouds of heaven. There is much to be done in the cities that have not yet heard the truth for this time. Lift up the standard. Proclaim the last message of mercy to a fallen world. We are not to establish institutions to rival in size and splendor the institutions of the world; but in the name of the Lord, with the untiring perseverance and unflagging zeal that Christ brought into his labor, we are to carry forward the work of the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 127, 1905, par. 5*

Notwithstanding the continual opposition of His own nation, Christ carried forward His work until they crucified Him. He commissioned His disciples to carry forward the work He had begun. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth," He said. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:18-20.*]*20LtMs, Lt 127, 1905, par. 6*

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

there would be those who had been led to heed the message to obey the law of God.*20LtMs, Lt 127, 1905, par. 7*

In some places the message regarding the observance of the Sabbath has been set forth with clearness and power, while other places have been left without warning. Will not those who know the truth awake to the responsibilities resting upon them? My brethren, you cannot afford to bury yourselves in worldly enterprises or interests. You cannot afford to neglect the commission given you by the Saviour.*20LtMs, Lt 127, 1905, par. 8*

Lt 128, 1905

Hare, G. A.

Washington, D. C.

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Dr. G. A. Hare
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Dear Brother,—

I have an intense desire that you shall make a complete success of your work of managing the sanitarium which you have labored so hard to establish. You would be greatly helped if your wife would connect with you as a physician and supply your lack, while a trustworthy woman was taking care of your children. But this is a matter that must be adjusted by yourselves. We must all act intelligently. You need to be more systematic. Bring system and order into the sanitarium.*20LtMs, Lt 128, 1905, par. 1*

Your wife and children need your co-operation; each is to help the other. Your children need wise, tender, even discipline and training. Educate the elder to take some responsibility in the care of the younger members of the family. The whole universe is subject to law. Every tree and plant that grows is subject to law. If by imperfect treatment they are twisted and marred, they themselves testify to the abuse. So it is with our natural life. The laws of God for our being must be obeyed. If there is a diverging from these laws, given to preserve the human family from sin and injury, we reveal in our characters and persons the marks of our transgression.*20LtMs, Lt 128, 1905, par. 2*

It is for our health and peace to obey the laws of God; for every infringement upon the laws of health, for every indulgence, we must

pay the penalty in suffering. Habits must not be allowed to sway us in ways contrary to the Lord's ways. Our being is placed under the law of God, that we may escape the corruptions that are in the world through lust. The Lord calls us to come to the light He has given us. He has instructed us how to act in order to have health and capabilities to work in lines of obedience to Him.*20LtMs, Lt 128, 1905, par. 3*

Father and mother, guard your dear children. Do for them the work that God has given you to do, giving them line upon line, line upon line, precept upon precept, precept upon precept, here a little, and there a little. The Lord will certainly bless and strengthen you in this work.*20LtMs, Lt 128, 1905, par. 4*

Some matters have been opened before me that I am grieved at heart to speak of. There have been defects in the management at the sanitarium. The patients have felt that they were not treated as they should be. Appointments have been made which have not been filled. Such failures as these will greatly militate against the influence of a physician. The patients will not be often thus disappointed without feeling bitterness of soul and mind.*20LtMs, Lt 128, 1905, par. 5*

My dear brother, you are not aware how much is at stake in this new sanitarium in the city of Washington. The leading physician must give character to the work. If he would retain the confidence of the patients, he must be prompt in keeping his appointments. The sick pay for their treatment in order that they may recover health; but if they are disappointed again and again, the reputation of the sanitarium will be imperiled. This evil must be corrected; the attention that has been promised must be given to the patients or the physician breaks his word. If the leading physician cannot possibly meet the appointment, he should have his associate physician meet it for him, explaining to the patient the cause of his absence.*20LtMs, Lt 128, 1905, par. 6*

Unless the physicians in our sanitariums are men of thorough habits, unless they attend promptly to their duties, their work will become a reproach, and the Lord's appointed agencies will lose their influence. By a course of negligence to duty, the physician

humiliates the great Physician, of whom he should be a representative. Strict hours should be kept with all patients, high or low. No careless neglect should be allowed in any of the nurses. Ever be true to your word, prompt in meeting your appointments; for this means much to the sick. *20LtMs, Lt 128, 1905, par. 7*

There is another serious matter to be considered. Among Christian physicians there should ever be a striving for the maintenance of the highest order of true refinement and delicacy, a preservation of those barriers of reserve that should exist between men and women. The light given me of the Lord regarding this matter is that as far as possible lady physicians should have the care of lady patients and gentleman physicians the care of gentleman patients. Every physician should respect the delicacy of the patients. Delicate treatments should not be given by male physicians to women in our institutions. Never should a lady patient be alone with a gentleman physician, either for special examination or for treatment. Let physicians be faithful in preserving delicacy and modesty under all circumstances. In the giving of all those treatments be guarded; for great scandal may be created and the physician lose his reputation by the circulation of falsehoods that have a seeming foundation. Satan is a very busy agent in all such matters. *20LtMs, Lt 128, 1905, par. 8*

The report that went out concerning you surely was a false one; but it is high time that greater care be exercised. "Abstain from all appearance of evil." [1 *Thessalonians 5:22.*] The publication of such falsehood as went forth concerning this matter will bring no credit to the ones who gave publicity to it; but our physicians must work in such a manner that those who wish to make up such reports will be given no opportunity. *20LtMs, Lt 128, 1905, par. 9*

Those who would spread evil reports are not the ones to do credit to our institutions. I am charged to urge upon every physician to guard his reputation. If nurses are employed who by their talk would injure the reputation of the physician, he should make such laws for the sanitarium workers as will keep his name untainted by the strife of tongues; and he should see that these laws are strictly obeyed. *20LtMs, Lt 128, 1905, par. 10*

The utmost care should be observed never to take a lady patient into the physician's room unless a lady physician can be present or the wife of the practitioner. This matter must be adjusted, that we give no place to the devil to spoil the reputation of one who is innocent. The practicing physician is to be wide awake to preserve his influence from one taint of suspicion, or undeserved reproach may fall on him, and through him upon the institution. The physician should guard continually every action that will affect the standing of the sanitarium.*20LtMs, Lt 128, 1905, par. 11*

My brother, the Lord would have you stand in moral dignity as a physician. Heed the cautions given. There has been a neglect of religious services in the sanitarium home and of the work of educating the family in the sanitarium line upon line and precept upon precept.*20LtMs, Lt 128, 1905, par. 12*

Organization and discipline and order are essential. Surface work will never do. There must be a purification of the very springs of the life practice, a cutting away of everything that will taint and defile the soul.*20LtMs, Lt 128, 1905, par. 13*

The Lord wants you to be cheerful and to have cheerful words for the sick. Let the Sun of righteousness shine forth in your features. Be very decided in your religious service. Make the Lord Jesus your confidant. Make your aim a high one, and let your attainments be higher and higher still in the knowledge of your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. You must improve decidedly, if you would fill properly your position as physician. No haphazard work must be allowed. Set your standard high. Respect yourself, but counsel with your associate physician. In some matters you need to consult much with other minds and take their advice; if you would do this, you would be greatly helped.*20LtMs, Lt 128, 1905, par. 14*

The illness of your wife has been a great discouragement to you. Let not your mind become confused because of this. If she will bring herself, heart and soul and mind, to health reform, she will not die in the process, but live. This dear soul must not be molded and fashioned by the customs of the world. She needs to be reconverted, to put her faith and trust in God, and to stand out as a child of God.*20LtMs, Lt 128, 1905, par. 15*

Ever bear in mind that the physician is dealing with the souls of men and women who are God's property, bought with a price. Keep before them a perfect example. Teach them what it means to be sons and daughters of God. Set before them the great and eternal reward. Exalt your position as a true, God-fearing physician, a pattern of good judgment. You can win the crown of life. Keep the prize continually before you. Feed the flock of God with pure provender, thoroughly winnowed. Labor to build up souls in the most holy faith.*20LtMs, Lt 128, 1905, par. 16*

Lt 129, 1905

White, J. E.; White, Emma

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 28, 1905

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Dear children Edson and Emma,—

I have been waiting anxiously for a letter from you, my son. There have been so many accidents on the road lately, and the trains have been so long delayed that I have been somewhat troubled on your account. I know that you have been sick in body and worried in mind.*20LtMs, Lt 129, 1905, par. 1*

I am glad that you had so much success in raising means to place the colored sanitarium in Nashville on a more favorable position. I think the property in North Nashville will be a most appropriate place for this institution.*20LtMs, Lt 129, 1905, par. 2*

The work at Huntsville is another burden of intense interest. I hope the orphanage will soon be established there. There ought to be a primary school at Huntsville, and a school for older children, where they can be thoroughly educated and disciplined and given instruction in Bible subjects and in practical lines of work. Let them be taught the meaning of the words, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.” [*Luke 10:27.*]*20LtMs, Lt 129, 1905, par. 3*

I have strong assurance that the right thing is being done at Huntsville. Let all connected with this school be interested in its success. Let the farm be diligently worked. Let lessons be given in various lines that can be applied to the character building. “We are laborers together with God; ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building.” [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*]*20LtMs, Lt 129, 1905, par. 4*

No man, whatever his capabilities and powers, has a right to depart from the Lord's way. However high the position he may occupy, he is but an instrument in the Lord's hands, to be used in His work. He is not the author of his faith. He is not to follow his own devising in his character building. *20LtMs, Lt 129, 1905, par. 5*

Medical missionaries and Bible teachers are not the authors or finishers of our faith. Do not spoil the men who are chosen to do a certain work. These teachers are not to be deified as if they were gods. "All ye are brethren." [*Matthew 23:8.*] Men are not to be ruined by being upheld in a wrong course and placed where God should be. *20LtMs, Lt 129, 1905, par. 6*

We have the truth, and the word given us is, "Remember therefore how thou hast received, and heard, and hold fast, and repent." [*Revelation 3:3.*]*20LtMs, Lt 129, 1905, par. 7*

"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon." [*1 Corinthians 3:10.*]*20LtMs, Lt 129, 1905, par. 8*

It is not safe to rely upon men who would bring in sophistries as the authorized Word of God. *20LtMs, Lt 129, 1905, par. 9*

"Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as by fire." [*Verses 11-15.*]*20LtMs, Lt 129, 1905, par. 10*

We need now to heed the warning, "Let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon." [*Verse 10.*] Instruction is to be given line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. The same faithful work needed in the cultivation of the land is needed in soul-culture. Let us not be slow to learn the lessons that God would teach us. Let us take heed how we build. Let us remember that we

are forming characters for eternity. Let us be very careful of our spirit, our words, our acts. Every stroke of work is to bear the divine signature.*20LtMs, Lt 129, 1905, par. 11*

I am charged to say to every minister, and to every one who is being educated as a medical missionary, Do not let any man, whatever his position, indoctrinate you with spiritualistic theories. Such theories militate directly against the principles given us by God. The truth that God has given us in His holy Word is our only safeguard. Only by steadfast adherence to this truth shall we be able to stand in the trials that we shall meet in the future.*20LtMs, Lt 129, 1905, par. 12*

It is upon the Rock of Ages that we are to build. We are to place our dependence on no living being. In these days of peril, we are to take Christ as our teacher. The truths that He taught we are to teach, without any mixture of false science. The precious words of Christ are not to be mingled with Satan's leaven. We know not where these erroneous theories may lead us if they are accepted. Theories represented by hay, wood, and stubble lead poor souls astray. The truth for this time is to stand forth in its purity, without any mixture of the corrupting theories of the enemy.*20LtMs, Lt 129, 1905, par. 13*

The day of trial is already upon us. Who will abide the test? The material represented by wood, hay, and stubble, which has been brought to the foundation, will be utterly consumed. And those who have turned to fables instead of purifying their hearts by obedience to the truth will also be consumed.*20LtMs, Lt 129, 1905, par. 14*

I have a word to speak to our workers. Be true to God and to your Redeemer. Head the warning given by the Saviour. "Take heed that no man deceive you," He said; "for many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you; and ye shall be hated of all nations

for My name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." [Matthew 24:4-14.]*20LtMs, Lt 129, 1905, par. 15*

I have been called off to attend to an important matter and can not write more this evening. I will try to send you another letter tomorrow. I beg of you to take time to rest. Do not gather more burdens upon your soul. I am warned that it is thus that you make your mistakes.*20LtMs, Lt 129, 1905, par. 16*

In love.*20LtMs, Lt 129, 1905, par. 17*

Lt 130, 1905

Brethren and Sisters

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 30, 1905

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Dear Brethren and Sisters,—

I am greatly burdened because the money needed for the completion of our school and sanitarium at Takoma Park comes in so slowly. The Lord has said that these institutions should be put in working order as soon as possible. We have no time to lose.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 130, 1905, par. 1*

I address our church members. Not merely to a few, but to all, has the Lord entrusted talents; and from each one, according to his several ability, He expects returns. The rapidly increasing wickedness in the world testifies plainly that the end of all things is at hand. Every believer should now use his talents in the accomplishment of the work that must be done before the coming of the Lord. We are to labor diligently, earnestly, and unselfishly, looking to the Lord for success and counting no sacrifice too great to make for His sake.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 130, 1905, par. 2*

My brethren and sisters, take hold without delay to supply the means needed for the completion of the work at Washington. If you will open your hearts to the influence of the Holy Spirit, this work can soon be accomplished. Let your piety and liberality be shown just now in the accomplishment of the work that must be done in Washington and in the sending forth of missionaries to all parts of the world. Put your hearts into the effort, that soon the words may go forth that the needed means has been supplied, and that the work may go forward with joyful dispatch.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 130, 1905, par.*

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The Lord has entrusted you with means to be used in this very

emergency. The work being carried on at the capital of our nation concerns us all. Every believer has a part to act in helping to carry out the purposes of God for the establishment of His truth in this place. More than twenty years ago institutions should have been established in Washington. It is with deep regret that we think of how the work has been neglected. It must be neglected no longer. The erection of the necessary buildings must be carried forward without delay. Let not your zeal lessen till this work is accomplished. The training school must be fully equipped, that those who come may receive a thorough training as evangelists, medical missionaries, and teachers.*20LtMs, Lt 130, 1905, par. 4*

Unmistakable evidences point to the nearness of the end. The warning is to be given in clear, certain tones. The way must be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace in the clouds of heaven. There is much to be done in the cities that have not yet heard the truth for this time. Lift up the standard. Proclaim the last message of mercy to a fallen world. We are not to establish institutions to rival the size and splendor the institutions of the world; but in the name of the Lord, with the untiring perseverance and unflagging zeal that Christ brought into His labors, we are to carry forward the work of the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 130, 1905, par. 5*

Notwithstanding the continual opposition of His own nation, Christ carried forward His work until they crucified Him. He commissioned His disciples to press on in the work He had begun. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth," He said. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:18-20.*]*20LtMs, Lt 130, 1905, par. 6*

These words outline our work. As a people we greatly need to humble our hearts before God, pleading forgiveness for our neglect to fulfil the gospel commission. We have made large centers in a few places, leaving unworked many important cities. Let us now take up the work entrusted to us and proclaim with power the message that is to arouse men and women to a sense of their danger. If every Seventh-day Adventist had done the work laid upon

him, the number of believers would now be much larger than it is. In all the cities of America, there would be those who had been led to heed the message to obey the law of God.*20LtMs, Lt 130, 1905, par. 7*

In some places the message regarding the observance of the Sabbath has been set forth with clearness and power, while other places have been left without warning. Will not those who know the truth awake to the responsibilities resting upon them? They cannot afford to bury themselves in worldly enterprises or interests. They cannot afford to neglect the commission given them by the Saviour.*20LtMs, Lt 130, 1905, par. 8*

My brethren, read carefully the communications that accompany this letter. Study diligently what has recently appeared in the *Review* on this subject. Present this matter with clearness to the people in our churches and from house to house. Gather the people together as families, and pray with them; and, with hearts made tender by the Holy Spirit, show them the importance of leaving nothing undone that can be done at this important time. Let us be determined that the Washington fund shall be closed during the General Conference.*20LtMs, Lt 130, 1905, par. 9*

Paul wrote of the churches in Macedonia: "In a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift." [*2 Corinthians 8:2-4.*] Shall not this be the testimony borne of our people at this important time?*20LtMs, Lt 130, 1905, par. 10*

Lt 131, 1905

McEnterfer, Sara

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 2, 1905

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Dear Sara,—

I am feeling quite well this morning. Yesterday I was strengthened to speak for one hour at the Sanitarium. I spoke from the *third chapter of Malachi*, and the Lord gave me freedom. The chapel was well filled, and all listened attentively. Dores took down my talk, and it will be written out as soon as he can get time. I spoke of the needs of the work in Washington and of the importance of our now doing our best to advance the work there, that unbelievers may see that having begun the work, we are able to finish it. I also mentioned the calls that are constantly coming in from foreign fields for men and means with which to carry on the work. *20LtMs, Lt 131, 1905, par. 1*

After I had finished, Elder Taylor spoke a few words. He said that after such a discourse, it would be but appropriate to respond by taking up a collection for the work in Washington. I did not stay till the close of the meeting, but I heard afterward that a contribution of one hundred and ninety dollars was taken up. We have decided that it shall be made up to two hundred dollars. *20LtMs, Lt 131, 1905, par. 2*

A week ago Elder Irwin spoke at the sanitarium on the needs of the mission work in the Malay Islands, where Elder Munson is working. He did not ask for a contribution, but twenty-five dollars was raised for him. *20LtMs, Lt 131, 1905, par. 3*

We all feel greatly cheered and encouraged by the result of yesterday's meeting. I am none the worse for speaking, but really feel stronger. *20LtMs, Lt 131, 1905, par. 4*

Mabel comes over every day and gets the dinner for us, while Sister Carlson is doing some sewing for her. I am glad that things could be arranged in this way. I think that Mabel's wardrobe will be in a very good condition.*20LtMs, Lt 131, 1905, par. 5*

We are all hoping and praying that the treatment which you are taking for your eyes will prove successful. You need not feel that you must come home till you are fully ready. But we shall be very glad to see you when you can come. It seems strange and unnatural without you. We believe that the Lord God of Israel will help you. We depend upon Him to save to the uttermost; for He is our Redeemer. I hope that your eyes will be improving all the time you are away. I know that you have suffered much, and if you are permanently relieved, we shall be so thankful and will give thanks to the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 131, 1905, par. 6*

We are all of good courage. I shall ride out today; for it is a beautiful day.*20LtMs, Lt 131, 1905, par. 7*

With love.*20LtMs, Lt 131, 1905, par. 8*

Lt 133, 1905

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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My dear son Edson,—

I have been sick for about two weeks with a second attack of influenza. I have been unable to use my brain, and I could not read the manuscripts I so much desired to read. I have been obliged to keep as quiet as possible. This morning is the first one that I have not coughed a great deal. I have forced myself to eat, but there has been no taste in the food. I feel weak; nevertheless, if the Lord will, I shall join the party leaving Wednesday morning for the General Conference.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 133, 1905, par. 1*

Willie has been away from home almost all the time during the past month. I have felt that it would have been a great blessing for him to be at home, so that I might talk with him on important matters, which concern our future work; but just at present, the condition of my head will not permit me to talk on these subjects. I spend considerable time knitting, but my mind would be relieved could I write. This I cannot do; for my head aches whenever I try to think.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 133, 1905, par. 2*

The day before yesterday I received the sad news that your large barn had burned and that your horses and carriages had burned with it. This will be a heavy loss, and we are sincerely sorry; but in the end it may prove a blessing in disguise. God’s Word tells us to faint not when we are chastened; “for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son in whom He delighteth.” [*Hebrews 12:6.*] The flesh passeth away, and his glory departeth, but the Word of the Lord abideth forever. Go straight forward.

Steadfastly endure the chastening of the Lord. Walk humbly before God, glorifying His name. We must lift and carry the cross, if we ever become able to wear the crown. Follow Christ more closely, and let His meekness be revealed in you, as it should be because you are following the One who gave His life for you.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 133, 1905, par. 3*

Our time to be witnesses for Christ is short. Be quick to discern and correct every mistake that you make. In trial reveal your faith, laying hold of the Infinite. Keep your soul free from murmuring. Look beyond the present. Never despond; never murmur. “Ye are My witnesses,” saith the One who in your behalf gave Himself up to a death of shame. [*Isaiah 43:10.*] Now, just now, is your time to show your fellowship with Christ. We must show Christian fortitude, refusing to murmur or complain. Stormy times are before us; but our strength and hope are in God. His grace is sufficient.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 133, 1905, par. 4*

It is not enough merely to acknowledge Christ. We must follow where He leads the way. His grace is sufficient. He suffered for us, and He has left us an example, that we should follow where He has led the way. The present is our time of proving. The experience necessary in order to gain the crown of life will bring us far greater crucifixion of self than we have hitherto thought possible. What is the message that the apostle Paul bears to every one who names the name of Christ?—“Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.” [*Hebrews 12:1-3.*]²⁰*LtMs, Lt 133, 1905, par. 5*

Christ was the Lord of heaven and earth, yet for our sake He became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich. He was made in the likeness of God, yet He humbled Himself and took upon Him the form of a servant, that He might save us. He gave His life for our redemption. Will we accept the sacrifice? The only

begotten Son of God was numbered with the transgressors, that human beings might not perish, but have everlasting life. Life eternal will be their inheritance if they will consent to humble their proud hearts and become partakers of His suffering. He patiently endured shame and mockery and derision that He might save every sinful human being who would lay hold of Him by living faith. While He hung on the cross, giving His life for our redemption, His murderers mocked Him, saying, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be the Christ, let Him come down from the cross, and we will believe Him." [*Matthew 27:42.*] He could have come down from the cross; He could have refused thus to die; but He was suffering that the world through Him might be redeemed from Satan's claim and authority. Through His death all who believe in Him may have eternal life. *20LtMs, Lt 133, 1905, par. 6*

"He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed." [*Isaiah 53:3-5.*] All this He did that those who follow Him, denying self and taking up the cross, might have a seat with Him in the kingdom of heaven. *20LtMs, Lt 133, 1905, par. 7*

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

for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards and not sons.” [*Hebrews 12:3-8.*] The Lord does not allow those who are His children to go on frowardly in their own errors, following misconceived opinions. He would have them understand that correction is needful for the salvation of their souls. Let us submit to be chastening of the Lord, and learn the lessons that He would have us learn, becoming meek and lowly under the influence of His correction.*20LtMs, Lt 133, 1905, par. 8*

The salvation of human beings means much more than many realize. It means that we are to choose God’s way rather than our own. The Lord cannot save men while they refuse to humble themselves under the reproofs and warnings that He sends, strenuously asserting their own will, and following their own course of action, making it appear that they are in no need of correction.*20LtMs, Lt 133, 1905, par. 9*

“If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?” [*Verse 7.*] “He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it.” [*Matthew 10:39.*] “To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.” “He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed with white raiment, and I will not blot out his name from the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.” [*Revelation 2:7; 3:5.*] “He whom I love will I rebuke and chasten, and in him will I delight, even as a father in his son; yea, they shall go forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father, and shall inherit all things.”*20LtMs, Lt 133, 1905, par. 10*

I have many pages more in mind, but I am called to breakfast. I dare not attend family worship; for in my present condition, it would not be advisable.*20LtMs, Lt 133, 1905, par. 11*

I hope to meet you soon at the General Conference in Washington.*20LtMs, Lt 133, 1905, par. 12*

Lt 135, 1905

White, J. E.; White, Emma

“Sanitarium,” Washington, D. C.

May 10, 1905

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Dear Children Edson and Emma,—

I send you from Washington the assurance that the protecting care of our heavenly Father was over us on our long journey. I want you to know of the goodness and love of God.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 135, 1905, par. 1*

I stood the trip remarkably well and was stronger when I left the cars at Washington than when I got on board at San Francisco. Every morning and evening I washed myself all over with cold water, and I know that this was a blessing to me.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 135, 1905, par. 2*

During the first part of the trip, the train moved very gently and quietly. It was a pleasure to be on something that moved, and yet did not annoy me in moving. I rested more during the journey than it would have been possible for me to rest in my own home; for, had I remained at home, I fear that I would have been troubled by a constant regret that I had not exercised faith by starting out on the journey.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 135, 1905, par. 3*

We travelled under the escort of Mr. Phillips, a very pleasant and obliging young man, who did all in his power to make us comfortable. He seemed to watch for opportunities to suggest something for my comfort and convenience.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 135, 1905, par. 4*

All the way along through Texas and Louisiana the ground was

brilliantly carpeted with wild flowers; and at every stop the train made, some of the men would get out to gather flowers for those inside.*20LtMs, Lt 135, 1905, par. 5*

On Sabbath we had a song service. Brother Lawrence, who is a musician, led the singing. All the passengers in the car seemed to enjoy the service greatly, many of them joining in the singing. On Sunday we had another song service, after which Elder Corliss gave a short talk, taking as his text the words, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." [1 *John 3:1.*] The passengers listened attentively and seemed to enjoy what was said.*20LtMs, Lt 135, 1905, par. 6*

On Monday we had more singing, and we all seemed to be drawing closer together. I dared not address the people, fearing that I would strain my vocal organs. I knew that I would have to speak often during the General Conference, and that I must be guarded and get all the rest I could beforehand. There was a larger number of passengers on the car than when we came East last year, but during the whole trip nothing occurred to mar the harmony.*20LtMs, Lt 135, 1905, par. 7*

During the trip I gave away several of my books, and those to whom I gave them were very much pleased. I gave a copy of *Christ's Object Lessons* to Mr. Phillips, and he seemed to appreciate the gift very highly.*20LtMs, Lt 135, 1905, par. 8*

On reaching Welsh, La., we were met by about thirty of our people. In spite of the fact that the train stopped there only a few minutes, several of the sisters pressed into the car bringing me three boxes of beautiful flowers. I shook hands with the few who managed to get in, but how I did wish that the train would stop longer, so that I could have spoken to all who came.*20LtMs, Lt 135, 1905, par. 9*

At Atlanta, Brother R. M. Kilgore and several others met us. They were expecting us to spend the day with them, but as matters turned out, we were unable to do this. It was very pleasant indeed to meet these friends along the way, and we were sorry that we could not stop longer at each place.*20LtMs, Lt 135, 1905, par. 10*

We reached Washington at ten o'clock Tuesday morning. There was no one there to meet us; for our people had not been notified of our coming, so we went over to the Branch Sanitarium. Here we were given a hearty welcome. This sanitarium is a beautiful place in a very fine location. The building is rented furnished throughout, and the house and its appointments are just what is needed in a place like Washington. It is in the city, within easy access, and yet there is plenty of space on all sides. In front of the building, across the street, is a fine park, in which the patients can walk or sit, enjoying the precious sunshine.*20LtMs, Lt 135, 1905, par. 11*

I have a very nice room, and Willie and May occupy one opening out of it. May accompanied me this time, in place of Sara, who for some weeks has been suffering from an affliction of the right eye. At one time she feared that she would lose the sight of this eye. But she placed the case in the hands of the great Physician, and with grieved, sorrowing hearts we prayed most earnestly for healing. As we prayed, we had the assurance that the Spirit of the great Healer was among us.*20LtMs, Lt 135, 1905, par. 12*

In order to make it possible for May to leave the children and come with me, Ella White and Dores Robinson, who had been engaged for some time, were united in marriage a day or two before we left home. They will care for the children during May's absence. The solemn ceremony was performed on Monday evening in the sanitarium chapel. I felt very thankful that by this marriage, which we feel fully authorized to say bears the approval of God, the way was opened for May to accompany me. She can with full confidence leave the children in the care of Dores and Ella; for they are faithful and competent. I thank the Lord for this.*20LtMs, Lt 135, 1905, par. 13*

God can work wonders in preparing the way before us. I can but say, Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name, for the love and care that He has shown in opening the way for me to come to this conference. I have nothing but words of encouragement to write regarding my journey across the continent. I had opportunity to give away some of my books and to speak to some of my fellow passengers regarding the love and goodness of God. Those with whom I talked seemed eager for opportunities to

hear more. There was one young man on our car with whom I became deeply interested. I made a strong effort to persuade him to give up the use of tobacco, and I have every encouragement to think that my effort was not in vain. I held myself in readiness to speak a word in season and out of season, here a little and there a little. I can but feel that the Lord is in my coming to Washington at this time. I have a message to bear. God helping me, I will stand firm for the right, presenting truth unmixed with the falsities that have been stealthily creeping in. Those who are on the Lord's side will refuse to be drawn astray by false science, which makes a jingle of the true Word of prophecy. May the Lord give me much of His grace, that in every word and act I may reveal the light of truth.*20LtMs, Lt 135, 1905, par. 14*

Lt 137, 1905

Irwin, Sister [G. A.]

Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

May 18, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *2MR 199*.

Dear Sister Irwin,—

It is thought best for your husband to remain with Brother [Farnsworth] and help Brother Daniells with his work. There is a large and important work to be accomplished, and your husband and Brother and Sister Farnsworth should at this crisis remain in America. It is necessary to have strong men here at this time. I understand that Elder Daniells has been chosen as president of the General Conference, and Elder Irwin, vice-president. This arrangement seems to be satisfactory to all.*20LtMs, Lt 137, 1905, par. 1*

There is much work to be done in the large cities of America—work that ought to have been done long ago. These cities must be worked. Our young men and women, instead of collecting at Battle Creek for a long term of years, ought to be working in these cities.*20LtMs, Lt 137, 1905, par. 2*

Elder Haskell and his wife have done a good work in establishing Bible training schools in New York and in Nashville. They gather round them a small company of young men and women and give them a practical training in holding Bible readings and selling our papers. This work should be done in many other cities. The young people who go out to work in these cities should be under the care of experienced leaders. There should be a place to which they can return when their day's work is done, where they can have seasons of prayer together and relate their experiences. It was in this way that the fishermen who left their nets at the call of Christ were trained.*20LtMs, Lt 137, 1905, par. 3*

The gathering together of a large company of people in Battle

Creek is not God's plan, but one of human invention.*20LtMs, Lt 137, 1905, par. 4*

The Lord has a precious, sacred work of soul-saving to be done in the world, and it is to be done now. This work is to be carried forward on a higher plane of individual responsibility than ever before.*20LtMs, Lt 137, 1905, par. 5*

The plan that I have suggested regarding the work in our cities is a plan that has been carried out with success. Let the workers be provided with a good home, and let them be under the charge of consecrated leaders. They can then receive family training and discipline, and both men and women can compose the family of workers.*20LtMs, Lt 137, 1905, par. 6*

I am pleased with the idea of Brother Irwin and yourself spending some time in America. I am indeed grateful for the help that you have been able to render to the sanitarium work. We hope that suitable help can be provided to take your place; for your help and influence will be just as much needed in connection with your husband's work in America as it has been in Australia.*20LtMs, Lt 137, 1905, par. 7*

Elder Daniells has had a hard and trying place for many months, and besides, it is of no use to place the burden of the work of the presidency on one man. The light given me is that no less than three men should be united in this work. One man should not try to do all the work.*20LtMs, Lt 137, 1905, par. 8*

We hope, my sister, that you will not feel that we want you to rush away from your work in Australia; but we would be pleased to have you come as early as possible, that you may be united with your husband in his work. I know that it will be a hard pull for you to leave your son, but such things have to be done, and the making of the sacrifice brings great blessing. May the Lord give you wisdom and judgment.*20LtMs, Lt 137, 1905, par. 9*

To your children I would say, Be of good courage in the Lord. We cannot say to you, Break away from the school, and come also. Your position cannot well be filled, and the Lord has blessed you and given you increased ability. There is a great work to be done,

and in acting your individual part, you will certainly receive blessing in this life and in the future life, when the members of the Lord's family shall be gathered together to enjoy one another's society through an eternity of bliss. May the Lord bless you in all your labors to prepare the youth to do their appointed work, and may you at last hear the "Well done" from the lips of the Saviour. [*Matthew 25:21.*]20*LtMs, Lt 137, 1905, par. 10*

Lt 139, 1905

Burden, J. A.

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 14, 1905

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Dear Brother Burden,—

Your letter has just been read. I had no sooner finished reading it than I said, "I will consult no one; for I have no question at all about the matter." I advised Willie to send you a telegram without spending time to ask the advice of the brethren. Secure the property by all means, so that it can be held, and then obtain all the money you can and make sufficient payments to hold the place. This is the very property that we ought to have. Do not delay; for it is just what is needed. As soon as it is secured, a working force can begin operations in it. I think that sufficient help can be secured to carry this matter through. I want you to be sure to lose no time in securing the right to purchase the property. We will do our utmost to help you raise the money. I know that Redlands and Riverside are to be worked, and I pray that the Lord may be gracious and not allow any one else to get this property instead of us.*20LtMs, Lt 139, 1905, par. 1*

We had a very pleasant trip from San Francisco to Washington. Several times a song service was held in the car, and this took well. Many of the passengers outside of our party united in the singing.*20LtMs, Lt 139, 1905, par. 2*

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

of my talk when it is written out.*20LtMs, Lt 139, 1905, par. 3*

Today, Sunday, Elder Haskell spoke in the forenoon. The afternoon meeting was broken up by a thunderstorm. The rain came through the large tent, and people were obliged to hurry away to the small tents.*20LtMs, Lt 139, 1905, par. 4*

A good work is being done on the school and sanitarium land here. Money is coming in for the completion of the one-hundred-thousand-dollar fund. Last Friday morning, at a meeting held for this purpose, about six thousand dollars was handed in by the delegates for the Washington work. A great many conferences had not at that time reported fully, and at the end of this week, there will be several thousand dollars more to hand in.*20LtMs, Lt 139, 1905, par. 5*

We hope that this meeting will be the means of accomplishing much good. If the Lord sees that we are in earnest in seeking Him, He will be found of us. Oh, it would be sad indeed to get above the simplicity of the work. When we are humble enough to receive wisdom, the Lord will certainly teach us His way. I have such a hungering and thirsting after God! I must have a strong faith, and I must bear a decided testimony, which will not be weakened. Bible truth will prevail, and oh, how my heart longs to see our church members obtaining a deep experience, which will stand the test that is before us.*20LtMs, Lt 139, 1905, par. 6*

Let us seek the Lord while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God; for He will abundantly pardon." [*Isaiah 55:6, 7.*]*20LtMs, Lt 139, 1905, par. 7*

Let us make straight paths for our feet. The Lord will not leave those who love Him and keep His commandments to be spoiled by the enemy. A short work will the Lord do upon the earth, and He will stir His people mightily. A great work is to be done. Let us read and study the *fifty-fifth* and *fifty-sixth chapters of Isaiah*; for they contain wonderful encouragement, and the Lord wants us to bring all the uplifting possible to His people.*20LtMs, Lt 139, 1905, par. 8*

“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.*20LtMs, Lt 139, 1905, par. 9*

“Neither let the son of the stranger that hath joined himself to the Lord speak saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from His people; neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. For thus saith the Lord unto the eunuchs that keep My Sabbaths, and choose the things that please Me, and take hold of My covenant: Even to them will I give in Mine house and within My walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.*20LtMs, Lt 139, 1905, par. 10*

“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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 139, 1905, par. 11*

Here is the word of the Lord. Open up every place possible. We are to labor in faith, taking hold of a power that is pledged to do large things for us. We are to reach out in faith in Los Angeles and in Redlands and Riverside.*20LtMs, Lt 139, 1905, par. 12*

[The copy of this letter printed in the *Medical Evangelistic Library*, No. 4, p. 20, includes an additional paragraph, which is also found in handwritten form as copied below.]*20LtMs, Lt 139, 1905, par. 13*

If we do not succeed in getting the place we hope to have, then we shall have to search for another; for a sanitarium should be started at once. But I believe the Lord means that we shall have that place and that money can be obtained to purchase it. Let not this opportunity slip, for just such a place has been put before me that

would be greatly to our advantage to obtain. May the Lord impress His people with the work long neglected in the South [Southern California]. W. C. White sent the telegram yesterday afternoon with a decided affirmative to purchase the place. There was a small building in Pennsylvania offered for twenty thousand, I think, and just the land where the building stands they want more land. It must be purchased at large cost.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 139, 1905, par. 14*

Lt 141, 1905

Butler, G. I.

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Portions of this letter are published in *7MR 190*.

Elder G. I. Butler

My dear Brother,—

The Lord would have us as believers combine our strength. He would have us individually take to the Saviour's words and wear His yoke. "Come unto Me," Christ says, "and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:28-30*.] If we pray and watch unto prayer, we shall see the workings of the Holy Spirit.*20LtMs, Lt 141, 1905, par. 1*

Turn now unto Christ, ye prisoners of hope. Unify, unify. It is Satan who seeks to divide. Christ works to unify.*20LtMs, Lt 141, 1905, par. 2*

Elder Butler, if we can blend together as believers, and draw in even cords, we shall see the salvation of God. Let us talk more of the Lord Jesus and become imbued with His Spirit. He must be formed within us, the hope of glory. His power alone can cleanse us from sin.*20LtMs, Lt 141, 1905, par. 3*

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

what it did for Satan in the heavenly courts.*20LtMs, Lt 141, 1905, par. 4*

The businessman in the commercial world will get money at any cost to piety, to religion, in order to pay his debts. The inquiry may be made, What else could he do? He could keep within his income, and then he would have no debts to harass him.*20LtMs, Lt 141, 1905, par. 5*

Our spiritual needs must be supplied with spiritual food. Many of those who profess to be followers of Christ are acting a lie. Receiving Him in truth means bringing the entire being into submission to His will. His grace will regenerate, sanctify, cleanse, and refine us. Then we shall shine as lights in the world, guiding others to Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 141, 1905, par. 6*

Press together. Let every difference be adjusted. Press together, press together. Let us make a healthy growth in grace. Do not stop to brood over troubles, but place yourself in close connection with God. The Lord will draw near to all who draw near to Him. We are to be rooted and built up in Christ. Let us look and live. May God help us, is my prayer.*20LtMs, Lt 141, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 143, 1905

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 23, 1905

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Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

I feel very grateful to the Lord that He has strengthened me to speak six times at this meeting. When I left my home in St. Helena, I was suffering from a severe cold, and I thought it rather a risk to run to attempt to attend the meeting. But I decided to start with the party, thinking that I would go as far as Los Angeles, and then, if I could not go any farther, I would return to St. Helena. The Lord strengthened me, and I have been able to bear my testimony six times since the meeting began. All seem surprised that my voice is so clear and strong. I have said many things that the Lord has given me to say, and I still have more to say. I attend only those meetings in which I can bear my testimony.*20LtMs, Lt 143, 1905, par. 1*

I have been waiting to hear from you again regarding the place near Redlands, about which you wrote not long ago. I hope that this place can be secured, because I think that the Lord has made it possible for us to obtain it. If you have anything further to tell us, please do so. We do not want this place to be a snare to us; for I feel impressed that it will be a great blessing. I hope that you will send me a line when you have come to a decision regarding the place.*20LtMs, Lt 143, 1905, par. 2*

Redlands and Riverside must be worked, and they could be worked from the place about which you have written us. If Brother and Sister Haskell can possibly get away from Nashville, I should like them to spend a little time in Southern California. They ought to spend the winter in a more even climate than that of Nashville.*20LtMs, Lt 143, 1905, par. 3*

Our meetings are going on well, and we have every reason to be grateful to our heavenly Father. Dr. Kellogg came on the ground a few days ago. He spoke a few words in a council meeting, I think it was. Then he went to Philadelphia to attend to some business. His brother Will is still on the ground.*20LtMs, Lt 143, 1905, par. 4*

The conference is a large and interesting one. I think the meeting will close next Tuesday or Wednesday. Willie thinks that we shall be obliged to remain here a week after that. I am anxious to get home. We are in haste to get *Ministry of Healing* on the market so that our sanitariums can have help.*20LtMs, Lt 143, 1905, par. 5*

I cannot write any more today; for I am very tired, and my head will not work. I fall asleep while I am writing.*20LtMs, Lt 143, 1905, par. 6*

With much love to your family and the others whom we know in the sanitarium.*20LtMs, Lt 143, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 145, 1905

Burden, J. A.

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 24, 1905

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Dear Brother Burden,—

We received your letter today. I wish to say that I cannot ask the conference to invest in a sanitarium at Redlands. They have enough responsibilities to carry without taking upon them other responsibilities. If you in Los Angeles will do your best, we will do our best. If you will do nothing, say so, and we will do nothing. If you will work intelligently, as we know you can, then we will do what we can. But if you do nothing, waiting for the conference, you will lose your chance. If you are going to depend on the conference's purchasing it, I have no hope of your obtaining it.*20LtMs, Lt 145, 1905, par. 1*

Can you give us definite terms of payment? Then we shall know what to tell the people. I am anxious to secure the place for a sanitarium, but if you cannot state anything definite as to the terms of payment, we are left without any certain information.*20LtMs, Lt 145, 1905, par. 2*

Brother Burden, if you wait for Brother Santee to work out the plans, there will be no hope at all in the matter. I will not write more till I hear something further from you. Telegraph us at once the price of the property and the best terms of payment you can obtain.*20LtMs, Lt 145, 1905, par. 3*

Lt 146, 1905

Olsen, O. A.

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 24, 1905

This letter is published in entirety in *KC 19-20*.

Elder O. A. Olsen,—

I desire that all should understand matters in the right light. The messages given at the conference of 1901, and since that time, that our sanitariums should not be linked up with the Medical Missionary Association at Battle Creek, were plain enough to be understood by all our medical workers. Had our physicians, whom God has greatly honored by giving them light and encouragement, listened to the counsels and warnings then given them, they would have saved themselves and our people generally from many perplexities and temptations. The Lord designed that these men should be His physicians, light bearers to the world; but they have misappropriated the words of warning, and the enemy has been permitted to work a strange work among those who should have stood as standard-bearers of the truth. *20LtMs, Lt 146, 1905, par. 1*

The book *Living Temple* contains specious, deceptive sentiments regarding the personality of God and of Christ. The Lord opened before me the true meaning of these sentiments, showing me that unless they were steadfastly repudiated, they would deceive the very elect. Precious truth and beautiful sentiments were woven in with false, misleading theories. Thus truth was used to substantiate the most dangerous errors. The precious representations of God are so misconstrued as to appear to uphold falsehoods originated by the great apostate. Sentiments that belong to the revealings of God are mingled with specious, deceptive theories of satanic agencies. *20LtMs, Lt 146, 1905, par. 2*

In the controversy over these theories it has been asserted that I believed and taught the same things that I have been instructed to condemn in the book *Living Temple*. This I deny. In the name of

Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I say that this is not so²⁰*LtMs, Lt 146, 1905, par. 3*

Truths are being used to serve the purpose of upholding theories that I have repeatedly condemned. There are those who persist in taking the precious representations given me by God and weaving them in with sentiments that God never designed should be presented to His people. I protest against this use of my writings, and I am forced to speak to this conference, saying, Be not deceived; God is not mocked; he who misplaces and misapplies the precious things of God is sinning against heaven.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 146, 1905, par. 4*

I had hoped that these matters would be straightened out at this conference. I hoped that after the many decided warnings that have been sent to our medical workers at Battle Creek, they would take a stand for the right and remove the stumbling blocks out of the way. But another opportunity has passed by unimproved; and I can not and will not keep silent. The truth of God is imperilled. The students who have gone to Battle Creek to obtain an education in medical missionary lines are in danger of receiving specious errors. In the name of the Lord I say to our people, Let your children receive instruction in medical missionary lines from those who are true and loyal to the faith which has been delivered to the people of God under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Amidst the perils of these last days, this truth is to shine forth as a lamp that burneth.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 146, 1905, par. 5*

When Dr. Kellogg receives the messages of warning given during the last twenty years; when he is sincerely converted; when he acts as a consistent, level-headed Christian worker; when his energies are devoted to carrying forward medical missionary work in right lines; when he bears a testimony that has in it no signs of double meaning or of a misconstruction of the light God has given, then we may have confidence that he is following the light. But until then, we have no right to regard him as a safe leader in the interpretation of the Scriptures. He will confuse minds and will commingle specious scientific errors with the instruction that he gives. It is not right to allow this seductive influence to be breathed by men and women who are training to be Christian missionaries; for thus they will be

deceived and led away from the truths that Christ gave to John to give to the churches.*20LtMs, Lt 146, 1905, par. 6*

It has been presented to me that in view of Dr. Kellogg's course of action at the Berrien Springs meeting, we are not to treat him as a man led of the Lord who should be invited to attend our general meetings as a teacher and leader.*20LtMs, Lt 146, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 147, 1905

White, Mabel

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 24, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *3MR 45-46*.

My dear child Mabel,—

I have spoken seven times since coming here. Last Sabbath the Lord gave me strength to speak to a congregation of over a thousand in the large tent. All seemed astonished to see that my voice was strong enough to reach all in the large tent and even those standing on the outside. An excellent impression was made.*20LtMs, Lt 147, 1905, par. 1*

Since coming here, I have written considerable that it seemed necessary I should write. My health has been quite good. I am glad that I came. All seem surprised that I can step round as spry as I do. I do not want to leave a painful impression on the minds of those who at this meeting may see me for the last time.*20LtMs, Lt 147, 1905, par. 2*

Our party has four rooms in the west end of the boy's dormitory, on the first floor. On one side of the hall I have two rooms, a small sitting room and a bedroom, with a bathroom between. Whenever I wish, I can take a hot or cold bath. This I enjoy very much. Your father and mother have the front room across the hall from my sitting room, and Maggie has the room opposite my bedroom. The dormitory is an excellent building. Everything about it is strong and firm. Thorough work has been done in its construction.*20LtMs, Lt 147, 1905, par. 3*

Your mother is an excellent nurse, and I appreciate her very much. She neglects nothing that is necessary for my comfort. We go out riding nearly every day in a nice, easy carriage. Everything possible has been done to make me comfortable.*20LtMs, Lt 147, 1905, par. 4*

We are having a profitable meeting. You will no doubt see the particulars in the *Review and Herald*. We have had beautiful singing at the meetings, and several different kinds of musical instruments have produced the sweetest sounds. Nothing has been gotten up for display, but all the arrangements are characterized by good taste and propriety. *20LtMs, Lt 147, 1905, par. 5*

During the first part of the meeting there was some rain, but for days the weather has been very fine, though not hot. *20LtMs, Lt 147, 1905, par. 6*

I have had the privilege of meeting many old friends. They remembered me, but I could not remember all of them. I have been obliged to keep myself from visiting; for I had writing and public speaking to do, and I knew that I must save my strength for this. The people seem to listen to every word I say, and if they will work with an eye single to the glory of God, their lives will reflect the light of heaven. *20LtMs, Lt 147, 1905, par. 7*

Mabel, remember that Jesus is your helper. He loves you and will be your sympathizing friend. Keep your heart in the love of God; and when you recover from the sickness, do not use your strength unadvisedly. You can keep a reserve fund of strength if you will avoid unnecessary taxation. I greatly desire you to have health of body and health of soul. *20LtMs, Lt 147, 1905, par. 8*

Jesus will be everything to every one of us if we will look constantly to Him, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord. If we think of His goodness and talk of His power, the result will be that we shall be changed into His image. His will and His way will become our will and our way. By beholding Him, and choosing Him as our all and in all, we shall become assimilated to His image. Our restless efforts will be changed to an abiding peace. We commit the keeping of our souls to God as unto a faithful Creator. We try to do as Christ would do under similar circumstances, and as we follow His way, we become meek and lowly. *20LtMs, Lt 147, 1905, par. 9*

I was sorry, my dear child, to learn that you had been sick. This causes me to grieve much over your case. But do not be discouraged. I pray that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon you, and that health may come to your body and to your soul, and that

the transforming grace and power that Christ bestows may be given you. The image of the Saviour is to be engraved upon the heart, His character is to be revealed in spirit and word and act, and His light is to be reflected in clear rays to all around.*20LtMs, Lt 147, 1905, par. 10*

I love Jesus because He first loved me. When we contemplate Christ as our pattern, as well as our compassionate, loving Redeemer, we shall enjoy peace and joy in the Lord, in whom dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, and in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. His light, His love, His work become to us most precious and satisfying.*20LtMs, Lt 147, 1905, par. 11*

We all need to keep our eyes fixed on Christ and to follow in His footsteps, doing our best, and remembering that we are thus being prepared for the mansions that He has gone to prepare for those who love Him as their best friend and counsellor. O that we all realized that true happiness is found in taking Christ as our nearest and dearest friend. He has bought us with a price, and with such a price that He expects of us full service. Looking unto Jesus, becoming conformed to His image, we are made complete in Him who is the head of all principalities and powers. We have such a love for Christ that our happiness in Him is complete.*20LtMs, Lt 147, 1905, par. 12*

Shall we not strive to attain to the possibilities held out before us? In this work there is no disappointment. Christ will be our helper, our assurance. Nothing can be added to the completeness that He gives. Therefore I greatly desire all to be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Christ left the royal courts and came in this world that human beings might be made complete in Him. He has made provision that those who trust in Him, following His way and heeding His instruction, shall be conformed to His likeness. Those who do this will be filled with peace and contentment and joy and sacred love.*20LtMs, Lt 147, 1905, par. 13*

Let us be determined to be a light to those around us, revealing Christ in character. At this time, when the close of the earth's

history is so near, we should make most earnest efforts to become worthy of a place in the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for all who love Him and believe in Him.*20LtMs, Lt 147, 1905, par. 14*

My dear child, have courage in the Lord. Pray, and believe, and trust in your Saviour, and He will be your joy and crown of rejoicing.*20LtMs, Lt 147, 1905, par. 15*

Lt 149, 1905

Collins, Gilbert

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 27, 1905

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Dear Brother Gilbert Collins,—

We who are upon this camp-ground have had a season of prayer for you. We earnestly desire that if it is the Lord's will your life may be spared. I hope that when your life shall close, you will indeed be peaceful and happy. But I trust that God will grant the prayers that we have offered in the public meeting, and those that I have offered in my own room, that if it is in accordance with His holy will, He may spare your life. We pray that the great Physician may stay the course of the disease and make you well.*20LtMs, Lt 149, 1905, par.*

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It makes us very sad to part with any of those who have grown up in the truth. We want every one to be spared, if it is for the glory of God. Have faith in God, Brother Collins. Ask for yourself, in faith. We will keep your case before the Lord. I was not able to be in the tent when you were prayed for. I was lying on my bed, exhausted; but faith seemed to bring you nigh.*20LtMs, Lt 149, 1905, par. 2*

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

gift may be as small as the widow's mite, but it is noticed by the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 149, 1905, par. 3*

This is the last Sabbath we shall spend here at this meeting, unless something unforeseen takes place. After the meetings close, we shall have to stay here for a week to attend council meetings and committee meetings.*20LtMs, Lt 149, 1905, par. 4*

Since the meeting began, I have spoken nine times, and the Lord has helped me to make the discourses impressive. I depend upon Him to bless the word spoken. I still have a work to do on the grounds for certain individuals.*20LtMs, Lt 149, 1905, par. 5*

Lt 151, 1905

Corliss, J. O.

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 27, 1905

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Elder Corliss

Dear Brother,—

I am afraid that I did not speak as I should regarding your coming in as president of the California Conference. The reason why you have not been placed in such a position before is because I have urged upon our brethren the presentation given me, that it was not a wise thing to place you in such a position, that you would take too many burdens on yourself, and your brain would be overtaxed. You would be under a great strain, carrying many burdens that others could more safely carry.*20LtMs, Lt 151, 1905, par. 1*

You must be taxed less in the light given me again and again. When you are perplexed and your brain is wearied, you speak words that hurt your influence. I would advise you not to accept the position of president of the conference, even though you are asked to do so, because a great many burdens that others should bear would be laid upon you. When I think of the pressure that you would be placed under in such a position of responsibility, I fear that you would not be able to endure the strain.*20LtMs, Lt 151, 1905, par. 2*

The case has forced itself upon me, and I present to you the instruction given me. You can accomplish much more as a teacher of truth, a Bible expositor, than you could if standing in the position of president of a conference. Give yourself time to rest, that your wearied faculties may be restored. In presenting truth to the people, you are a success if you give yourself time to rest and are not forced to decide perplexing questions. You are very sensitive to

blame or censure, and I advise you not to take position in which you would be surrounded by numerous sources of disquietude. Your spiritual efficiency as a minister of the flock of God, an expositor of the Word, will be greatly needed. I know your ability to present the truth, and I desire that you shall not be loaded down by responsibilities that would unfit you for the important work that must be done. I speak to you thus early, so that you will not think that you must heed the suggestion I made you. In the past I have warned you against taking responsibilities that press one down as a cart beneath sheaves. Above everything else, you need to be situated where you will have peace of mind, working when you choose, and not burdening yourself with perplexities that would endanger your health. Keep your mind where it will not be harassed.*20LtMs, Lt 151, 1905, par. 3*

I cannot favor your being nominated as president of the California Conference. If you will follow the directions given, your life will be preserved, and you will be enabled to do a large amount of good. I am bidden to say to you, Watch unto prayer.*20LtMs, Lt 151, 1905, par. 4*

Lt 153, 1905

Burden, J. A.

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 28, 1905

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Dear Brother Burden,—

When you wrote to me about the advisability of purchasing the property known as Loma Linda, I did not consult with anyone, because I thought this would hinder us, and I believed that we could carry the matter forward without putting the burden on the conference. We do not desire to bring perplexity upon the conference regarding this matter. Be assured, my brother, that I never advance anything unless I have a decided impression that it should be carried out and unless I am firmly resolved to assist.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 153, 1905, par. 1*

I am glad that means is in sight to make the first payment on the place; for we ought to have it. I do not know just where to look for the rest of the money needed. I have asked Brother Washburn to let me know of anyone who would be willing to lend me some money without interest. He thinks that I could get means on these terms.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 153, 1905, par. 2*

We will appropriate the proceeds of the sale of a certain number of copies of *Ministry of Healing* toward the purchase of this property. The book will soon be on the market.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 153, 1905, par. 3*

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

the meetings close, because Willie has some committee work to do.*20LtMs, Lt 153, 1905, par. 4*

Since coming to the conference, I have spoken nine times. Up to today I had not made any call for means. At the close of my talk this afternoon, I called for a contribution for the work among the colored people of the Southern field. One hundred and twenty-eight dollars was raised. I was much pleased. When I left my tent, it looked as if I would not be able to get to my room, there were so many who wanted to speak to me. Edson was present, and he felt very grateful for the donation.*20LtMs, Lt 153, 1905, par. 5*

We had a large, profitable meeting on Sabbath. The tent was filled, and a number of people stood on the outside. This afternoon I spoke to a large company.*20LtMs, Lt 153, 1905, par. 6*

This is a beautiful place, and I am glad that the school is established here. A sanitarium must be erected, and we hope that this can be done soon. Then there is the publishing house to be built, but we hope that after both the school and the sanitarium have been completed, there will be something left for the publishing house.*20LtMs, Lt 153, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 155, 1905

Burden, J. A.

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 31, 1905

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Dear Brother Burden,—

Our general meetings closed last night. We have had excellent meetings, but I cannot give you a full report, for I have gone to those meetings only at which I have spoken. I came to the conference with fear and trembling, but determined to do my best. I have spoken ten times and have done considerable writing. Night after night I have been up writing as early as two o'clock, and yet I am doing well healthwise.*20LtMs, Lt 155, 1905, par. 1*

On the whole, we have had beautiful weather. At the first of the meetings there was a heavy thunder storm, but since then the days have been pleasant. Last night there was a little shower, which is a great blessing; for the dust has been settled.*20LtMs, Lt 155, 1905, par. 2*

For the rest of the week, committee meetings will continue, and the first of next week we shall start home. On our way we shall stop to see the place that means so much to me.*20LtMs, Lt 155, 1905, par. 3*

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

a good impression was made by the meeting. As I walked from the tent to my room, many stopped me, and with tears of rejoicing shook my hand.*20LtMs, Lt 155, 1905, par. 4*

The conference has called forth very weighty testimonies, and I am pleased with the appreciation shown to these testimonies.*20LtMs, Lt 155, 1905, par. 5*

We hope to see you soon now, but in regard to the purchase of Loma Linda, I will say, Go ahead. I hope to be able to help by giving the proceeds from a certain number of copies of *Ministry of Healing*. I can do no more, except to borrow. I wish the place purchased. Do not neglect to tell me all I ought to know. I have been looking over your descriptive letter, and I am well satisfied that the place is one we ought to have. It is cheap at forty thousand dollars. We will not leave you, but will stand back of you and help you to raise the means. In regard to the right man to manage the institution, I am confident that we shall find some one when the right time comes.*20LtMs, Lt 155, 1905, par. 6*

As soon as we can be released from here, we shall return to California. I will let you know when we shall leave here, as soon as I can find out.*20LtMs, Lt 155, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 157, 1905

Collins, Gilbert

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 31, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brother Gilbert Collins,—

I should be glad to hear something in regard to your case. We have remembered you in our prayers, both in the large tent and privately. I had hoped to receive ere this some word regarding how you are; for I have a deep interest in you. Please let us know how you are. We feel that the Lord is good and merciful. He does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.*20LtMs, Lt 157, 1905, par. 1*

My brother, may the Lord give you His rich blessing. This is what you need. He will not let your light go out in darkness, but will let His light shine upon you. May He give you clear judgment and an abiding sense of His love. I will continue to present your case before Him. I ask you to rest yourself wholly in His hands.*20LtMs, Lt 157, 1905, par. 2*

Lt 159, 1905

Daigneau, Sister [J. E.]

New Mexico, on the way to California

June 11, 1905

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Mrs. J. E. Daigneau

My dear Sister,—

There are some things that are to be confessed to God alone. If you have wronged a brother or a sister, you have the light given you in the Word. "If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and to thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." [*Matthew 5:23, 24.*] "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother." "But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses, every word may be established. And if he neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church; but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." [*Matthew 18:15-17.*]²⁰*LtMs, Lt 159, 1905, par. 1*

"Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." [*Verses 19, 20.*]²⁰*LtMs, Lt 159, 1905, par. 2*

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

unadvisedly in the matter of confessing their sins to human beings. *20LtMs, Lt 159, 1905, par. 3*

“Then came Peter unto Him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but until seventy times seven.” [*Verses 21, 22.*] *20LtMs, Lt 159, 1905, par. 4*

Read the whole of the *eighteenth chapter of Matthew*, and find in its instruction relief and courage and hope. Go forward in faith. Work right to the point. I advise you to take your case to the Lord Jesus in prayer. Believe that He hears you, and that when you confess your sins and repent, and walk humbly with God, you will find pardon. Act like one whom the Lord has corrected in order to purify and save you. *20LtMs, Lt 159, 1905, par. 5*

“I know thy works; behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept My word, and hast not denied My name.” “Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.” [*Revelation 3:8, 10, 11.*] “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.” [*Verses 19-21.*] *20LtMs, Lt 159, 1905, par. 6*

Never give up your faith and hope in God. Cling to the promises. Do not trust in your feelings, but in the naked Word of God. Believe the assurances of the Lord. Take your stand upon the plain Thus saith the Lord and rest there, feeling or no feeling. Faith is not always followed by feelings of ecstasy, but hope thou in God. Trust fully in Him. *20LtMs, Lt 159, 1905, par. 7*

“Hear the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips. Let my sentence come forth from Thy presence; let Thine eyes behold the things that are

equal. Thou hast proved mine heart; Thou hast visited me in the night; Thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress. ... Hold up my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. I have called upon Thee; for Thou wilt hear me, O God; incline Thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.” [Psalm 17:1-3, 5, 6.] *20LtMs, Lt 159, 1905, par. 8*

My sister, trust in the Lord as a little child trusts its earthly parent. Cling to the Saviour. Let nothing separate your soul from God. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” [John 3:16.] Look for mercies; expect mercies. Look continually for blessings. See them, acknowledge them, and do not complain, do not fret. Do not cast blame upon God, but say, O Lord, I do believe, though I am a sinner and because I am a sinner. I believe in Thee with all my heart. Thou art the truth, and Thy Word I believe. *20LtMs, Lt 159, 1905, par. 9*

What is religion? It is the conformity of the whole being to the will of God. “If any man will come after Me,” Christ said, “let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [Matthew 16:24.] You need an intelligent belief in the Word of God. This Word is our rule of action. You are not to stand long, saying, What must I do? The first question with you is, What must I believe? Right believing means right doing. Christ gave His life to make it possible for you to be a partaker of the divine nature. “It is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” [1 Timothy 1:15.] He is able to save to the uttermost all who come to God through Him. You must take Him at His word. Let confidence in Him fill your heart. Say, “I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him, against that day.” [2 Timothy 1:12.] This is the faith that is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. *20LtMs, Lt 159, 1905, par. 10*

We are to be living stones in the building, Christ Himself being the chief corner stone. As to your merit for this position, Christ has placed Himself under obligation to answer this question. Through connection with Him, you can serve God acceptably. The stone receives the support of the foundation on which it rests. O precious,

wondrous gift of God. "By whom also we have access unto that grace wherein we stand." Sing of his mercy and tell of His power. "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." "And not only so, but we glory in tribulation also, knowing that tribulation worketh patience, and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto you." [*Romans 5:2, 1, 3-5.*]*20LtMs, Lt 159, 1905, par. 11*

I have written this seated in my berth on the train. If the Lord will, we shall reach Redlands at ten o'clock tomorrow morning. We shall remain there two days, then go to Los Angeles, and from there to St. Helena.*20LtMs, Lt 159, 1905, par. 12*

Remember that the Lord will bless all who put their trust in Him.*20LtMs, Lt 159, 1905, par. 13*

Your sister.*20LtMs, Lt 159, 1905, par. 14*

Lt 161, 1905

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

San Jose, California

June 25, 1905

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Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

It is just daylight, and I am seated on my couch, beginning a letter to you. Our meeting here began a day or two ago, and I think there will be a good attendance of our people. On Sabbath the brethren and sisters at Mountain View turned out well. On Sabbath morning at half-past ten, I spoke to a large number in the big tent.*20LtMs, Lt 161, 1905, par. 1*

I have an intense desire that this meeting shall be the very kind of a meeting that the Lord desires us to have. I hope much for the revival of the Spirit of the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 161, 1905, par. 2*

I have consented to remain here till the close of the camp-meeting—one week from Monday. We shall then return to our home at St. Helena.*20LtMs, Lt 161, 1905, par. 3*

There are many matters to be considered, and we all need the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I pray that a right impression may be made on the minds of those present at the meeting.*20LtMs, Lt 161, 1905, par. 4*

The school question will receive careful attention, and we hope that matters may be so adjusted that future work in educational lines will be of a more advanced and satisfactory character. The Lord can do much through the teachers and students of our schools, if they will carry the work steadily forward and upward.*20LtMs, Lt 161, 1905, par. 5*

I shall be pleased to hear from you at any time. I sincerely hope that the brethren in Southern California will unite in pressing forward the school work and the sanitarium work.*20LtMs, Lt 161, 1905, par. 6*

In regard to Sister Burden continuing to hold her place as bookkeeper, I think that if she would take the exercise that she should, the evils I have feared might be avoided. She should not confine herself too closely. She can be a real help in teaching others how to keep books. This is a line of education that is greatly needed, and in no case should it be neglected. But Sister Burden should be left entirely free to take up the work that she chooses. She can help with her experience in many ways. She can give valuable counsel in regard to many matters that will come up for discussion.*20LtMs, Lt 161, 1905, par. 7*

I have a great desire that you both be greatly blessed in your work in the new sanitarium. I hope that Brother Reaser will move understandingly in reference to the sanitariums already in operation and also in regard to the new sanitarium. I pray that the Lord may provide suitable people to connect with this institution, people who will be a genuine strength to the institution.*20LtMs, Lt 161, 1905, par. 8*

Do not be discouraged if in any wise there is some cutting across of your plans, and if you are somewhat hindered. But I hope that we shall never again have to meet the hindrance that we have met in the past because of the way in which things have been conducted on some lines in Southern California. I have seen the hold-back principles followed, and I have seen the displeasure of the Lord because of this. If the same spirit is manifested, I shall not consent to keep silent as I have done.*20LtMs, Lt 161, 1905, par. 9*

It is the most awful thing a man can do to dethrone God from his heart, refusing to take the Bible as his counsellor. The man who does this debases whatever he has connection with. Christ does not abide in his heart. The law of God is to him an empty form. He may be supposed to be a Christian, but he debases whatever he touches.*20LtMs, Lt 161, 1905, par. 10*

The gospel of Christ has been dishonored by being handled with sin-stained hands. Professed Christians act and speak in a way that

is no honor to God. What men and women need now is thorough conversion. Every part of their intelligence should go out to meet Christ, and every part of their spiritual nature should yearn for more of Him. The Father seeketh such to worship Him—those who worship Him in spirit and truth and in the beauty of holiness. Let us separate from the contaminating influences of the world and hold communion with the Saviour. Let us bring ourselves, in thought, word, and deed, into conformity with the will of Christ. The Redeemer is seeking for those whose highest aim is to serve and glorify God.*20LtMs, Lt 161, 1905, par. 11*

The message that the Lord has given me for the church in Los Angeles is, Through faith and diligent service you are to become one with Christ. You are to eat His flesh and drink His blood, making His words a part of the daily life. The great Teacher will accept only the purest integrity, the most distinct representation of His words and His spirit. Spiritual-mindedness must not be allowed to become a strange thing amongst us. We are to become more and more nearly conformed to Christ. The joy of the Lord, the praise of God, is to be on our lips and in our hearts. The character is to be transformed from the mist and cloud of uncertainty into the radiance of the light proceeding from heaven. The world is to be eclipsed by the contemplation of heavenly things.*20LtMs, Lt 161, 1905, par. 12*

I ask the believers in Los Angeles to seek for a deeper, higher experience in the things of God. The Father seeketh such to worship Him. Arise, and brace your souls for action. Take an extensive survey of the work that is to be done. Read your Bibles with an increasing determination to have a larger experience in the things of God. Stand in the light of the Sun of righteousness.*20LtMs, Lt 161, 1905, par. 13*

What could induce the pure, sinless Son of God to tabernacle with men in a world filled with crime and strife and wickedness. He did this that He might better reach the lost and perishing. He suffered, being tempted. Proportionate to the perfection of His holiness was the strength of the temptation. Because of the depravity so revolting to His purity, His residence in the world was a perpetual sorrow. On every hand He saw men and women destroying themselves by yielding to perverted appetite and passion.*20LtMs, Lt 161, 1905,*

par. 14

Christ gave His life for the life of the world. He came to this earth in the likeness of man, to present before human beings an example of the character that all must form in order to be saved. He came to bring them power to overcome all the temptations of the enemy.*20LtMs, Lt 161, 1905, par. 15*

O that every soul might be awakened and led to become a subject of the heavenly kingdom, surrendering all to Christ. The Word of God gives us no encouragement that a sinner is pardoned in order that he may continue in sin. He is pardoned on condition that he receives Christ, confessing and repenting of his sin and becoming renewed. Many who pass under the name of Christian are not converted. Conversion means renovation. The sinner must enter into the renovating process for himself. He must come to Jesus. He must give up the wrong habits in which he has indulged. He must bring his unsubdued, unchristlike tendencies under the control of Christ, else he cannot be made a laborer together with God. Christ works, and the sinner works. The life of Christ becomes the life of the human agent. It is through the renewing power of the divine Spirit that man is fashioned into a perfect man in Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 161, 1905, par. 16*

By the character that he is forming, every man is deciding his future destiny. In the books of heaven is made the record. There the character is photographed. There is seen a picture of the unclothed soul.*20LtMs, Lt 161, 1905, par. 17*

The promise is given, "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." [*John 1:12.*] It is the striving souls who receive the assistance of heaven and partake of its elements. It is by test and trial that the followers of Christ are fitted to dwell with Him in the heavenly courts.*20LtMs, Lt 161, 1905, par. 18*

Lt 161a, 1905

Burden, J. A.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 5, 1905

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Dear Brother Burden,—

I write you a few lines. One thing I wish you to do. I wish you not to be very anxious to get this property in the hands or power of the conference to manage, but let parties manage the holding of this property. I learn that _____ has proposed to sell some of the land to help pay the standing debt. Tell me how the matter is now. Can you obtain a loan of money to raise the rest of the five thousand dollars? If not, we must stir about to see if we can not obtain the means. I have sent you the letter that I have written; please tell me what is necessary for me to do. We must be sure and have every payment made in time, and not let it go out of our hands.*20LtMs, Lt 161a, 1905, par. 1*

I just thought to write you a few lines to assure you that not one foot of that land is to be sold to raise money. We will hire money at the bank rather than this shall be done.*20LtMs, Lt 161a, 1905, par. 2*

Lt 163, 1905

Wilcox, F. M.

San Jose, California

June 29, 1905

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Dear Brother Wilcox,—

I have received and read your letter. I wish to assure you that things are not as Dr. Place represents them. He understands matters, as many others do, in the way that is according to his own wishes. In the interview that I had with him, my words were not what he represents them to be. I did not take back anything that I had said in the public meeting. I did not tell Dr. Place that I had made a mistake. I have some things written in regard to this matter, which I will have copied and sent to you. I would have sent it before, but have been left without a copyist, as Sister Hare was called to South Lancaster on account of the sickness of her sister.*20LtMs, Lt 163, 1905, par. 1*

In his talk with me, Dr. Place made most bitter complaints against Dr. Kellogg, telling what he had said and what he had done. I admitted that Dr. Kellogg had not stood in the light for a long time, and that the Lord had sent messages to that effect. Dr. Place said that you had acted very provokingly, and to this I made no response, save that the Lord would have the Boulder Sanitarium stand on higher ground and that He would have it prosper.*20LtMs, Lt 163, 1905, par. 2*

I am astonished that Dr. Place should make such representations of my words as are mentioned in your letter. I ought not to hold any important conversations with such men, unless a stenographer is present to take down every word that is said by me and by the one with whom I am talking.*20LtMs, Lt 163, 1905, par. 3*

The night after I had the conversation with Dr. Place, the facts of the case were presented before me. Before morning I wrote the matter out; for I could not sleep. I thought that while we were in Washington I would have the matter copied, but we found so much to do, and I was kept so busy, constantly writing and speaking, that it was not copied.*20LtMs, Lt 163, 1905, par. 4*

As soon as possible I shall have the article copied, and when it is sent out it will help to correct false impressions. My message to you is, Have no controversy with Dr. Place. It will be well to have as few words with him as possible.*20LtMs, Lt 163, 1905, par. 5*

To every one connected with the Boulder Sanitarium, I would say, Draw near to God. Sit at His feet, and learn of Him. In spirit, in word, in deed, give no occasion for the enemy to take advantage of you. Stand in the strength of the mighty One, who can chase a thousand and put ten thousand to flight.*20LtMs, Lt 163, 1905, par. 6*

The matter is to be plainly understood that the Boulder Sanitarium is not to be traded away. Hold fast, and accomplish the work and will of God. After a time you will see through the fog and mist. Let every one at the sanitarium realize, as did Paul, that he is Christ's property in the fullest sense of the word. The great apostle realized that he was Christ's for service. He had consecrated every power of his being to the Lord, to be used as He saw fit.*20LtMs, Lt 163, 1905, par. 7*

Go, my brethren and fellow workers, and spread out before God your necessities. It was when the heavens were as brass over Paul that he trusted most fully in God and was delivered again and again from unreasonable and wicked men. Let us trust in God, saying, Though He slay me, yet will I trust him. Let self be crucified. Let the love of God shine forth in words and works. Let the gospel of Jesus Christ exert a strong, uninterrupted influence upon mind and heart. Learn to rejoice in God. Walk humbly with Him, and He will bring His purposes to pass. Stand firm to principle.*20LtMs, Lt 163, 1905, par. 8*

There will not always be a debt of embarrassment upon the sanitarium. Keep your souls clean and pure from every phase of sin. Let not one dishonest act be recorded in the books of heaven

against you. To live without Christ is a fearful thing. You cannot afford to do it. Abiding in Christ and Christ abiding in you, you will be found unto praise and honor, because God loves the man who has crucified self and is bound up with Jesus.*20LtMs, Lt 163, 1905, par. 9*

Let every one learn the glad note of praise and glory and thanksgiving to God. Let the church hear from your lips a plain, straightforward testimony. Say to the church, We are living in a most solemn, serious time. Now, just now, is our opportunity to glorify God. Prepare to work intelligently, ever walking worthily before Him, exerting a true Christian influence upon those with whom you associate.*20LtMs, Lt 163, 1905, par. 10*

To the church in Boulder I would say, Arise, and do your whole duty. Take hold of God, and He will take hold of you and will put into your hearts and minds praise and thanksgiving. Work, work, work as for eternity. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, and the Lord will work with you. He calls upon His people to make a better showing than has been made in the past. May God help you, is my prayer.*20LtMs, Lt 163, 1905, par. 11*

Lt 165, 1905

Radley Children

San Jose, California

June 29, 1905

This letter is published in entirety in *2SM 265-266*.

Dear Children,—

I must write a few lines to you. We wish that we could step into your home and weep with you and kneel with you in prayer. Will each one of you seek the Lord and serve Him? You can be a great blessing to your mother by doing nothing that will make her heart sad. The Lord Jesus will receive you if you will give your hearts to Him. Do all that is possible to relieve your mother from every care and burden.*20LtMs, Lt 165, 1905, par. 1*

The Lord has promised to be a Father to the fatherless. If you will give your hearts to Him, He will give you power to become the sons and daughters of God. If the elder children will relieve the mother by bearing as many burdens as possible, and by treating the younger children kindly, teaching them to do right and not to worry mother, the Lord will greatly bless them.*20LtMs, Lt 165, 1905, par. 2*

Give your hearts to the loving Saviour, and do only those things that are pleasing in His sight. Do nothing to grieve your mother. Remember that the Lord loves you, and that each one of you can become a member of the family of God. If you are faithful here, when He shall come in the clouds of heaven, you will meet your father and will be a united family.*20LtMs, Lt 165, 1905, par. 3*

In love.*20LtMs, Lt 165, 1905, par. 4*

Lt 167, 1905

Radley, Sister

San Jose, California

June 29, 1905

This letter is published in entirety in *2SM 264-265*.

My dear afflicted Sister Radley,—

I am afflicted with you in your affliction. Although I did not expect to meet your husband again in this life, yet I have been made sad to hear of his death and of the heavy responsibilities that this has left to rest upon you in the care of the family. We sympathize with you and will pray often for you and your children. Your husband sleeps in Jesus. "Write, Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." [*Revelation 14:13.*]*20LtMs, Lt 167, 1905, par. 1*

The Father loves all who are believers in deed and truth, as members of that body of which Christ is the head. You must now sit down under Christ's shadow, and you will realize his peace. Think of Christ. Look to Him in faith, believing His promises. Keep your mind trustful. He will be your stay. Lean on Him, depend on Him. Do not be sorrowful above measure, but bear up; for a heavy burden rests upon you. Put your trust in One whose arm will never fail you.*20LtMs, Lt 167, 1905, par. 2*

I have lost my husband, and I know by experience what your sorrow is. But looking to Jesus you will find encouragement. May you have the blessing of the Lord every day. My dear sister, may the Lord bless and sustain you.*20LtMs, Lt 167, 1905, par. 3*

It is too dark to see now, so I will say good night. Be as cheerful as you can for the sake of your children.*20LtMs, Lt 167, 1905, par. 4*

Lt 169, 1905

Harper, Sister

San Jose, California

June 29, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Sister Harper,—

I received your letter last night and will answer it at once. I had not as yet written you a letter; for other matters hanging in the balance have kept me continually employed.*20LtMs, Lt 169, 1905, par. 1*

I want to tell you that the property known as Loma Linda is now in the possession of our people. I desire that you shall have a place in this sanitarium. Brother Burden will have charge of the work there, and I shall ask him to give you a position as soon as the institution is opened. I desire you to be where it is best for you healthwise. We shall need you at Loma Linda.*20LtMs, Lt 169, 1905, par. 2*

The place is a most beautiful one. When I visited it I found that nothing that has been said in its praise had been exaggerated.*20LtMs, Lt 169, 1905, par. 3*

Do not yield to the efforts that will be made to hold you in Battle Creek. Come away quietly. When I know whether you will respond to my invitation, I will make arrangements regarding your ticket. Efforts will be made to keep you in Battle Creek, but I ask you not to listen to such propositions. Come to Los Angeles, and then arrangements can be made for your future work. I have your best interests in view, and I am sure that you can fill a place in the institution.*20LtMs, Lt 169, 1905, par. 4*

Your sister.*20LtMs, Lt 169, 1905, par. 5*

Lt 171, 1905

White, J. E.; White, Emma

San Jose, California

June 29, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *TDG 189*.

Dear children,—

I have a letter of several pages written to you, waiting to be copied. There have been so many important matters to attend to, which could not be put off, that your letter has had to wait. Then, just as we were leaving Washington, Maggie was called to South Lancaster on account of the sickness of her sister, and many things have been delayed.*20LtMs, Lt 171, 1905, par. 1*

I have done much writing this week and am very weary, but I must write you a few lines. I have had better health than usual of late, else I could not endure the pressure that is brought upon me. I do not willingly neglect you, and after this, I shall try to write oftener. Yesterday morning before breakfast, I wrote seventeen pages of very important matter, and I have been at it ever since. I shall send you a copy of these things as soon as I can get them copied.*20LtMs, Lt 171, 1905, par. 2*

We are attending the San Jose camp-meeting. We have comfortable quarters in a good home. Brother Merrill has given us the free use of his home, and this is a great accommodation, I can assure you.*20LtMs, Lt 171, 1905, par. 3*

On my way from Washington, I spent ten days in Southern California, and while there we visited the Loma Linda property. We are now in possession of this property, having paid five thousand dollars on it. We are to pay five thousand more in twenty days, five thousand in September, and five thousand in January. After that we shall not need to pay anything but six per cent interest for two or three years.*20LtMs, Lt 171, 1905, par. 4*

I am filled with an increasing astonishment that this property, with all its advantages, has come into our hands. I have written out the particulars regarding this place and will try to have the matter copied tomorrow so that I may send it to you. There is to be a camp-meeting in Redlands in September. I am planning to attend; for Redlands is a place that we desire to work, and we wish to begin as soon as possible. *20LtMs, Lt 171, 1905, par. 5*

I am intensely anxious that *Ministry of Healing* shall come out as soon as possible. When this book is on the market, we shall give our attention to the book for the South. This will be my first business. *20LtMs, Lt 171, 1905, par. 6*

I hope, my son and daughter, that you will not become discouraged, but that you will put your entire trust in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I am writing much on the kind of vessels we need to be in order to be fit for the Master's use. Are we emptied of self? May the Lord give us all grace for his service. It matters not what others may say or think of us, if we do our best, with an eye single to the glory of God. Then we shall wait patiently for His commendation. It is our part to walk humbly with God. He will take charge of every one who will bring his case to Him. "Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." [*Matthew 7:7.*] With this promise, let us come to our best friend. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind, and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord." [*James 1:5-7.*]*20LtMs, Lt 171, 1905, par. 7*

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

others cheerful, encouraging words. *20LtsMs, Lt 171, 1905, par. 8*

When so many of Christ's followers left Him, and the Saviour asked the twelve, "Will ye also go away?" Simon Peter answered, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." [*John 6:67, 68.*] It filled Christ's heart with sorrow to see anyone leaving Him, because He knew that faith in His name and in His mission is man's only hope. This desertion of His followers was a humiliation to Him. Oh, how little human beings know of the sorrow that filled the heart of infinite love when such things took place. No one in the world ever longed more earnestly for appreciation and fellowship than did Christ. He hungered for sympathy. His heart was filled with a longing desire that human beings might appreciate the gift of God to the world and honor Him by believing His words and speaking forth His praise. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." [*John 3:16.*]*20LtsMs, Lt 171, 1905, par. 9*

How regretful were the words, "Will ye also go away?" [*John 6:67.*] They touched the hearts of all the disciples but one. That one was Judas. He had a heart only for money. His highest desire was to be the greatest. *20LtsMs, Lt 171, 1905, par. 10*

Well might the disciples say, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." [*Verse 68.*] Consider what Christ was. The Son of the Highest, yet a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Have we experienced the blessing that comes from trusting Him with the whole heart and honoring Him by ever showing our love and devotion to Him? Christ is hungry for fruit—fruit that will appease His hunger of soul in our behalf. It is His desire that we bear "much fruit." [*John 15:5, 8.*]*20LtsMs, Lt 171, 1905, par. 11*

Let us keep our hearts open to His love. "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" [*Mark 8:36, 37.*] Oh, when we can speak understandingly the words spoken by Peter, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life," wonderful blessings will come to us. We need the Saviour every moment. He has all that is necessary to supply our necessities for time and for eternity. He loves us with an everlasting love. Then let us not be

discouraged. God has a work for you to do, and He will give you wisdom and grace to perfect that work. He wants all that there is of you to be devoted to His service. He would not have you gather to yourself too many burdens, because He has a message for you to bear to the people. He wants you to use your pen to His name's glory. He has not released you from the work. His hand sustains you, and He will be to you a present help in every time of need.*20LtMs, Lt 171, 1905, par. 12*

But, my son, do not give any one an occasion to think that you do not carry the burden of souls. You need daily to brace your soul in Christ. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My words and believeth on Him that sent Me hath eternal life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." [*John 5:24.*] Christ is to be the eternal delight of the heart of the Christian. We have abundant proof of the love of God for us, and let us be thankful.*20LtMs, Lt 171, 1905, par. 13*

My son, counsel with those who are connected with you, and let them share the responsibilities. I must now close this letter; for I have special testimonies to write. May the Lord help and strengthen and bless you. Do not launch out unto anything unless you have evidence that the matter is of the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 171, 1905, par. 14*

Lt 173, 1905

White, J. E.

Takoma Park, Maryland

June 1, 1905

Previously unpublished.

My dear son Edson,—

I have written letters to you, but have not sent them, because I feared the effect they would have upon you. But I must tell you that you are applying time and mind and money to things that do not glorify God. The Lord has spoken to you decidedly, telling you that He should be regarded as the head of the work in Nashville. Every man and woman engaged in the work should labor with all the power of body and mind to glorify Him. You should give evidence that you are led and taught of God. Your course of action should testify that you are under His supervision. Unless you can show that you are led and taught of God, your influence will be discouraging.*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 1*

To invest money as you have been investing it has an influence that is against your mother's testimony. Your course of action is lessening an influence that the Lord would have increased. When you invest means that is not yours to invest, you tangle yourself up and weaken the confidence of the brethren in you and in my work and testimony.*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 2*

The sinking of your boat and the other calamities that have come upon you should call you to your senses. These things should be regarded as the call of a voice higher than any human voice, showing you that the Lord would save you from yourself. When I heard of the misfortunes that had come to you, I said, "I am relieved. The Lord has taken hold to deal with my son." Your correction has not come from man, but from God. Will you take heed?*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 3*

I have been pained to the heart to have you go on and on,

gathering means, and investing money unadvisedly. This is discouraging your fellow workers and if continued will spoil your record as a reliable man, a man who is led and taught of God. Unless you see your danger in this matter, and change your course of action, your light will certainly go out in darkness. I entreat you, my son, to heed the admonitions of the Lord. I entreat you to change your way for God's way.*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 4*

In undertaking so many enterprises and running so many financial risks, you do not inspire your brethren with confidence in your judgment. You mix things up altogether too much and confuse the minds of those connected with you. In the place of helping Brother Palmer as you ought, you have hurt him by your example in the management of your business.*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 5*

You have made a mistake by withdrawing from those who do not agree with your ideas. By undertaking too much, you have gotten into a tangle, confusing yourself and robbing the cause and work of God by investing the money and time that belongs to Him in a way that is not right. God forbids this kind of management.*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 6*

The Lord has opened up before you the lines of work that you should follow. He has said that you are to preach the truth, and that you are to use the pen to produce books. He has given you influence and the ability to do this work. But are you doing it? There are books and tracts to be prepared as valuable agencies in the proclamation of the truth. You can help in this work. But you are losing time, and you are losing the confidence of your brethren. This need not be so. You can change all this if you will.*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 7*

I cannot feel free to place in the field the book I am preparing on the work in the South, unless you will occupy a different position. You hedge up your own way and then charge upon others the result of your own course of action.*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 8*

There is no sufficient reason why you should not have stood by the Southern Publishing Association, your being a help to it and it a help to you. Your course of action in taking your work away from the Association has produced results that are robbing you of your

influence. The influence that you could retain and use for the good of that work, you are losing, and the Lord is not pleased. He will not permit His blessing to abide with you unless you take a course that is in accordance with the counsels given you.*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 9*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ always leads in paths that are right. It is ordained of God that there should be no respect of persons, that one man should not usurp authority over another man's mind. One man is not to be conscience for another man. Christ is the Saviour for all. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." [*John 1:12.*] The Holy Spirit is a gift to all. Your attitude toward others must show that you are sanctified, body, mind, and soul. It must show that the converting power of God is on your heart and disposition.*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 10*

Your words are to be wise words, your actions right actions. If you would have the confidence of your brethren, you must make straight paths for your feet and wear the gospel shoes. You must tread in the steps of Christ. I have no message to lead you to be discouraged. God has not forsaken you. The message given me for you is that the Lord would have you transformed in character, in heart, in words, in spirit. Then your discourses will exert a saving influence, which will be for your own benefit, as well as for the benefit of others.*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 11*

O that your eyes might be opened, that you might see all things clearly, that you might see that Edson White might change. You have invested a large amount of means in various enterprises, but what is it doing in soul-saving? God will call masters and servants to a personal account. Every soul should be a conscientious doer of the will of God. You have but little time now in which to prepare for the future life. O think of your individual obligations to God and the account that you must give to Him. The thought of these things should certainly keep you on guard every moment.*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 12*

Gather to yourself fewer responsibilities, and be careful not to give anyone by your example an occasion for stumbling. "Be strong in

the Lord.” [*Ephesians 6:10.*] Plead with God. Wrestle with Him as did Jacob, saying, “I will not let Thee go except Thou bless me.” [*Genesis 32:26.*] Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the enemy. “We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.” [*Ephesians 6:11-16.*] Consider these words, and do all that is in your power to make peace.*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 13*

“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.” [*Verses 17, 18.*]*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 14*

We have enemies to fight against, a banner to fight under, and certain rules of warfare to which individually we are to conform ourselves. It is essential that a soldier have courage. This he can gain, not by having his own will and way, but by following the will and way of his leader. The Christian soldier will obey the orders given by the Lord Jesus Christ. This he must do if he would gain the victory.*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 15*

How can the victory be won? Be strong in the Lord. Keep on the armor. There are stern battles to fight. As we press our way toward heaven, we shall have to dispute with Satan every step of advance. Be strong therefore for service. Spiritual strength and courage are essential; for the battle is to be waged against determined foes. When Satan comes against us to destroy, we must stand against him. We need courage, in order to be able to do this.*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 16*

My son, you are to counsel with your brethren about your personal

business and investments. I warn you that if you follow your own mind and your own devisings, you will make very crooked paths for your feet. You may have spiritual strength and courage, and you may be an overcomer. Your tendency to make presumptuous movements in investing money will be hard to overcome, but it is time to make a decided change, that you destroy not yourself.*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 17*

Be strong in the Lord. His strength must become your strength; for of yourself you are very weak. All our sufficiency is of God. In His strength go forward. This message was given to me for you, Humble yourself. Do not seek to humble your brethren, but humble yourself.*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 18*

I wish I could make the impression on you that these words made on my mind and heart when I heard them addressed to you. One thing I beg of you to consider. It is your duty to counsel with your brethren and to heed their advice. Blend with your brethren. Seek their counsel, and when they give it, do not cast it away, as if they were your enemies. Humble your heart before God, else you will not know His will.*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 19*

Be determined to be in unity with your brethren. This duty God has placed upon you. Make their hearts glad by following their counsel, and make yourself strong through the influence that this will give you. I hope and pray that you will take heed to the cautions that I send you.*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 20*

“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.” [*Revelation 3:19-21.*]*20LtMs, Lt 173, 1905, par. 21*

Lt 175, 1905

Fitzgerald, W. J.

Atlanta, Georgia

June 8, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Elder W. J. Fitzgerald
1809 Wallace Street
Philadelphia

Dear Brother Fitzgerald,—

I will try to write you a few lines. We are waiting in the partially finished station here at Atlanta, while the cars are switching back and forth, and I will improve the time by writing to you.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 175, 1905, par. 1*

I wish to say to you, my brother, that we cannot encourage you to look to the General Conference to take the responsibility of paying the debts of the sanitariums that are being established. Nevertheless, I write to you, as I have written the brethren at Melrose, to go right forward, and do your best, having courage that the Lord will surely open ways before you. We do not want the General Conference to stand responsible for the sanitariums that we have felt assured we must have; but when we take up the burden of purchasing buildings, we lay the whole matter before our own people in the conference or section that is to be benefited and let them share the burden. We have done this with much success.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 175, 1905, par. 2*

At this juncture, when the work in Washington and Takoma Park must be perfected and the publishing house erected, and when calls for help are coming from all parts of the world, we have no heart to urge the wants of the local fields upon our people at large. We just raise every penny possible from the friends in the locality where the institution is to be, and then we pray, and then we feel clear to borrow at low interest from our brethren who have money to

lend; and I have worked in this way in Australia and since coming to this country. Let us do everything possible to secure means within our own borders.*20LtMs, Lt 175, 1905, par. 3*

When *Ministry of Healing* is ready for circulation, let every one be prepared to do his part in selling it, and thus lessen the debts on our sanitariums. The gift of the manuscript means much to me. While I feel glad to make this gift for the relief of our sanitariums, I want every member of the church to act his part in the work of its circulation. Will you do it? Let each one do his best. Will our people in Pennsylvania rally to the work? Will others in like circumstances gird up the loins of their minds and do their utmost in this good work?*20LtMs, Lt 175, 1905, par. 4*

Take hold, brethren and sisters, and pray and work and believe. Talk hope and courage and faith. Let not one word of discouragement or of mournful unbelief be expressed. Stand up manfully as one all through the ranks, and move forward by faith.*20LtMs, Lt 175, 1905, par. 5*

To you in Philadelphia I would say, Have faith. Secure what means you must have to carry on the work acceptably. Manage the work wisely, that it may prosper. The Lord would have us watch and pray and go forward.*20LtMs, Lt 175, 1905, par. 6*

If Dr. Kellogg is called to perform special surgical operations, pay him, and take his receipt. Do not allow him to perform the operations unless he will allow you to settle with him for his labor and will give you a receipt in full. I know what I am saying. Please do not be unmindful of my words.*20LtMs, Lt 175, 1905, par. 7*

In the place of mourning because you have secured facilities to do the work that you desire to do, praise God that you have these advantages. Be of good courage, and watch unto prayer. We will all do our best to help one another. Do not fret, and never talk disbelievingly.*20LtMs, Lt 175, 1905, par. 8*

Lt 177, 1905

Bourdeau, Patience

On the cars near Atlanta, Georgia

June 8, 1905

This letter is published in entirety in *DG 98-99*.

Dr. Patience Bourdeau
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Sister Patience,—

I have been having a long talk with my son W. C. White as to how we can best conduct the sanitarium at Washington, D.C. I told him that I had a conversation with your father in reference to your connecting with our sanitarium there. There is need of a lady physician's connecting with the institution at once. The experience that we have had during the past few days has decided us to secure a capable lady physician who can care for the women patients and be matron of the home, that the patients may receive prompt attention and that the helpers may be given the right kind of instruction, such as you can give. The young ladies connected with the institution should be taught to act their part intelligently. *20LtMs, Lt 177, 1905, par. 1*

I have much written upon the subject of gentlemen physicians giving the delicate treatments to lady patients. The light given me is that the influence exerted by this is not good, and that grave and serious consequences result from this generally established custom. I have been giving instruction on the point of lady patients' coming under the examination of gentlemen physicians. *20LtMs, Lt 177, 1905, par. 2*

I shall advise that you be called to Washington as soon as possible, for this is a most important time for our work there. We need you as soon as some one can be secured to take your place. *20LtMs, Lt 177, 1905, par. 3*

After I reach home, I will write you again and send you copies of things I have already written.*20LtMs, Lt 177, 1905, par. 4*

An expensive building has been rented in Iowa Circle, Washington. It is a beautiful location for a sanitarium and has been fitted up for the giving of treatment, but it needs a house physician and a manager. We need you. We believe that you can help us in Washington. You can give the nurses the instruction that they need and can also give lectures in the parlor to the patients. Will you receive this invitation as prompted by the Lord; for I have an assurance that you can do the work essential. Brother Hare is an excellent physician, but not a manager. We need some one who can plan and manage. You can help us out of our difficulty. Washington is a most important place, and a right representation of our work must be given by the sanitarium.*20LtMs, Lt 177, 1905, par. 5*

I shall be in St. Helena, California, next week. Write to me there, and please write also to Elder Daniells, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.*20LtMs, Lt 177, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 179, 1905

White, J. E.

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

June 9, 1905

Previously unpublished.

My dear son Edson,—

I wish to make a decided appeal to you. In connecting with Brother Bollman, be sure to respect his judgment. Do not follow the leadings of your own mind. You are certainly in danger of gathering to yourself responsibilities that will lead you into great perplexity. You overload yourself with burdens; and when you discern that you are overloaded, you blame others for not helping you. Whereas, if you had been willing to be advised by your brethren, you would not have become so overburdened.*20LtMs, Lt 179, 1905, par. 1*

I am instructed to warn you that you are in danger of presuming too much on your mental and physical strength. May the Lord help you to heed the advice I give. Keep your soul in the love of God by refusing to contract debts.*20LtMs, Lt 179, 1905, par. 2*

How earnest, how untiring were Christ's efforts for the salvation of men. He allowed nothing to turn Him from the work of soul-saving. Are we following in His steps? He has set us an example. We are to carry out His plans.*20LtMs, Lt 179, 1905, par. 3*

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

principles pure and holy. Do nothing that will injure your reputation as a reliable, trustworthy man.*20LtMs, Lt 179, 1905, par. 4*

Is Christ divided? We are to be united under one head. Our brethren are the purchase of the blood of Christ, and our hearts and theirs are to be knit together in love. Do not grieve the heart of infinite love by showing coldness toward your brethren. As believers we are to maintain an individuality of our own, but we are to be united under one head, our individual sympathies animated and controlled by Christ. What a power of influence we would exert if we all pressed together, working in love and unity. Explain if you can why believers cherish so much coldness, why they allow trifling matters to produce alienation. Christ died to save us. He loved us all. Let us act our part in preserving the unity that He prayed should exist in the church.*20LtMs, Lt 179, 1905, par. 5*

Lt 179a, 1905

White, J. E.

On the train from Washington to Los Angeles

June 11, 1905

Previously unpublished.

My dear son Edson,—

It has been presented to me that your business enterprises consume a large amount of means, and that you have been gathering money from any and every place from which you can get it, thus largely increasing your heavy burden of debt. This will bring you to confusion and shame. Think, my son, of what it means for you to invest as you do large sums of money that is not yours—borrowed money. In this you are certainly bringing heavy burdens upon yourself, upon me, and upon your brother.*20LtMs, Lt 179a, 1905, par. 1*

Representations of this matter have been made to me by One who cannot err. I entreat you, my son, to preserve your honor, if you lose all else. Stop your investments right where you are, and do not employ men to do work for you when you have no money with which to pay them. Consider what kind of a record you are making. Investigate your plans and motives closely. This is your solemn duty.*20LtMs, Lt 179a, 1905, par. 2*

Have you not been over this ground again and again, until it has become a difficult matter to maintain your reputation for wisdom and integrity? Why will you not heed the oft-repeated counsel of your mother? Why do you pay so little heed to the advice of your brethren? I am instructed to counsel you to choose Brother Bollman, Brother Amadon, Brother Butler, and Brother Haskell, whom we believe to be servants of God, and open to them fully your financial situation, and then unite with them in studying the counsel that the Lord has given you in the past regarding your work, and unite in laying plans for the future. I know that it will have to come to this. Let no time be lost. Let not things pass on, your being

your own counsellor, and entering into temptations planned by the enemy to spoil your record as an intelligent, honest businessman. I have been passing through keen anguish of soul on your account. My son, you must not let one unrighteous action rest upon your soul.*20LtMs, Lt 179a, 1905, par. 3*

Your withdrawal from the Southern Publishing Association was not wise. It was not just. It involved much. In the night season we were in a counsel meeting. Matters were being investigated, and it was shown that your movement in separating from the publishing house was unwise. A large outlay of means on your part was required in order for you to prepare to carry on an independent business. And you had not the means to carry out such a movement. I cannot keep silent and see you continue to become involved.*20LtMs, Lt 179a, 1905, par. 4*

Lt 179b, 1905

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 7, 1905

Previously unpublished.

My dear Son,—

I have a message for you. It was been presented to me that the sinking of your boat and the other misfortunes that came upon you were a lesson sent from the Lord. And many other matters have also been laid open before me with great clearness.*20LtMs, Lt 179b, 1905, par. 1*

You moved unwisely in taking your work from the Southern Publishing house. There was a great deal involved in this action. Causes lead to effects. You should have considered the effect that such a step would have upon the Association and upon yourself. You should have seen that it was your privilege and duty to blend your interests with the interests of the Nashville office; not as the one who was to be always favored, but as one who was to help and be helped; not as one who was to have the deciding voice, but as one who was to unite his talents with the talents of others for the building up of a united work.*20LtMs, Lt 179b, 1905, par. 2*

You have been launching out in the investment of means and are becoming more and more involved. In much of your work, you are doing the very things that you should not do. This is becoming a great burden to those who are associated with you and a great burden to the brethren whose means you are using to do the many things that your mind devises to be done.*20LtMs, Lt 179b, 1905, par. 3*

I was in a board meeting, in which finances were being accurately sized up. I saw that the safety of our work in the South depends on our brethren who are bearing responsibilities, working in earnest union, counselling together and assisting one another. I have

written a short letter to Elder Butler, saying that one man's voice and one man's talent should not be allowed to rule in the work of the Southern Publishing Association. The same principle holds true in the work of the Southern Missionary Society. Faithful brain and heart work is to be done by a united company. *20LtMs, Lt 179b, 1905, par. 4*

Lt 179c, 1905

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 21, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear son Edson,—

I write to you at this time because I am greatly burdened. I want to call your attention to the counsels that the Lord has given you regarding the use which He would have you make of the talents that He has given you—talents of time, experience, and influence. There is a good work that you can do if you will give your talents to improvement. Time is short. We all need to use every jot of our ability in proclaiming the message of truth. Why, O why, should not every power of every one who claims to be a child of God be used in His service? Walk humbly, circumspectly before Him. The work is to go forward in Nashville and in many other places in the South.*20LtMs, Lt 179c, 1905, par. 1*

I must also call your attention to the money that you have invested in your various supposed necessities. This is not as God would have it. You are pursuing a course that causes me great trouble of mind. When your barn burned, consuming your horses and carriages, I said, “Amen and amen. The Lord is working with Edson. He has taken his case in hand. I do not feel so great an anxiety as I have felt in the past.” I was relieved. I said, “If he will not heed the counsel God has given, what can I, even though I am his mother, do?” I saw you walking away from the counsel of your brethren and bringing great anxiety upon them by following your own devisings.*20LtMs, Lt 179c, 1905, par. 2*

While you go forward unadvisedly, gathering responsibilities for the sake of helping the work, you are in fact retarding the work and making yourself the subject of criticism. You need the sanctifying, balancing influence of the Holy Spirit of God. If you would change your attitude and take counsel, as you always ought to, with men of

judgment and experience, and then heed their counsel, it would be for your present interest and eternal good. I want you to realize that you are not walking wisely. You are giving occasion for others to speak of you as wearing the stamp of unreliable ability. You have talent. This God has entrusted to you, and it is to be used to His name's glory. The many severe lessons and the plain cautions given you in the past, warning you not to gather responsibilities to yourself, ought to have saved you from your present experience.*20LtMs, Lt 179c, 1905, par. 3*

I would that you could see how others are tempted on your account. How are you going to settle the thousands of dollars against you? With the large debts that you have, how can you go on investing money? Please stop and consider; for your course of action is affecting my work. I cannot see any possibility of saving you from the natural results of your course. It hurts me to have to write to you thus, but I cannot but tell you that your present financial embarrassment is the natural result of your moving without wise counsel and solid judgment. Can you be surprised if your brethren dread to share the responsibility of your movements?*20LtMs, Lt 179c, 1905, par. 4*

I scarcely know what to say to you that will give you the help I earnestly desire you to receive. The light that is given me is that you must now move very guardedly. Do not get out of patience because there are those who feel a great anxiety on your account. Seek for counsel, and listen to it, as you have never listened to it before.*20LtMs, Lt 179c, 1905, par. 5*

You have expressed your high appreciation of Brother Bollman's talents, and I have felt very thankful to the Lord that you have so wise a counsellor. George Amadon has linked his interest with you, and his influence has been a great blessing to you. But I see you in trouble, and this trouble your own course has brought about.*20LtMs, Lt 179c, 1905, par. 6*

You cannot hope to evade, by vague generalities, the authoritative claims that must be made on you. There is only one way out—an honest avowal of your true situation in response to inquiry.*20LtMs, Lt 179c, 1905, par. 7*

Edson, stop launching out in manufacturing enterprises. Stop laying plans that call for more money than your income will supply. Stop, for Christ's sake, stop. Your influence is a sacred trust, and it is to be carefully guarded as a gift from the Lord. What more can I say to you than I have already said? I ask you now to stop, and retrace your steps. Let me see that you appreciate the words of counsel sent you again and again in the past.*20LtMs, Lt 179c, 1905, par. 8*

Let us now sound the clear, ringing note of the third angel's message. This is the time to work for God. This is the time to honor and glorify His name.*20LtMs, Lt 179c, 1905, par. 9*

“Lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way, but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord, looking diligently, lest any man fail of the grace of God, lest any root of bitterness, springing up trouble you and thereby many be defiled.” “Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected; for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.” [*Hebrews 12:12-17.*]*20LtMs, Lt 179c, 1905, par. 10*

The apostle James, writing by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, tells us that “every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of His own will begat He us, with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.” [*James 1:17-19.*]*20LtMs, Lt 179c, 1905, par. 11*

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

come to them? How can they conduct health-reform, medical missionary sanitariums?*20LtMs, Lt 179c, 1905, par. 12*

All this is a great burden on my soul. The truth must go deeper and still deeper than it has yet gone, refining, purifying, and sanctifying the whole man. The truth is to be proclaimed with power. To all connected with the work in and near Nashville, I would say, Be careful how you move. God's angels are ascending and descending the ladder, bearing communications from God to His people. Read and practice the *first chapter of Second Peter*. There is now to be earnest heart searching on the part of all the workers in the Southern field.*20LtMs, Lt 179c, 1905, par. 13*

Lt 180, 1905

White, J. E.

Refiled as *Lt 179a, 1905*.

Lt 181, 1905

Butler, G. I.

Glendale, California

June 22, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brother Butler,—

We are seeking to bring up the work in this field to a higher standard by presenting the necessity of every man learning of Jesus Christ, the great Teacher. We need to pray much and to urge upon the people that God has given to every man his work. It is sad to think that many who profess to be Christians are not Christlike. Light is closely associated with life. If we have not light from the Sun of righteousness, we cannot have life. If we know not the truth of the Word, how can we live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God?*20LtMs, Lt 181, 1905, par. 1*

The prayer of Christ is, "Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth. As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." At this stage of our history we need to put stress upon this statement. This prayer was offered in our behalf, as well as for the disciples who were then with Christ. "Neither pray I for these alone," He said, "but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word." [*John 17:17-20.*] Many should be engaged in opening the Scriptures to unbelievers, who are to be educated by the words spoken by those who believe the truth. This is a work the importance of which seems to be but feebly understood. There are many who should be consecrated to the Lord through the sanctification of the truth. We are not doing one-hundredth part of what we should be doing as believers in Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 181, 1905, par. 2*

The Word of God is to be proclaimed in every place. Men and women are to be made holy through a knowledge of this Word. Christ is the light of the world, shining amidst the moral darkness.

He came to bring to men the principles of heaven. But those to whom He came would not receive His words. In the place of feeling that they were highly favored in being chosen to receive the light so mercifully and graciously given, they comprehended and received it not. *20LtMs, Lt 181, 1905, par. 3*

“There was a man sent from God whose name was John.” This John did not claim to be the Light. “He was not the Light, but was sent to bear witness of the Light.” [*John 1:6, 8.*] He was not to take Christ’s place, but was to point all men to the Light. No human being can take the position of Christ, but all can give the message, “Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.” [*Verse 29.*] This is the work of every minister of the gospel. He is not to attach the sympathies of the people to himself. In all the work that he does in the Master’s service, he is to lift the people’s sympathies above himself to Christ. The crucified One is to be presented before the people in His true office, and they are to be told that from Him alone can they gain the strength that will enable them to overcome evil. *20LtMs, Lt 181, 1905, par. 4*

Lt 183, 1905

Butler, G. I.

Glendale, California

June 23, 1905

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Dear Brother Butler,—

Since leaving Washington, I have had much writing and speaking to do. I have spoken twice to the Los Angeles church. The Lord gave me a message for the people before leaving San Diego.*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 1*

On our way to Los Angeles, we stopped off at Loma Linda and visited the property that we have purchased for sanitarium work. We were taken through the different buildings. There is one large main building, which was built for sanitarium work and is well adapted for that purpose. Some changes will have to be made regarding bath and treatment facilities, but otherwise, everything is in readiness for us to begin work at once.*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 2*

Until this recent visit, I had never before seen such a place with my natural eyes, but four years ago such a place was presented before me as one of those that would come into our possession if we moved wisely. It is a wonderful place in which to begin our work for Redlands and Riverside. We must make decided efforts to secure helpers who will do most faithful medical missionary work. If God will bless the treatment given, and Christ will let His healing power be felt, a wonderful work will be accomplished.*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 3*

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

counsellor, the Lord Jesus Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 4*

This work must be carried on aright. In the past, decided failures have been made in the institutions established for the care of the sick because so much business has been crowded in, that the main object for which our sanitariums are established has been lost sight of. Great loss has thus been sustained. I am to urge upon our people that the proclamation of the principles of truth must be kept prominent, as the main line of work for which our sanitariums were instituted.*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 5*

The Lord calls for a solemn dedication to Him of the sanitariums that shall be established. Our object in the establishment of these institutions is that the truth for this time may through them be proclaimed. In order that this may be done, they must be conducted on right lines. In them business interests are not to be crowded in to take the place of spiritual interests. Every day devotional exercises are to be held. The Word of God is in no case to be given a secondary place. Those who come to our sanitariums for treatment must see the Word of God, which is the bread of life, exalted above all common, earthly considerations. A strong religious influence is to be exerted. It must be plainly shown that the glory of God and the uplifting of Christ are placed before all else.*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 6*

The stupidity of soul that has been evidenced in our plans must now cease to bear away the victory. "What shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" [*Mark 8:36, 37.*]*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 7*

Many who should have stood with us in solid rank and file have given themselves up to ambitions which have led to objectionable practices, opposed to honest and righteous dealing. The service of such ones God does not accept. They are drawing into the pattern strange threads, which will spoil the figure, and the Lord cannot endorse their work. Those who become adepts in unfair dealing gain their success at altogether too high a price. Their mental powers are used to overreach and defraud, and opposite their names in the books of heaven God writes the words, Unfaithful stewards. God and eternal life become of little account to them

when the greed for gain and for the mastery are in the scale. An eternity of blissful experience is exchanged for the flattery of supposed success. Transaction after transaction forbidden by God is entered into. The Voice said, Better, far better the loss of all earthly possessions than the loss of the favor of God and the eternal interests that are at stake.*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 8*

The time is not far distant when the last venture will be made in giving the enemy the advantage over the soul. And the loss will be for eternity. Success in such ventures is a terrible disaster to those who take part in them. The words were spoken, Better the cross and the disappointment, better the shattered hopes and the world's charge of foolishness, than to gain a name, to sit with princes, and to forfeit heaven.*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 9*

There is in the world today a power that palsies the spiritual energies, benumbs the sense of right, and robs man of the victory of overcoming. The benumbed soul does not recover. The spiritual paralysis continues until the end. Lies are spoken, lies are acted. Deception is practiced and dishonesty connived at. This leaves a deadly sting in the soul. The father of lies has taken possession of the citadel of the heart. The false, the deceptive has turned the whole current of the life. Business transactions have become corrupt. And this moral degradation has been chosen instead of a rich current of light from heaven.*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 10*

The time has come when men who were once chosen of God have become degenerate. The word will soon be spoken, He is joined to his idols; let him alone.*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 11*

There is much more that I might say, but I will withhold it. God pity those who are deceived by men. I am instructed to say, Lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins. Now is the time to raise the standard aloft. I am to give the message that all advantage gained by compliance with tainted customs will leave its slimy trail. Any man whatever his profession may be, who has committed himself to an objectionable course of action, opposed to that which is pure, lovely, and of good report, will trample upon the Word of God. Would that those who have had great light would, in this the day of

atonement, humble their souls and confess and forsake their sins, declaring that from henceforth by the grace of God, they will hold fast to their integrity, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan, and taking the Word of God as their rule of conduct, their standard of duty.*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 12*

When men plan and scheme to get the advantage of one another in business dealing, it is because they have cast the Word of God behind them. It pains my heart even to trace these words. The Word of God does not restrict man's diligence in business transactions that are according to righteousness. But it bears plain witness against underhand dealing. Upon this point it is clear and decided, and no one need err in understanding it. The Word of God is a light put into man's hand. God tells him to be guided by its precepts. Thus only can he become an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ. In obeying the Word, man is acquiring immortal treasures, which will never pass away. The peace of God is worth everything to the receiver.*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 13*

The talents entrusted to us by God are to be used in His service. Thus only can the highest results be obtained from their use. Man will not be deprived of the powers given him if he uses these powers to the glory of God. I am given a message to bear to the members of our churches. My brethren and sisters, Consecrate all that you have and are to God. The silver and the gold that we possess is but lent us in trust. The sin of covetousness is destroying the value of holy principles. It is leading us to act in opposition to God's will. It is eating out the hearts of men. Let us not cherish it longer.*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 14*

How disgraceful are the disclosures that are being made regarding men who have occupied high places in the world. Shall the intrigues practiced by these men be practiced by the members of the church of God? Shall we not obey the injunction, "Honor the Lord with thy substance"? [*Proverbs 3:9.*] My brethren and sisters, it was the favor of God that enabled you to gather together your substance. All that you have belongs to Him, and cheerfully and gladly you are to lay your means and talents upon the altar of service, that they may be used in saving perishing souls.*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 15*

The Christian in the market place who keeps his soul unspoiled has a credit in the heavenly courts. His means will not be used to carry out the devising of the enemy, but to do good in the very lines that God has marked out. The Lord will teach us how to employ all our powers to the glory of His name. The gathering of wealth is to be used in the service of the Master. Thus used, it will bring a hundredfold in this life, and in the life to come glorious and eternal riches.*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 16*

To every church member I would say, Never, never let there be any departing from the strictest integrity. Do not mock God, the Majesty of heaven, by a disregard of His Word. Never, never defraud a fellow being and then suppose that your sharpness is something to be proud of. Do not follow maxims of business that are based on false pretensions. There is in this our day a great deal of falsity. The pretender, the deceiver is increasing in numbers, and truth and integrity are violated. Lies are spoken, lies are acted and are becoming more and more common among those who do not make the Word of God their counsellor.*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 17*

Never was there a time when truth and righteousness should be so highly exalted by those who are in God's service as the present. Let us urge upon our people the necessity of laying wholly upon the foundation principles of the truth. Oh, there are so many who fail to enjoy the blessing that comes from a clear conviction of what the people of God must be. There is nothing in self upon which it is safe to rest. In the place of being confused in regard to the foundation of our faith, which has been confirmed by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the place of building flimsy foundations upon the sands of error, let us hold fast to the great principles of truth given us, refusing to be moved. Those who receive theories of Satan's furnishing are building upon the sand. When the storm and tempest come, their building will suddenly collapse, and great will be the fall of it.*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 18*

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

beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; ... that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.” [1 John 1:1, 3.]*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 19*

From our own personal experience we can speak of the truth that has made us what we are—Seventh-day Adventists. Truth felt within is most precious, but truth confirmed by the testimony of the Word and by the Holy Spirit’s power is of the highest value. We can confidently say, The truth that has come to us through the Holy Spirit’s working is not a lie. The evidences given for the last half century bear the evidence of the Spirit’s power. In the Word of God we have found the truth that substantiates our faith. We have watched the influence of the heresies that have come in, and we have seen them come to naught. God has given us sacred, holy truths. Let us hold them fast. I am instructed to say that we are now to present these truths, in plainness and simplicity, to the people of God.*20LtMs, Lt 183, 1905, par. 20*

Lt 185, 1905

White, J. E.

Takoma Park, Maryland

June 26, 1905

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J. E. White

My dear son,—

It is high time that you heeded the cautions and warnings that the Lord has given you in regard to borrowing money. One caution from the Lord ought to be enough, but you have borrowed money again and again, and you spend large sums in unwise investments. Thus you weaken your influence, and you also weaken the influence that the Lord would have your mother exert.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 1*

You should not permit your course of action to tear in pieces the work of other men. You should not try to build yourself up as a one-man power. This God forbids. If you do not change, you will hurt my influence and weaken my hands in the much-needed work of raising means for foreign fields and for needy missionary enterprises in the Southern states. I cannot and will not allow this to be done.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 2*

Consider, my son, how much sorrow and how many sleepless hours you cause me, and not me only, but yourself and others. You are inclined to take everything into your own hands. You do not seek for and listen to the counsel of your brethren. By following your own counsel, you are doing more than anyone else to block the way of the book that I am preparing on the work in the South. The course that you are pursuing, while regarding yourself as superior in judgment, is contrary to the will of God. By this course you are hindering your own work and making my way exceedingly hard.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 3*

Your separation from the Southern Publishing house, and your

setting up of another printing office, was not the wisest thing. You have injured the publishing house by separating from it and establishing a separate business. You may justify your course in doing this, but it is not right, neither is it just.*20LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 4*

You can be out of the city to do much of your work, but to go as far as you have gone in separating your work from the office that you yourself were foremost in establishing in the city of Nashville is something that the Lord disapproves. Often you have condemned when you ought to have approved. You have drawn off when you ought to have exerted your influence to bring about unity. You should now labor to bring heart and mind and soul into union with your brethren. They should not be expected to do all the unifying. As a Christian you have an important part to act in the effort for unity.*20LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 5*

When you receive upon mind and voice and character the mold of the Holy Spirit, the Lord will sustain and bless you; but when you try to make yourself a complete whole, drawing apart from your brethren, you separate from God. You should not count it a little matter to be at variance with your brethren. You should not permit yourself to cherish feelings that no man can cherish and still retain his influence as a Christian.*20LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 6*

If you would retain your influence, you must carry your work forward in the simplicity of true godliness. If you will do this, there are several branches of work in which you can help by your judgment and counsel. But if you feel that you do not need the counsel of your brethren, you will close the door of your usefulness as a counselor to them. Sometimes you have despised the counsel of those who would have been to you a savor of life unto life. It is your duty to receive counsel from your brethren. You should appreciate their advice.*20LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 7*

There are distinct branches of work in which you can reflect light, if you will show a right spirit. You can be an educator in several lines, and you can be a great blessing, but other minds and other voices must be blended with your mind and voice.*20LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 8*

Study David's experience. "I said in my haste," he said, "all men are liars." [*Psalm 116:11.*] But this was a speech calculated to do much harm. Words spoken in haste place men on the stool of repentance. *20LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 9*

Afflictions are the portion of those who love God and keep His commandments. If your season of trouble does not lead you to love God, does not soften and subdue your heart, what will? If your affliction at the hand of God does not lead you to humble your heart before Him as a little child, what will accomplish the work? If by these troubles your heart is not quickened into self-searching under the Holy Spirit's influence, what will bring this about? *20LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 10*

O my son, never, never will you improve your talents and your gifts as the Lord would have you until you lay aside the burdens which you gather to yourself, but which you need not touch. God would have you review the past and humble your heart before Him. Again and again the Lord has set before you the need of reviewing, step by step, point by point, your own experience, but you have not obeyed. If you do not decidedly change your course of action, you will do more to weaken the confidence of the church in the integrity of the testimonies than all other influences combined can do. *20LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 11*

O how many there are far from the path of truth, doing unrighteousness, who might be saved if they would disrobe themselves of their ambition and their pride. In the judgment, how plainly, how distinctly all these mistakes will stand out. How clearly then men will see the consequences of stubbornly following their own way. *20LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 12*

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

yoke and bear the burden of Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 13*

O Edson, my son, how is it regarding the means that you have invested in ordinary business? Do you act with the strictest integrity in all your contracts, all your negotiations, all your payments? Do you labor to keep clear of debt, as Christ would have you? What pattern are you giving to others? How is it with your tongue? Do you bring it under the rule of Christ? How is it with you on other points?*20LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 14*

O the forbearance—the forbearance of Christ toward us. O the greatness of our debt to Him! May God help you, that you may not show yourself fickle. Stand up in the name of the Lord, and make thorough work for eternity. The Lord has allowed disaster to come upon you that you might be led to repent.*20LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 15*

Edson, with all your religious experience, unless you deny yourself, and lift the cross of self-sacrifice, you cannot live with Jesus in the heavenly courts. God calls for a much higher consecration than you give Him.*20LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 16*

Recently, in the night visions, we seemed to be in an assembly. Some plain questions were asked those present. A hand was laid upon your shoulder, Edson, and the words were spoken, “Have you on the wedding garment?” [See *Matthew 22:11, 12.*] Still more earnestly the question was repeated, “Have you on the robe of Christ’s righteousness? How is it with you in your ordinary business? How is it with your temper?”*20LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 17*

I dare not withhold these things from you. Everyone who has any connection with the work of God is to work out his own salvation with fear and trembling.*20LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 18*

“I therefore the prisoner of the Lord beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, in all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*20LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 19*

“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.” *20LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 20*

“But unto every one of us is given grace according to the gift of Christ. Wherefore He saith, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. ... And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints; for the work of the ministry; for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ; from whom the whole body fitly framed together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” [*Ephesians 4:1-8, 11-16.*]*20LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 21*

These words outline the work that should be done in every church. God’s people are to come into unity. Love is the law of Christ’s kingdom. The Lord calls upon every one to reach a higher standard. The lives of His people are to reveal love, meekness, longsuffering. Longsuffering bears something, yea, many things, without seeking to be avenged by word or act. *20LtMs, Lt 185, 1905, par. 22*

Lt 186, 1905

White, J. E.

Takoma Park, Maryland

June, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Elder J. E. White
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Son,—

I have been and still am troubled in regard to your case. In the night season I find myself engaged in earnest, pleading conversation with you, repeating the testimonies of reproof and caution that the Lord has given me for you. I am much oppressed in your behalf. You are gathering burdens to yourself that you are unable to carry, and this makes it hard for those who are connected with you to do anything to help you. You think you know best, and you will not take counsel.*20LtMs, Lt 186, 1905, par. 1*

You will not look at these matters in a rational light until the converting power of God comes upon you and transforms your mind. It is right that you should take counsel of those who are associated with you in business lines. You cannot expect to continue to follow your own way, accepting no advice from others. You plan for yourself and then expect others to follow who have no confidence in your planning.*20LtMs, Lt 186, 1905, par. 2*

Lt 187, 1905

Jones, A. T.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 26, 1905

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Dear Brother,—

I have read the letters recently received by W. C. White from you. I can refer to only a few of the matters mentioned in these letters.*20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 1*

You speak of the work which should be done in America, but which is undone. I wish to speak of these neglected fields as they are presented to me. I wish to speak, not merely in behalf of the Southern field, but in behalf of the large cities, whose neglected, unwarned condition is a condemnation to our people, who claim to be missionaries for the Master.*20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 2*

You bring up the far-off mission fields, great London and the neglected fields farther away. When our people come into unity, when they spend less time in dissension and discord, and more time in service for the Master, their work will be done under the ministrations of heavenly angels, and the truth will go forth with power.*20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 3*

We stand rebuked by God because the large cities right within our sight are unworked and unwarned. A terrible charge of neglect is brought against those who have been long in the work, in this very America, and yet have not entered the large cities. What has been done in Philadelphia, in New Orleans, in St. Louis, and in other cities that I might name? We have done none too much for foreign fields, but we have done comparatively nothing for the great cities right beside our own doors.*20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 4*

There is the great city of New York. Much might have been done in it that has not been done. Are you surprised that I should keep

these cities before the notice of our people? We have scarcely touched Greater New York with the tips of our fingers. Brother Haskell and his wife labored nobly, but who encouraged them in their work? Who cut down their wages, when every dollar that they could spare was being expended in the proclamation of the message? I am cited to these inconsistencies, and am shown how the work that Brother and Sister Haskell ran heavily, because the burden placed upon them was too heavy for them to carry. *20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 5*

Brother and Sister Haskell are now engaged in work in Nashville, and with pen and voice I shall present the needs of the cities of the South, in which no efforts have been put forth. And yet God calls those living in these cities our neighbors. *20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 6*

The very men held in Battle Creek, where the Lord has said that they should not be held, could have entered these cities; and under the guidance of wise leaders, whether ministers or laymen, a successful effort might have been carried forward. *20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 7*

A thorough and genuine work is to be done in the cities of the South, and the work presented to me as the most important to be done just now is the preparation of workers who can take hold intelligently to bring things up to a higher standard. We cannot spend our time in lamentations about what has not been done. Let us call upon our people to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty agencies of evil that must be met. *20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 8*

I am more thankful than I can express that at this time work is being done in Washington, and that the law of God in its proper bearing is being held up before the people. Many more ought to be laboring there, and their work ought to be self-supporting. I pray that the Holy Spirit will work upon hearts; for we have no time to lose. *20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 9*

When the Redeemer was on this earth, working for the sin-cursed cities, He sent His disciples everywhere to preach the gospel. When those who are clustered together in Battle Creek are converted,

they will hear and heed the commission that Christ gave His disciples just before His ascension.*20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 10*

“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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 11*

“Afterward He appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen Him after He was risen. And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In My name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 12*

“So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.” [*Mark 16:14-20.*]*20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 13*

After His resurrection He gave His disciples instruction as to the work they were to do. “He opened their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 14*

“And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they

worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.” [Luke 24:45-53.]*20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 15*

If those in Battle Creek who have a knowledge of the truth realized how near, how very near, we are to the end of this earth’s history, they would go forth and proclaim in our cities the last message of warning. They are in need of a spiritual resurrection. Their understanding needs to be enlightened. God calls upon the believers in Battle Creek to make earnest work for repentance, to seek Him while He may be found. Why should our ministers, if they are still sound in the faith, not go forth with the message to be given to those who are in the darkness of error?*20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 16*

Elder A. T. Jones, God calls upon you to go out into the cities and give the last message of warning. Look to God for your support as you go. Call the people together, and you will certainly not work in vain. Let the truth go forth as a lamp that burneth. No longer confine your efforts to one place. Let there be held, right where you are, a solemn convocation. Let there be a renunciation of self to God. Hold fast the beginning of your faith unto the end. Let not your faith waver. Go forth in faith, and work on the same plan that Elder Simpson has followed. Have your charts, and preach the gospel. “Lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sin.” [*isaiah 58:1.*]*20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 17*

There are those who have never heard the message of mercy and warning. In the name of the Lord I say, Delay not. Proclaim the gospel message in the cities of America. Scatter the seeds of truth throughout these cities. Take with you reliable men, who with pen and voice will act their part in proclaiming the message of present truth to the world.*20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 18*

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

our God.*20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 19*

“Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong; fear not; behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; He will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall be become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called, The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those; the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lions shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed of the Lord shall walk there; and the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” [*Isaiah 35:1-10.*]*20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 20*

God calls upon His people to arouse from their inaction.*20LtMs, Lt 187, 1905, par. 21*

Lt 188, 1905

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July, 1905

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Elder J. E. White
Nashville, Tennessee

My Son Edson,—

I must speak to you concerning some things which have caused me trouble of mind. While at your place, I feared at times that your mind was becoming unbalanced, but hoped that if you rested you would realize a decided change. More recently some matters have been opened before me, and I was instructed to bear this message to you: *20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 1*

Your inclination to engage in manufacturing enterprises is a snare to you. You devise and plan, and, no matter what your financial circumstances are, you carry out what you have planned. Your salary and other means are appropriated to carry out your ambitious purposes, and then you are compelled to hire money and are often led to invest much more means in the enterprise you are planning than in your first conception of the plan was considered necessary. *20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 2*

At times your movements of this character have scarcely borne the mark of a sound mind. You do not ask counsel of your associates for fear they will check your ambitious plans, but plunge deeper and deeper into debt, until the climax comes. *20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 3*

I was instructed in regard to this phase of your experience when

you were in Battle Creek. The experience you had there resulted in the breaking up of your business, but even this did not develop in you caution and a fixed determination to manage economically. You did not learn to bind about the edges of your expenses, but you repeatedly placed your neck under a yoke of galling obligations. You did not learn to use money discreetly. The same inclination was afterward manifested in your passion for boats.*20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 4*

The freedom you have manifested in the laying out of money has not been pleasing to the Lord. By your speculations you are binding burdens on your own shoulders and framing a cruel yoke for your own neck. I wish that you might value more than you do the freedom that would enable you to say, "I owe no man anything." [See *Romans 13:8*.] It has been your desire to do some great thing that would make you a benefactor to the cause of God, and to do this you have taxed mind and soul to the utmost; but your calculations have been perverted. Over and over again you have caused trouble and perplexity by your unreasonable enterprises. Yet you have not meant that this should be.*20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 5*

There is danger in your going into business independently. There is more safety for you in being associated with others, where you have to give an account of your dealings, and where your true position is understood. Neither can you safely take the position of head manager. Your inclination to spend money is strong, and this will keep you at the foot instead of at the head.*20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 6*

I was charged with instruction for you to have nothing to do with the food manufacturing interests; for this would have meant a great consuming of other men's money. Your broadening plans, your purchasing of machinery would have resulted in positive failure. You did take heed to this instruction, and I thank the Lord for it.*20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 7*

Your disposition to trade, and your easy way of parting with money, if rightly named, would be that of "spendthrift." You are placing yourself in a most unenviable position: for to be called upon now to

settle your debts would mean bankruptcy to you. And yet, if you are not withheld from it, you would even now plan for more machinery in your office. In your desire to create more facilities, you would hire money at a high rate of interest if you could not obtain it without; but this machinery will not run itself. Call a halt where you are, or dishonesty will find a place among your ambitious schemes. Cease to spread yourself out. Economy has not been revealed in your past management of the book business, and you will not make a success of your printing establishment.*20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 8*

You are carrying a work that God now forbids you to carry. He would have you consider yourself reprov'd. Should your true financial standing be known by the bank, and your inability to meet your present obligations be understood, what would you do?*20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 9*

I was shown that it was a means of injury to you that when you were preparing your office, means was placed in your hands to get the facilities you required. Had you revealed economy and an unwillingness to launch out on borrowed capital, you would have done that which was right. Your present indebtedness should never have existed. You should have waited until money came in from your business before securing the facilities you desired. You should have demonstrated a reformation of character by saying, I will wait, not expecting conveniences, until I earn the means I need. I will put up with inconvenience rather than pay large interest on hired money. You need to sign the pledge just as verily as does the drunkard who uses liquor to gratify his appetite.*20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 10*

The work that God has given you to do is a high and noble work, and your example is to be of a character to prove that you can be trusted. Your associates in business are to have reason for placing confidence in you that you will act with the integrity and honor of one who believes the truth for these last days. You are to be sanctified, not by profession of the truth, but by the possession of the sternest Christian principles.*20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 11*

Your way to eminence will not lie through speculation or by drawing your bow at a venture. Such success would imperil your soul's

healthfulness. You are to reach success by using the talents God has given you in a reasonable and sensible way, and in accordance with Bible principles, by acting with true economy and by giving to believers and unbelievers a good example. If you have not the means, tell your workers to be patient with you, that the Lord has forbidden you to accumulate debts. Tell them that you will do all that is possible to acquire what is necessary, but that you are pledged to show yourself a man of principle, a man of economy, a man of good, stern common sense, gaining credit because you do not ask credit, working diligently, systematically, and intelligently. All this I am instructed to present to you as you can bear it.*20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 12*

Your soul is purchased property, owned by the One who gave His life for you. You are to be deeply in earnest to keep that soul, purchased at so great a cost, free from every taint of dishonesty or prevarication of the truth. Then you will stand on vantage ground. You will have spare moments for your friendships; you will have an interest in cultivating the powers of mind and soul, and this should be your first consideration. You are to prepare that soul to enjoy a life that measures with the life of God—a life that Christ has purchased for you by the shedding of His own blood. You are to be made spotless and clean in this present life, being made partaker of the divine nature and escaping the corruption that is in the world through lust. You are to work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, remembering that it is God that worketh in you to will and to do of His good pleasure. You are to work out a spiritual character, revealing purity and truth, and putting into practice the principles of the gospel of Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 13*

You are to watch yourself, your words, your works; for the world is watching you. Your business transactions and your temporal affairs are being criticized. Let your speech be always seasoned with grace. You are to show to the world your purpose to be a citizen of Paradise. Let no careless, irreverent expression come from your lips. What you say in the world will be marked with special consequence if it corresponds with what you say in the church. Your attitude, your words, your spirit are constantly making an impression upon those with whom you associate. An example of industry and frugality will discourage avarice and overreaching and

the least untruthfulness in word or in action. Not a thread of dishonesty, even in secret, is to come into your plans. You are a minister of the gospel. Your associates are to know that through the grace of Christ you are what you profess to be.^{20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 14}

Satan is offering to every soul the kingdoms of this world in return for the carrying out of his will. This was the great inducement he presented to Christ in the wilderness of temptation. And so he says to Christ's followers, If you will follow my business methods, I will reward you with wealth. Every Christian is at some time brought to the test which will reveal his weak points of character. If the temptation is resisted, he has gained precious victories. He must choose whether he will serve Christ or become a follower of the great deceiver and a worshiper of him. In Satan's last bold attempt to overcome Christ, the Saviour met him with the words, "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." [*Matthew 4:10.*] Hitherto the Saviour's response to his temptations had been in <vindicating> the affirmative; now He commands the tempter to depart, and Satan leaves Him, defeated where he had hoped for victory.^{20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 15}

Satan is the arch deceiver. The results to us of accepting his temptations are worse than any loss that can be realized, yes, worse than death itself. Those who purchase success at the fearful price of submission to the will of Satan will find that they have made a hard bargain. Everything in Satan's trade is secured at a high price. The advantages he presents are a fearful, deceptive mirage. The promised high hopes he holds out are secured at the loss of things that are good and holy and pure. Let Satan always be confounded by the words, "It is written." "Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord, and that walketh in His ways; for thou shalt eat the labor of thy hands; happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee." [*Psalm 128:1, 2.*]^{20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 16}

I speak these words to all who love and fear God. He who stands prepared to do the works of righteousness will not be deceived by the allurements of the enemy. The angels of God are by his side restraining him if he will be restrained. His actions will be guided by

an exalted sense of right. He will be enabled to distinguish between right and wrong, between truth, exalted truth, and error. Those who enter the kingdom of heaven will be those who have reached the highest standard of moral obligation, those who have not sought to hide the truth or to deceive, those by whom God has been exalted and His Word defended, those by whom principle has not been misapplied to vindicate the wiles of Satan. God seeks for men of incorruptible integrity to minister His Word and to engage in medical missionary work.*20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 17*

Edson, if Satan succeeds in keeping you in this busy round of manufacturing work, he will gain just what he desires. Do not divorce your occupation from your religion. You are gathering responsibilities to yourself that give you employment, but not of the kind that God has given you to do. Your self imposed burdens will crowd your soul into deformity, and your work will bear the condemnation of God.*20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 18*

God has an interest in every nerve and muscle of your being. Your talent of speech is a sacred talent. Let it be used always with grace. Guard your appetite, that it may be sound and helpful. Your soul is precious in the sight of God, for it is the purchase of the blood of Christ. It is to be educated and trained and disciplined, that it may be fitted to join the redeemed family in the courts of heaven. It is your privilege to be an overcomer and to hear spoken to you the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." [*Matthew 25:23.*]*20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 19*

Now is your opportunity. You are to give yourself to the preaching of the Word and to preparing the books that are needed in the cause. You have lost precious opportunities of learning valuable lessons out of the Word. You have been busy here and there, but not always with the work of God's appointment. God tells you now to surround your soul with a different atmosphere, that you may be the means of doing much good to the souls who are perishing.*20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 20*

You have been on the losing side financially in carrying out certain

projects of your own. You have bound upon your neck a burden which hampers all your spiritual powers. There are many in the South among our own people who need the help that you can give them. They are subject to Satan's temptations. They pick up pleasing fables and hold them as truth. I warn you to be on your guard. There are moral icebergs among professed believers, men and women who never confess their wrongs because it is out of the line of their education to do this. Such will ever exert a harmful influence. Educate the young converts to keep away from such company. Through the study of sciences that are of satanic origin, they have frozen their souls.*20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 21*

Now, my son, make your paths straight. Now is your time to make a decided reformation. Let nothing that anyone may say or do hinder you in this work. You cannot give yourself to commercial enterprises unless the Lord lays this burden upon you, and this He has not done. Bind up the inclinations that take you from the work of teaching the Word of God. Study your Bible, and teach its truths to the souls who are ready to perish. The Christianity that is spiritual and aggressive will, under the ministration of the Holy Spirit, accomplish a good work for Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 22*

There is a work of reformation to be done in the Nashville church. If the members of the Nashville church will unify, if they will humble their hearts before God, confessing their way out of darkness into the light, the Spirit of God will come upon His people. The believers at Nashville have been departing from God. Let them now stand up in their weakness and identify themselves as one with God. There is nothing in this world that I fear so much as the fact that I may not know all my duty and so fail to meet all the obligations I owe to God.*20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 23*

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

God may accept our service.*20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 24*

Help Elder Haskell; help Elder Butler, that their efforts may be a success. Your lives with all their capabilities belong to God. Consecrate yourselves to Him. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you; and when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up for you a standard against the enemy. Watch unto prayer. Humble your hearts before God, and see if He will not give you such a blessing, that you will not have room enough to receive it. May the Lord work mightily, is my prayer.*20LtMs, Lt 188, 1905, par. 25*

Lt 189, 1905

Rand, H. F.

San Jose, California

July 1, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dr. H. F. Rand

Dear Brother,—

I have begun several letters to you, but other business demanding immediate attention has compelled me to leave them unfinished. Finding and reading the beginning of a letter to you reminded me that I ought to complete the letter. I have felt that we all need to communicate more frequently with one another.*20LtMs, Lt 189, 1905, par. 1*

I wish to tell you that you are in the place where the Lord would have you. I shall not tell you all the reasons in this letter. But if you believe that the Lord has a message for me to bear to His people, let me say that I have a message to bear to you. You are in the right place, and the Lord's will is that you shall remain where you are. Please believe what I write you. There are some things which you will hear ere long that will explain what I say. But I will say now, Let not Dr. Kellogg have one vestige of influence over you.*20LtMs, Lt 189, 1905, par. 2*

I have letters written to Dr. Kellogg, showing him where his movements will land him if he does not change. If a reformation does not take place in his life, he will go headlong into the pit that Satan has prepared for his feet. Remain where you are. Lean not on Dr. Kellogg, but lean hard on Jesus Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 189, 1905, par. 3*

I have letters written for Dr. Place. He may try to win the helpers away from the Boulder Sanitarium. But Dr. Place is not a Christian in practice, and it would be a mistake for you to allow your women

workers to come under his influence. He is not in a position religiously to be a blessing to any sanitarium or to do the work that the Lord requires His medical missionaries to do. Hold the fort at the Boulder Sanitarium. If you will stand firm for true religious principles, you will gain the esteem of the outside medical fraternity. The world respects a man who is firm to principle, and the Lord will give you favor with physicians who are not of our faith.*20LtMs, Lt 189, 1905, par. 4*

I am attending the San Jose camp-meeting, and at half-past ten this morning I spoke in the large tent to about a thousand people. They were crowded in as closely as they well could be. I had great freedom in speaking. The talk was taken down, and when it is written out, I will try to send you a copy. I spoke to the people regarding the necessity of their realizing the responsibility resting upon them to help the work of foreign missions. I presented before them their individual responsibility and told them that the Lord has given men talents to be put out to the exchangers. All that we have is the Lord's, and we are to husband our talents carefully, that His work at home and abroad may be carried forward. A call was made for gifts for foreign mission work, and a donation of five hundred dollars was taken up.*20LtMs, Lt 189, 1905, par. 5*

It is a great thing to have such an influence exerted as is being exerted by this camp-meeting. Many outsiders come to the meetings. Men and women from the camp are engaged in doing house-to-house work, and they are well received. This is the kind of work that should be done in every city. San Jose is increasing rapidly in numbers, and this is the first camp-meeting that has been held here for years. A large interest seems to have been created as a result of the meetings.*20LtMs, Lt 189, 1905, par. 6*

I am intensely desirous that every soul among us shall now do his utmost to proclaim the last message of mercy to be given to our world. From the light that God has given me, I know that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord's servants are to make Him their entire dependence. A worker is never to lift himself up in his own self-sufficiency. The Lord will permit all who do this to follow their own wisdom, and they will be humbled by defeat. Divine power will be imparted to every human worker who will work in all humility of

mind, looking unto Jesus, trusting in and depending upon the wisdom, not of man, but of God, and doing his utmost to improve his entrusted talents. God makes His humble, trusting servants His representatives. He greatly blesses those who will not lift up their souls unto vanity, who refuse to walk in self-confidence and presumption.*20LtMs, Lt 189, 1905, par. 7*

God calls upon men to improve the talents lent them. We are to place ourselves on the altar of service as a living sacrifice, following the example of Him who gave His life for the life of the world. God will manifest Himself through the humble, consecrated worker, making him wise unto salvation.*20LtMs, Lt 189, 1905, par. 8*

Our life is not our own. We have been bought with a price, and what a price. Every talent that we have to trade upon is the Lord's. In spending our powers in doing His will from the heart, we improve our talents continually.*20LtMs, Lt 189, 1905, par. 9*

My brother, watch unto prayer, and do not listen to any proposition that Dr. Kellogg may make to you, which would call you from your post of duty. Stay where you are. Your entrusted capabilities are sacred treasures, to be improved and increased by wise use. You are to impart the grace and knowledge that comes with their improvement. This is the purpose for which your talents were lent you. Let the grace of God be decidedly manifested through you. There is just now a great need of inquiring at every step, "Is this the way of the Lord?"*20LtMs, Lt 189, 1905, par. 10*

A great trial is to come to all in Battle Creek. Everything is to be shaken that can be shaken. Not one of the warnings that God has given is an idle tale. Dr. Kellogg has not been walking in the light for years, and the work that he has been doing is to unsettle the faith in the testimonies. He thinks that when he has done this, he can go forward in his own way, carrying with him the minds of those who have been so long deceived by his lawyer-like policy.*20LtMs, Lt 189, 1905, par. 11*

Cling to God, Dr. Rand, and remain where you are for the present. Pray, and watch unto prayer.*20LtMs, Lt 189, 1905, par. 12*

Lt 190, 1905

Brethren in Battle Creek

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 3, 1903

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My brethren in Battle Creek,—

I wish to say a few words to you. It is the Lord’s will that the publishing work shall be removed from Battle Creek. The enemy is working through those who do not do the will of God to hinder the removal of this work. Those who allow Satan thus to use them show plainly on whose side they are standing.*20LtMs, Lt 190, 1905, par. 1*

God has never left Himself without witness on the earth. At one time Melchizedek represented the Lord Jesus Christ in person to reveal the truth of heaven and perpetuate the law of God. Jethro was singled out from the darkness of the Gentile world to reveal the principles of heaven. God has ever had appointed agencies and has ever given abundant evidences that these agencies were heaven appointed and heaven sent.*20LtMs, Lt 190, 1905, par. 2*

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

advancing in right lines, and then carry that report from conference, leaving the impression that the work is not being conducted properly. *20LtMs, Lt 190, 1905, par. 3*

July 5, 1903

We have a great and wonderful work to do. The will of God must become the will of the human agent. I speak to the members of our churches. Are you converted? Do you profess to be children of God? If so, have you turned from all your idols? "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God; Every spirit that confesseth that Christ is come in the flesh is of God." [*1 John 4:1, 2.*] The confession is revealed in the character. Words merely are not sufficient. Nothing but the light of the Word of God, shining forth from the converted soul in good works, constitutes men Christ's disciples. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." [*Matthew 5:16.*] Nothing but the light of heaven, reflected from the lives of Christ's followers, can save souls. *20LtMs, Lt 190, 1905, par. 4*

The Lord has not given any man the work of an investigating agent, to place his human estimate upon the work that is carried forward. The Lord has a controversy with His people. There is to be a decided change in the men who have been acting a part in the work. The proud, ambitious spirit which has been cherished by some connected with our institutions is to be changed for the meek and lowly spirit of Christ. Let each one in responsibility read carefully the Word of God and not brace himself up to speak evil of the things that he knows not. I have a message from the Lord that the spirit which has been controlling some connected with the Review and Herald office is not under the control of the divine Teacher. There must be a complete transformation in the characters of the men who have acted a prominent part in that institution, or else they will not be acknowledged of God as men to be trusted. They will carry on the same conflict against the very work that the Lord desires to see advanced. The Lord says to His people, Look unto Me, and pray for the Holy Spirit, which is your great need. Far more humble, earnest prayer is needed. *20LtMs, Lt*

190, 1905, par. 5

The *second chapter of Philippians* was read slowly and impressively as a chapter needed in the education of all workers. This chapter should be brought before our people.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 190, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 191, 1905

Haskell, S. N.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 5, 1905

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Dear Brother Haskell,—

We are much pleased with the information contained in your recent letters. In the past we have labored together under difficulties, and we will continue the same kind of work, making the best use of every advantage. I hope that you and your wife and Sister Wilson and the other members of your working force will talk, not on the negative side, but on the affirmative side of the blessings, the encouraging events, the kindnesses of others. If you look at appearances, let it be for the growth of your faith. Remember that you are laborers together with Jesus Christ, the captain of the Lord's host. Pray in faith, depending on the power of Him who never fails those who put their trust in Him. *20LtMs, Lt 191, 1905, par. 1*

I rejoice with you, Brother Haskell, that the gold and silver are the Lord's, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. Christ is hungry for fruit, hungry to see large congregations listening to the message of mercy to be given to a perishing world. The end of all things is at hand. The signs foretold by Christ are fast fulfilling. The nations are angry, and the time of the dead has come, that they should be judged. There are stormy times before us, but let us not utter one word of unbelief or discouragement. Let us remember that we bear a message of healing to a world filled with sinsick souls. *20LtMs, Lt 191, 1905, par. 2*

We have been making earnest calls for help for mission fields, but I know of no more needy field than the South. We shall help you all we can. You will remember the poverty that we met when starting

the work in New England, in Boston, New Bedford, and other places. But the difficulties we encountered only made us unite in pushing forward the harder, and we have not forgotten what wonderful victories the Lord gave us. How many times there came upon us trials that almost overpowered us. In every place, heresies came in, and every conceivable error strove for entrance. What were our weapons? Faith and prayer. We were medical missionaries, and we realized the fulfilment of the promise, "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:20.*] How manifest was the power of God in healing the sick! What rejoicing, what thanksgiving was heard!*20LtMs, Lt 191, 1905, par. 3*

We never thought in those days that we should have institutions for healing the sick. We did not suppose that time would last long enough for us to build meetinghouses. But all over the United States we now have sanitariums, and a large corps of intelligent physicians are working earnestly to present the principles of health reform and to point souls to Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 191, 1905, par. 4*

In those early days, how many seasons of fervent prayer were held! A holy, submissive, Christlike spirit was breathed upon us; for we knew that the Saviour was with us. No one was instructed to spend years in preparation for the work to be done. Practical, earnest knowledge was imparted. There was seen the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Few today are better armed and equipped for service than were the workers of that time. Christianity was seen to be the exemplification of the Holy Spirit's working on human hearts. God's wonderful, miracle-working power was exercised according to our faith. The manifest revealing of the grace of Christ carried a deeper conviction to souls than the logic of man could possibly have carried.*20LtMs, Lt 191, 1905, par. 5*

When error crowded itself in, and the science of satanic agencies proclaimed itself, as it did in many places, faith and Christlikeness proved the power of the truth.*20LtMs, Lt 191, 1905, par. 6*

But I cannot take time to trace the record of all the manifestations of the Holy Spirit that attended the proclamation of the truth as we now hold it. The truth of heavenly origin is rapidly extending, and the world may say, Here are they that keep the commandments of God,

and the faith of Jesus. The great principles of truth brought from the Bible under the Spirit's guidance are of no less importance now than in the beginning of our work. At that time there were wonderful manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the detection of false doctrines. The counterfeit, which urged itself upon us for recognition, was separated from the true. The prominence given to the words of Scripture was so marked that our faith became established in a plain "Thus saith the Lord."*20LtMs, Lt 191, 1905, par. 7*

In every new field that was entered, we contended earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints, the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Those of the pioneer laborers who are still living understand that the rebuke of the Holy Spirit was upon all fanatical performances. Elder James White, Elder J. N. Andrews, Elder Haskell, Elder Loughborough, and I had to meet the various phases of error that sought to come in as present truth. When these false doctrines strove for entrance, we consulted God in prayer, and He revealed Himself to us.*20LtMs, Lt 191, 1905, par. 8*

The great truths that we then received are in print and will speak; for they are the teaching of the Spirit of God and are immortalized. God has justified these truths, which have been traced out under the dictation of the Holy Spirit.*20LtMs, Lt 191, 1905, par. 9*

We can see today the very same power working that worked when the message was first given to bring in seductive theories. But the truth for this time is in print, immortalized by the sanction of the Holy Spirit; and when false theories are brought in, they can be distinguished from the true.*20LtMs, Lt 191, 1905, par. 10*

We prize very highly the old soldiers of the cross. The messengers of God who have been in the work from the passing of the time in 1844 have seen the truth established and settled. Their experience we highly appreciate. These men are to be sustained in their work. Elder Butler and Elder Haskell have been blessed with great light and should in the southern field stand as is described in *Ephesians 6:10-18*.*20LtMs, Lt 191, 1905, par. 11*

God forbid that these aged servants of His should not be sustained in their arduous work of fitting up men and women to engage in the proclamation of the message. These self-sacrificing, self-denying

workers are to be respected as chosen of God, precious and worthy. They are men who have had an experience, and they are doing a work that will not ravel out. We commend these laborers in the southern field to the care of the people of God. Wherever they may go, prepare the way before them. May the Lord give them faith and hope and courage and wisdom.*20LtMs, Lt 191, 1905, par. 12*

We know what it means to have such men on the ground when great perplexity is brought in by those who present misleading theories, taking a text of scripture and bringing out of it that which God has not placed in it. At such times, it is worth everything to have on the ground men who have proved the falseness of these theories and who do not enter into controversy, but present the clear, straight truths that God has vindicated.*20LtMs, Lt 191, 1905, par. 13*

We are glad that we have the Word of God and the testimony of the Holy Spirit brought out in pen pictures of the past and the solemn predictions of the future. These things will continue to be living realities to the people of God. The printed truths that the Lord has given us will hold us on the Rock, firm and steadfast. We shall not let go the things that were so great a help to us while the work was being established.*20LtMs, Lt 191, 1905, par. 14*

We are glad that God in His providence has furnished the believers in Nashville with an excellent place of worship. I ask our people in the southern field to help our brethren and sisters in Nashville to raise the money to pay for this building. And I ask our people all over this country to help also. The work in Nashville has been pushed forward amidst poverty and hardship, and I pray that God will move upon the hearts of His people everywhere to send in their gifts for this church building, and also to support the tent-effort that is now being made in Nashville. I hope that all will see and appreciate the importance of this work. Elder Haskell and his wife, Elder Butler and Sister Wilson and others are working hard to present the truth that will stand the test of ages.*20LtMs, Lt 191, 1905, par. 15*

Let God's aged servants stand with the whole armor on; for God has given them the truth to vindicate. God has His messengers on

earth, and angels will be their guides. They will be all taught of God. Instruction is often given by immortal messengers to men. Will this instruction be exchanged for the teaching of science falsely so called? No, No! Let us stand fast as Christ's soldiers, ever working on the affirmative side.*20LtMs, Lt 191, 1905, par. 16*

The record given in the *thirteenth chapter of Judges* shows how God employs angels to communicate with human beings. So also does the vision of Cornelius, recorded in the *tenth chapter of Acts*, and the experience of Peter, recorded in the *twelfth of Acts*. I could cite case after case where God has sent His angels to be the powerful helpers of His chosen messengers.*20LtMs, Lt 191, 1905, par. 17*

God calls upon His servants to study His mind and will. Then when men come with their curiously invented theories, enter not into controversy with them, but affirm what you know. "It is written" is to be your weapon. There are men who will try to spin out their fine threads of false theories. Thank God that there are those also who have been taught of Him and who know what is truth.*20LtMs, Lt 191, 1905, par. 18*

Let the Lord's name be magnified. Do not give up. Do not allow specious errors to come in to tear down the pillars of truth through specious sophistry. Let those who have been taught of God hold up the standard higher and still higher. Let them stand as men enlightened by wisdom from on high. We need men who are born again. Such men will be humble, willing to be taught of God.*20LtMs, Lt 191, 1905, par. 19*

Lt 192, 1905

Harris, Stonewall Jackson

San Jose, California

July 6, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Stonewall Jackson Harris

Dear Brother,—

I have received and read your very interesting recital of your experience in embracing the truth. This is indeed a manifestation of the wonderful working power of God. I am thankful that you have come to the light of this precious truth. Be assured that the same precious Saviour who has led you hitherto will continue to lead you step by step if you commit the keeping of your soul to Him and seek His counsel at every step.*20LtMs, Lt 192, 1905, par. 1*

I am not in my work led to do the things that you ask of me. I rest my whole self in God's keeping. These commercial enterprises are trying tests. You know not which shall prosper, this or that. If the Lord pleases to give me any light for you, you shall have it; but I cannot solicit the Lord for instruction that is not in His order or will to bestow. When the Lord sees best to give me instruction for you, I shall praise His name for it.*20LtMs, Lt 192, 1905, par. 2*

You need to bear in mind, my brother, that Lucifer fell and was expelled from heaven because of his ambitious plans. It was ambition that led him to desire to be like God.*20LtMs, Lt 192, 1905, par. 3*

Lt 193, 1905

Reaser, G. W.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 7, 1905

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Elder Reaser

Dear Brother,—

Your letter was received in the noon mail today. In regard to the matter mentioned in your letter, as to whether it is right for Elder Simpson to leave Los Angeles and labor for a time in a northern city, I will say, We must sometimes leave such questions very largely to the man himself. There is too much displacing of the men who are doing a good work, the very work that the Lord has said should be done. Sometimes when a man is having success in his efforts and the interest continues good, the question of moving him to another field ought not to come to him at all, because it only confuses him. If the Lord is mightily stirring the people of Los Angeles through the tent-meetings, let nothing interrupt the work.*20LtMs, Lt 193, 1905, par. 1*

Let the Los Angeles church have special seasons of prayer daily for the work that is being done. The blessing of the Lord will come to the church members who thus participate in the work, gathering in small groups daily to pray for its success. Thus the believers will obtain grace for themselves, and the work of the Lord will be advanced.*20LtMs, Lt 193, 1905, par. 2*

This is the way that we used to do. We prayed for our own souls and for those who were carrying on the work. The Lord Jesus declares that where two or three are gathered together in His name, He is in the midst of them to bless them. [*Matthew 18:20.*] Let there be less talking and more sincere, earnest prayer.*20LtMs, Lt 193, 1905, par. 3*

I fear that the effort that is being made to proclaim the truth in Los Angeles will not be appreciated. Let every man come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty foe. Where a special effort is made, as has been revealed by the evangelistic work done in Los Angeles, let every member of the church draw near to God. Let all search their own hearts with the light that shines from the Word. If sin is discovered, let it be confessed and repented of. Let every helper be in good working order. The Lord will hear and answer prayer. Let not the church members think that efforts should be put forth for them by the one who is impressed to labor for those who have been neglected, those in whose behalf special efforts have not heretofore been put forth.*20LtMs, Lt 193, 1905, par. 4*

When such an effort is made as has been made in Los Angeles, let the members of the church clear the King's highway and help with their means in the work being done. Let them show that they are in perfect harmony. Let them be on hand at the meetings, armed and equipped for service, ready to talk with any one who may be interested. Let them pray and work for the lost sheep.*20LtMs, Lt 193, 1905, par. 5*

Let the *second chapter of Second Timothy* be impressed on the heart and brought into the practical life. Let not this season pass and leave the church uninfluenced by the truth that has been proclaimed. There is danger of the church being in a self-satisfied, indifferent, backslidden condition during this time of special blessing, when the Word of God is being presented. Awake, awake, my brethren, awake, and do not let angels see that you feel but little obligation to act your part in sustaining the work that is being done. Be wide awake. Pray while going about your daily duties. Draw strength from Christ, and let your hearts be filled with the deepest gratitude, that the Lord is working. Be laborers together with Him.*20LtMs, Lt 193, 1905, par. 6*

“Continue thou in the things which thou hast heard, and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the

man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom, Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." [2 Timothy 3:14-17; 4:1-5.]*20LtMs, Lt 193, 1905, par. 7*

Let no one try to draw Brother Simpson away from the place where there is a deep interest and an extraordinary opening to present the truth. This is Los Angeles' opportunity. If the members of the church will come humbly before God, putting all that is wrong out of their hearts, and consulting Him at every step, He will manifest Himself to them and will give them courage in Him. We must be ready to use our God-given capabilities in the work of the Lord. We must be ready to speak words in season and out of season, not hard, unkind words, but words that will help and bless.*20LtMs, Lt 193, 1905, par. 8*

There will be work for Brother Simpson to do in Redlands. But let him now complete the work undertaken in Los Angeles. The Lord will lead and guide His servant and strengthen him for his important work. Let all hold up his hands and draw bright beams from the heavenly sanctuary.*20LtMs, Lt 193, 1905, par. 9*

There is important work to do in Redlands and in Riverside. The churches in these places are to be added to. Let the work advance. Calls will be made for the workers to go to other places; but if in the middle of an interest the work should be broken up and the workers sent elsewhere, time would be lost in making beginnings without bringing anything to completion. We are soul-hungry to see the work advancing as it should. Christ is our Alpha and our Omega. Only in His strength can we gain success.*20LtMs, Lt 193, 1905, par. 10*

Lt 195, 1905

Ballenger, E. S.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

July 9, 1905

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Dear Brother Ballenger,—

I fear that sufficient fruit canned in glass will not be provided for use in the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. All fruit put up for use in the institution should be canned in glass. Let no fruit canned in tin be used; for there is danger in this. Many cases of sickness occur from the use of food canned in tin. Families occasionally learn to their sorrow that the contents of tin cans have brought death to several of their number who have eaten of fruit put up in this way. *20LtMs, Lt 195, 1905, par. 1*

Provision should be made for obtaining a supply of dried sweet corn. Pumpkins can be dried and used to advantage during the winter in making pies. Apple sauce, put up in glass, is wholesome and palatable. Pears and cherries, if they can be obtained, make very nice sauce for winter use. *20LtMs, Lt 195, 1905, par. 2*

In San Diego you are a little to one side of the large fruit centers, but you can make arrangements with those living near these centers to supply you with what is needed. *20LtMs, Lt 195, 1905, par. 3*

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

fruit for winter use. Get the fruit wherever you can obtain it most cheaply.*20LtMs, Lt 195, 1905, par. 4*

While I think of it, I will tell you that I believe you ought to plant some loganberries at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. We have sold this season one hundred dollars' worth. You now have plenty of water, and this would enable you to raise loganberries successfully.*20LtMs, Lt 195, 1905, par. 5*

Lt 197, 1905

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 10, 1905

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Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

On my way from San Jose to St. Helena, I met Dr. Stewart from the Battle Creek Sanitarium and had some conversation with him. He is one of Dr. Kellogg's lieutenants, and I hope that you will not be deceived by any flattering statements that may be made. I know that Dr. Kellogg is doing a work which is misleading. I am writing now to put you on guard. Dr. Kellogg is sending men all around to encourage those whom they visit to take sides. Do not give the least credence to their words or plans.*20LtMs, Lt 197, 1905, par. 1*

We know not what tactics Satan will adopt in his efforts to gain the control. I have confidence that you will hold the fort at Loma Linda. The Lord will work for us if we will carry the work forward without binding it up with the work at Battle Creek.*20LtMs, Lt 197, 1905, par. 2*

I wish I could see you and talk with you. Let nothing draw you to Battle Creek. It is presented to me that every effort is being made to draw to Battle Creek our young people and those who should be engaged in missionary work elsewhere. Men must be placed in charge of the educational branches of our work who are sound in the faith and as firm as a rock to principle.*20LtMs, Lt 197, 1905, par. 3*

I want you to keep me posted about the money coming in with which to make the payments on the Loma Linda property. I am writing to different ones, asking them to help us at this time, and I

think that we shall obtain means to make every payment. Please write to me often, and tell me what you are doing and what the prospect is for obtaining means.*20LtMs, Lt 197, 1905, par. 4*

We have been passing through some very hot weather. Yesterday I succumbed for a little while, but carefulness set me right again.*20LtMs, Lt 197, 1905, par. 5*

W. C. White has been at Mountain View most of the time since we parted from you, working on *Ministry of Healing*. He will return to St. Helena tonight or tomorrow morning.*20LtMs, Lt 197, 1905, par. 6*

If the Lord will, I shall attend the camp-meeting in Southern California. I am anxious that this meeting should be held in the best place. Would it not be well to have the principal camp-meeting at Redlands, securing the best help for the work there, and then hold a smaller meeting at San Diego? What is your mind regarding this? You are on the ground, and I put great confidence in your judgment. To me, it seems as if we ought to make Redlands the center for the coming meeting.*20LtMs, Lt 197, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 199, 1905

Brethren in Nashville

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 11, 1905

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My brethren in Nashville,—

I have words to speak to you. The Lord pardons all who repent of their sins. It is from those who do not repent, those who bolster themselves up in self-confidence, that He turns away. Never will He refuse to listen to the voice of tears and repentance. Never will He turn His face away from the humble soul who comes to Him in repentance and sorrow.*20LtMs, Lt 199, 1905, par. 1*

I am sincerely sorry that you pleased the enemy by failing to resist temptation. Thus you dishonored the Saviour and grieved His heart of infinite love.*20LtMs, Lt 199, 1905, par. 2*

“Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? This that is glorious in His apparel, travelling in the greatness of His strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art Thou red in Thine apparel, and Thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with Me: for I will tread them in Mine anger, and trample them in My fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon My garments, and I will stain all My raiment.” [*Isaiah 63:1-3.*]*20LtMs, Lt 199, 1905, par. 3*

The church member who believes the Word of God will never look indifferently upon a soul that humbles himself and confesses his sin. Let the repenting one be taken back with rejoicing. Christ came to the world to forgive every one who says, “I repent. I am sorry for my sin.” When a brother says, “God has forgiven me. Will you forgive?” clasp his hand, and say, “As I hope to be forgiven, I forgive.”*20LtMs, Lt 199, 1905, par. 4*

“After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” [*Matthew 6:9-15.*]20*LtMs, Lt 199, 1905, par. 5*

When the enemy is seeking in every way to destroy, shall church members unite with him to discourage a man who is repentant, and is asking for forgiveness? God has not placed any man as judge. “Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. ... Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat; because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” [*Matthew 7:1, 2, 13, 14.*]20*LtMs, Lt 199, 1905, par. 6*

“And as Jesus passed forth from thence, He saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of customs; and He saith unto him, Follow Me. And he arose, and followed Him.20*LtMs, Lt 199, 1905, par. 7*

“And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto His disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, He said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice; for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” [*Matthew 9:9-13.*] Will you let this lesson sink deep into your hearts?20*LtMs, Lt 199, 1905, par. 8*

“And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed Him, crying and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us. And when

He came into the house, the blind men came to Him, and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto Him, Yea, Lord. Then touched He their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. But they, when they were departed, spread abroad His fame in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake; and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.*20LtMs, Lt 199, 1905, par. 9*

“And Jesus went about all the cities and villages teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitude, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.”
[*Verses 27-38.*]*20LtMs, Lt 199, 1905, par. 10*

“And when He had called unto Him His twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. ... These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not; but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give.” [Matthew 10:1, 5-8.]*20LtMs, Lt 199, 1905, par. 11*

Lt 200, 1905

Evans, I. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 19, 1905

Previously unpublished.

I. H. Evans, Treasurer

Dear Brother,—

During the last few days I have written many things regarding the work in Washington and in Nashville, which will be copied and sent to you soon. Tonight I have time only to write you a few lines, asking you to be prepared to send to Brother Burden at Los Angeles four or five thousand dollars if we telegraph for it, to help to make a large payment which is due on the Loma Linda Sanitarium the 26th of July.*20LtMs, Lt 200, 1905, par. 1*

We may be able to find the money here. We shall not send to you unless it is needed, but if we do send, we shall expect you to send it promptly, and I will be responsible for its return.*20LtMs, Lt 200, 1905, par. 2*

Our brethren have made their arrangements for the money necessary for this payment in July and the payment in August, but the enemy does not want us to have this place; and he is working upon minds in a peculiar way to keep the money out of our hands. Through the hasty action of the managers of one of our enterprises, a dilatory employee was discharged. This offended him and his friends, so that about nine thousand dollars which was promised us is now withheld by them. Other disappointments and surprises have led our brethren into a difficult place where they may need your help.*20LtMs, Lt 200, 1905, par. 3*

If we can obtain this money elsewhere we shall do so. There is plenty of money in California to carry forward these enterprises, but persons having large means have been offended, some at one

thing, some at another, and some are confused because of changes in our plan of management. These difficulties can be overcome, and we can secure the necessary means for our work. But just now we may need your assistance with a loan for two or three months, until our Los Angeles camp-meeting gives us an opportunity to lay before all the people of Southern California the importance of these enterprises and the advantages of our present plan of organization.*20LtMs, Lt 200, 1905, par. 4*

In view of what I have been enabled to do to assist you in raising the Washington fund, I ask you to be prepared to respond to my call for the amount we shall need up to five thousand dollars without delay or question.*20LtMs, Lt 200, 1905, par. 5*

Yours for the work*20LtMs, Lt 200, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 201, 1905

Officers of the Southern Missionary Society

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 17, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *3MR 269-270*.

The Morning Star

To the officers of the Southern Missionary Society

Dear Brethren,—

The steamer *Morning Star* has been a blessing in its past experience. This was the light given me when I was in Vicksburg. From a letter to Edson, dated September 9, 1902, I extract the following: *20LtMs, Lt 201, 1905, par. 1*

“In answer to your question as to whether it would be well to fit up your steamer *Morning Star* to be used for the conveyance of missionary workers to places that otherwise they could not reach, I will say that I have been shown how, when you first went to the southern field, you used this boat as your home and as a place on which to receive those interested in the truth. The novelty of the idea excited curiosity, and many came to see and hear. I know that, through the agency of this boat, places have been reached where till then the light of truth had never shone—places represented to me as ‘the hedges.’ [*Luke 14:23.*] The *Morning Star* has been instrumental in sowing the seeds of truth in many hearts, and there are those who have first seen the light of truth while on this boat. On it angel feet have trodden. *20LtMs, Lt 201, 1905, par. 2*

“Yet I would have you consider the dangers as well as the advantages of this line of work. The greatest caution will need to be exercised by all who enter the southern field. They must not trust to unchristian feelings or prejudices. The truth is to be proclaimed. Christ is to be uplifted as the Saviour of mankind. Unless men of extreme caution are chosen as leaders and burden-bearers, men

who trust in the Lord, knowing that they will be kept by His power, the efforts of the workers will be in vain. The brethren are to consider these things and then move forward in faith.^{20LtMs, Lt 201, 1905, par. 3}

“One thing I urge upon you: the necessity of counseling with your brethren. There are those who will feel that anything you may have to do with boats is a snare; but, my son, if there is a class of people in out-of-the-way places who can be reached only by means of boats, talk the matter over with your brethren. Pray earnestly in regard to it, and the Spirit of God will point out the way. I see no reason why a boat should not be utilized in bringing to those in darkness the light of Him who is ‘the bright and morning Star.’ [Revelation 22:16.]^{20LtMs, Lt 201, 1905, par. 4}

“As a people we have so often been reprov'd for doing so little, that we should not hinder with discouragement any reasonable effort to extend the influence of the truth. Be careful that the enterprise you speak of does not cripple other lines of work. Follow the convictions of the Spirit of God in harmony with your brethren. Watch unto prayer, and then commit the keeping of your soul to God as unto a faithful Creator. He will keep that which is committed to His trust. Look to Jesus. The enemy will seek to spoil your life, but trust in the Lord. Draw nigh to Him, and He will draw nigh to you.^{20LtMs, Lt 201, 1905, par. 5}

“The Lord God of heaven is constantly at work for us. His angels minister to all who will receive their guardianship. Human impulse will try to make us believe that it is God who is guiding us, when we are following our own way. But if we watch carefully, and counsel with our brethren, we shall understand; for the promise is, ‘The meek will He guide in judgment; and the meek will He teach His way.’ [Psalm 25:9.] We must never allow human ideas and natural inclinations to gain the supremacy.”^{20LtMs, Lt 201, 1905, par. 6}

From the many remarkable and interesting experiences that Edson and his associates have had on *The Morning Star* and because of the part it has acted in an important and blessed work, Edson has regarded it as different from an ordinary piece of property, and so have I.^{20LtMs, Lt 201, 1905, par. 7}

I have hoped that the way would open for it to be used again in a similar work. This I have expressed to Edson several times. But never have I received instruction regarding it that would lead me to putting it into the work contrary to the judgment of those who know the field and who can see whether the use of the steamer would be a real help or, on account of the expense of maintenance, would become a burden.*20LtMs, Lt 201, 1905, par. 8*

Many enterprises which promise good results have to wait when means is scarce. At such times we must choose those lines of work where small expenditures will accomplish much.*20LtMs, Lt 201, 1905, par. 9*

And there are many enterprises which the Lord will open the way for, and especially bless, when the laborers counsel together and are of one heart and one mind, which cannot be thus blessed when there is not that unity.*20LtMs, Lt 201, 1905, par. 10*

When in the work in the South there is such a shortage of means on every hand, and when money is so much needed to advance the work in many important lines in Nashville, I could not urge the use of the steamer, if it will cost more than other plans of effective labor.*20LtMs, Lt 201, 1905, par. 11*

I am confident that Edson believes that a good work can be done in places along the river with the steamer. But he is not able to carry this work alone; and if those upon whom rests the burden of the work in that field do not see light in using the steamer, he should not try to force the matter upon them.*20LtMs, Lt 201, 1905, par. 12*

If the steamer is to be a consumer and not a producer, if it is to be a constant bill of expense, it would better be sold.*20LtMs, Lt 201, 1905, par. 13*

I spoke advisedly when I said that the Lord had made the *Morning Star* a means of bringing souls to the knowledge of the truth. From the light given me when I was at Vicksburg, I considered that the boat had been preserved of God to do a similar work in the future. I expected that the boat would do a similar work in other places, under the care of judicious workers. But it has done no such work for years. When it sank, I said, This is a lesson for our

instruction.*20LtMs, Lt 201, 1905, par. 14*

Edson is correct in saying that I encouraged him to think that the steamer might do a work similar to that which it had done in the past, in reaching with the truth people who could not otherwise be reached. I did really expect, not from any definite instruction given me, but from what I had seen of the work of the steamer in the past, that the Lord would still use it. I had respect for the boat; for I have traced the providence of God in the work done on it in the past. I knew that there were many places where the same work might be done. This presentation was given me when I was at Vicksburg. But time has passed, and no such work has been done, and the boat has proved to be only a bill of expense. Considering these conditions, it may be best to set it aside. This is a matter that the brethren must decide in council.*20LtMs, Lt 201, 1905, par. 15*

Edson should not allow the steamer to continue to absorb his means, while he is by this forced to borrow money from those who dislike to refuse him. It would be much better for him to use his time and means and energy in getting out much-needed books and thus be freeing himself from debt.*20LtMs, Lt 201, 1905, par. 16*

My brethren, counsel together. Study and pray, and work for unity, and the Lord will give you light.*20LtMs, Lt 201, 1905, par. 17*

Lt 203, 1905

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 18, 1905

Part of formerly Undated Ms 150. Portions of this letter are published in *MM 324-325; LLM 52-54; 9MR 369.*

Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

I have just read again your letter of April 25, 1905, and will try to write something in reply. I shall not be able to write a long letter; for the mail goes at noon today.*20LtMs, Lt 203, 1905, par. 1*

I wish to say that I do not see any objections to securing the buildings mentioned. The light given me is that buildings suitable for our work will be offered to us at a price far below their cost, making it possible for us to secure them. This has been the case in our experience in establishing sanitarium work in Southern California, and it will be the case in other countries. Advantage should be taken of these opportunities to establish and extend gospel medical missionary work; for time is short, and we must sow the seeds of health reform principles.*20LtMs, Lt 203, 1905, par. 2*

When an opportunity presents itself to purchase at a low price buildings in which our work may be carried on, let us take advantage of these opportunities. Had this been done by the leaders of the medical work in Battle Creek, there would now be many, many plants in our cities in America, cities that have not yet been enlightened by the truth upon health reform. Therefore forbid not those who desire to extend medical missionary work in some other part of Australia. Adelaide is a long way from Sydney. A sanitarium there would not interfere with the work of Wahroonga Sanitarium. There should be sanitariums near all our large cities. Advantage should be taken of the opportunities to purchase buildings in favorable locations, that the standard of truth may be planted in many places.*20LtMs, Lt 203, 1905, par. 3*

I have been instructed that we are not to delay to do the work that needs to be done in health reform lines. Through this work we are to reach souls in the highways and the byways. I have been given special light that in our sanitariums many souls will receive and obey present truth. In these institutions men and women are to be taught how to care for their own bodies, and at the same time how to become sound in the faith. They are to be taught what is meant by eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God. Said Christ, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." [*John 6:63.*] *20LtMs, Lt 203, 1905, par. 4*

Our sanitariums are to be schools in which instruction shall be given in medical missionary lines. They are to bring to sinsick souls the leaves of the tree of life, which will restore to them peace and hope and faith in Christ Jesus. Forbid not those who have a desire to extend this work. Let the light shine forth. All worthy health productions will create an interest in health reform. Forbid them not. The Lord would have all opportunities to extend the work taken advantage of. *20LtMs, Lt 203, 1905, par. 5*

There should be a sanitarium near Melbourne, if there were those to manage such an institution who could carry it forward solidly. Brother Semmens has had an experience in medical missionary work, and he can carry the work forward in Adelaide, if he seeks counsel of God. There certainly should be a sanitarium near Adelaide. I shall encourage this; for it is God's plan. By means of such an institution, hundreds would become enlightened in regard to present truth. We need to give all the publicity we possibly can to the work God desires to have done. The seeds of truth are to be sown beside all waters. Let the Lord's work go forward. Let the medical missionary and the education work go forward. I am sure that this is our great lack—earnest, devoted, intelligent, capable workers. *20LtMs, Lt 203, 1905, par. 6*

In every large city there should be a representation of true medical missionary work. The principles of genuine health reform are to be brought out in clear lines in our health publications and in lectures delivered to the patients in our sanitariums. In every city there are men and women who would go to a sanitarium were it near at hand, who would not be able to go to one a long way off. There are many

who will be convicted and converted who now appear indifferent. I look at this matter in a very decided light.*20LtMs, Lt 203, 1905, par. 7*

Let many now ask, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" [*Acts 9:6.*] It is the Lord's purpose that His method of healing without drugs shall be brought into prominence in every large city through our medical institutions. God invests with holy dignity those who go forth in His power to heal the sick. Let the light shine forth farther and still farther, in every place to which it is possible to obtain entrance. Satan will make the work as difficult as possible, but divine power will attend all true-hearted workers. Guided by our heavenly Father's hand, let us go forward, improving every opportunity to extend the work of God.*20LtMs, Lt 203, 1905, par. 8*

We shall have to labor under difficulties; but because of this, let not our zeal flag. The Bible does not acknowledge a believer who is idle, however high his profession may be. There will be employment in heaven. The redeemed state is not one of idle repose. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God, but it is a rest found in loving service. Some among the redeemed will have laid hold of Christ in the last hours of life, and in heaven instruction will be given to these, who, when they died, did not understand perfectly the plan of salvation. Christ will lead the redeemed one beside the river of life and will open to them that which while on this earth they could not understand.*20LtMs, Lt 203, 1905, par. 9*

"He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.*20LtMs, Lt 203, 1905, par. 10*

"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 they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads." [*Revelation 22:1-4.*]*20LtMs, Lt 203, 1905, par. 11*

Thank God, thank God! Let us improve every opportunity to reach poor, suffering, sinsick souls with the message of salvation. Let the

precious light of truth be shed abroad.*20LtMs, Lt 203, 1905, par. 12*

Lt 205, 1905

Evans, I. H.; Washburn, J. S.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 19, 1905

This letter is published in entirety in *SpM 377-381*.

Elders I. H. Evans and J. S. Washburn

Dear Brethren,—

I am very grateful to God that the one-hundred-thousand-dollar fund has been made up and that we have had the privilege of seeing the substantial and appropriate school buildings that have been erected at Takoma Park.*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 1*

Near the close of the General Conference, in the night season, many matters relating to the work in Washington and in Nashville were opened before me. We seemed to be in a council meeting. Elder Haskell, Elder Butler, and several others were talking together. Elder Haskell was telling of the opportunity that had come to them to purchase in Nashville a good church building in an excellent location. He said that five thousand dollars was asked for this church building and that the people in Nashville and the surrounding vicinity could not raise the money.*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 2*

The question was asked, “Has the full amount of the Washington Fund been raised?” The answer was, “Yes, it has, and several thousand dollars overflow has come in.” A prayer and praise service was held. After the meeting a piece of paper was placed in the hands of Elder Haskell. Unfolding it, he read, “This is to signify that we deem it to be the wise and Christian part to act toward our brethren in Nashville to place the first five thousand dollars surplus that has come into Washington in the hands of these faithful servants of God, that they may secure the house of worship in Nashville, which they greatly need. We deem that it is but loving our neighbor as ourselves to make this transfer of means to a place

where at this time there is so great a necessity.”*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 3*

After seeing this representation, I awoke, and I fully expected that the matter would take place as it had been represented to me. When Elder Haskell was telling me of the perplexity that they were in to carry forward the southern work, I said, “Have faith in God. You will carry from this meeting the five thousand dollars needed for the purchase of the church.”*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 4*

I wrote a few lines to Elder Daniells, suggesting that this be done; but Willie did not see that the matter could be carried through thus, because Elder Daniells and others were at that time very much discouraged in regard to the condition of things in Battle Creek. So I told him that he need not deliver the note.*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 5*

But I could not rest. I was disturbed and could not find peace of mind. I was instructed that I had a message to bear to our leading brethren: to Elder Daniells, Elder Prescott, Elder Washburn, and Elder Evans. I was instructed that I must present before them the self-denying labors of Elders Haskell and Butler, and say, “Beware what impress you leave upon the minds of these tried servants of God, whose influence is of the highest value. They have known the truth from the earliest period of our work and have sacrificed for the truth’s sake.”*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 6*

Moreover, I was instructed that I must call attention to the history of our first work among the people, when these aged pioneers were men of earnest, enduring action. These men have their work to do, an important work. Even in their age their testimony and their endeavors bear witness that the wheels of providence are not constructed to stand still or to move backward. In their labor is their happiness. It is not work that wears men out, but sadness, anxiety, and worry. If Elder Haskell and Elder Butler break down, it will be because of the heavy perplexity that has come upon them in trying, without sufficient means or helpers, to accomplish the urgent work before them in the southern field.*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 7*

The great Medical Missionary, who has purchased men with the price of His own blood, knows what it is to work under

discouragement and perplexity. He has carried many burdens, and His untiring labors made Him very weary.*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 8*

Christ was the mighty healer. Of Him we read, “And Jesus went about all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues, and teaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.” [*Matthew 4:23.*] His method of labor is our example of the way in which we are to work. Our missionary efforts are not to be confined to a few centers. In all the world we are to preach the gospel of the kingdom.*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 9*

Elder Butler and Elder Haskell are to be given the assistance and the advantages that will make their efforts successful. They are to be sustained in their labors. The Lord would have those of His people, who are willing to give of their means for the advancement of His work, now turn their attention to the work in the South, and especially just now to Nashville. Twenty times as much could have been accomplished in the South as has been accomplished had the sanitarium work been built up and had the necessary schools been established.*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 10*

The Lord’s tried servants in Nashville are becoming worn out and disappointed. Few realize the value of these staunch, old soldiers. Sometimes they are not given the credit due them. These pioneers in the work are to bear the message given by John:*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 11*

“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.*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 12*

“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 1:1-10.]*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 13*

These matters are fresh in my mind; for they have been revived and repeated since last Sabbath evening. In this letter I can give only a jot of the history of the self-denial and sacrifice with which the work was carried forward in the beginning, and how earnestly the laborers worked to meet emergencies. Elder Haskell has labored unselfishly and untiringly to raise money for the General Conference and for the Review and Herald and other institutions. His persevering, self-sacrificing zeal carried him long distances through the heat of summer and the cold of winter. On one occasion he drove a long distance in the winter in Minnesota. I think it was then that he froze his hands, causing himself great suffering, but he got the money that was needed. Though weary and worn, he had no thought of laying down the armor, but fought his way through every difficulty.*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 14*

I want our brethren to read the *first four verses of the first chapter of First Thessalonians*, and to enter into the spirit of the writer: “We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God our Father; knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.”*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 15*

Of Elder Haskell and Elder Butler, God says, I will guide them. I will put My grace in their hearts. Because they have not been turned away from the truth to give heed to seducing spirits, but have stood firm, declaring the message given them, they are to be highly esteemed. They will not exchange the faith that they have boldly and fervently proclaimed for another doctrine, which is not

true.*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 16*

I am glad that these men are still able to do solid, substantial work. They must have greater encouragement in point of financial assistance in their work in the southern field. Their efforts have brought many souls into the truth, and they must not be left to wear out their souls in discouragement. The southern field is a very hard, needy field and must have assistance. Chosen men should be appointed to receive the funds that will now be called for in behalf of the enterprises that must now come to the front in this most needy field.*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 17*

Over and over again the light has been given that a special work is to be done also in Huntsville. Men who are rooted and grounded in the truth in all its bearings are to be placed in charge of that work. A beginning has been made on an orphanage for colored children, but this work stands unfinished. On the beautiful farm of over three hundred acres, God purposes that an efficient missionary training school shall be conducted, which will develop many workers for the colored people.*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 18*

A small sanitarium should also be established in connection with the Huntsville school. The sanitarium building should not be of a shoddy character, neither should it be narrow and contracted. It should be build substantially, and there should be in it room for the physician and nurses to carry on the work of healing the sick and giving patients and students an education in regard to the right principles of living.*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 19*

I now make a call that means shall be sent direct to Nashville, that the fruit of the gospel in good works may appear. The work there is to be supervised by men who understand what needs to be done and who have learned how to economize.*20LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 20*

The work in the South must now receive attention. It has stood in an unfinished condition long enough. I now expect that the necessities of this work will be seen and understood, and that our people everywhere will be encouraged to send donations great and small to Nashville. The workers there have waited patiently until the Washington Fund should be made up. This fund has been made

up, and help should now be given to Nashville to carry forward the work that must be accomplished.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 205, 1905, par. 21*

Lt 207, 1905

General Conference Committee

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 20, 1905

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To the General Conference Committee

Dear Brethren,—

During the time that I was in Washington the Lord was working upon my mind in the night season. Light was given me while I was there that the first five thousand dollars of the overflow above the one hundred thousand dollars sent in for the work in Washington was due to the southern field, and that it ought to be appropriated to the present, urgent needs of the work in Nashville. More than that amount, which would otherwise have gone to Nashville, has gone to Washington, because of our appeals to give the Washington work our first attention.*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 1*

I know that one thousand dollars was loaned to the brethren in Nashville to make the first payment on the church building. But I am instructed that the Lord would have been pleased had five thousand dollars been offered them instead of one thousand. The workers in Nashville need encouragement that they have never received. The way in which the work there has been treated by some has made wounds that should now be healed. The Lord will not vindicate one vestige of selfishness. He calls upon men to act under His supervision.*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 2*

The work in Washington is important and essential, and great efforts have been made to call the attention of our people to that field. But now the Lord would have us consider the work in the South. These matters have been presented to me in such a way that I see my duty clearly. In the name of the Lord, I, as His messenger, call upon the leaders of the people in His cause to do the works of righteousness. The souls of the people in Nashville are

just as precious in God's sight as the souls of the people in Washington. The light of truth is to shine forth as brightly from Nashville as from Washington. The necessity at Nashville at the present time is far greater than it is at Washington.*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 3*

Right is right. Justice must be shown to the southern field. God sees a selfishness working for the mastery that must be overcome. Five thousand dollars should be appropriated to the work in Nashville. This question was asked, "Is it not just as essential that the work in Nashville shall make a proper showing, as the work in Washington?" I must be faithful to my work as God's messenger; therefore I bear the message, Make up a fund of five thousand dollars, and send it to the brethren in Nashville. God is a God of love and equity.*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 4*

If we expect the Lord to work with us and for us as His people, if we expect Him to reveal His light and power to us in these last days, we must work in accordance with the mind and will, the mercy and compassion, of the Lord God of Israel, who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. The Lord calls upon those at the head of His work to send the first of the overflow that has come in on the Washington Fund to the work in Nashville; for the work there, which is as essential as the work in Washington, is in need of assistance. The Lord's servants who are laboring there should receive encouragement.*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 5*

I am bidden to say that selfishness and any form of injustice must not find a place in our work. Let our brethren repent before the Lord for any selfishness that has come in toward the work in the southern states. This matter has been presented to me three times, and I was instructed that five thousand dollars ought to have been placed in Elder Haskell's hands before he left the conference ground.*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 6*

"All ye are brethren." [*Matthew 23:8.*] When the lawyer came to Christ with the question, "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" the Saviour laid upon the inquirer the burden of answering. "What is written in the law? how readest thou?" He asked. "And he

answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. And He said unto him, Thou hast answered right; this do, and thou shalt live." [Luke 10:25-28.]*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 7*

The lawyer, willing to justify his neglect, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" [Verse 29.]*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 8*

In answer Christ told the incident of the man passing from Jerusalem to Jericho, who was attacked by robbers and left by the wayside wounded and in a dying condition. A priest and a Levite passed by that way, but both, unwilling to help the sufferer, "passed by on the other side." [Verses 30-32.]*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 9*

A Samaritan, coming that way, saw him; and going to him, put him on his own beast, and took him to an inn, and took care of him. On taking his departure, "he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said to him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee." [Verses 33-35.]*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 10*

"Which now of these three," said Christ, "thinkest thou was neighbor to him that fell among thieves?" The voices of others united with the lawyer in answering, "He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise." [Verses 36, 37.]*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 11*

Over and over again I am bidden to urge upon your attention the necessities of the work in Nashville. The Lord has specified what should be done there. A grand work has been started, and it should by all means be sustained. It must not be hindered by neglect, but is to go forward in straight, clear lines. Brother Butler, Brother Haskell, and his wife are laboring hard and earnestly and are wrestling with many difficulties, and they must be given assistance. Souls in Nashville are as precious as souls in Washington. The conditions in Nashville make the work of the laborer doubly hard. If those in other parts of the field who have been highly favored by God do not awake to the true situation, the Lord will visit them for their indifference.*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 12*

Brethren Sutherland and Magan have been trying to advance in their school work, but while the means were flowing into Washington, they were exhorted to patience. They have made as much headway as possible.*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 13*

Recently a beautiful sanitarium site of thirty-five acres was chosen not far from Nashville. On this site a sanitarium building must be put up soon. For a long time Dr. Hayward and his co-workers have been struggling on in the face of many difficulties. They must now be helped.*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 14*

I give this instruction to you as God has given it to me as His appointed messenger. Last Sabbath night I did not sleep at all through the entire night. So heavily were matters pressed upon my mind that I could only cry unto God, praying Him to set this matter in its true light before the men bearing responsibilities in Washington.*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 15*

The Lord calls for a conversion to take place in the hearts of the leading men who are connected with His work in every line, that the Spirit of Christ may come in and that no selfishness, envy, or jealousy may be seen. The real Christian is described by Paul as one who is zealous of good works. The great apostle gives the charge:*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 16*

“Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, to speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness unto all men, for we ourselves were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, but the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, that being justified through His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 17*

“This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to

maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men, but avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.” [Titus 3:1-9.]*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 18*

I hope that Brother Baird will continue his connection with the work. He needs to open his heart to encourage the young men with whom he works. He should not expect that they will show the perfection of full-grown men. He must not speak unadvised words. He is to take the young men and give them kind, faithful instruction and training. I pray that the holy oil of the two olive branches may be poured upon his heart and received by his mind, that he may do acceptable work for God. May it be seen that Jesus is abiding in his heart and life. Then he can be a wise counsellor and a correct adviser. He is to represent Christ in all that he says and does, remembering that those with whom he is brought in connection are the Saviour’s blood-bought heritage. He is to remember that it will mean much to those with whom he associates whether or not he reveals the meekness of Christ in words and demeanor. Let the oil of grace smooth his words and the tones of his voice. Then the education that he gives the young men will be a power for good.*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 19*

All who are connected with the work in Washington are ever to give a true representation of Jesus Christ. Through them His kindness, His sympathy, His goodness is to be revealed. The Lord does not desire us to give sharp, abrupt rebukes, even if mistakes are made. These mistakes can be cured without sharp rebuke. The Lord desires all that is done on the land and on the buildings to be done in His way. Let not wrong impressions be made on the minds of the workers. “He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? 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.]*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 20*

“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. And the Pharisees also, who

were covetous, heard all these things, and they derided Him. And He said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached; and every man presseth into it. And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass than for one tittle of the law to fail.”
[Verses 13-17.]*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 21*

O that we all may bear these things in mind and remember that the instruction given by Christ is for every one to read and believe and obey.*20LtMs, Lt 207, 1905, par. 22*

Lt 208, 1905

Hare, Brother and Sister [G. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 20, 1905

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Dear Brother and Sister G. A. Hare,—

I left Washington so hastily that I hardly realized that I was really in the car and on my way home. During my journey I wrote many pages. My mind was clear and my trust in God firm.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 1*

It has been clearly opened before me that Sister Hare need not be an invalid. The idea that she should have a meat diet is a mistake. She should follow the advice given to the one whose appetite craves intoxicating liquor and discard flesh meat entirely. Her food should be as free as possible from butter. She should control the desire for objectionable articles of diet. After giving up these things, her appetite may fail for a time, but she will not die. After a little while she will learn that she can live on a diet free from a particle of flesh meat.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 2*

If she keeps on cherishing the delusion that she must have flesh meat, it will certainly cost her her life.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 3*

My sister, it will be worth a trial to find out in regard to this matter. I have been through the experience, and I know what it means. In many respects you need cleansing, purifying, sanctifying. Seek the Lord with heart and mind and soul. Climb the ladder of progress. You need to live on altogether different lines from those on which you have been living. You need to take a firm stand in favor of the principles of health reform. As you are now, you are unfitting yourself by your own course of action for the work God has given you. Your life will be a failure unless you make a decided change. You should share your husband's burdens. You can do this nobly if you will place yourself in right relation to the principles of health

reform. While you continue to cherish your present habits, there is no chance of your recovery to health.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 4*

You are creating a condition of things in your system that will spoil your usefulness. Unless you change, you will fall a victim to your unsanctified imagination.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 5*

Do not let your inclinations control you. Discard from your diet flesh meat and every other unwholesome article. Sign a pledge that you will entirely discard the use of flesh meat.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 6*

The quality of your blood is determined by the food. Let flesh meat alone; for it is injuring your health, exerting a damaging influence upon the life current. Pledge yourselves to a six-months' trial. You need the nourishment that may be obtained from plain, simple food.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 7*

I have had an experience in these things, and it is in view of the light given me by God that I say, Let flesh meat alone. Its use gives unnatural speed of action to the heart, which often takes the form of palpitation. When I used flesh meat, I had frequent fainting fits, and it became more and more difficult to revive me. When light was given me regarding this, I at once stopped using flesh meat. I had never enjoyed bread as an article of diet, but I was resolved to follow the instruction given. I discarded butter and lived chiefly on bread and fruit. I did not relish my food, but I did not go back; for the light given me was that animal food is a cause of disease.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 8*

The laws of health are to be obeyed. It is important that the digestive organs shall not be overtaxed. There are many who keep the stomach continually at work. It has not opportunity to recruit its strength, and the result must be digestive disorders.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 9*

There should be no eating between meals; and at least five hours should be allowed to elapse between the meals. Indigestion is the result of food taken into the stomach before the digestive organs have had time to dispose of the foregoing meal.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 10*

In regard to these things, you are off the track, and you have to suffer the consequence of your violation of nature's laws.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 11*

Three meals are sufficient, and two meals are better than three. For the past thirty years I have eaten only two meals a day. The dullness from which people suffer is often caused by overeating and by eating at irregular periods. Dyspepsia brings despondency, and one suffering from this disease, though he may profess to be a Christian, acts in an unchristlike manner.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 12*

Some claim that the inclination to eat is sufficient guide. But one may get into the habit of eating several times a day, yet this would not be best. Such a habit would produce disease, because the digestive organs would be overtaxed.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 13*

Practice health reform, and refuse to be turned aside from the right path. Do not faint away, but make your will power bring your appetite into subjection to a true purpose. You need not die; you can live. Have faith in God, brace up. If you could be on a farm, and live much out of doors, it would be good for you.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 14*

Sister Hare, I address you as a Christian, asking you to discard the use of flesh meat, not by degrees, but at once, with faith in God and a firm, determined purpose to do right.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 15*

How can you teach your patients to discard meat when you use it yourselves?*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 16*

God gave Adam charge of the garden of Eden, to dress it and to keep it; and of the trees and herbs bearing seed, He said, "They shall be for meat." [*Genesis 1:29.*]*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 17*

Afterward the eating of flesh meat was permitted as one of the consequences of the fall. Before the flood, no provision was made for the use of animal food.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 18*

I write this for your benefit. If you use flesh meat, how can you, as physicians, warn your patients against its injurious effects?*20LtMs,*

Lt 208, 1905, par. 19

Sister Hare, when you use flesh meat as an article of diet, you run the risk of indulging appetite at the expense of brain, nerve, and muscle.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 20*

Show yourself a temperate woman and intelligent on the subject of health reform. Try going without flesh meat for six months, and see if a change for the better does not take place. I ask you to do this at once. Let your imagination be sanctified. Let your mind and conscience be awakened, your whole being aroused.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 21*

Guard yourself against giving yourself too much sympathy. Be heroic. Be determined to overcome perverted appetite. You must both be sanctified, body, soul, and spirit, and then you can do a good work. Do not let appetite become your master. If there is anyone who ought to reason from cause to effect, it is the physician.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 22*

Take hold of this matter religiously. I have done it and can recommend the experiment to others.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 23*

When human beings bring their physical powers into obedience to right principles, the Lord will do His part in their behalf; but He will not work a miracle to save you from the consequence of indulging perverted appetite.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 24*

Treat yourself as one whom Christ has bought with His own blood. I write the words that were spoken to you by One who has authority. Your life is to be an example of right doing to the members of your family and to those with whom you associate from day to day in your work.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 25*

The Lord calls upon you and your husband to communicate the truth. Your future well-being depends upon the course you follow. Sow the seeds of truth beside all waters. Advance in a knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. You both need to be converted. Please read the *first chapter of Second Peter*. Remember that in order to gain the victory over evil, you must live on the plan of addition. Take a square, decided stand for the right.

Watch unto prayer. Read every verse. I am instructed to call the attention of you both to this chapter. Brother and Sister Hare, neither of you has a correct religious experience, and the Lord has given me a message for you both. You need a genuine Christian experience. When the converting power of God comes upon you, you will both have much greater assurance and far more happiness. You need this experience in your home life. You need it in your work of training your children. Hold up the requirements of the Bible before your conscience, and seek the Lord for strength with which to obey them. Do not rest till you have obtained the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Unify in your service to God.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 26*

Your eternal welfare depends on the course you pursue. Seek the Lord for His purifying grace.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 27*

This life is to be a fitting up for the future immortal life, the life that measures with the life of God. If we secure this life, we must on this earth lay hold of eternal realities.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 28*

The mighty power of God alone can enable you to overcome. I am bidden to call upon you to awake to your duty. If in this life you neglect to perfect a Christian character, you will lose life eternal. Set your minds on the conversion that you both need, and labor earnestly for the conversion of your children.*20LtMs, Lt 208, 1905, par. 29*

Lt 209, 1905

Haskell, S. N.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 21, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Elder S. N. Haskell

My dear Brother,—

I am working with all my power for you in Nashville. But so many letters have come to us of late that we have not been able to get time to answer them all. The day before yesterday I wrote twenty-five pages. Besides this, I have had many perplexing questions to give advice upon.*20LtMs, Lt 209, 1905, par. 1*

I am sending you copies of several letters written to Edson. He himself has not yet had these letters. I wish you to find out how his matters stand and to do all you can to help him. The Lord has a special work for Edson to do, if he will not overload himself with burdens and responsibilities.*20LtMs, Lt 209, 1905, par. 2*

I cannot venture to go to Nashville now, else I would certainly go. But I wish you to investigate Edson's case and do what you can to help him. But please keep the contents of these letters to yourself. Edson, I fear, is hurting himself. But I do not wish to give publicity to this matter, for others to get hold of it, and use it against Edson to destroy his future usefulness. Edson has spoken very freely to me in reference to the favorable change wrought in Brother Bollman, and he has great confidence in Brother Amadon. Please read these letters over to Brother Amadon first, and decide how the matter should be treated. I shall pray the Lord to guide you and to lead you to handle this matter in the way that will accomplish the most good. You understand the perils that will come to the work if Edson should say or do anything which would hurt himself and tend to weaken confidence in the testimonies of reproof and encouragement that God has given me for His people. I have spoken plainly and

decidedly to Edson. I am very anxious that he shall not attempt to justify himself in a course of action that God does not approve. My message to him has been, Counsel with your brethren. A failure to heed this counsel has been the rock over which he has stumbled. His calculations regarding expenditures and their results are not always sound, and they lead him astray.*20LtMs, Lt 209, 1905, par. 3*

All this is a great burden to me. One night I did not sleep at all, and yet the next day, rising at one o'clock, I wrote twenty-five pages. I am cut to the heart when I think that my son gives occasion for disbelief in the testimonies that God has given me for his people, causing the confidence of some to be shaken. There are many who suppose that I sustain Edson in errors which harm the work and cause of God, whereas I have sent him reproof after reproof. How long I shall bear up under this burden, I do not know.*20LtMs, Lt 209, 1905, par. 4*

I have felt fearful that Edson's poring over his perplexities, disappointments, and troubles would unfit him for service. Unless he makes a decided change, his propensity to enlarge his work and to borrow money will at last prove the rock on which his vessel will be shipwrecked. The Lord has given him talent, but he is making that talent of little use to honor and glorify God. The Lord will not be with him unless he consecrates himself to God, body, soul, and spirit.*20LtMs, Lt 209, 1905, par. 5*

Just what you can do, I know not; but this I will suggest. First, read these communications to Brother Amadon, and pray and counsel together. Then you two read them to Edson, and help him to see that there is hope for him in a decided change of policy. Then, as soon as it can be arranged with his consent, lay the matter before Brethren Butler and Bollman.*20LtMs, Lt 209, 1905, par. 6*

I have feared that if I sent these testimonies to him direct, he would not be so apt to understand them, as if I were to send them through some one like yourself. You know how this is sometimes. I feel that his future usefulness, as well as his present good, hangs in the balance.*20LtMs, Lt 209, 1905, par. 7*

I now trust all these letters with you. I am confident that the Lord will

adjust all difficulties. But there is one thing that should be understood: My testimony is that Edson should not be engaged in manufacturing business. So long as he is, he will not prosper. He is too free in the use of money. He does not always use it in the way that accomplishes the most good. It makes me sick at heart to be always cautioning him against this. It cuts into my soul.*20LtMs, Lt 209, 1905, par. 8*

A few words more. We are working diligently to prepare appeals for our papers in behalf of the work in Nashville and other places in the South. These appeals would have been prepared before, but many letters have come demanding an immediate answer; and I could not carry the whole load at once. But the articles in behalf of your work will be sent in time. Be of good courage. The Lord understands.*20LtMs, Lt 209, 1905, par. 9*

Lt 211, 1905

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 22, 1905

Previously unpublished.

My dear son Edson,—

I have written you some things sorrowfully. I dare not confide these things to you alone, but have sent them to Elder Haskell to be read to you. There are many who suppose that I sustain you in things that are not right. It would be doing an injustice to them and to you for me to keep back the warnings that I have received for you; therefore, though I feel more sad at heart than I can tell you, I dare not withhold these things from you.*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 1*

You have proposed that a colored training school be started on your property at North Nashville and that Elder Rogers be placed in charge of it. I beseech you not to enter into any more plans that require means. I beg of you to stop where you are before another dollar is invested.*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 2*

“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 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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 3*

I am constantly holding up the necessity of every man doing his best as a Christian, training himself to realize the growth, the expansion, the nobility of character which it is possible for us to have.*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 4*

Men are to be laborers together with Christ, but unless they strive

most earnestly, unless they constantly behold Christ, they are in danger of not holding the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end. You have a work to do, but if you continue to load yourself down with perplexities, you will become unable to give the trumpet a certain sound. The Lord is looking upon us to see what we have made of ourselves, to see whether He can enrich us with His grace.*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 5*

In all that we do, we are to sustain a Christlike relation to one another. We are to blend together, using every spiritual force for the carrying out of wise plans in earnest action. The gifts of God are to be used for the saving of souls. Our relations to one another are not to be governed by human standards, but by divine love, the love expressed in the gift of God to our world.*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 6*

My son, I desire you to show your appreciation of the truth that is to be proclaimed at this time. But when you load yourself down with responsibilities that overtax your brain, you are using up vital force without adding anything to the advancement of the cause of God.*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 7*

In regard to Brother Rogers, he has made mistakes. He has been accused of that of which he is not guilty; but at the same time, he has shown too much commonness in his association with the girl students at the Huntsville school. A man in the position that Brother Rogers occupied cannot be too careful of his words and acts. He should not allow the least familiarity to be seen in his relations to the students, such as placing his hand on the arm or shoulder of a girl student. He should not allow the least approach to familiarity in the school or out of the school, or in association with white students or colored students.*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 8*

In the past not all of our teachers have been clear and true and firm in this respect. They have not stood in a proper position. They need to see things in an altogether different light regarding the relations of teachers and students.*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 9*

The one standing at the head of a school should in no case give the impression that commonness and familiarity are allowable. His lips and his hands are to express nothing that any one can take

advantage of. Let men keep their place, and let the girl students, be they black or white, keep their place. Never should any liberties in word or act be taken by a teacher.*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 10*

We are to be guided by true theology and common sense. Our souls are to be surrounded by an atmosphere elevated, refined, and sanctified. Men and women are to watch and are to be continually on guard, allowing no word or act that would cause their good to be evil spoken of. He who professes to be a follower of Christ is to give no occasion for remarks. He is to be constantly on guard, watching himself, keeping himself in thought, word, and deed, pure, holy, and undefiled. His influence upon others is to be uplifting. His life is to reflect the bright beams of the Sun of righteousness.*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 11*

Temptations will come, but if we watch against the enemy and maintain the balance of self-control and purity, the seducing spirits will not be able to obtain one jot of influence over us.*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 12*

In the future you will see good reasons for the warnings given in regard to seducing spirits. You will see the good reasons for the warnings given in regard to evil spirits. You will see the force of the lessons given by our Saviour in the *fifth chapter of Matthew*, which closes with the words, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect." [*Verse 48.*]*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 13*

The Lord's covenant is with His saints. Every one is to discern his weak points of character and guard against them with the rigor and severity so unflinchingly proclaimed by Jesus Christ, the pattern man. Those who have been buried with Christ in baptism and raised out of the water in the likeness of His resurrection have pledged themselves to live in newness of life. And God has pledged Himself that the power and grace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit will ever await their call and will come to their aid when they are tempted to pursue a course that would deny Christ. These powers are pledged to give to human beings the power and wisdom necessary to enable them to stand as victors over all Satan's beguiling.*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 14*

God has made a covenant with His saints, that when the enemy

comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against the enemy.*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 15*

“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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 16*

“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 God dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 17*

“Mortify therefore your members which are upon earth: fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, and covetousness, which is idolatry, for which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience; in the which ye also walked sometime, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these, anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communications 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, barbarian, Scythian, bond, nor free; but Christ is all and in all.” [*Verses 5-11.*]*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 18*

The words are straight, plain, unvarnished. No one need walk into the trap that Satan has placed for the feet of the unwary. Let those who desire to be like Christ pray in faith and watch unto prayer and

then, believing, sing their songs of praise and thanksgiving.*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 19*

The Lord Jesus sees His professed believers associated together in church capacity; but they have not all the truth. They are not obedient to all the commandments. In many cases, there are those who are backsliders. If these had followed on to know the Lord, they would have discerned the intensity of the love that God has for every soul. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him might 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 love darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every man that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds shall be reproved, but he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." [*John 3:16-21.*]*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 20*

What a work is before us. We cannot see the end from the beginning. We must follow on to know the Lord, step by step. He is leading us, and He will give us increased light.*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 21*

There are those who need to make a decided change in their lives. They have not been following the way of truth and righteousness. Their interest in God's work has abated, and their devotion gone, because they have not walked in the counsel of God, but in many respects have followed in the tread of the world. They have not kept their thoughts pure, clean, and holy. They are not surrounded with that fragrant, spiritual influence that would mark them as those who love God and keep His commandments.*20LtMs, Lt 211, 1905, par. 22*

They may recover themselves from the snare of the enemy, if they will realize that they are transgressing the law of God, and will show repentance toward God and Jesus Christ. When their spiritual

perceptions are revived, they will see that they have not honored God as His law requires them to. God says to them, Your perceptions need the refinement of divine grace, that they may be cleansed from every stain of impurity in thought, word, and deed.*20Lts, Lt 211, 1905, par. 23*

“Take with you words, and turn to the Lord. Say unto Him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously. So will we render the calves of our lips. ... I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for Mine anger is turned away from him. I will be as the dew upon Israel. He shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as an olive tree. They that dwell under his shadow shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine. The scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him and observed him, I am like a great fir tree: from Me is thy fruit found. Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? For the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them, but the transgressors shall fall therein.” [*Hosea 14:2, 4-9.*]*20Lts, Lt 211, 1905, par. 24*

Lt 213, 1905

Butler, G. I.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 22, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *SpTB #18 15-16*.

Dear Brother Butler,—

Be not discouraged. Have faith in God. Speak the words of truth. Read the *thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah*. This is the Word of promise. Read also the *fortieth chapter*.*20LtMs, Lt 213, 1905, par. 1*

“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 straight, and the rough places plain: and the glory of God shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*20LtMs, Lt 213, 1905, par. 2*

“The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness 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.*20LtMs, Lt 213, 1905, par. 3*

“O Zion that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him: behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.” [*Isaiah 40:3-11*.]*20LtMs, Lt 213, 1905, par. 4*

The whole chapter is the confirmation of the sure mercies and

grace and glory of our God. The Lord desires us to gain precious victories. Our message is to be a message of faith and hope and assurance. Let faith take possession of your heart. Talk faith and hope and courage.*20LtMs, Lt 213, 1905, par. 5*

A work is to be done in the city of Nashville, and the Lord would have the workers cleanse their souls from all iniquity and put on the robe of Christ's righteousness. If they will humble themselves before God, His salvation will be revealed. Draw nigh to God, and trust in Him. Wash you, make you clean. Let every worker be converted to the way of the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 213, 1905, par. 6*

My brother, I want you to believe. I want you to stand in faith. May the Lord increase your faith and fill your heart with courage.*20LtMs, Lt 213, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 215, 1905

Haskell, Brother and Sister

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 24, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *SpTB #18 16*.

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell,—

I have been reading the Word of God—unweakened by any of the explanations of man. So many weaken the real truth by many words. If they would but let Christ speak, and apply His words to their hearts, so much more blessing they would receive.*20LtMs, Lt 215, 1905, par. 1*

A dying saint once cried out, “Speak to me the words of God. Give me some of the bare Word.” Reading the bare Word brings wisdom from God Himself. The Spirit of Christ is enfolded in the Word. To the receptive understanding, it unfolds the mind and will of God.*20LtMs, Lt 215, 1905, par. 2*

Let us receive the precious words of God just as they read. Let us not cover them up with human suppositions. The Word is ours to comprehend. Let us have faith in God. The Lord will surely manifest Himself to you and to all who labor with you. We are Christ’s real disciples, and we have His promise. We must have also the conviction that the Lord Jesus is working with us. Hold fast to the promise. Angels of God have been waiting for years for the workers in Nashville to clear the King’s highway. I call upon all to consecrate themselves wholly to God.*20LtMs, Lt 215, 1905, par. 3*

You must not expect to carry forward the work in Nashville without meeting difficulties. If we could clear these difficulties away, we would do so. Let every worker lay hold of the Word of promise. We are far away from you, but we will pray the Lord to meet with you and strengthen and bless you.*20LtMs, Lt 215, 1905, par. 4*

“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.]*20LtMs, Lt 215, 1905, par. 5*

Here is your commission. As obedient servants, you are to work in close connection with Christ Jesus of Nazareth. May the Lord grant that the people who sit in darkness in the city of Nashville shall see great light, and that to those who are in the region and shadow of death, light may spring up.*20LtMs, Lt 215, 1905, par. 6*

In simple, trusting faith believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Take right hold of a power which you cannot create, but which is for you. Let the workers be filled with a spirit of cheerfulness and thanksgiving and rejoicing. Let every one make a personal consecration of himself or herself to God’s service. Let them surrender their hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, placing themselves in right relation to God. It is time that we believed that all heaven is interested in the work before us. Christ came to this world to give Himself a sacrifice for the saving of sinners. Then believe, believe that He will be with all who give themselves unreservedly to this work.*20LtMs, Lt 215, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 217, 1905

Place, O. G.

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 30, 1905

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Dr. O. G. Place

Dear Brother,—

I was aroused this morning to write to you, lest there should be a misunderstanding in regard to my words. I am told that you think that during the interview I had with you, after I had borne my testimony to the people regarding the proposed sale of the Colorado Sanitarium, I took back what I said before the people. My brother, I must tell you that this is not correct. I had a message from the Lord to bear to you and to the people in regard to your establishing a medical institution so near to the one already established in Boulder by our people, and I have not taken back one word of this message. I cannot say otherwise than that this was a wrong thing for you to do.*20LtMs, Lt 217, 1905, par. 1*

In the past I have been shown more than once in reference to things taking place in Boulder. You were represented to me as carrying things in your own way and for your own advantage. Again and again you have drawn to your institution patients who originally intended to go to the Colorado Sanitarium. This matter was plainly presented to me. Your plans were carried out to the detriment of the institution established by our people. It is natural for the human mind to work in this way. Without the controlling influence of Christ upon the heart, this state of things would naturally exist.*20LtMs, Lt 217, 1905, par. 2*

It is a long time since the character you have manifested has been acceptable to God. The words were spoken, "Except a man be born

again, he cannot see the kingdom of heaven.” [John 3:3.] Your only hope is to humble your heart and be renewed in the spirit of your mind. You may have all knowledge, and you may understand all mysteries; but if you have not a change of heart, you will never be an overcomer. Evidence of ability is one thing; strict justice in action is another. The requirement of the commandment is plain: “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.] But when you established a medical institution so close to one already built up at great cost to our people, you showed that you neither love God with all your heart, nor your neighbor as yourself. *20LtMs, Lt 217, 1905, par. 3*

Pride is a very strong trait in your character and creates in you a determined purpose to exalt self at the expense of your neighbors. The message I have for you is, “Repent and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.” [Acts 3:19.] The law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. Who can stand before it? “When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?” [Luke 18:8.] *20LtMs, Lt 217, 1905, par. 4*

Following Christ means self-sacrifice at every step. I greatly desire that you shall place yourself in the hands of God, to do His bidding. Christ has given His life for you. You must now do His bidding or stand in opposition to Him. “If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [Matthew 16:24.] “So shall he be My disciple.” [See John 15:8.] *20LtMs, Lt 217, 1905, par. 5*

“And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted Him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? How readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.” [Luke 10:25-27.] *20LtMs, Lt 217, 1905, par. 6*

“Thou hast answered right,” Jesus said; “this do, and thou shalt live.” [Verse 28.] *20LtMs, Lt 217, 1905, par. 7*

Willing to justify himself, the lawyer asked, “And who is my neighbor?” [*Verse 29.*]20LtMs, Lt 217, 1905, par. 8

In answer Christ related 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.” As he lay thus, a priest came that way; he saw the man lying wounded and bruised, and 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, so that he would not have seen the wounded man. He persuaded himself that the case was no concern of his, and he too “passed by on the other side.” [*Verses 30-32.*]20LtMs, Lt 217, 1905, 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, and setting him on his own beast, “brought him to the 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.*]20LtMs, Lt 217, 1905, par. 10

“Which now of these three,” said Christ, “thinkest thou was neighbor unto him that fell among thieves?” More than one voice united with the lawyer’s in responding, “He that showed mercy on him.” “Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.” [*Verses 36, 37.*]20LtMs, Lt 217, 1905, par. 11

Lt 219, 1905

Place, O. G.

On train, returning home from the General Conference

June 11, 1905

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Dr. O. G. Place

Dear Brother,—

There is only one power that can make us steadfast and keep us so. The man in whose heart the truth of God is not rooted cannot stand firm against temptation. In some respects, your character is very weak. Read and diligently study the book *Christ's Object Lessons*. In this book there are lessons that you should study line upon line, precept upon precept. The life of Christ was like a shoreless sea, exerting a never-ending influence, which bound Him to God and to the whole human family. Through Christ, God has invested men with an influence that makes it impossible for them to live to themselves. We are connected with our fellow men as different parts of our great whole. We are under mutual obligations to one another. No one can be independent of his fellows.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 219, 1905, par. 1*

I am instructed to say to you and to our brethren in Colorado that it will not be for the glory of God for you to purchase the Colorado Sanitarium. If you should offer double the price that you have for this institution, your offer should not be accepted. Under the circumstances, an offer of fifty thousand dollars would to some be a strong temptation, and they would be inclined to sell the sanitarium and thus lighten the burden of indebtedness. But God sees not as man sees. Our people would be acting like men with their eyes put out should they consent to sell the Colorado Sanitarium to you.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 219, 1905, par. 2*

I write plainly; for you are not serving the Lord our God. Your way is not God's way. Minds that are quickened by the Holy Spirit will discern the value of the instruction of God. They will regard His words as a precious treasure.*20LtMs, Lt 219, 1905, par. 3*

Human theories and speculations will never lead to heaven. True knowledge must be obtained in order that heresies may be prevented from coming into the church. Men who are mixed up, as you are, will not lead others into the narrow path. Just as long as you are unconverted, you will be among the number of whom Christ speaks as being lukewarm, neither cold nor hot. I bear you a straight testimony, because you do not understand yourself. I want you to be saved. You are far from being a perfect man and far from the kingdom of heaven. "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.*] I want you to walk in the path that leads through the strait gate into the city of God. I want you to come out of the world and be separate. When you follow where Christ leads the way, you will lead others in safe paths.*20LtMs, Lt 219, 1905, par. 4*

The Word of God possesses a hallowed power. When you are ruled and guided by that Word, your influence will change decidedly, because sound doctrine will control you. Your life will produce practical godliness, because the grace of Christ will abide in your heart. Until this is your experience, you cannot be depended on to conduct any institution in the right way. When you see yourself as you are, you will depart from evil, and then you can with safety be connected with any of our institutions; for you will be under God's control. The form of sound words is to be prized above gold or silver. Sound words will lead to right actions. The night after we had our conversation at Takoma Park, I was instructed to say, Be not deceived. The attitude of Dr. Place has not been what he stated it to be.*20LtMs, Lt 219, 1905, par. 5*

I must write to you plainly. It would not be right to place the Boulder Sanitarium under your charge. It would not be right to give you the impression that you have not hindered the work of God, because you have. The Lord calls upon you to return to Him. You have

worked wide of the mark of mercy, judgment, and the love of God.*20LtMs, Lt 219, 1905, par. 6*

I am charged to tell you the truth. You did an unwise thing in establishing a medical institution so close to the Colorado Sanitarium. In this you were not obeying the command to love God supremely and your neighbor as yourself. God says to you, Ye know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. The work that you have been doing is not the work that God requires you to do. Do not deceive yourself. For the sake of your own soul, apply the truth to yourself. Obey its searching maxims. Only by obedience to the truth can you become a wise counsellor. By practicing the truth, you place yourself under its escort. This will give you a steady purpose and will make you sound in faith and safe in action. The mind of God must become your mind.*20LtMs, Lt 219, 1905, par. 7*

Christ is the truth. His words are to be obeyed. They have a deeper significance than that which appears on the surface. We are to live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. The Pharisees and Sadducees got themselves into inextricable tangles by departing from a plain thus saith the Lord. We are not to follow human devisings. We are to honor God by doing His will. The suppositions and devisings of men are unsafe and unreliable. God says, "Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils." [*Isaiah 2:22.*] It is a dangerous thing to place in positions of trust in our institutions men who do not make God their counsellor.*20LtMs, Lt 219, 1905, par. 8*

Have I not said enough? If you will heed this counsel, you will become a truly changed man. The Lord desires you to be genuinely converted. Not until you are can you know the fulfilment of the words, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." [*John 14:13.*] Never, never give up until you know where you are standing religiously. You need to begin a work that will rid you of selfishness and make you a witness for God.*20LtMs, Lt 219, 1905, par. 9*

"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 3:18-20.]20LtMs, Lt 219, 1905, par. 10

I have been commissioned to give you this message. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I ask you to repent, and turn to the Lord with all your heart. Comply with the conditions that Christ has laid down.20LtMs, Lt 219, 1905, par. 11

I have written plainly. I would not flatter you; for this would ruin your soul. I dare not withhold these things from you. Will you not place yourself where Christ can work with you? Then He can use you as His missionary. There is a great work to be done, and God will use you if you will be converted. Do not brood over the wrongs that others have done you. What about the wrongs that you have done others? I entreat you to make thorough work for repentance. Make everything straight, and become Christ’s medical missionary.20LtMs, Lt 219, 1905, par. 12

My heart yearns over you. I long to see you standing as the helping hand of God, ready to do His will. Clear the King’s highway, and then God can use you to His glory I know that you will lose heaven if you continue to follow the course that you are now following. I entreat you to read *Christ’s Object Lessons*. A careful study of this book would help you greatly. Christ collected the riches of the universe and presented them in the most attractive light, that men might turn from the earthly to the heavenly. All who receive Him He presents to the Father as His own, bought with the price of His humiliation; for with His stripes we are healed. “They shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign for the nations.” [Zechariah 9:16.] “They shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels.” [Malachi 3:17.]20LtMs, Lt 219, 1905, par. 13

Lt 221, 1905

Place, O. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 12, 1905

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Dr. O. G. Place

Dear Brother,—

I meant to have seen you and talked with you again before you left Takoma Park, but it will be as well to write, because then I shall have a copy of what I send you.*20LtMs, Lt 221, 1905, par. 1*

In His work as a healer, Christ was thronged day after day. He accomplished a great work in the cities to which He went. We have not Christ with us now as a visible leader, but He is with us by the Holy Spirit.*20LtMs, Lt 221, 1905, par. 2*

I have a most earnest desire that you shall be led to understand that your movement in establishing a medical institution so near the Colorado Sanitarium was neither consistent nor righteous, but an offense to God. You have not made God your trust. You have need to be converted. Unless your heart is changed by the Holy Spirit's power, I could not sanction your standing in the responsible position of a physician in one of our sanitariums. You are not serving the Lord with singleness of heart, and the counsel of God is not with you. For a long time you have not made the Lord your counsellor. You have not moved forward ignorantly, but as a man who has taken himself into his own hands, to do as he pleased.*20LtMs, Lt 221, 1905, par. 3*

I do not sustain Dr. Kellogg or any one else in unjust accusations. To criticize and condemn has become a science with many. *20LtMs, Lt 221, 1905, par. 4*

I wish, my brother, to treat you as one of the Lord's sons, who believes in Him; but this I cannot do, because you are not obedient to the requirements of God. If you do not seek the Lord with all your heart, then you are among the number who are worked by another spirit. You are not in harmony with God, and to increase your influence would not be in accordance with the will of God. If you refuse to walk in the light as Christ is in the light, the Holy Spirit will not co-operate with you, and you will gradually become an atheist. You will work according to your own impulses. Unless you submit yourself, heart and mind and soul and strength, to God's will, and trust in Him with full faith, you cannot possibly give perishing souls leaves from the tree of life. You are following your own leadership; and while you continue to do this, you will become more and more unskilled in the knowledge of how to lead souls to God.*20LtMs, Lt 221, 1905, par. 5*

Upon our people has been laid the responsibility of setting in operation and maintaining sanitariums that will bear the highest stamp of excellence. They are to be managed by men who acknowledge God as the supreme wisdom. The physicians in our institutions should be men who are sound in the faith, led by supreme wisdom, able to bring to sin-sick souls the healing balm of the Word of God. They should be able to co-operate with Christ, carrying forward the work that He left for them to do, breaking the power of evil over souls and, as one with Christ, bringing health to soul and body.*20LtMs, Lt 221, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 223, 1905

Burden, J. A.

Takoma Park, Maryland

June 2, 1905

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Dear Brother Burden,—

I am much encouraged by the letters that I have received from you regarding Loma Linda. From your description of the place, I believe it meets the representation which I have seen of what we should seek for as sanitarium locations. Such a place was presented to me a few miles from an important city. The city has recently been built up.*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 1*

I have tried to place before our people there presentations given me regarding sanitariums in the country, and I have urged upon them the necessity of establishing our sanitariums outside of the cities. I have had repeatedly presented to me the advantage of securing locations some miles out of the cities. Those who follow the counsel of God in providing places where the sick and suffering can receive proper treatment will be guided to the right places for the establishment of their work.*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 2*

Let our sanitariums be located where there is an abundance of land. I can see the advantage of such a place as Loma Linda. The Lord worked to help us to secure this property. The work of this institution is to be carried forward on pure, elevated lines. It can be conducted in such a way that the truth will be presented as the rock upon which to build.*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 3*

In order that our institutions shall teach right lessons, there must be connected with them men of such simplicity that they are willing to learn of the great Teacher. "To you it is given," Christ said, to the

people who keep My commandments and do those things that I have presented in My Word, “to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.” [*Luke 8:10.*]20*LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 4*

We are to proclaim the truth to the world, for thus the great Medical Missionary has commanded us. What ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the house top; for there is nothing hid that shall not be made known. The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him, and keep His commandments. [See *Matthew 10:26, 27; Psalm 25:14.*] “As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God.” [*John 1:12.*]20*LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 5*

The church of Christ is dependent on Him for her very existence. Only through Him can it gain continued life and strength. The members are to live constantly in the most intimate, vital relationship with the Saviour. They are to follow in His steps of self-denial and sacrifice. They are to go forth into the highways and byways of life to win souls to Him, using every possible means to make the truth appear in its true character before the world.20*LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 6*

The truth is to be presented in various ways. Some in the higher walks of life will grasp it as it is presented in figures and parables. As men labor to unfold the truth with clearness, that conviction may come to their hearers, the Lord is present as He promised to be. As they go forth on their mission, teaching all things whatsoever Christ has commanded, the promise will be fulfilled, “Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” [*Matthew 28:20.*] Those who are honest in heart will see the importance of the truth for this time and will take their place in the ranks of those who are keeping and teaching the commandments.20*LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 7*

All that can be done to make clear the mystery of godliness is to be done. The earthly has its place in illustrating the heavenly. All nature is a lesson book, a teacher to every one who will learn.20*LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 8*

In His wonderful sermon on the mount, Christ used the lilies of the field in their natural loveliness to illustrate a great truth. His language is adapted to the opening intellect of child-life. The great Teacher brought His hearers in contact with nature, that they might

listen to the voice which speaks in all created things; and as their hearts became tender and their minds receptive, He helped them to interpret the spiritual teaching of the scenes upon which their eyes rested. The parables, by means of which He loved to teach lessons of truth, show how open His spirit was to the influences of nature, and how He delighted to gather spiritual teaching from the surroundings of daily life.*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 9*

The birds of the air, the lilies of the field, the sower and the seed, the shepherd and the sheep—with these Christ illustrated immortal truth. He drew illustrations from the facts of life, facts of experience familiar to the hearers—the hid treasure, the pearl, the fishing net, the lost coin, the prodigal son, the houses on the rock and on the sand. In His lessons there was something to interest every mind, to appeal to every heart. Thus the daily task, instead of being a mere round of toil, bereft of higher thoughts, was brightened and uplifted by constant reminders of the spiritual and the unseen. The Lord Jesus would have the true philosophy of nature's great lesson book opened before the mind. Parents, take time to teach your children to distinguish between the genuine and the artificial. Christ points us to the lily of the field, telling us to learn from it a lesson of simplicity and trust in God.*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 10*

A departure from the Lord's plans of simplicity to the artificial plans of the world has destroyed in many minds the harmony that God has said should exist. They are to be led back from the artificial to genuine Bible religion.*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 11*

We need workers who will gain breadth of mind by studying the book God has opened before us of His created works. Angels cooperate with those who proclaim the truths represented by the things of nature. These things are not God, but they are specimens of God's handiwork.*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 12*

The Lord has a work to be done that has not yet been carried forward as He designs it to be. "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways, as a people that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God." [*Isaiah 58:1, 2.*]*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905,*

par. 13

The Lord would have every means put in operation to arouse the people and bring them to their senses. To you it is given, He declares, to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. He desires to show us things that will awaken the understanding of the people. I will open My mouth in parables, he says; I will utter things that have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 14*

God calls upon us to arouse to our responsibilities. He calls upon His people to awake from their slumbers and make use of every advantage possible for gaining the attention of those who know not the truth. But caution is to be exercised, that in the proclamation of the message, expense shall not be incurred that would embarrass the cause at a time when it should be going steadily forward. But I have no reproof for Elder Simpson. He has not worked too fast or too decidedly.*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 15*

Our medical workers are to do all in their power to cure disease of the body and also disease of the mind. They are to watch and pray and work, bringing spiritual as well as physical advantages to those for whom they labor. The physician in one of our sanitariums who is a true servant of God has an intensely interesting work to do for every suffering human being with whom he is brought in contact. He is to lose no opportunity to point souls to Christ, the great Healer of body and mind. Every physician should be a skilful worker in Christ's lines. There is to be no lessening of the interest in spiritual things, else the power to fix the mind upon the great Physician will be diverted. While the needs of the body are to be strictly attended to, while all efforts are to be made to break the power of disease, the physician is never to forget that there is a soul to be labored for.*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 16*

God would draw minds from the conviction of logic to a conviction deeper, higher, purer, and more glorious, a conviction unperverted by human logic. Human logic has often nearly quenched the light which God would have shine forth in clear rays to convince minds that the God of nature is worthy of all praise and all glory, because He is the Creator of all things.*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 17*

Christ illustrated character building by a house built on a rock, against which storm and tempest were powerless, and the house built on the sand, which was swept away. We are living in perilous times. Amidst the changing scenes, with heresy and false doctrines coming in that will test the faith of all, the house built on the solid rock cannot be shaken. But when storm and tempest come, the house built on the sand will fall, and great will be the fall of it.*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 18*

Let us take heed then how we build. Let no one build unwisely. The Word of God is our only foundation. Every semblance of error will come upon us. Some of these errors will be very specious and attractive, but if received, they would remove the pillars of the foundation that Christ has established and set up a structure of man's building. There are those who seeing, see not, and hearing, hear not, and under Satan's guidance they prepare false foundations for human minds.*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 19*

Christ's lessons should be studied by every one. The truth is solid, substantial. This truth is to be presented to all; for Satan will come in with his pleasing sentiments, which make nothingness of God's Word and turn aside minds from the truth to fables.*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 20*

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Christ said, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born again when he is old? ... Jesus answered, Verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ... Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." [*John 3:3-5, 7, 8.*]*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 21*

I have been instructed that just such experiences will come in our work. There will be those who are awakened and convicted, and yet held by influences as was Nicodemus. Christ did not enter into controversy with Nicodemus, so our workers today would manifest wisdom in not going away from the great questions involved. Christ presented to Nicodemus new light which brought him in contact with

all light, instead of leaving him where doubt would be strengthened. He desired Nicodemus to carry away some practical points, showing that it was not learning that he needed, nor controversy, but the truth and a new heart. Until a man's heart is changed, his reasoning upon points of difference in regard to Christ's message will produce no saving results, but will strengthen the spirit of resistance.*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 22*

The way in which Christ dealt with Nicodemus teaches a lesson that God's workers today are to study and practice. When men desire to enter into controversy, we are to keep to the affirmative. In the efforts that are now being made in Los Angeles and in the efforts that will be made in other places in the future, let not the advocate of truth allow himself to be led away by his opponents into controversy on false theories.*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 23*

Nicodemus answered and said unto Him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knoweth not these things? Verily, verily I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man, which is in heaven.*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 24*

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of man be lifted up; ... that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have 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 everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.” [*Verses 14, 16-21.*]*20LtMs, Lt 223, 1905, par. 25*

Lt 225, 1905

Butler, G. I.; White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 24, 1905

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To Elders G. I. Butler and J. E. White,—

In all that we do, we are to sustain a Christlike relation to one another. We are to blend together, using every spiritual force for the carrying out of wise plans in earnest action. The gifts of God are to be used for the saving of souls. Our relations to one another are not to be governed by human standards, but by divine love, the love expressed in the gift of Christ to our world.*20LtMs, Lt 225, 1905, par. 1*

In regard to Brother Rogers, he has made mistakes; and he has been accused of that of which he is not guilty. He has shown too much commonness in his association with the girl students at the Huntsville school. A man in the position that Brother Rogers occupied cannot be too careful of his words and acts. He should not allow the least familiarity to be seen in his relations with the students, such as placing his hand on the arm or shoulder of a girl student. He should not allow the least approach to familiarity, in the school or out of the school, or in association with white students or colored students.*20LtMs, Lt 225, 1905, par. 2*

In the past, not all of our teachers have been clear and true and firm in this respect. Some have not stood in a proper position. They need to see things in an altogether different light regarding the relations of teachers and students.*20LtMs, Lt 225, 1905, par. 3*

The one standing at the head of a school should in no case give the impression that commonness and familiarity are allowable. His lips and his hands are to express nothing that any one can take advantage of. Let men keep their place, and let the girl students, be they white or black, keep their place. Never, never should any

liberties in word or act by taken by a teacher.*20LtMs, Lt 225, 1905, par. 4*

We are to be guided by true theology and common sense. Our souls are to be surrounded by an atmosphere elevated, refined, and sanctified. Men and women are to watch and are to be continually on guard, allowing no word or act that would cause their good to be evil spoken of. He who professes to be a follower of Christ is to give no occasion for remarks. He is to be constantly on guard, watching himself, keeping himself in thought, word, and deed, pure, holy, and undefiled. His influence upon others is to be uplifting. His life is to reflect the bright beams of the Sun of righteousness.*20LtMs, Lt 225, 1905, par. 5*

Temptations will come, but if we watch against the enemy, and maintain the balance of self-control and purity, the seducing spirits will not be able to obtain one jot of influence over us.*20LtMs, Lt 225, 1905, par. 6*

In the future you will see good reasons for the warnings given in regard to evil spirits. You will see the force of the lessons given by our Saviour in the *fifth chapter of Matthew*, which closes with the words, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." [*Verse 48.*]*20LtMs, Lt 225, 1905, par. 7*

The Lord's covenant is with His saints. Every one is to discern his weak points of character and guard against them with the rigor and severity so unflinchingly proclaimed by Jesus Christ, the pattern man. Those who have been buried with Christ in baptism and raised out of the water in the likeness of His resurrection have pledged themselves to live in newness of life. And God has pledged Himself that the power and grace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit will ever await their call and will come to their aid when they are tempted to pursue a course that would deny Christ. These powers are pledged to give to human beings the power and wisdom necessary to enable them to stand as victors over all Satan's beguiling.*20LtMs, Lt 225, 1905, par. 8*

God has made a covenant with His saints that when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.*20LtMs, Lt 225, 1905, par. 9*

“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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 225, 1905, par. 10*

“Mortify therefore your members which are upon earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, and covetousness, which is idolatry, for which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience; in the which ye also walked sometime, when ye lived in them. 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.” [*Verses 5-11.*]*20LtMs, Lt 225, 1905, par. 11*

“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 God dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 225, 1905, par. 12*

The words are straight, plain, and unvarnished. No one need walk into the trap that Satan has placed for the feet of the unwary. Let those who desire to be like Christ pray in faith and watch unto prayer, and then, believing, sing their songs of praise and thanksgiving.*20LtMs, Lt 225, 1905, par. 13*

The Lord Jesus sees His professed believers associated together in church capacity, but not all of them have the truth. Not all of them are obedient to the commandments. In many cases there are those who are backsliders. If these had followed on to know the Lord, they would have discerned the intensity of the love that God has for every soul. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." "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 man that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds shall be reproved, but he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." [*John 3:16-21.*]20LtMs, Lt 225, 1905, par. 14

What a work is before us. We cannot see the end from the beginning. We must follow on to know the Lord, step by step. He is leading us, and He will give us increased light.20LtMs, Lt 225, 1905, par. 15

There are those who need to make a decided change in their lives. They have not been following the way of truth and righteousness. Their interest in God's work has abated and their devotion gone, because they have not walked in the counsel of God, but in many respects have followed in the tread of the world. They have not kept their thoughts pure, clean, and holy. They are not surrounded with that fragrant spiritual influence that would mark them as those who love God and keep His commandments.20LtMs, Lt 225, 1905, par. 16

They may recover themselves from the snare of the enemy if they will realize that they are transgressing the law of God, and will show repentance toward God and Jesus Christ. When their spiritual perceptions are revived, they will see that they have not honored God as His law requires them to. God says to them, Your perceptions need the refinement of divine grace, that they may be

cleansed from every stain of impurity in thought, word, or deed.*20LtMs, Lt 225, 1905, par. 17*

“Take with you words, and turn to the Lord. Say unto Him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously. So will we render Him the calves of our lips. ... I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for Mine anger is turned away from him. I will be as the dew upon Israel. He shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as an olive tree. They that dwell under his shadow shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine. The scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him and observed him, I am like a green fir tree; from Me is thy fruit found. Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? For the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them, but the transgressors shall fall therein.” [*Hosea 14:2, 4-9.*]*20LtMs, Lt 225, 1905, par. 18*

Lt 226, 1905

Brethren and Sisters in the Southern Union Conference

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 25, 1905

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To my brethren and sisters in the Southern Union Conference,—

At this time our means and our influence are called for to sustain the work that our brethren in Nashville are carrying forward. Nashville has been chosen as a center for the work in the South. The Lord has gone before the laborers in this city and has given them favor with the people. In His providence, the publishing work has been established there, and a beginning has been made in sanitarium work. For over a year, Elder Haskell and his wife, with faithful associates, have conducted a city mission and Bible training school with increasing success. And just recently, the Lord in His providence has given our brethren there a commodious meetinghouse and a beautiful tract of land for sanitarium purposes. The way has also opened for carrying on tent-meetings in the city, and the beginning of a series of public meetings has brought joy to the hearts of our workers.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 226, 1905, par. 1*

All of these advance movements require means. The Lord has signified that our brethren and sisters in the North and the South, the East and the West shall with willing liberality prepare the way before our Nashville brethren. The men of long experience who have been placed in this important center are to be given an opportunity to bring the light of present truth to the attention of thousands. But the help that God sends His servants is sent only when they faithfully and self-sacrificingly act their part in His service. We are to do our best and then lay our hearts' desires before the great Burden-bearer, saying, “Lord, we can do no more. Grant us the help that we so much need in order to advance Thy work.” It is then that God moves upon the hearts of His servants in other places to send men and means for the advancement of His

work.20LtMs, Lt 226, 1905, par. 2

In a special sense does the responsibility of supporting the Nashville work rest upon the members of our churches throughout the southern states. My dear brethren and sisters, you can do much more than you have done to help: I ask you to study diligently the appeals that are being published in the *Review and Herald* in behalf of the southern field and then rise nobly to the opportunity now presented of establishing the work firmly in Nashville.20LtMs, Lt 226, 1905, par. 3

While I was in Australia, the Lord instructed me to appeal to the churches in America for assistance in helping to establish the work in that field across the broad waters of the Pacific. But those appeals did not slacken the efforts of our people in Australasia. Many gave more than they were really able to give. The field was a most needy one, and the poverty of the people was great; but in their liberalities the church members excelled their brethren and sisters in America. A faithful tithe was paid, and the offerings were most liberal. The Lord blessed their efforts, and His cause prospered to the glory of His name.20LtMs, Lt 226, 1905, par. 4

The evangelistic work that is now being carried forward in Nashville is a sample of the work that must be done in many other southern centers. Nothing will stir the South like taking hold of the work in new places. The cities are to be entered. Let workers press into the unwarned cities and proclaim the truth of Christ's soon coming. In every place the work is begun, the standard of truth is to be lifted higher and still higher. The fields in the South need faithful, persevering workers—not merely preachers, but those who can minister.20LtMs, Lt 226, 1905, par. 5

Our church members in the South need to arouse and work as never before for God, studying His Word and praying earnestly for guidance. As they do this, God will give them light. My brethren and sisters, you have a voice, you have reason, you have capabilities in a greater or less degree; and the Lord calls upon you to work for those in darkness. Visit your neighbors, and show an interest in the salvation of their souls. Arouse every spiritual energy to action. Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord

Jesus will open the door of their hearts, and will make upon their minds lasting impressions.*20LtMs, Lt 226, 1905, par. 6*

Keep up the work. Be laborers together with God. Go forth two and two into the harvest field. Let not church members be so busy about their own affairs that they have no time to work for the Lord. Let not our sisters spend precious hours adorning their own and their children's clothing. How much more pleasing to God it would be if that time were spent in opening the Word of God to those in darkness.*20LtMs, Lt 226, 1905, par. 7*

My sisters, Christ is your pattern. He could have come to our world clothed in His royal robes, but He came in poverty and humiliation. Christians will never try to make a display in dress. "If any man will come after Me," the Saviour said, "let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*] "So shall he be My disciple." [See *John 15:8.*] Self-indulgence and conformity to the world are always at variance with the principles of the gospel of Christ. Save your pennies and your dimes, and you will have something to give to the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 226, 1905, par. 8*

"Whose adorning," Peter writes, "let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." [*1 Peter 3:3, 4.*]*20LtMs, Lt 226, 1905, par. 9*

Church members, let the light shine forth. Let your voice be heard in humble prayer, in witness against the amusements of the world, and in the proclamation of the truth for this time. Your voice, your influence, your time—all these are gifts from God to be used in winning souls to Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 226, 1905, par. 10*

In your work you may find some who are sick. Do what you can to relieve them. As you minister to their physical needs, and at the same time break to them the bread of life, your efforts in their behalf will make more impression upon them than many ordinary sermons would. In your ministry for these sin-sick souls, apply the remedy found in the Bible. When opportunity offers, describe the willingness of Christ to hear the prayers offered to Him in sincerity and faith. It

may be that your effort will gain a soul for Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 226, 1905, par. 11*

Strive to arouse men and women from their spiritual insensibility. Tell them how you found the Lord Jesus and how blessed you have been ever since you gained an experience in His service. Tell them what blessing comes to you as you sit at the feet of Jesus and learn precious lessons from His Word. Tell them of the gladness and joy that there is in the Christian faith. Your warm, fervent words will convince them that you have found the pearl of great price. Let your cheerful, encouraging words show them that you have certainly found the higher way. This is genuine missionary work; and as it is done, many will awake as from a dream.*20LtMs, Lt 226, 1905, par. 12*

Our work has been outlined. Over and over again we are to repeat the words 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.*] This commission is never to lose its force upon the minds of the believing people of God. Into the darkness of sin the light of truth is to shine forth, that the darkness may be expelled. Those who reflect light will receive more light to reflect. New power will be brought into the church.*20LtMs, Lt 226, 1905, par. 13*

God's people are to be light-bearers to those in darkness. Let companies of Christian workers unite to help the needy and to proclaim the truth for this time. As they labor with self-sacrifice for the sake of others, denying themselves of that in which hitherto they have indulged, but have not really needed, they are God's helping hand.*20LtMs, Lt 226, 1905, par. 14*

The Lord calls upon His people to arouse out of sleep. The end of all things is at hand. When those who know the truth will be laborers together with God, the fruits of righteousness will appear. By the revelation of the love of God in missionary efforts, many will be awakened to see the sinfulness of their own course of action. They will see that in the past their selfishness has disqualified them to be

laborers together with God. The exhibition of the love of God as seen in unselfish ministry for others will be the means of leading many souls to believe the Word of God just as it reads.*20LtMs, Lt 226, 1905, par. 15*

God desires to refresh His people by the gift of the Holy Spirit, baptizing them anew in His love. There is no need for a dearth of the Holy Spirit in the church. After Christ's ascension, the Holy Spirit came upon the waiting, praying, believing disciples with a fulness and power that reached every heart. In the future, the earth is to be lightened with the glory of God. A divine influence is to go forth to the world from those who are sanctified through the truth. The earth is to be encircled with an atmosphere of grace. The Holy Spirit is to work on human hearts, taking the things of God and showing them unto men.*20LtMs, Lt 226, 1905, par. 16*

Christ came to this earth, His divinity clothed with humanity, that humanity might touch humanity and divinity lay hold upon the throne of God. In our behalf He became subject to all the temptations of Satan and placed Himself in the power of those who clamored for His life and crucified Him as a malefactor. His death on the cross was an exhibition of the unselfishness of God. Infinite benevolence poured out all heaven's treasures in this one gift, to rescue man from Satan's power. Through the revelation of the love of God on the cross of Calvary, the real character of the work of Satan and his agencies was demonstrated. It was shown what power would have ruled the world had not God interposed in our behalf and, by the sacrifice of His only begotten Son, rescued human beings from the power of the enemy.*20LtMs, Lt 226, 1905, par. 17*

This great sacrifice was made to save the world. The message of salvation is not to be proclaimed in a few places only. Throughout the earth it is to be sounded forth. Those who know not the gospel are in the darkness of unbelief. They know not God. Why is the church so indolent, so selfish, so weak? Why do the members not make earnest efforts to proclaim the message of mercy, that others may know the joy of salvation through Christ?*20LtMs, Lt 226, 1905, par. 18*

Lt 227, 1905

Belden, F. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 27, 1905

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Frank Belden

My dear Nephew,—

I hear that you have entered into, or intend to enter into, a lawsuit against the managers of the Review and Herald. I wish to tell you that in this you are not guided by the Lord. This move is instigated by evil angels. God has never prompted you to do any such thing.*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 1*

It is a fact that you and Captain Eldridge and A. R. Henry exerted an influence that warped the plans of the Review and Herald and brought oppression into the book work. Wrong principles were brought in, which resulted in your separation from the office. That which you are now prepared to charge on to the Review and Herald is largely the result of your own actions.*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 2*

The scheme to pay higher wages to a few men, brought in by you and your associates, was entirely contrary to the principles that had heretofore been practiced in the institution.*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 3*

This matter has been clearly presented to me. In the assemblies, your voice was the most urgent and determined to carry out the plans for giving a few men higher wages and to pay a low wage to a large number, who worked with just as much fidelity as those claiming higher wages. You and others have violated the principles upon which our work is to be carried forward. You have followed worldly policy plans. This the Lord forbids. You have had a strong

determination to follow a course of your own choosing and have made a record of nonsuccess.*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 4*

If you had placed your influence under the direction of the Holy Spirit, and used it as a consecrated talent, it would have won souls to Christ. A presentation has been given me of what you could have accomplished if with humble trust in Jesus of Nazareth you had sought to do the work committed to you. If you had kept your heart in the love of the truth, the saving, sanctifying truth of God's Word; if you had loved God with heart and mind and soul and strength; if you had co-operated with Him in a way that would have made you one with Him, you would have been greatly blessed. You would not have spent time in discussing questions over which the world was contending, but would have kept continually before you this one question, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" [*Luke 10:25.*]*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 5*

What you have needed for years is a heart truly converted. The time spent on unimportant subjects, such as the gold and silver question, was lost. Our time is the Lord's. You have failed to realize that by spending time and energy on nonessential things, you were robbing the Lord. Your time, your means, your influence should be carefully cherished. God demands of every soul earnest love for Christ, our sin-pardoning Saviour. The actions, the words, the principles advocated are to be such as will reflect the light of truth to souls in the darkness of error. The work in which we engage is to bear the signature of heaven. Thus we reveal our vital connection and communion with Christ. You have but little time in which to prepare for the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for those who love Him.*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 6*

"Let not your heart be troubled," the Saviour said to His disciples; "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 you may be also. And whither I go, ye know, and the way ye know." [*John 14:1-4.*]*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 7*

I entreat you to stop and consider. What do you suppose you will

gain by this strange move that you are contemplating? It is the father of lies, the accuser of the brethren, who is prompting you to make this move. Those who have a living connection with Christ will never be found on Satan's ground. O that you had devoted your past years to God!*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 8*

Of Christ it is said, "He shall not strive nor cry, nor cause His voice to be heard in the streets." [*Matthew 12:19; Isaiah 42:2.*] He did not proclaim His own merits or enter into controversy or strife. His wise, gracious words and His deeds of mercy revealed a power far above the power of the priests and rulers. His Godlike character made Him the observed of all observers. He could not be hid. A wonderful power was working in the midst of the people, a power that spoke to their hearts and minds.*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 9*

Jesus offended the Pharisees by laying out before them the hollowness of their piety and the unscripturalness of their teachings. He often withdrew from the multitude to avoid an outbreak of hostility. On one occasion He withdrew to the borders of Tyre and Sidon. There He entered into a house and would have no man know it. But He could not be hid. A mother with a sick daughter came with an urgent appeal for aid, and He heeded her request and healed her daughter. Christ was the great Medical Missionary. His whole life was a representation of God.*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 10*

O Frank, I have desired to help you, but you would not be helped. You have turned from the testimonies God has graciously given you to bring you under the influence of His Spirit. I now have a warning for you. If you do this wicked thing that you are contemplating, it will do much to place you beyond conviction, beyond the repentance that needeth not to be repented of. Stop right where you are. Believe what I tell you regarding what your influence has wrought and its sure effect upon your life and character. Had you allowed the truth to illuminate your heart, you would have had the discernment that is necessary in order to decide between good and evil.*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 11*

It is not because the virtues of truth are in you that you magnify the mistakes of others and exalt yourself. Consider what your record

will be in that day when the books are opened and every man is judged according to the things written in the books. "The Father," declares Peter, "judgeth according to every man's work." [1 *Peter* 1:17.] Hour by hour, day by day He sums up the result of our words, our deportment, our influence, measuring our well-doing or our evil-doing. *20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 12*

In that great day when every work passes in review before God, what will your record be? O what is there in your life to bring the overcomer's reward? O Frank, what record are you making in the heavenly courts? Life with us all should be an earnest effort to gain a worthy end. But you are today filled with conceited deception. Shall Satan succeed in the game that he is playing for your life? Before you take a step further, will you not, for your soul's sake, consider and retrace your steps? It is not yet too late for wrongs to be righted. "O that thou hadst harkened to My commandments! Then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea." [*Isaiah 48:18.*]*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 13*

My eye has just lighted on the words found in the *third chapter of the first epistle of John*: "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 hearts condemn us not, God is greater than our hearts, and knoweth all things. 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 18-20, 22-24.*]*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 14*

I charge you in the name of Christ to withdraw your suit; for you are wounding Christ by dishonoring His cause. Quite as justly could a suit be brought against you for formulating plans that lessened the power of the Review office to do the work that ought to have been done in sustaining missionaries in the field. Consider the fruit of your own doing—the carrying out of plans that spoiled the record of the institution. Your voice has done much to bring about wrong

schemes. You have made many pleas for plans that in their outworking robbed the treasury of God.*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 15*

The Judge of all the earth is taking a record of the lives of all who claim to be Christians. We are living in the great day of atonement. Now is the time when every one should confess his sins and closely examine his life history. Repent and be converted, and ask pardon of God, that your sins may be blotted out. You have, my dear nephew, a soul to save or to lose. You need an entire renovation of character. Will you not confess your sins and become a child of God.*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 16*

O how I have longed to have an opportunity to talk with you. But had you wanted to see me, I think you would have made an effort when I was in Battle Creek. I concluded that you did not wish to see me.*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 17*

I do not want you to be lost. I want to meet you and your wife and daughter in the kingdom of God. The world is fast reaching the condition that Christ warned us of. Murder, strife, theft, hatred, robbery, dishonesty are seen on every hand. I do not want my lot to be cast with the enemies of God.*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 18*

Sanctification through the truth—sanctification of mind, heart, soul, and strength—this is our only hope. Guilt and iniquity are making this world a hell. There is a heaven to win and a hell to shun. You have a work to do, and it must be done speedily. I want you to be among the redeemed, glorified ones who have on the robe of Christ's righteousness.*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 19*

I leave these words with you, praying that God will lead you to heed them.*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 20*

Your aunt.*20LtMs, Lt 227, 1905, par. 21*

Lt 229, 1905

Board of Managers of the Huntsville School

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 30, 1905

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To the Board of Managers of the Huntsville School

Dear Brethren,—

I have a deep interest in the Huntsville school. For three or four years I have been receiving instruction regarding it. From this school the truth must go forth to many places. The teachers must seek constantly for wisdom from on high, that they may be kept from making serious mistakes. The enemy will bring in everything possible to counterwork the very plans that God would have us carry out.*20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 1*

I am awakened at half-past eleven o'clock. I am bearing a heavy burden in regard to recent transactions at Huntsville. The scenes that took place in connection with the removal of Brother Rogers have again been presented to me. Some things done at that time were most strange and unchristlike.*20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 2*

Brother Rogers was a man who had been chosen to carry the responsibilities of the school. He was a man who had influence and who had accomplished good in the service of God. It was not his choice to go to Huntsville. He was taken from his work in Mississippi contrary to his choice, to stand at the head of the Huntsville school.*20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 3*

The one who had been acting as principal of the school had been retained for some time longer than he should have been, for there were sufficient reasons for his removal. His inefficiency and the

necessity for a change were laid before me, but I did not consider it my duty to enter into details and give publicity to the deficiencies of the one who had been serving as principal of the school. When it was decided by the brethren that it would be best for him to be removed, he felt greatly injured. My heart ached for the man, and I did not expose the worst features of his case. I greatly pitied him, that he should stand in such an objectionable light. I wrote to him and calmly pointed out his inefficiency and unfitness to accomplish the work that must be done in Huntsville, and that should have been done long ago.*20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 4*

Under Elder Rogers' administration there has been a marked reform in Huntsville in some respects. In the circumstances that recently occurred, men took action against a brother that they ought not to have taken. Unless those concerned in this matter undergo a transformation of character so complete that the Lord will accept their repentance, they should sever their connection with the Huntsville school.*20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 5*

This has been presented to me in the past, and tonight I am awakened again by the same presentation. The transactions that took place connected with Elder Rogers' removal showed a lack of friendly wisdom, a lack of Bible religion. There was a departure from the Word of God. Unless faithful measures are pursued, unless there is genuine repentance, unless confessions are made regarding the wrong spirit manifested, these men cannot be trusted with the responsibilities of the school. The laws of God have been violated.*20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 6*

At one time the disciples came to Jesus with the question, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" In answer Jesus called a little child unto Him, and setting him in the midst of them, said, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into 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. Woe unto the world because of offenses; for it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh." [*Matthew 18:1-*

7.]20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 7

A little child was the illustration chosen by Jesus to correct the false ideas held by the disciples in regard to greatness. Not outward exaltation, not high position, but spiritual excellence, spiritual purity, excellence of speech, meekness, and the carrying out of mercy, justice, and the love of God—this is what the Lord requires of every soul. Men must be truly converted. Their natural defects of disposition must be changed for the virtues of Christ's character, else they will never enter the kingdom of heaven. They must be humble, charitable, kind, merciful; then they will be called, Blessed of the Lord. They must cherish a humble, submissive spirit, receiving, as would a little child, the lessons given by their Teacher and obeying every word proceeding from His mouth. Because of their love for Him, they are to love all who believe in Him. They are to exert a Christlike influence.20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 8

True happiness does not consist in the possession of wealth or position, but in the possession of a pure, clean heart, cleansed by obedience to the truth. A disposition to treat men firmly and generously is essential. To every one is given the opportunity to carry out the principles of heaven. The forgiving of injuries, not the avenging of them, is an exhibition of that wisdom which is true goodness. Christlike love for the men through whom the Lord has wrought is a manifestation of real transformation of character.20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 9

The Lord calls for true-hearted men who work with an eye single to His glory. "If thine eye be single," the word declares, "thine whole body shall be full of light." [Matthew 6:22.] The eye needs to be able to view things carefully, truly. A diseased eye will make a mountain out of a molehill.20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 10

Elder Rogers has made a mistake, but the Lord looks pitifully upon him. He has been accused of that of which he is not guilty. He has been grossly misjudged and treated as if he were a wolf.20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 11

In helping himself to some of the school milk, Elder Rogers did not consider himself a thief. He is a liberal man. There is little of selfishness in his nature. He was standing in a position of authority,

and he supposed that he could favor himself and afterward return more than he had appropriated. In this he acted unwisely, but his well-known devotion to the interests of the school should have secured for him different treatment from that which he received.*20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 12*

Angels beheld the scene that took place when these men found Elder Rogers helping himself to milk and treated a brother as they would a prowling wolf. Were they without sin? Did they stand guiltless before God? No, no! The test of true religion is doing the will of God.*20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 13*

The Scriptures say, "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." [*Galatians 6:1.*]*20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 14*

"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone." When a man has a suspicion of another, he should go to the one suspected of wrong and tell him his fault, as the scripture says, "between thee and him alone." "If he will hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother." [*Matthew 18:15.*] Never is a member of the church to be treated as a rebel until every possible means has been used to bring about an understanding. We are strictly to follow the directions that Christ has taken special pains to give to the church. Not one item is to be disregarded.*20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 15*

Christ compares those who hear and obey His Word to a man who builds his house upon a rock. Through their obedience to God, they abide in safety amidst the storm and tempest of temptation. The man who disregards the words which Christ has spoken is building on the sand. When the storm comes, the structure that he has reared will fall, and great will be the fall of it. *20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 16*

The effect that will naturally follow the course that has been pursued in the matter of Elder Rogers' removal has been presented to me. Had the men who are bringing charges against Elder Rogers reasoned wisely, from cause to effect, they would have discerned that the process of getting testimony from students, by questioning

them, thus giving them an opportunity to discuss the character of their teacher, was a wrong way in which to work. *20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 17*

They should have realized that even though all their suppositions were true, it was not wise to discuss the errors of a church member and the head of a school with students, to be carried by them to the world. The object of Christ in His teachings is to preserve the sacred, holy character of His church. These brethren have done a greater injury to the cause and work of God than they can comprehend. *20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 18*

There were errors in the church in the days of Christ, but He taught that when a member followed an injudicious course, the knowledge of this was not to be made public property, but was to be confined to the members of the church. *20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 19*

The truth is in our hands, placed there by the Word of God, which is our guidebook, and which is to be closely and sacredly followed. The perfection of a Christian experience is an individual work. If errors are committed by lay members or by ministers or teachers, there is a way to correct them. We must follow the instruction given by our Saviour. We are bound to take the word of a minister of the gospel, unless we have clear evidence that what he says is not true. The Lord condemns any unfair work, such as encouraging others to tell the suspicions that the enemy many have put into their minds and acting upon such accusations. We are to guard jealously the reputation of ministers and church members. To go out of the way to surmise that a brother has sinned, because we have evidence that another man has done evil things, and to give the impression that the brother is guilty of the same things, is hunting up falsehoods to repeat as truth. *20LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 20*

The word of Christ is: "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, and 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 thou shalt see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." [*Matthew 7:1-5.*]20*LtMs, Lt 229, 1905, par. 21*

Lt 231, 1905

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

I have received your letters and will now answer some of the points contained in them.*20LtMs, Lt 231, 1905, par. 1*

Dr. Margaret Evans asked me if, under any circumstances, I would advise the drinking of chicken broth if one were sick and could not take anything else into the stomach. I said, “There are persons dying of consumption who, if they ask for chicken broth, should have it. But I would be very careful.” The example should not injure a sanitarium or make excuse for others to think their case required the same diet. I asked Dr. Margaret if she had such a case at the sanitarium. She said, “No; but I have a sister in the sanitarium at Wahoonga who is very weak. She has weak, sinking spells, but cooked chicken she can eat.” I said, “It would be best to remove her from the sanitarium.” She answered, “Her husband is in the sanitarium, filling the position of physician.”*20LtMs, Lt 231, 1905, par. 2*

So it came about in this way, and later I received a letter from you, concerning the matter. I have not seen Dr. Margaret since I returned from the camp-meeting at San Jose, about a week ago.*20LtMs, Lt 231, 1905, par. 3*

I found Dr. Hare’s wife in Washington in the same condition that Dr. Margaret’s sister is in. They said she was unable to eat anything but meat and that her blood was turning to water. But the light given me was: her impression that she must live on meat was not correct. I

was instructed that she was placing herself mentally in a position in which she should not be. If she would discard the use of meat for one year, the unfavorable position in which she now is would be changed, and there would be an opportunity for healthy action to take place in her system. She could, if she overcame her meat eating, be in a much better condition and live to glorify God.*20LtMs, Lt 231, 1905, par. 4*

In your letter you refer to what was said concerning the recovery of Mrs. Stuttaford's mother at the time of her last illness. It was this way: We had a season of prayer in her behalf, and I tried to encourage faith in the sick mother. I told her that there was no power in us to do the work of healing, but that it was her privilege to say, I shall not die, but live; and that she could keep in her mind the promise, He is able to save to the uttermost all who come unto Him. I tried to talk on the faith side of the question and encourage her to believe that living or dying we are the Lord's, and we shall live with Him in His kingdom. "For the trumpet shall sound, and all that are in their graves shall come forth"—those who have served Him, to live in His kingdom. [*1 Corinthians 15:52; John 5:28, 29.*]*20LtMs, Lt 231, 1905, par. 5*

Some years before this we had a season of prayer for her mother at a camp-meeting. I heard that she was on a bed of sickness and that she wished to see me. I prayed the Lord that He might rebuke the affliction that was upon her, if it could be His will. She praised the Lord and got up from her bed of sickness. At Pasadena I hoped that she might again be raised up from the bed of sickness, so I acted my part as I have related.*20LtMs, Lt 231, 1905, par. 6*

The light given me is that if the sister you mention would brace up and cultivate her taste for wholesome food, all these sinking spells would pass away. She has cultivated her imagination; the enemy has taken advantage of her weakness of body, and her mind is not braced to bear up against the hardships of everyday life. It is good, sanctified mind cure she needs, an increase of faith and active service for Christ. She needs also the exercise of her muscles in outside practical labor. Physical exercise will be to her one of the greatest blessings of her life. She need not be an invalid, but a wholesome-minded, healthy woman, prepared to act her part nobly

and well.*20LtMs, Lt 231, 1905, par. 7*

All the treatment that may be given to this sister will be of little advantage unless she acts her part. She needs to strengthen muscle and nerve by physical labor. She need not be an invalid, but can do good, earnest labor. Like many others, she has a diseased imagination. But she can overcome and be a healthy woman. I have had this message to give to many, and with the best results.*20LtMs, Lt 231, 1905, par. 8*

Once I was called to see a young woman with whom I was well acquainted. She was sick and was running down fast. Her mother wished me to pray for her. The mother stood there weeping and saying, "Poor child; she cannot live long." I felt her pulse. I prayed with her and then addressed her, "My sister, if you get up and dress and go to your usual work in the office, all this invalidism will pass away." "Do you think this would pass away?" she said. "Certainly," I said. "You have nearly smothered the life forces by invalidism." I turned to the mother and told her that her daughter would have died of a diseased imagination if they had not been convinced of their error. She had been educating herself to invalidism. Now this is a very poor school. But I said to her, "Change this order; arise and dress." She was obedient and is alive today.*20LtMs, Lt 231, 1905, par. 9*

There are some people who are too energetic. They have so much zeal that their physical strength is overtaxed. It is a mistake to overdo and wear out the strength by constant labor without taking periods of rest. If the whole machinery is used too constantly, and the necessity of resting periods and of varied exercise are overlooked, evil results will follow. The human machinery is created with all its varied nerves, muscles, and sinews to be kept in healthy action. If they are unused, they will become weak and feel the neglect. If overtaxed, they will wear out prematurely. I am now nearing the completion of my seventy-eighth year, and I am able to do much study and writing. I am sometimes up writing hours before breakfast. I did not sleep after one o'clock this morning.*20LtMs, Lt 231, 1905, par. 10*

Lt 233, 1905

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

During the past few months I have been exceedingly busy, writing out the instruction given me as the Lord’s witness and messenger. Often I have written ten pages before others were up in the morning. I have been obliged to bear urgent messages to many persons. *20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 1*

Last year at this time my hand was very weary. The joints showed rheumatic tendencies. The thought that I might lose the use of my hand distressed me. I prayed over the matter, and I rejoice to say that for months I have felt no trouble at all. My hands are supple, more so than they have been for years, and I am able to do a great deal of writing. *20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 2*

I praise the Lord for preserving His aged servants in health and strength. There is Elder Haskell, working earnestly for the advancement of the cause in Nashville. His wife, younger than he is, and in good health, is a great help and blessing to him. They blend in their labors and are doing an important work in teaching young people how to do house-to-house work. They are most earnest workers. *20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 3*

Elder Butler also is engaged in labor in Nashville, and just now he and Elder Haskell are holding a series of tent-meetings there. Last year they could not find a place for the tent, and the evangelical work seemed to be at a standstill. At times the workers were tempted to feel discouraged; for every way of advance seemed to

be closed. I tried to encourage them, but means that should have been sent to Nashville was withheld, and I felt deeply that changes must be brought about, because the Lord could not be glorified in his work being hindered.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 4*

The workers in Nashville have passed through a severe trial of their faith; but recently the Lord's providence has been working for them in a remarkable manner. Not long ago an opportunity came to them to purchase a good meetinghouse in an excellent part of the city for five thousand dollars. This property, with the lot on which it stands, is worth twenty thousand dollars. The church belonged to the Baptists, but was too small for them, and they were anxious to sell. Our brethren accepted the offer and are to make the last payment the first of October. I tell them to have faith in God; for the money will come, and they will own the house.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 5*

The brethren in Washington lent them one thousand dollars to make the first payment; but Elder Haskell and Elder Butler have been worrying for fear that the rest of the money would not come in time. I have written as the Lord's messenger to persons who ought to help them. I determined that these old soldiers of the cross—self-sacrificing, earnest workers as they are—should not be disappointed if I could prevent it. I have it in my mind what we can do and what I shall do rather than that they should lose the meetinghouse.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 6*

The church is of solid brick. The seats are cushioned and the floor carpeted. There is a pipe organ built into the wall, and there is also a good piano.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 7*

When I heard of this favor that the Lord had bestowed upon his old, faithful workers, I thanked Him with heart and soul. These brethren have borne the burden in the heat of the day. They carried on their shoulders the burden of raising funds for the building up of our institutions in the beginning. Together with my husband and myself they bore all the load under which they could stand. They united with us in the early stages of the work, and ever since then their one aim has been the upbuilding of the cause of God in our world.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 8*

My husband, the old warrior, has gone; but I am still on the field of

battle. The Lord still permits me to have a part in His work, and for this I thank Him.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 9*

The Lord knows all the perils that surround us at this time. He knows our necessities. He knows the strength that we need in order to uphold the truth in its elevated, holy character, and He will supply all our need. We are not to be depressed by any trials that may come.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 10*

I wish to say to you that if God opens the way for the brethren in other parts of Australia to purchase property that may be used for sanitarium work, such as the place that Brother Semmens has written about, forbid them not. Utter not one word of remonstrance. There are many cities to be worked, and medical missionary work is not to be confined to a few centers.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 11*

For a long time the Battle Creek Sanitarium was the only medical institution conducted by our people. But for many years light has been given that sanitariums should be established near every large city. Sanitariums should be established near such cities as Melbourne and Adelaide. And when opportunities come to establish the work in still other places, never are we to reach out the hand and say, NO; you must not create an interest in other places; for fear that our patronage will be decreased. If sanitarium work is the means by which the way is to be opened for the proclamation of the truth, encourage and do not discourage those who are trying to advance this work.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 12*

May the Lord increase our faith and help us to see that He desires us all to become acquainted with His ministry of healing and with the mercy-seat. He desires the light of His grace to shine forth from many places. We are living in the last days. Troublous times are before us. He who understands the necessities of the situation arranges that advantages should be brought to the workers in various places, to enable them more effectually to arouse the attention of the people. He knows the needs and the necessities of the feeblest of His flock, and He sends His own message late into the highways and the byways. He loves us with an everlasting love.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 13*

There are souls in many places who have not yet heard the

message. Henceforth medical missionary work is to be carried forward with an earnestness with which it has never yet been done. This work is the door through which the truth is to find entrance to the large cities, and sanitariums are to be established in many places.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 14*

Since we returned from Australia, the Lord has opened the way for the establishment of the sanitarium work in Southern California. The brethren there have found opportunity to buy several properties at a price very much below the original cost. The first of these was an opportunity to purchase the Fernando school buildings. These buildings were in every way adapted for school work, and I advised their purchase. The property consists of a large school building, a dwelling house, twelve and a half acres of land, partly set out to orange trees: and the price paid was eleven thousand dollars. I asked how this price compared with the real value of the property, and the answer was that we had obtained the property for about one third of its value.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 15*

About seven miles from San Diego our brethren found a building admirably adapted for sanitarium work. It was erected by a Mrs. Potts for sanitarium work, and when I saw it, it seemed to be that we had found about all that we could ask. Here was a well-constructed, three-story building of about fifty rooms, standing upon a pleasant rise of ground and overlooking a beautiful valley.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 16*

Besides the main building, there was a six-roomed cottage, which could be fitted up for helpers, and a good stable. About half of the twenty acres of land had once been planted out to fruit trees; but during the long drought from which the country had suffered, the trees had been allowed to die, except the ornamental trees and the shrubbery round the buildings and about seventy olive trees on the terrace.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 17*

The owners of this property had become discouraged on account of the long drought and were offering it for twelve thousand dollars. We did not feel free to purchase it at this price, and a year later it was offered to us for eight thousand. Still we did not take it, and about a year afterward, we made an offer of four thousand dollars

for the mortgage, which was accepted.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 18*

After purchasing the property, we immediately set about making the necessary repairs and improvements. Patients began to come in before the building was ready for them, and ever since the helpers have been kept busy.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 19*

Not long ago a building at Glendale, eight miles from Los Angeles, was purchased and fitted up for sanitarium work. Originally this building was an expensive one, costing the owners about forty thousand dollars. There are seventy-five rooms, many of which are arranged in suites—a small one for a bedroom and a larger one for a sitting room. There were two bathrooms on each floor, but they were not such as would be needed in giving treatments, and new treatment rooms have been added.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 20*

The rooms in the building are pleasant, and the location of the building is very good. The place is a sightly one.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 21*

When Brother Burden first went to see the agent about purchasing this place, twenty thousand dollars was asked for it. Brother Burden then told the agent something of the purpose for which those desirous of purchasing the building wished to use it. He told him about our medical missionary work and assured him that this work was carried on without any thought of making money except for missionary purposes. The agent was much interested and was inclined in favor of the idea, and he named a sum considerably lower than the sum first mentioned. But Brother Burden told him that it would be impossible for us to pay that price, and he then said, "You can have it for twelve thousand five hundred dollars, and you may consider the remainder of the price a gift to the institution."*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 22*

Recently we have purchased what is known as the Loma Linda property. This property is sixty miles from Los Angeles and is on the main railway line from Los Angeles to New Orleans. It was owned by a corporation of one hundred and fifty people, seventy of whom were physicians. But the physicians did not agree among themselves, and the place lost money instead of making it; and it

was decided to sell. It continued to be a loss financially, and the stockholders became anxious to sell. It was offered for forty thousand dollars, and for this price our brethren have purchased it, paying down five thousand dollars. They will make three other payments of five thousand each, and after that will have three years in which to pay the remainder at six per cent interest.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 23*

The property is a most beautiful one. There are seventy-six acres of land, twenty-three of which are set out to fruit and ornamental trees. There are twelve acres of oranges and eight acres of plums, apricots, lemons, and grapefruit. The rest of the land is garden, alfalfa, and pasture land.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 24*

There is one large building and five cottages, four of which have four rooms each and one nine rooms. In all there are ninety rooms. The buildings are all furnished throughout and are ready for use. There are several good carriages, five horses, four cows, and one hundred and thirty-five chickens.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 25*

There is an ample water supply, the property having two good wells.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 26*

I know that it was in the providence of God that we had an opportunity to purchase this property.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 27*

I wrote the foregoing last night, and this morning I am roused up to repeat the instruction that the Lord has given me in regard to establishing sanitariums. Again and again this matter has been presented to me, and one case especially has been urged upon my notice. At great cost a sanitarium was erected at Boulder, Colorado. It has been a very difficult matter to make this sanitarium what it should be, and yet meet all expenses. The effort to do this has meant a great deal of hard work and much careful study.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 28*

During the past four years one of our doctors established himself in the city of Boulder, just a little distance from our sanitarium, and began to build up a private sanitarium. This was not right and has been to the injury of our sanitarium, which has always had a struggle to make a success and to accomplish the work which the

Lord designed it to do. The action of the one who established this private sanitarium was neither just nor righteous. Were he to continue to do as he has done in the past, constant difficulties would arise. He draws patients away from the sanitarium established in the order of God. More than this, he allows his patients to have meat, while the workers in our sanitarium have always endeavored to show their patients that they would be better off without meat.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 29*

The question is, What shall be done? Here are two institutions, one endeavoring to hold up and follow the principles of health reform and the other allowing its patients to indulge in the use of flesh meat, and because of this, drawing patients away from the first institution. The matter is to be treated in a fair, Christlike manner. When the one who has established himself so close beside the Lord's institution is converted in heart and mind, he will see the necessity of carrying out the principles of the Word of God and will harmonize with his neighbors. If he cannot blend with them, he will go to some other place. There are many other places to which he could go.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 30*

The question has been asked, Should we sell the Boulder Sanitarium to the one who has set up a practice so close to it? I answer, No, no! The one who has offered to buy it is not keeping up the standard of health reform, and the Lord would not be pleased to have the institution sold to him. The Boulder Sanitarium is to do its appointed work. From it the truth for this time is to shine forth and the great message of warning be given.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 31*

In ancient times the remark was frequently made, "Wherever there are three physicians, there are two atheists." But a change has come. Wherever the last message of warning is given, combined with medical missionary work and lessons on the right principles of living, wonderful results are seen. Our sanitariums are to be the means of enlightening those who come to them for treatment. The patients are to be shown how they can live upon a diet of grains, fruits, nuts, and other products of the soil. I have been instructed that lectures should be regularly given in our sanitariums on health topics. People are to be taught to discard those articles of food that

weaken the health and strength of the beings for whom Christ gave His life. The injurious effects of tea and coffee are to be shown. The patients are to be taught how they can dispense with those articles of diet that injure the digestive organs.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 32*

These things are to be treated from a health standpoint. The blessings that attend a disuse of tobacco and intoxicating liquor are to be plainly pointed out. Let the patients be shown the necessity of practicing the principles of health reform, if they would regain their health. Let the sick be shown how to get well by being temperate in eating and by taking regular exercise in the open air.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 33*

It is that people may become intelligent in regard to these things that sanitariums are to be established. A great work is to be done. Those who are now ignorant are to become wise. By the work of our sanitariums, suffering is to be relieved and health restored. People are to be taught how, by carefulness in eating and drinking, they may keep well. Christ died to save men from ruin. Our sanitariums are to be his helping hand, teaching men and women how to live in such a way as to honor and glorify God. If this work is not done by our sanitariums, a great mistake is made by those conducting them.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 34*

Abstinence from flesh meat will benefit those who abstain. The diet question is a subject of living interest. Those who do not conduct sanitariums in the right way lose their opportunity to help the very ones who need to make a reform in their manner of living. Our sanitariums are established for a special purpose, to teach people that we do not live to eat, but that we eat to live.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 35*

In our sanitariums, the truth is to be cherished, not banished or hidden from sight. The light is to shine forth in clear, distinct rays. These institutions are the Lord's facilities for the revival of pure, elevated morality. We do not establish them as a speculative business, but to help men and women to follow right habits of living. Christ, the great Medical Missionary, is no longer in our world in person. But He has not left the world in darkness. To His subjects He has given the commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach

the gospel to every creature,” “teaching them 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.*] The great questions of Bible truth are to enter into the very heart of society to reform and convert men and women, bringing them to see the great necessity of preparing for the mansions that Christ told His disciples He would prepare for those that love Him. “If I go away,” He declared, “I will come again, and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also.” [*John 14:3.*]*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 36*

Our work is to gain a knowledge of Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We are to interest people in the subjects that concern the health of the body, as well as in the subjects that concern the health of the soul. Believers have a decided message to bear to prepare the way for the kingdom of God. The will of the Lord is to be done on earth. We have not one moment to spend in idle speculation. “Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight” is the message that we are to proclaim. [*Matthew 3:3.*] Amidst all the confusion that now fills the world, a clear, decided message is to be heard.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 37*

Some will be attracted by one phase of the gospel and some by another. We are instructed by our Lord to work in such a way that all classes will be reached. The message must go to the whole world. Our sanitariums are to help to make up the number of God’s people. We are not to establish a few mammoth institutions; for thus it would be impossible to give the patients the messages that will bring health to the soul. Small sanitariums are to be established in many places.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 38*

Satan will introduce every form of error in an effort to lead souls away from the work to be accomplished in these last days. There needs to be a decided awakening, in accordance with the importance of the subjects we are presenting. The conversion of souls is now to be our one object. Every facility for the advancement of God’s cause is to be put into use, that His will may be done on earth as it is done in heaven. We cannot afford to be irreligious and indifferent now. We must take advantage of the means that the Lord has placed in our hands for the carrying forward of medical missionary work. Through this work infidels will

be converted. Through the wonderful restorations taking place in our sanitariums, souls will be led to look to Christ as the great Healer of soul and body.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 39*

Let not our physicians think that they can set themselves up in private practice close beside our sanitariums. To those who have done this the Lord says, Are there not many other places in which you could have established your plant?*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 40*

The Lord speaks to all medical missionaries, saying, Go work today in My vineyard to save souls. God hears the prayers of all who seek Him in truth. He has the power that we all need. He fills the heart with love, and joy, and peace, and holiness. Character is constantly being developed. We cannot afford to spend time working at cross purposes with God.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 41*

There are physicians who because of a past connection with our sanitariums find it profitable to locate close to them; and they close their eyes to the great fields neglected and unworked in which unselfish labor would be a blessing to many. Missionary physicians can exert an uplifting, refining, sanctifying influence. Physicians who do not do this abuse their power and do a work that the Lord repudiates.*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 42*

God wants every one to stand with the whole armor on, ready for the great review. He wants us to do the work that He has given us. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." [*Proverbs 3:6.*] "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him." [*Psalm 25:14.*]*20LtMs, Lt 233, 1905, par. 43*

Lt 235, 1905

Daniells, A. G.

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 31, 1905

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Elder Daniells

Dear Brother,—

Before Brethren Butler and Haskell leave this meeting, will you comply with my request to place in their hands means with which to obtain the church that is now for sale in Nashville. This church is offered for five thousand dollars.*20LtMs, Lt 235, 1905, par. 1*

Do not let Brother Haskell and Brother Butler return to Nashville without the assurance that the means they need shall be placed in their hands. How can these men work without anything to work with? Money has come in abundantly to meet the needs of the work in Washington. Place in the hands of Brethren Butler and Haskell at least five thousand dollars to supply the help they ought to have.*20LtMs, Lt 235, 1905, par. 2*

Remove just as soon as you can the impression that all the means given for the different fields should come through Washington. The work in Washington has had the benefit of our appeals, and the provision that in the future all the means intended for the different fields shall go through Washington had better be changed as decidedly as it has been made. Let there be no diverting of money from the places for which it was intended.*20LtMs, Lt 235, 1905, par.*

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We have valuable men in Nashville, but what courage can they have to labor when they have nothing to do with? It will not lessen the gifts coming to Washington for you to do real justice and send to

the southern field the money that I have asked for in behalf of one of the hardest fields in the world.*20LtMs, Lt 235, 1905, par. 4*

Last night I was in distress and knew not what to do. I was instructed to set the matter before you and ask you to see that other fields were given advantages.*20LtMs, Lt 235, 1905, par. 5*

Our work must be carried on in Nashville. Means must be sent to that field. The workers there will know how to use the money as well as the workers in Washington know how to use money. Show that you have confidence in these workers.*20LtMs, Lt 235, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 237, 1905

Hall, L. M.

Glendale, California

September 4, 1905

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Dear Sister Hall,—

I miss you so much. I should have been so pleased could you have been with us on this trip. I needed you and should greatly have appreciated your company and your help.*20LtMs, Lt 237, 1905, par. 1*

I was worn out with writing when I left home, but I consented to attend the Los Angeles camp-meeting. During the meeting I spoke about seven times, and the Lord greatly strengthened me. One day I spoke to about two thousand people. They were packed into the large tent as closely as they possibly could be. I was obliged to take deep inspirations in order to send my voice out so that all in the congregation could hear. After speaking at this meeting, I was taken very ill. I think I must have been poisoned with the breaths of the people in the congregation.*20LtMs, Lt 237, 1905, par. 2*

W. C. White was not with me at the beginning of the meeting. He had to stay behind and attend to book work at Mountain View, and I was obliged to attend some of the business meetings. I saw that things were not going as they should be. Brother Reaser, the president of the Southern California Conference, is an excellent man, but he has not had experience in dealing with minds.*20LtMs, Lt 237, 1905, par. 3*

A motion was brought in to make all the church members present delegates to the conference. Elder Corliss was at the meeting, and he presented the matter before me. I told him that we had met that

question before. He said, If you can possibly come to the business meetings, and meet this question now, it would be a great blessing to the conference during the coming year. I told him that I would. I went and sat where I could hear the motions read. I thought, Lucinda, that I was old enough to be excused from such burdens; nevertheless, when I saw that there was a likelihood of the motion's being passed, I said, Read that motion again, if you please. It was read. Then I said, Such a motion as that was made years ago, and the matter was distinctly opened before me. It will be impossible for me to relate here all the instruction that was then given me, but I will say that the motion has never carried at any time, because it is not in harmony with the mind of the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 237, 1905, par. 4*

After the camp-meeting, I went to Loma Linda, the sanitarium property that has recently been purchased by the brethren in Southern California. I think that I have already written to you about this place. I am most grateful to the Lord for making it possible for us to secure it for sanitarium work. The property lies sixty miles east of Los Angeles, on the main line of the Southern Pacific Railway. Its name, Loma Linda—"beautiful hill"—describes the place. Of the sixty acres comprised in the property, about thirty-five form a beautiful hill, which rises one hundred and twenty-five feet above the valley. Upon this hill the sanitarium building is situated.*20LtMs, Lt 237, 1905, par. 5*

The main building is an imposing structure of sixty-four rooms, having three stories and a basement. It is completely furnished, heated by steam, and lighted with electricity. It is surrounded with large pepper trees and other shade trees.*20LtMs, Lt 237, 1905, par.*

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The entrance steps broaden as one ascends, and from them is entered the glass parlor, a large, beautiful room, three sides of which are of glass. In this room there are ten rocking chairs, and more can be supplied if necessary. At appropriate distances there are two decorative pillars, which look something like a bowl turned upside down, and round these pillars are seats. This room opens into another large parlor, carpeted with excellent body Brussels. In this room there are three lounges, ten rockers, and some upholstered chairs.*20LtMs, Lt 237, 1905, par. 7*

The second parlor opens into a spacious hall, which is furnished with easy chairs. At the right of the hall, double doors open into a large dining room. Ascending a few steps, one enters an office room, and this room opens on to a beautiful grove of pepper-wood trees.*20LtMs, Lt 237, 1905, par. 8*

About ten rods away, on what is known as Summit Hill, there is a group of fine cottages. The central cottage has nine beautiful rooms and two bathrooms. In the basement is the heating plant for the five cottages. Prettily grouped round this large cottage are four smaller ones, having four rooms each, with bath and toilet. An interesting feature of these cottages is that each room has its veranda, with broad windows running to the floor, so that the beds can be wheeled right out on to the veranda, and the patients can sleep in the open air.*20LtMs, Lt 237, 1905, par. 9*

There is another building, which was known as the recreation building. In this is a billiard table, which must have cost several hundred dollars. This, of course, will be disposed of. A partition runs through this building, and we have thought that one side could be used for meetings and the other side for classrooms.*20LtMs, Lt 237, 1905, par. 10*

The land is well cultivated and will furnish much fruit and many vegetables for the institutions. Fifteen acres of the valley land are in alfalfa hay. Eight acres of the hill are in apricots, plums, and lemons. The acres are in good-bearing orange orchard. Many acres of land round the cottages and the main building are laid out in lawns, drives, and walks.*20LtMs, Lt 237, 1905, par. 11*

There are horses and carriages, cows and poultry, farming implements and wagons. The buildings and grounds are abundantly supplied with excellent water.*20LtMs, Lt 237, 1905, par. 12*

This property is now in our possession. It cost the company from which we purchased it about one hundred and forty thousand dollars. They erected the buildings and ran the place for a time as a sanitarium. Then they tried to operate it as a tourist hotel. But this plan did not succeed, and they decided to sell. It was closed last April; and as the stockholders became more anxious to sell, it was offered to us for forty thousand dollars, and for this amount our

brethren have purchased it.*20LtMs, Lt 237, 1905, par. 13*

Oh, how I long to see the sick and suffering coming to this institution! It is one of the most perfect places for a sanitarium that I have ever seen. I thank our heavenly Father for giving us such a place. It is provided with almost everything necessary for sanitarium work, and it is the very place in which sanitarium work can be carried forward by faithful workers.*20LtMs, Lt 237, 1905, par. 14*

The buildings are all ready, and work must be begun in them as soon as we can secure the necessary physicians and nurses. For sometime I have been looking for just such a place as this, with good buildings, all ready for occupancy, surrounded by shade trees and orchards. When I saw Loma Linda, I said, Thank the Lord. This is the very place we have been hoping to find.*20LtMs, Lt 237, 1905, par. 15*

I do wish that you could come down to Southern California and help to set this institution in running order. Faithful, experienced helpers are needed.*20LtMs, Lt 237, 1905, par. 16*

I shall return to St. Helena the last of this week or the first of next. I am waiting developments. A telegram has just come from Sister Peck, which says, "Wait my coming Thursday," so we shall be held here a few days longer.*20LtMs, Lt 237, 1905, par. 17*

Mabel has just come up from San Diego. She looks well. I hope that she is indeed a useful worker. She stayed in San Diego during the Los Angeles camp-meeting so that Sister Williams could come up. She will have to hasten back to her work, after spending a few days with us. She seems to suit those in charge well.*20LtMs, Lt 237, 1905, par. 18*

Sister Hall, will you do as you said you would—stay with me. I need you and the Lord needs you. Come.*20LtMs, Lt 237, 1905, par. 19*

Lt 239, 1905

Walling, Addie; Walling, May

Glendale, California

September 4, 1905

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Dear children Addie and May,—

I write to ask if you would feel free to unite with some one of our sanitariums in Southern California. I should be very much pleased if both of you would take hold with us in the work. May, we need the help of the training that you have had in sanitarium work. You could teach others how to give treatment. I am sure that your knowledge would be valuable, and I ask you to come and act some part in the work.*20LtMs, Lt 239, 1905, par. 1*

I heard from some source that Addie is married. Is this so? I hear so little from either of you that I do not know what you are doing. Ought I not to be made acquainted with your situation?*20LtMs, Lt 239, 1905, par. 2*

I ask you to leave New York before the winter sets in. Come right to my home in St. Helena, and at least make us a visit. I will not urge you to take up treatment work in any institution, May, but I thought that you might act the part of a teacher.*20LtMs, Lt 239, 1905, par. 3*

I have a great desire to see you both and have a visit from you. At present a lady by the name of Mrs. King is keeping house for me. She is a very nice woman and an excellent Christian. I am sure that you would enjoy her society.*20LtMs, Lt 239, 1905, par. 4*

You could buy a ticket to Los Angeles by way of San Francisco for the same price that you could buy one direct to Los Angeles.*20LtMs, Lt 239, 1905, par. 5*

I feel desirous to have you both connect with some line of the work here in Southern California. Come prepared to take up work, May, either as a teacher or as a helper in some other line. If you can not do this, you can at least visit our sanitariums in Southern California. I think I have written to you about the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, which is near San Diego. Ten thousand dollars is now being expended in enlarging and improving the building, which was never supplied with suitable treatment rooms.*20LtMs, Lt 239, 1905, par. 6*

Miss Jennie Williams is matron in this institution. Miss Williams was for a while employed at the Dayton Cash Register Company as emergency nurse. Mabel is working with Sister Williams. Mabel's health has greatly improved. Her help seems to be much appreciated. She receives twenty dollars a month, with room and board.*20LtMs, Lt 239, 1905, par. 7*

We also have a sanitarium at Glendale, eight miles from Los Angeles, where I am now staying for a little while. This institution is beautifully situated. It is in the country, and yet is of easy access from Los Angeles. Dr. Abbie Winegar Simpson is lady physician. Nora Lacey is head nurse and teaches some of the classes. I think she is doing good work. She enjoys her work very much.*20LtMs, Lt 239, 1905, par. 8*

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I want you, Addie and May, to have a part in the work in this institution. There will be a place for you both, I think. Please visit me at my home in St. Helena. The weather here in Southern California is cool and agreeable, and I am sure the change would be beneficial to you both.*20LtMs, Lt 239, 1905, par. 20*

You could connect with the sanitarium work in Washington, D.C.; but since we purchased Loma Linda, I have had a desire for you to connect with that institution.*20LtMs, Lt 239, 1905, par. 21*

Ella May and Dores Robinson are with me. They have been married for some months. They are happy in their married life.*20LtMs, Lt 239, 1905, par. 22*

Mabel come up from San Diego the day before yesterday to see us. I had thought of going to San Diego, but have decided to return to St. Helena the first of next week. We should have been on our way

now, but Sister Peck, who is in Fernando attending the Teachers' Institute, telegraphed us to wait here to see us. She will be here on Thursday.*20LtMs, Lt 239, 1905, par. 23*

Now, dear children, think of what I have written you, and respond as soon as possible, or come yourselves without waiting to write.*20LtMs, Lt 239, 1905, par. 24*

In much love.*20LtMs, Lt 239, 1905, par. 25*

Lt 239a, 1905

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 22, 1905

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My dear son Edson,—

I have just read your letter, which was addressed to me at National City and forwarded to me from there. Before this you will have received the letter I sent you from National City, in which I spoke favorably of the plan for the Southern Publishing Company to sell the building in which they are now carrying on work, and buy your property in North Nashville, on which they could put up a building for their own use. From what the brethren connected with the publishing house write, it appears that this is the best thing that they could do. If by so doing, they can save the large expense which they say must be incurred while carrying on the work in the present place, and moreover, get into a better locality for their families, it certainly looks favorable. I do not think there is anything in the light given me about country locations that would forbid this move. Whatever is done should be done at the earliest convenience. A country location will be a good thing for the workers.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 239a, 1905, par. 1*

I think I told you this much in my former letter, which you will have received by this time. May the Lord guide you all is my prayer.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 239a, 1905, par. 2*

I have already considered what you say in regard to the church recently purchased and the easy access to the city from your North Nashville property. One night we were in a council meeting, and I was seeking to show that if the publishing house remains near the city, it will not seem as if we had forsaken Nashville. I said, Even if some very favorable location should be found farther off, the

publishing house should not at present be at a distance from Nashville. If the board decides that it is best, I shall be pleased to see the publishing house buy your property.*20LtMs, Lt 239a, 1905, par. 3*

I must close now, in order to get this letter into the mail. Will write again soon. I hope you will not perplex yourself, but will try to rest in peace. The Lord has not forsaken you. He will help you and bless you. Be of good courage in Him. Trust fully in Him. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Look to the Lord constantly, and walk humbly with Him.*20LtMs, Lt 239a, 1905, par. 4*

When your business will permit, get away for a time from your old surroundings, and thus help your mind to get out of the old channels. In the night season I am sitting down with you and advising you to go out into a retired place where you can sit down and write your books.*20LtMs, Lt 239a, 1905, par. 5*

I have just returned from Southern California. After the Los Angeles camp-meeting, I was taken sick with influenza; and during my stay at Loma Linda, I could not speak in our church at Redlands, as I had hoped to. From Loma Linda we went to San Diego, and while there I spoke several times. On Sabbath I spoke with the power of God upon me for more than an hour. God bless you.*20LtMs, Lt 239a, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 240, 1905

White, W. C.; White, May

Glendale, California

September 7, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Son Willie and Daughter May White,—

This day Henry Kellogg had a visit with me. We had a good talk together. He feels as I feel in regard to Loma Linda—that the Lord is signifying to His people that it is now time to make decided efforts to open these new fields. And the Lord has removed objections by placing His helping hand to take hold of the work here in Southern California.*20LtMs, Lt 240, 1905, par. 1*

The work accomplished by Elder Simpson is a grand work, but unless followed up the enemy will use his evil angels to do the work he would have them to do. We have a vigilant, untiring foe to contend with; and if we move in any hesitating, slack way, then Satan will gather in his sheaves. We want the sheaves to be gathered in, and we must have brave workers. We now need men who will be prepared to make self-denying sacrifice. Let every one of us press forward. I have a work to do. I do not know as it is my duty to remain here, but I have not dared to leave.*20LtMs, Lt 240, 1905, par. 2*

I send you copies of writing which I have written between three and seven o'clock a.m. I thank the Lord for His strength and His grace to do this. Sister Peck is here. Does and Ella and Mabel left here for Los Angeles this forenoon. It is now nearly half-past four o'clock. I have written sixteen pages this day and I am scribbling these lines.*20LtMs, Lt 240, 1905, par. 3*

If you could be here Sabbath, I would be pleased. Then I could weigh matters, whether it is best to go to Los Angeles. What think you? Whether I shall speak here Sabbath, that is settled. Whether I remain three weeks is to be carefully considered. Does has been

sick. Ella has been sick. It may be best for them to return home and I remain, and Sister Peck remain with me.*20LtMs, Lt 240, 1905, par. 4*

Brother Kellogg put in my hands a ten-dollar gold piece to get the boys a donkey, but would it not be better to add something to it and get something more after the horse size? Do just as you think best. You can get the money from the [office]. I will retain the ten in gold, for we may need it.*20LtMs, Lt 240, 1905, par. 5*

I am better today, and I hope to keep free from colds. I am not over this one yet, but shall speak Sabbath. Shall undertake it at any rate. So if I remain over Sabbath, I will speak. If you think best for me to go to Santa Anna, would you come down and have this matter of Loma Linda settled and opened as soon as possible? I do not urge anything, but here are four weeks before the meeting commences. I could call at several places in that time if it is thought best. I think Elder Burden would appreciate your help just now in counseling and planning. I will come straight home if I feel it not best to remain.*20LtMs, Lt 240, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 241, 1905

Brethren and Sisters

San Jose Camp-ground, California

June 26, 1905

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Dear Brethren and Sisters,—

As we returned from the General Conference, we stopped ten days in Southern California; and between the council meetings at Los Angeles, we made a short visit to San Diego and spent four days at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium.*20LtMs, Lt 241, 1905, par. 1*

I am much pleased to see this sanitarium fully furnished and in running order. I was glad to see the patients and to hear of their improvement in health. My heart rejoices as I review the way in which the providence of God worked to help us to secure this property. The building is homelike and is admirably adapted for sanitarium work; and since the opening of the institution, the patronage has been good. Even before the building was ready, patients began to come. They urged themselves in before those in charge were ready to receive them. It was impossible to refuse to admit them, and the workers have done the best that could be done under the circumstances. A most interesting class of patients has come—among them ministers, lawyers, stockmen, farmers, and state senators.*20LtMs, Lt 241, 1905, par. 2*

So far, the work has been carried on under difficulties. The building has been furnished completely and well, and yet without extravagance. But it has never been supplied with proper treatment rooms, and it is impossible for the workers to do satisfactory work without better facilities in this respect. Good work has been done in the small treatment rooms which were in the original building, but the nurses have had to contend against many difficulties.*20LtMs, Lt 241, 1905, par. 3*

Plans have been drawn up by a competent architect for a two-story

addition in the form of an L, which will provide more kitchen room, a helpers' dining room, eleven more bedrooms for patients, an operating room, physicians' offices, and complete, roomy bathrooms. I am in harmony with the plans for this addition. The treatment rooms are practically outside of the present main building, and yet are connected with it. They are to be provided with every facility for the giving of thorough treatment.*20LtMs, Lt 241, 1905, par. 4*

It is estimated that about eight thousand dollars will be needed to build and equip this addition, including the treatment rooms. We have not in hand the necessary means, and we ask those who have money that they can spare to help us to put this institution in complete working order. The treatment rooms are a positive necessity to the best success of the institution. The main building is all that could be desired. It was in the providence of God that we obtained it at so low a price. Its original cost was about twenty-five thousand dollars. The grounds are well laid out and are beautified by ornamental trees. The climate is all that could be desired. There is no reason why the sick cannot be treated successfully at this institution, but the necessary facilities must be provided.*20LtMs, Lt 241, 1905, par. 5*

More decided efforts are to be put forth in Southern California. There is a great work to be done in this field. We have done all in our power to advance the work there; and now that this sanitarium property in San Diego Country has been purchased, we call upon our brethren and sisters to aid us in properly equipping this institution, that it may do successful work. I ask those who have been entrusted with the Lord's money to make gifts to this sanitarium, that it may be prepared to do the work that must be done for the sick and suffering.*20LtMs, Lt 241, 1905, par. 6*

Brethren and sisters, I plead with you to help forward our sanitarium work. The Paradise Valley Sanitarium is in need of assistance. We have evidence that the money expended there has been used wisely and well. The strictest economy has been shown in all that has been done, and advantage has been taken of every opportunity to save means. At the beginning of our work, the manager heard of some furniture for sale by a family's leaving the district. He went to

see it and found that they could obtain some first-class furniture for the same price that they would have to pay for a cheaper grade. They gladly availed themselves of the opportunity and thus obtained very cheaply enough furniture of the very best quality to furnish five rooms.*20LtMs, Lt 241, 1905, par. 7*

I know that the work of this sanitarium must be carried forward. During the two visits that I have made to the institution, I have realized that the Spirit of the Lord is in the sanitarium, and that the work is being carried forward in a way that will glorify God. Those in charge of the institution are doing all in their power to make it what the Lord desires it to be. Every morning, worship is held in the parlor, and the patients are invited to attend. I have had most precious seasons of refreshing in attending these services. A portion of Scripture is read, then there is singing, and earnest prayers are offered that the great Medical Missionary will let His health-giving presence bring light and comfort and peace. I have had the privilege of speaking to those assembled at these seasons of worship, and I myself have been comforted in the effort to help and encourage others. I testify that the blessing of the Lord has come to us in rich currents of love and hope and joy. I have realized the presence of the great Healer, and I know that His power will be exercised upon the sick and suffering to bless and heal.*20LtMs, Lt 241, 1905, par. 8*

The business that must be done in connection with our institutions can be done in a straightforward manner. A man may not have all the education and training to enable him to do at once all the work that needs to be done; but if he cherishes in his heart the light and presence of Christ, if he is influenced by the love of the Saviour, if he does not live unto himself, but for the One who gave His life for the life of the world, he is to be trusted and respected. We are all the Lord's workers, bought with a price, and whatever our hands find to do, we are to do with our might. Thus we shall gain increased capability, because the Lord will provide the faithful worker with the strength and courage and ability necessary for the doing of the work required.*20LtMs, Lt 241, 1905, par. 9*

There is a great work before us. Christ descended from the throne of His glory, laying aside His royal robe and kingly crown, and came

to this earth in the likeness of humanity. He was born of lowly parentage, and He lived the life of a poor man. He clothed His divinity with humanity, that humanity might touch humanity. He came to set an example of self-denial and sacrifice, to show human beings the work that they should do in behalf of humanity. He descended from the throne of His glory to become one with us, to suffer the sorrows of humanity, and to die to save a rebellious race. Are we following the example that Christ has left us? He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. 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. How blessed it is to trust in such a Saviour.*20LtMs, Lt 241, 1905, par. 10*

In establishing sanitariums, we are carrying out the purpose of God. This work is the work of God. Through the means of our sanitariums, the sick and suffering in the highways and the byways of life are to learn of the healing power of Christ. Those who have received the light are to show in their lives that they are God's medical missionaries. By being partakers of the divine nature, they are to become co-laborers with Jesus Christ in every line of work that will bring relief to suffering humanity.*20LtMs, Lt 241, 1905, par. 11*

In our sanitariums a pure religious influence should be paramount. Solemn impressions are to be made on the minds of those who come for treatment. The very highest interests are to be given the first attention. The accumulated light of the past, which has made us what we are—Seventh-day Adventists, is to shine forth through us to the world. The light of truth is to illuminate and irradiate all our sanitariums. The helpers are to be light-bearers to the world.*20LtMs, Lt 241, 1905, par. 12*

The comfort of the grace of Christ will do much to heal and bless and soothe the mind. The prayers offered in sincerity will be the means of saving souls. The grossness of the minds of many worldly physicians is one of the reasons why we should have sanitariums that will guard souls from all commonness. Pure and undefiled religion is to bear sway in all our medical institutions. And when our physicians see that disease is mastering their patients, shall they ignore the origin of the disease? Shall they fail to point out the fact

that disease is the result of sin? Is that physician honest who tries to cure physical disease, but never prescribes the divine antidote?*20LtMs, Lt 241, 1905, par. 13*

Let us make sure that the physician placed at the head of a sanitarium is a converted man. The fear and love of God will lead the converted physician to make special efforts to illuminate the minds of those dead in trespasses and sins. Unless God, the great Physician, heals, there is no hope. After the physician has done all in his power to relieve suffering, let him, with tact and tenderness, his own soul illumined by the heavenly rays of sanctifying truth, point the afflicted one to the divine Healer, telling him that the gospel of Christ is his only hope.*20LtMs, Lt 241, 1905, par. 14*

Every physician needs a personal religion. He who guards the bodily health should have an understanding of how to promote the health of the soul. The one who stands as a physician should teach the sick that the great question that should occupy their minds is, What shall I do to be saved? When the friends of the sick are in the institution, their souls torn by the ploughshare of trial, let the physician speak to them words in season. Confessions are often made to a physician, and secrets are opened before him. Opportunities come to him which open the door for the sowing of the seeds of truth. Let our physicians seize every such opportunity. The physicians in our institutions are to be wide-awake to their responsibilities. They are to seek earnestly for that purity of word and deed, that comfort of hope, that sympathetic consolation, which is essential in their work.*20LtMs, Lt 241, 1905, par. 15*

My brethren and sisters, I ask you to help us in preparing the Paradise Valley Sanitarium to do the best service, the work that will tell for time and for eternity. I ask you, my dear friends, to help us in this time of need, and I believe that you will.*20LtMs, Lt 241, 1905, par. 16*

Lt 241a, 1905

White, W. C.

Los Angeles, California

August 13, 1905

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Elder W. C. White,—

One important day of our meeting is ended. This first Sabbath of the gathering has been well improved. Successful meetings have been held. In the forenoon Elder Corliss spoke, his talk being followed by a revival service. Many came forward for prayer, among them being several who gave their hearts to the Lord for the first time. *Acts 4:30*. I stood before a large company. Elder Simpson said there were at least two thousand people present. The tent was crowded to its utmost capacity, and even then all could not find seats. It is difficult for some of the speakers to make themselves heard by so large a crowd, but the Lord gave me strength to speak so that all could hear. I spoke with great freedom for about an hour. *20LtMs, Lt 241a, 1905, par. 1*

After coming and taking a bath, I had an interview with Elder Simpson. He has just completed his third tent effort in the city of Los Angeles. As a result of his meetings in this city, over two hundred have taken their stand for the truth. About one hundred have been baptized, who accepted the truth during the last series of meetings. Others are trying so to adjust their business that they can keep the Sabbath. *20LtMs, Lt 241a, 1905, par. 2*

Considerable money has been expended in the tent effort in Los Angeles, but the collections in the meetings and liberal donations from the public have been sufficient to meet the expenses. One man, who has not yet taken his stand with us, gave one hundred dollars to Elder Simpson to help him continue his work. A few days

ago a sister who died in San Diego left her property. Among other enterprises she remembered the Paradise Valley Sanitarium and our work in the southern states, leaving one thousand dollars to each. She also gave two hundred dollars to Elder Simpson to help him in opening up work in the city of San Diego.*20LtMs, Lt 241a, 1905, par. 3*

Elder Simpson pleads for some one to unite with him in his work. Elder Owen has been a great help to him here, but Elder Owen is appointed to act as Bible teacher in the Fernando school, and there seems to be no one else who can help Brother Simpson in his line of work. There are devoted men who can teach the Bible in the school, but there are very few who can work as does Elder Owen in evangelistic work in the cities. Some one else should be chosen to help in the college, that Elder Owen may be free to unite with Elder Simpson in evangelistic work in the large cities.*20LtMs, Lt 241a, 1905, par. 4*

I am sad to see so few laborers. As Jesus saw what might be accomplished by intelligent effort, He said, "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. And herein is that saying true, One soweth and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor: other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors." [*John 4:35-38.*]*20LtMs, Lt 241a, 1905, par. 5*

We greatly need men who can both sow and reap, who can gather souls unto eternal life. I am glad to see that Elder Simpson is of good courage. O that the church members who have been long in the truth would feel such a burden for souls that, as Elder Simpson leaves Los Angeles, they might continue a work that would gather in a harvest of souls. Workers are greatly needed just now in Los Angeles. I pray for men who can continue the work with those who are interested. After working for a time in San Diego, I think Elder Simpson will be ready to go to Redlands and Riverside.*20LtMs, Lt 241a, 1905, par. 6*

I thank the Lord most heartily for the sanitarium in Loma Linda. This is in the order of God. I greatly desire that earnest work may soon be done in Redlands and Riverside. I believe that the purchase of Loma Linda by our people will open the way for a good work to be accomplished in these cities.*20LtMs, Lt 241a, 1905, par. 7*

Brother Simpson feels that it is not best for one or two men to continue their labors for too long a time in the same place, going over and over again the same lines in presenting the Scriptures. New talent should be brought into Los Angeles, while those who have worked here so long go to new fields.*20LtMs, Lt 241a, 1905, par. 8*

The mornings here have been rather foggy. Friday morning it did not clear off till nearly noon. This morning there was not so much fog.*20LtMs, Lt 241a, 1905, par. 9*

On Friday I had an interview with Sister Williams. She and Mabel could not both be spared from the sanitarium at the same time. Sitting for a long time in meeting seems to make Mabel feel tired and nervous, so Mabel insisted that Sister Williams come to the camp-meeting while she carried on the work at the sanitarium. I know that were I in Mabel's place, I should have felt the same as she did. Sister Williams told me that she would write to Dr. Whitelock, and that if I desired, Mabel might come to Los Angeles for a few days.*20LtMs, Lt 241a, 1905, par. 10*

Doctor Whitelock highly appreciates Mabel's ability as a nurse, and he does not wish to see her taken from the work. She seems to know by intuition just what ought to be done.*20LtMs, Lt 241a, 1905, par. 11*

Brother Ballenger came from San Diego late on Friday, but I have not seen him as yet. Nora Lacey has been in for a few minutes once or twice, and today I expect to see Elder Burden and Brother Ballenger.*20LtMs, Lt 241a, 1905, par. 12*

I feel very thankful to my heavenly Father for the freedom I had yesterday afternoon before so large a company of people. This afternoon, I expect to speak again.*20LtMs, Lt 241a, 1905, par. 13*

I will not write more to you; for I suppose you will soon be with us. We shall all be glad to see you. May the Lord preserve and bless you. Love to May and the children.*20LtMs, Lt 241a, 1905, par. 14*

Lt 242, 1905

Brethren and Sisters

Duplicate of *Lt 241, 1905*.

Lt 243, 1905

White, W. B.

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1905

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Elder W. B. White

My dear Brother,—

I have a suggestion to make to you. Invite Elder Corliss to go with you to the meeting soon to be held in Southern California. I wish him to become acquainted with that field. Brother W. W. Simpson has desired a helper in his evangelical work, but no one has yet presented himself. Los Angeles is a large place, and now that an interest has been aroused, the city should have decided help. I know Elder Corliss to be an excellent Bible expositor. He could work in Redlands and Riverside.*20LtMs, Lt 243, 1905, par. 1*

I should be pleased to have you invite Elder Corliss to accompany you to the Southern California meeting. He has been one of our strong men, and he can still accomplish a good work. There is much to be done in the cities of Southern California, and I have suggested Elder Corliss's going with you to the meeting in Los Angeles in the hope that he could take part in the evangelistic work there. Such men should be regarded as valuable helpers and should be encouraged to do all they possibly can.*20LtMs, Lt 243, 1905, par. 2*

Yours in haste.*20LtMs, Lt 243, 1905, par. 3*

Lt 243a, 1905

Stowell, L. O.

Los Angeles, California

August 13, 1905

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Dear Brother,—

I have just received and read your letter. I am glad to hear from you. We find that the time of the meeting at San Diego is uncertain, but I hope to be present.*20LtMs, Lt 243a, 1905, par. 1*

The Lord has been very good to us, and I praise His name. Brother Dores Robinson recently married my granddaughter, and they both accompanied me to the Los Angeles meeting. We left St. Helena last Thursday afternoon. For two nights previous to this, I had been writing nearly the whole night; and having had so little sleep, I feared that I should be wearied by the changes from one train to another. But during the journey a quiet restfulness came over me, and I felt the blessing of the Lord. During the night we spent on the cars, I slept well and felt well when I reached the camp-ground.*20LtMs, Lt 243a, 1905, par. 2*

There are about a hundred and fifty tents on the camp-ground here, and it looks like quite a city of tents. Two rooms, pleasantly located near the camp, were secured for me, and I am thankful for such a quiet place. Yesterday I spoke to a congregation of about two thousand people. They say I spoke loud enough so that all could hear. I never saw better attention paid anywhere. Although I spoke for an hour and a quarter, all listened earnestly.*20LtMs, Lt 243a, 1905, par. 3*

This afternoon I spoke again to a congregation as large as that of yesterday. The Lord strengthened me, and the people seemed as

deeply interested as before. I spoke from the *fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah*, and the Lord sustained me wonderfully. I dwelt upon the great work to be done in our world and the evidences that the end of the world is very near. I spoke of the missionaries in foreign countries and of the necessity to economize, that we may have means to use in sending the truth to all the world. I asked the people to think how much they were spending for that which is not bread in the indulgence of perverted appetite. In the indulgence of appetite, men render themselves liable to disease and injury and destroy their strength of character. They weaken their mental powers, and thus disqualify themselves to meet the Lord Jesus Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 243a, 1905, par. 4*

Many are using the Lord's money to their own injury. I wish I might be an agent to receive the means that is being misspent and properly use it in the Lord's work. What a revenue might flow into the Lord's treasury if His people would deny themselves of everything that is unnecessary or injurious!*20LtMs, Lt 243a, 1905, par. 5*

God will not work a miracle to save men from the result of their indulgence of perverted appetite. The use of tobacco and alcohol enfeebles the intellect. Millions of dollars are spent for stimulants and narcotics. All this money rightfully belongs to God, and those who thus misappropriate His entrusted goods will some day be called to give an account of how they have used their Lord's goods. And those who by their votes sanction the liquor traffic will be held accountable for the wickedness that is done by those who are under the influence of strong drink.*20LtMs, Lt 243a, 1905, par. 6*

When men repent and become converted, they understand the claims of the law of God spoken from Sinai's mount. They see the difference between the observance of God's Sabbath and that of a human institution that God has never sanctified. They know that "the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." [*Exodus 20:10.*] One seventh of their time they recognize as God's, and one tenth of their income they render back to Him to help in carrying forward His work in the earth.*20LtMs, Lt 243a, 1905, par. 7*

God designs that His means shall be used to benefit suffering

humanity, not to destroy. Sufficient money is wasted for useless and hurtful things to relieve all the necessities of the poor. *20LtMs, Lt 243a, 1905, par. 8*

“Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will preserve him alive in time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive: and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and Thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.” [*Psalm 41:1-3.*]*20LtMs, Lt 243a, 1905, par. 9*

“Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.” [*Psalm 37:3.*]*20LtMs, Lt 243a, 1905, par. 10*

“Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty.” [*Proverbs 3:9, 10.*]*20LtMs, Lt 243a, 1905, par. 11*

“There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.” [*Proverbs 11:24, 25.*]*20LtMs, Lt 243a, 1905, par. 12*

“He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord: and that which he hath given will He pay him again.” [*Proverbs 19:17.*]*20LtMs, Lt 243a, 1905, par. 13*

“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 noon day: and the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.” [*Isaiah 58:10, 11.*]*20LtMs, Lt 243a, 1905, par. 14*

God claims as His own a portion of our income. By the tithes and offerings of God’s people, the work of proclaiming His truth to the world is to be sustained. He says:*20LtMs, Lt 243a, 1905, par. 15*

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts,

if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.” [Malachi 3:10, 11.]*20LtMs, Lt 243a, 1905, par. 16*

Our faith is often tested and tried. Sometimes our soul faints within us, but let us have faith in God. The Christian experience is not merely for our enjoyment, although we shall find true joy in the service of Christ. If we follow on to know the Lord, we shall [see] that His going forth is prepared as the morning.*20LtMs, Lt 243a, 1905, par. 17*

We must exert a positive influence for good. We are living epistles, known and read of all men. Christ represents His people as the “salt of the earth” and as the “light of the world.” [Matthew 5:13, 14.] The work of the gospel is to be diffusive and aggressive.*20LtMs, Lt 243a, 1905, par. 18*

Had I time I would like to write much more, but it is getting dark, and I must close.*20LtMs, Lt 243a, 1905, par. 19*

Lt 244, 1905

White, W. C.

Glendale, California

September 8, 1905

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Dear Son Willie,—

Brother Ballenger came from Los Angeles to see me early this morning. He presented before me that in a council meeting several were present and talked over the matter of having camp-meeting in San Diego in three weeks. After they consulted together they decided that if it would suit my mind they would have the camp-meeting at San Diego deferred until November. Then Elder Simpson would commence his meetings in San Diego and hold them until the camp-meeting, which was the best thing to do. I agreed with him, and Brother Burden is of the same opinion. Then the Paradise Valley Sanitarium will be completed to dedicate, and Loma Linda will be settled and can have a meeting there and dedicate the buildings.*20LtMs, Lt 244, 1905, par. 1*

My talk with Brother Burden was very important. He said if we could only get Doctor Holden it would be the most complete thing that could be done, and that he has had this on his mind for some time. He says he would feel that we were fitted well if we could get Brother Holden to come to Loma Linda, that he is fully abreast of Dr. Kellogg in surgery. He has just built him a nice house, and I do not know as he will consent to come. He feels deeply hurt, I understand, the way Brother Simmons has treated him; but the Lord may open the way so that he can sell his building.*20LtMs, Lt 244, 1905, par. 2*

Brother Burden is of good courage, and he and his wife and I are of the same opinion—that a school will be opened in Loma Linda. And she is being urged to take the school, and Brother Holden can have a class of young men, fitting them for developed workmen. Brother Burden feels anxious this should be done.*20LtMs, Lt 244, 1905,*

par. 3

We shall leave here Sunday at five o'clock, take the cars just two miles from here, and not leave them till we get to Oakland. I think Sister Peck will go to Loma Linda and come on Monday or Tuesday. I shall be glad to be home again, and Henry Kellogg said he wanted to bring his wife to visit us in St. Helena. She will have time to do this, and he will take her to Loma Linda on a trip with him. I told him to come to our house and we could entertain them nicely.*20LtMs, Lt 244, 1905, par. 4*

I am getting a little better and shall try to speak once in forenoon, and the Lord will sustain me, I think. Yes, I believe He will. Now I am anxious to see you all, and I thank the Lord Does is better. I have not slept since half-past 3 o'clock. Have written 11 to 15 pages.*20LtMs, Lt 244, 1905, par. 5*

Lt 245, 1905

Holden, W. B.

Glendale, California

September 1905

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Dr. W. B. Holden
Portland, Oregon

Dear Brother and Sister Holden,—

I have been disappointed and sorry that you did not feel that you could unite with us in our sanitarium work. If you knew how much we need you, I think you would change your mind. I know you have the ability to act a part in the work in more than one line of work. You can do good work as a teacher and as a surgeon. I ask you to come and help us here in Southern California. Sister Sarah Peck, who has been connected with my work for several years, has been telling me a little of your experience. We are sorry that you have been so disappointed. If you will come to Southern California, I can assure you that you will receive a hearty welcome. We are in great need of a thoroughly trained man to act as surgeon and teacher. Come, and we will treat you as the son of the Prince of life, your wife as the daughter of the King, and your little one as the Lord's child.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 245, 1905, par. 1*

I will send you a booklet describing Loma Linda, the institution with which we wish you to connect. For sanitarium work, this place is in advance of any other place that I have yet seen.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 245, 1905, par. 2*

Dr. Abbie Winegar-Simpson, with whom you were associated in Battle Creek, is here in the Glendale Sanitarium. I have been talking with her about our work at Loma Linda. She holds you and your wife in the highest esteem and is anxious that you should come to our help here in Southern California. We need the aid of your talents. We need the help that you can give as a physician and a

teacher.*20LtMs, Lt 245, 1905, par. 3*

I highly esteem your wife's mother, Sister Harris. She was one of our best and truest friends.*20LtMs, Lt 245, 1905, par. 4*

I think that Dr. Patience Bourdeau will come to Loma Linda to act as lady physician. I am told that she is an excellent physician.*20LtMs, Lt 245, 1905, par. 5*

Brother and Sister Burden, my dear and faithful friends, will be connected with the institution. Brother Burden will be general manager. He is well qualified for the position. His wife will act as accountant. We hope to carry forward the work of the institution in accordance with the will of the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 245, 1905, par. 6*

Dr. Holden, I write you to come and see Loma Linda. It is a grand place for sanitarium work. It is the Lord's doing that this place has come into our possession, and we praise His holy name. We realize that we are highly favored in having been able to obtain possession of this property. We are greatly pleased with it.*20LtMs, Lt 245, 1905, par. 7*

Right around the Loma Linda Sanitarium there is a wide field for missionary effort. Redlands is only five miles from the institution, San Bernardino about the same distance, and Riverside a little farther away. These cities are all important places. Elder Simpson has done some work in Redlands and Riverside, and in each a neat little meetinghouse has been erected. But the Lord has a larger work to be done in these places. In the future I expect to spend a portion of my time at Loma Linda.*20LtMs, Lt 245, 1905, par. 8*

By placing Loma Linda in our hands, the Lord has opened the way for us to work these places. We are to regard the district in which these towns are situated as our special field of missionary work. We are anxious to become known to the people living in these places, and especially to those whom we can help in spiritual and physical lines. Through the power of Jesus Christ our Lord, we may lift them out of suffering and bring them to health of body and soul. You know what joy there is in taking the weak and suffering by the hand and raising them up. You have rejoiced in this work in the past, and there is much for you to do in the future. It will bring you lasting joy

and satisfaction.*20LtMs, Lt 245, 1905, par. 9*

A great battle must be fought. Time is short. Let us keep step with Christ. Let us by faith clasp His hand and hold it fast. He will never repulse us.*20LtMs, Lt 245, 1905, par. 10*

My brother, turn your mind away from your disappointment, and believe that the Lord is leading you. Trust in the Lord God, and let Him be your helper. Use your talents in advancing the most important interests. Let it be your one desire to please God and do His will. Then you will have courage in the Lord. We must all be determined to make a success of our lifework, even though some have no appreciation of our efforts. If any man love God, the same is known of Him. Then make the Lord Jesus your trust always.*20LtMs, Lt 245, 1905, par. 11*

God sees our dangers and knows the weight of our burdens. He remembers that we are in need of His strength, and those who make Him their trust will be enabled to resist every temptation. We shall have enemies who will plot against us because they know not the value that God places on those whom He has chosen. But the Lord God knoweth them that are His. However misrepresented and misjudged these may be, if they walk humbly before Him, He will give them help in time of need. They may be compassed with discouragements; but He who knows what is the mind of the Spirit knows all who love Him, and He will honor them.*20LtMs, Lt 245, 1905, par. 12*

In the work in Southern California, we need men of earnest, determined faith and unshaken courage in the Lord. Our time to work is short, and we are to labor with unflagging zeal. I earnestly hope that you will decide to come to our assistance. Please consider this matter carefully, because we need your help. Please respond to this letter, addressing me at Sanitarium, Napa County, California.*20LtMs, Lt 245, 1905, par. 13*

Lt 245a, 1905

White, May Lacey

Loma Linda, California

August 20, 1905

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Dear daughter, May Lacey White,—

This morning, Sunday, we left the camp-meeting at Los Angeles. Yesterday I spoke in the large tent to fully two thousand people. They were crowded close to the stand, and I feel quite sure that I was poisoned by the impure air. I was deeply in earnest and took deep inspirations so that I might speak loud enough for all to hear. About ten o'clock that night I was suffering with almost unendurable pain. I did what I could to bring relief, but I suffered all night.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 245a, 1905, par. 1*

At three o'clock I arose and dressed. Shortly before four, I called Dores and Ella and the work of packing began. I had to leave it all to them. I have been feeling very poorly all day. Have had no appetite, and feel sick at my stomach if I try to eat anything. I had a letter written I wished to send you, but cannot look it up now.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 245a, 1905, par. 2*

Tomorrow morning Willie leaves for San Diego. We had a very profitable meeting at Los Angeles. We carefully explained the circumstances that led us to secure the three sanitarium properties in Southern California, and all could see that this is the work of the Lord. All are united in supporting these institutions now. Some say that Loma Linda has come to us as a gift. It comprehends so much that we can hardly take it in. We praise the Lord our God with heart and soul and voice. Our people are now determined to make every possible effort to pay off all indebtedness. The Lord has truly wrought for us.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 245a, 1905, par. 3*

Today I visited the cellar and saw the fruit that they have canned in abundance. There are apricots of the best order, a variety of plums, prunes, and other fruit. Brother Hansen has also put up a large amount of jelly. Some of this can be sent to the sanitarium in San Diego. Most of the fruit canning is finished, but they are putting up some peaches now.*20LtMs, Lt 245a, 1905, par. 4*

They will soon have peaches on the property. We see many orange and citron trees. Water is abundant, and the orchard is irrigated. I wish I might be here when the oranges are ripe.*20LtMs, Lt 245a, 1905, par. 5*

I know not how to express my thankfulness for this place. Some things need to be put in order, but inside all the rooms are well furnished. There are many ornamental as well as useful articles in the house. There have in some cases been an extravagant outlay of means. We should not have purchased such furniture because of its high price, but everything is durable.*20LtMs, Lt 245a, 1905, par. 6*

We wish you could be here with us. I suppose W. C. White will return to St. Helena. I sometimes think I would like to make my abode here, because of the excellent climate.*20LtMs, Lt 245a, 1905, par. 7*

As I look over the building and around the premises, I am more and more surprised that notwithstanding the enormous outlay on the property, we are able to obtain it so cheaply.*20LtMs, Lt 245a, 1905, par. 8*

Lt 247, 1905

Morse, John F.

Loma Linda, California

August 24, 1905

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Dr. John F. Morse

Dear Brother,—

I write to invite you to connect with our sanitarium work in Southern California.*20LtMs, Lt 247, 1905, par. 1*

We now have three sanitariums in this southern part of the state. Loma Linda, the one most recently purchased, is the most desirable place I have ever seen for a sanitarium. We realize that the Lord has been very gracious to us in opening the way for us to secure this plant, which was originally constructed as a sanitarium.*20LtMs, Lt 247, 1905, par. 2*

Upon this property there has been made an investment of about a hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Several months ago our brethren spoke to me of the place as a beautiful location with grand buildings, but they supposed that it would be valued so high that we could not possibly secure it.*20LtMs, Lt 247, 1905, par. 3*

Until I saw Loma Linda I could not feel that I had seen a place that seemed in every respect to correspond with the representations I had seen of what a sanitarium should be. I had been instructed to say to our brethren that we should have a sanitarium situated near Redlands and Riverside. This institution is about five miles from Redlands and twelve from Riverside. But I had no idea that we would be able to purchase Loma Linda, though we had heard that the owners were very anxious to sell the property.*20LtMs, Lt 247,*

1905, par. 4

While I was at Takoma Park attending the General Conference, I received a letter from Brother Burden, describing the property at Loma Linda and informing me that the place was offered for sale for forty thousand dollars. There were others who desired to secure the property, but we were given an option till the brethren could communicate with us. The description given by Brother Burden answered in every respect to that of places that I had been instructed would be offered far below their original cost.*20LtMs, Lt 247, 1905, par. 5*

This letter from Brother Burden I received one Friday afternoon. I asked W. C. White to telegraph immediately to Brother Burden that he should by all means secure the property. Some of our brethren connected with the conference advised otherwise, fearing that the conference would be more deeply involved in debt. But I followed my telegram with a letter, saying distinctly that the place should be purchased without delay. I considered that the advantages of this location authorized me to speak positively regarding this matter. I said, "There is sufficient money in the hands of God's people; and if we seek the Lord, He will make their hearts willing to help in this time of need."*20LtMs, Lt 247, 1905, par. 6*

After writing to Brother Burden, the uncertainty so affected me that for several nights I was unable to sleep. I lifted my heart to God in prayer. With great anxiety I waited, till at last word came that a deposit of one thousand dollars had been made and the way was open for us to secure the place. We now have possession of this valuable property. All the negotiations have been pleasant and agreeable. Brother Burden has been a man in the right place. The former owners have every confidence in him and seem pleased that we have purchased the place. We thank the Lord for this.*20LtMs, Lt 247, 1905, par. 7*

We have just been attending the Los Angeles camp-meeting, and before going home I am spending a few days here and expect to stop for a few days at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium.*20LtMs, Lt 247, 1905, par. 8*

Owing to a weakness in my hip I was unable to go over the building

when I was here last spring, but I could see something of the advantages of the place and the beauty of the seventy-six acres. There are many lovely pepper trees and other varieties of trees, the names of which I have not learned. Hundreds of happy birds sing in the branches. There is a large orchard set out to orange trees, grapefruit, plums, peaches, nectarines, lemons, pears, etc.*20LtMs, Lt 247, 1905, par. 9*

In the cellar I see a large quantity of jellies that have been put up. Shelf after shelf is laden with jars of rich fruit. The work of fruit canning is now going on, superintended by those who thoroughly understand the business. Some of the fruit will be sent to the sanitarium at San Diego.*20LtMs, Lt 247, 1905, par. 10*

The buildings here are completely furnished with nearly every essential necessary to conduct a sanitarium. Every room is furnished with a bed and elegant and substantial furniture. The mattresses and pillows are excellent. The chairs are well selected. Many of them are very expensive. The buildings are lighted with electricity. The main building has four stories. Everything is in first-class condition. There are many articles of furniture that we could not have furnished if we had been fitting up the building. We thank the Lord for His providence that has brought us to this beautiful place.*20LtMs, Lt 247, 1905, par. 11*

We have also a beautiful property near San Diego. We thank the Lord for such a beautiful location and such excellent buildings at so low a cost. We must put forth every effort to fulfil the purpose of God in this institution. Suitable bathrooms are needed there, and we are asking the people to help us in making the necessary additions.*20LtMs, Lt 247, 1905, par. 12*

We are to take advantage of every blessing within our reach. Above all things, let us seek for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ. The apostle Paul, who had received abundant revelations from God, whose judgment had been formed under the special intuition of the Holy Spirit, says: "Yea, doubtless, I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord." [*Philippians 3:8.*] That knowledge we must impart to others.*20LtMs, Lt 247, 1905, par. 13*

The knowledge of Jesus Christ is obtained through correct views of our Lord. Through the work of our sanitariums the light of truth may shine forth to the world. To these institutions we may invite all classes of people, men and women of every denomination. We must have physicians who will reveal Christ in knowledge and in speech. We want well-qualified physicians who have a well-grounded hope in Jesus Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 247, 1905, par. 14*

It is through the love of Christ that we receive spiritual food, that we may break the bread of life to others. His blessings, which have gladdened our hearts, are to be communicated to those who know not Christ. We must make every provision possible to lead others to become acquainted with the Saviour.*20LtMs, Lt 247, 1905, par. 15*

The highest and most noble work we can do in this world is to reflect the glory of God as seen in the face of Jesus Christ. Let Christ appear through those who love the truth. Let Him be seen as the Desire of all ages.*20LtMs, Lt 247, 1905, par. 16*

How can we prepare the way of the Lord? We will present our reasonable request that He may open the way before us, then we will walk and work and act our faith. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." [*Hebrews 11:1.*] Christ is all and in all, and we need an increase of faith.*20LtMs, Lt 247, 1905, par. 17*

Brother Morse, I feel impressed to ask you to come to California and connect with the sanitarium at Loma Linda. Your talent is needed here. If you but have faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, your health will improve physically and spiritually.*20LtMs, Lt 247, 1905, par. 18*

Lt 248, 1905

Wessels, Andrew

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 9, 1905

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My dear brother Andrew,—

I have received and read your letter. I am so thankful to our heavenly Father that His Holy Spirit is striving with you, and that you are recognizing this divine power. I advise you to leave Africa and by this means separate from your associates. I fear that if you remain where you are, you will not have that help which would strengthen you in your new resolve. Come away in the strength of Him who paid the price of His own life for your soul's salvation.*20LtMs, Lt 248, 1905, par. 1*

The Lord told Abraham to leave his own country and his father's home. Why?—Because He knew how strong would be the temptations that would assail him if he remained. He wanted His servant to separate from every species of idolatry, and He therefore bade him leave his own country and go to a country that He would tell him.*20LtMs, Lt 248, 1905, par. 2*

The Lord is calling you as He did Abraham, to leave your country and your friends. He points you away from your home and your friends, who are your worst spiritual enemies. Do not wait too long before deciding to obey His warning and so become earth-bound. Change your surroundings. Cut loose from your associates. Leave Africa as soon as you can. But in coming to this country, do not make the least connection with Battle Creek. There will be other openings for you here. You should attend school where you can have the best spiritual advantages. Come to California, and then we can plan together.*20LtMs, Lt 248, 1905, par. 3*

Your past associations have been leading you to just where I was shown they would lead you—to spend thrift habits and self-indulgence.*20LtMs, Lt 248, 1905, par. 4*

God has given the Wessels family much light. I praise Him that hope has been stirred in your heart and that you have a desire to serve Him. The light given me six or seven years ago was that John was to do all in his power to induce his brothers to leave Africa. Had he obeyed the message, what changes would have taken place! But he did not heed the word of the Lord; and by letters that I have recently received from him, I know what he realizes what he has lost.*20LtMs, Lt 248, 1905, par. 5*

Will you not realize that eternal life is of more value than all the gold and silver that might come into your possession? You have already spent heavily of the Lord's money, and what have you to show for it? How much better would it have been had this money been invested in the Lord's cause.*20LtMs, Lt 248, 1905, par. 6*

May the Lord lead and guide you, is my prayer. May He help you to break away from the influences that bind you.*20LtMs, Lt 248, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 249, 1905

Stone, W. J.

Loma Linda, California

August 22, 1905

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Elder W. J. Stone

Dear Brother,—

This morning I find on my table a letter from you dated August 6, addressed to W. C. White. He left here yesterday morning to make a short visit to San Diego. We are expecting him to return this afternoon or tomorrow.*20LtMs, Lt 249, 1905, par. 1*

I think, my brother, that the place you mention in your letter is in many respects similar to the sanitarium property at Loma Linda, which we have just secured. This is the most delightful situation for a sanitarium I have ever seen. The scenery is magnificent, and everything possible has been done to beautify the premises. Here the suffering sick may be well cared for. The possession of this property will give us an influence with the people of Redlands and Riverside. The patients who visit this sanitarium will come in contact with the truth, and many will be converted.*20LtMs, Lt 249, 1905, par. 2*

I have been instructed that if we would watch and act wisely, the Lord would bring within our reach suitable places already built and adapted for sanitarium work. These places will be away from the city in the rural districts where the sick may come in contact with the beauties of natural scenery. The city is not suitable for sanitarium work.*20LtMs, Lt 249, 1905, par. 3*

The property that you describe seems to be such a place as the Lord would have us secure. The scenery is beautiful, and there the

patients can live out of doors, in the sunshine or in the shade of the beautiful trees. I would advise that you purchase this building. The rent you are paying for the institution in the city would be better used toward purchasing a property in a more suitable location.*20LtMs, Lt 249, 1905, par. 4*

The people of Indiana are in need of the instruction that can be given by those who should be connected with such an institution. They should learn how to regain their health without the use of drugs. Let them live in the beautiful sunshine amid trees and flowers, listening to the songs of the merry birds. God has made these to be appreciated, and their influence will greatly aid in the recovery of the sick. We are to do our best to bring them in contact with nature. Then they will be prepared to look from nature to nature's God and to realize God's loving care for fallen man.*20LtMs, Lt 249, 1905, par. 5*

Let us praise the Lord that He is making it possible for us to obtain such advantages where we can help the sick to take their minds away from themselves and delight in the beauty of God's handiwork.*20LtMs, Lt 249, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 250, 1905

Wessels, Sister [A. E.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 9, 1905

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Dear Mother Wessels,—

Will you not come to America with John and Andrew? If you had done this years ago, you would now be standing on vantage ground. You have wasted the strength that you might have preserved. Will not you and John and Andrew now gather up the fragments of what is left and come to this country in faith? “What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” [*Mark 8:36, 37.*]*20LtMs, Lt 250, 1905, par. 1*

If Peter would come also, instead of sacrificing his family by remaining in Africa, how much better it would be! What will it profit him to devote his life to business that separates his soul from God and opens the way for his children to fix their souls on the things of the world.*20LtMs, Lt 250, 1905, par. 2*

Read carefully the *fourteenth chapter of John*. The Saviour said to His disciples, “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.” [*Verses 1-4.*]*20LtMs, Lt 250, 1905, par. 3*

“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,

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 My Father, and ye in Me, and I in you. He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me; and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him." [Verses 15-21.]*20LtMs, Lt 250, 1905, par. 4*

What every member of the Wessels family needs is the converting power of God on mind and heart.*20LtMs, Lt 250, 1905, par. 5*

I cannot write more now, because I have not strength. God bless you, dear Sister Wessels. He has a care for you. May He give you and your children wisdom to lay up treasure in heaven.*20LtMs, Lt 250, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 251, 1905

Bourdeau, Patience

Loma Linda, California

August 27, 1905

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Dr. Patience Bourdeau

Dear Sister,—

We have come to this beautiful place from the Los Angeles camp-meeting, where I spoke six times in the large tent to a congregation of about two thousand. The last Sabbath of the meeting the tent was especially crowded. In order to speak so that all could hear I was obliged to take very deep inspirations, and that night I suffered with severe pain in my chest and around my heart, caused by inhaling the impure air of the crowded tent.*20LtMs, Lt 251, 1905, par. 1*

The Lord greatly sustained me in my work at the camp-meeting. In some of the business meetings I sat on the platform that I might know what questions would come up for consideration by the conference. I was fearful lest some ill-advised moves might be made. When a resolution was brought in to change the constitution in such a way as might lead to confusion, I arose and told them that such moves should not be made so hastily. The resolution was finally laid on the table.*20LtMs, Lt 251, 1905, par. 2*

Brother and Sister Burden have just come in with beaming faces to tell me that they have just attended an excellent meeting on the lawn below. Brethren from Redlands, Riverside, and other smaller churches were present. One man bore a testimony saying that he had been convicted of the truth at the recent camp-meeting. He had been a Methodist, but he is now in full sympathy with our people and wishes to join with us. He handed Brother Burden one hundred dollars to be used in purchasing this place.*20LtMs, Lt 251, 1905, par. 3*

I was not told beforehand that this meeting was to be held, for the brethren thought I would be unable to attend. I was not very strong, but I think that had I understood what the nature of the meeting was to be, I should have been present.*20LtMs, Lt 251, 1905, par. 4*

Some of the brethren have promised to give of their time in helping to do the things that need to be done to put everything in order so that the institution may soon be opened for patients. We are glad to see the means coming in to lessen the debt on this grand place. I have never before seen a sanitarium in a situation of such natural beauty.*20LtMs, Lt 251, 1905, par. 5*

I am sure that you and your mother would be happy here, and I hope that you may come just as soon as you can to connect with this institution. We want you present to counsel with us in getting everything in working order. I believe the questions concerning your work and wages can be adjusted satisfactorily.*20LtMs, Lt 251, 1905, par. 6*

I cannot write much now, but I invite you to come, and we will all give you a hearty welcome. We do not wish you to be separated from your mother. You will be happier in each other's society. There are concrete walks leading to all the buildings, and your mother will enjoy walking around the beautiful premises. Dr. Bourdeau, your mother could not be in a better place than right here, where she can walk around, viewing the flowers and trees and the grand mountain scenery. I hope to spend considerable time here, but just how long before I will leave this time I do not know.*20LtMs, Lt 251, 1905, par. 7*

W. C. White was with us for two days, but he left Sunday morning in great haste for Los Angeles, Mountain View, and St. Helena.*20LtMs, Lt 251, 1905, par. 8*

Lt 253, 1905

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

Loma Linda, California

August 29, 1905

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Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

I have just enjoyed the pleasure of reading your good letters.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 1*

I am just recovering from quite a severe illness. On Sabbath I spoke at Los Angeles in the large tent to fully two thousand people and was poisoned with the impure air. The following night I suffered with severe pains. It seemed as though my heart were in a vice. We fought the difficulty the best we knew how; and though I was sick for several days afterward, I have not since suffered as I did then. My voice was quite weak, but I am recovering now. For several days my dietary has consisted of grapefruit, eggs, and lemons.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 2*

Last Sabbath I was expected to speak at Redlands, but was unable to go. Some of our ministers were present, and I hear that they had a good meeting.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 3*

Brother H. W. Kellogg from Battle Creek spent Sabbath and Sunday with us here at Loma Linda. He was astonished that such beautiful premises and such complete equipment could be purchased at so low a price as that for which we have secured this property.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 4*

We regard this place as one especially provided for us by the Lord. Some of the brethren had spoken to me of Loma Linda as a popular health resort, conducted as a hotel, but it was not considered

possible that we would be able to pay so much as it was supposed they would ask. I had supposed we would be obliged to erect buildings for sanitarium work in the vicinity of the beautiful cities of Redlands and Riverside.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 5*

Last Spring I asked Brother Burden to look carefully for any opening to secure property suitable for a sanitarium in this vicinity. While I was in Washington he wrote to me describing the beauty of Loma Linda and stated that everything connected with the place was offered to us for forty thousand dollars.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 6*

When I read the description of the property as written by Brother Burden, I recognized it as answering fully to an ideal sanitarium property such as had been presented to me. I received the letter on Friday afternoon, and I told W. C. White to telegraph Brother Burden immediately that he should secure the place. One of our brethren sent another telegram contrary to this. Some of the men connected with the conference thought that such a large place would be like an elephant on their hands. I was so burdened that for several nights I could not sleep. I feared lest the enemy might, through unbelief, keep this property out of our hands.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 7*

In the meanwhile Brother Burden had been obliged to tell the men that we would be unable to purchase the property. But when he received from me a letter of good cheer and hope, and an assurance that this was the place for which I had long been looking to correspond with places such as the Lord had shown me would be offered to us at a small part of their original cost, Brother Burden, in fear and trembling, returned to the agent and told him we would purchase the place. Had he been an hour later, the opportunity might have been lost; for they were sending men to offer the property to other parties.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 8*

The main building contains four stories. In its entrance is a most beautiful sun parlor. There is also a large parlor carpeted with the very best body Brussels. The furniture in the house is of first-class quality—not fancy, but durable and very handsome. We could not have furnished the building as expensively as it has been furnished by others. In this main building the furniture cost twelve thousand

dollars and has been in use less than two years.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 9*

The long halls are carpeted with fine Brussels carpet, and there are carpets and rugs for the various rooms throughout the building. There is a large roll of rubber carpet that can be used wherever it is thought best. The mattresses on the beds look like new ones. There are two feather pillows, sheets, blankets, quilts, and spreads for every bed. Every room contains chairs, substantial, but very comfortable.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 10*

Besides the main building, in which there are about sixty rooms that can be used by patients, there are four four-roomed cottages sitting back on higher ground. Some of these are so arranged that each room is connected with a private veranda where, in warm weather, a bed can be rolled from the room through the large windows. Besides the four cottages with four rooms each, there is a two-story cottage with nine beautiful rooms, splendidly furnished. This of itself is quite a large building.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 11*

Between the cottages and the main building is what they called the amusements building. This has been used for a bowling alley and a billiard hall. The billiard table will be sold, and with a few alterations the building may be made into a good meetinghouse.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 12*

There are seventy-six acres of land in this property. Quite a portion of it is set out in orchard. They raised oranges, lemons, grapefruit, peaches, apples, plums, pears, etc. I am having strawberries from the second crop, and they are very nice.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 13*

Five horses, three cows, about a hundred hens, and a few turkeys were purchased with the place. There were also a number of hogs, which have since been sold.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 14*

About a hundred and fifty thousand dollars has been expended in making the property what it is at present, and forty thousand dollars seems very reasonable for such a completed equipment as we find here. It would be a heavy tax if we had to pay interest on such an amount, but we believe that our brethren will raise this money, and

that we shall soon be free from debt. Every dollar is to be expended with great care. Something must be done to furnish treatment rooms, but this need not incur great expense.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 15*

The city of Redlands is five miles from the institution. This city is one of the most beautiful cities in America. When President Roosevelt visited Redlands about two years ago, he expressed the thought that it was as near like heaven as any place he had ever seen. The purchase of Loma Linda will help to give us an influence with the people of this city.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 16*

The more we realize of the advantages of this location, the more certain we feel that we are in the line of duty. We shall now endeavor to secure the very best help possible to conduct the work of this institution. Some of the outside stairways need to be painted, and other work must be done before we are ready to open the institution.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 17*

For a time we had to work against fearfulness and unbelief in the minds of some of our brethren. There are some who will always be found holding back when any advance move is to be made.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 18*

Last June a meeting was called at Los Angeles to consider the question of purchasing Loma Linda. I was very glad that Elder Irwin was present. When some expressed themselves as thinking it unwise for the conference to incur further indebtedness by such a heavy investment, Elder Irwin spoke right to the point, urging them to follow the manifest leadings of God.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 19*

I also bore my testimony that the Lord would bless us if we would act in faith. There are some who seem to consider it a virtue to talk unbelief and to hold back when there should be an advance. We are hoping that there may be connected with the work in Southern California men who will act in faith.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 20*

Only a few were present at this meeting, but they expressed themselves as favoring the purchase of the property, and they pledged eleven hundred dollars as a gift to start the enterprise.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 21*

Last Sunday afternoon quite a number of our brethren from neighboring churches met on the lawn under the trees just back of the main building, and Brother Burden says they had an excellent meeting. One man said he had gone to the camp-meeting in Los Angeles as an unbeliever, but had been convicted of the Sabbath truth. He seemed very happy and made a donation of one hundred dollars to Loma Linda. We shall now endeavor to secure the necessary means, so we shall not have to carry a heavy burden of interest on borrowed money.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 22*

Let us praise the Lord that He is making it possible for us to obtain such advantages, where we can help the sick to take their minds away from themselves and delight in the beauty of God's handiwork.*20LtMs, Lt 253, 1905, par. 23*

Lt 255, 1905

White, W. C.; White, May

“Paradise Valley Sanitarium,” National City, California

September 12, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear children W. C. and May White,—

We are here, in harmony with your urgent request. We arrived last night. The journey from Los Angeles was not tedious.*20LtMs, Lt 255, 1905, par. 1*

At the Glendale Sanitarium we met Sister Peck, also Brother and Sister Hackney. Brother and Sister Hackney desire to connect in some way with one of our institutions. She is considered an excellent nurse, and he seems willing to labor wherever he can be of most service. They went Sunday forenoon with Sister Peck to visit Loma Linda.*20LtMs, Lt 255, 1905, par. 2*

Sunday evening Sister Peck telephoned to us from Loma Linda, asking if we would remain a day longer in Los Angeles, in order that she might spend more time there and then accompany us to San Diego. But arrangements had already been made for the transfer of baggage and the purchase of tickets for Monday afternoon, and we could not conveniently change our plans. Sister Peck left Loma Linda Sunday morning and joined us in Los Angeles on our trip to San Diego.*20LtMs, Lt 255, 1905, par. 3*

I was well cared for at Glendale. Brother and Sister Simpson were both very attentive, and I had several conversations with them. I desire to keep their confidence and help them in every way possible. I believe that there is a great improvement in Brother Simpson, and I think he can do a good work in connection with Dr. Winegar-Simpson.*20LtMs, Lt 255, 1905, par. 4*

On Sabbath I had good freedom in speaking in the Carr Street church. The building was crowded to its utmost capacity. I was

somewhat fearful over the prospect of speaking in that church again, but it was well ventilated, and I have received no harm. The strength that came to me was more than I expected. I praise the Lord for His mercy and help in time of need. He is my helper. I am glad that I have the confidence of the people.*20LtMs, Lt 255, 1905, par. 5*

I have had several important conversations with Brother and Sister Burden in reference to the work that must be done in all our sanitariums to place them upon a higher platform than they now occupy. At Glendale there is need of decided changes to bring in more of a spiritual influence and to keep prominently before the patients and workers the Bible truths for this time. If this is not done, we might better save the money invested in our institutions, and use it to advance the work in ministerial lines.*20LtMs, Lt 255, 1905, par. 6*

But we cannot act hastily. We must move steadily, in the power of the Lord Jesus that He promised to His disciples just before His ascension. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:19, 20.*]*20LtMs, Lt 255, 1905, par. 7*

This command is for us, and we are to follow the methods of Christ in imparting the truth to others. As we receive, so we are to impart of the rich grace of Christ. In this work we have an assurance that the divine power of the Holy Spirit will impress minds. Let us believe the promise: for the Lord speaks not in vain.*20LtMs, Lt 255, 1905, par. 8*

I am deeply impressed that new habits are to be formed, natural tendencies are to be carefully restrained, and indulged inclination must be brought under control to the law of God. Christ is to rule in the heart by faith, through sanctification of the truth. Through the power of Christ, every soul may stand securely. He is our strength and efficiency. "Come unto Me," He says, "all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ... Learn of Me: for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [*Matthew 11:28, 29.*]*20LtMs, Lt 255, 1905, par. 9*

This morning I spoke a few words to the workers assembled in the parlor for worship. None of the patients were present.*20LtMs, Lt 255, 1905, par. 10*

I am sorry that there is not among the workers in this institution the harmony that there should be. I know not what I can do to change the order of things. We must watch unto prayer and seek to elevate and ennoble the thoughts and words. If we would correct wrong in others, we ourselves must walk carefully in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The Word of God must be our only rule. I am trying to do my duty and to help them here all I possibly can.*20LtMs, Lt 255, 1905, par. 11*

I am told of a man who has been here for some months, who has accepted the Sabbath truth. He was formerly a railway official, but he broke down in health and came here for rest and treatment. He is seeking the Lord, has confessed all his wrongs, but cannot receive the assurance that his sins are forgiven and that he is a child of God. Sister Williams and others have tried to help him to walk by faith and not by sight, but he seems to be unable to overcome his feelings of distrust. I shall endeavor to help him, and I trust that he will yet see clearly that the Lord has forgiven his sins.*20LtMs, Lt 255, 1905, par. 12*

Lt 257, 1905

Baldrige, J. W.

“Sanitarium,” National City, California

September 13, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Mr. J. W. Baldrige

Dear Friend,—

You need to live in the sunshine of Christ’s presence. In and through Christ alone can you find the relief you so much desire. He can give you rest and peace. You must walk by faith, and not by sight.*20LtMs, Lt 257, 1905, par. 1*

You say that you have confessed your sins. Then believe that God has forgiven. As you surrender yourself to God, you will find the Saviour precious to your soul. Do not think of yourself. Think how mighty is the grace of God. Think of the compassion of Christ, and, whether you feel it or not, believe that He receives you.*20LtMs, Lt 257, 1905, par. 2*

“Therefore being justified by faith, (not by feeling), we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more than being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being

reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ by whom we have now received the atonement.” [*Romans 5:1-11.*]20*LtMs, Lt 257, 1905, par. 3*

Your work, my brother, is to bring sound doctrine into actual contact with sound practice. Reveal your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The searching truths of the Word that came from heaven are given to guide men into the narrow path and through the strait gate.20*LtMs, Lt 257, 1905, par. 4*

Do not allow yourself to be controlled by feeling. It is through the power of living faith that we become heirs to the promises of God. “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.*] Men cannot receive this power by feeling. We must receive it by faith in Christ as a sin-pardoning Saviour.20*LtMs, Lt 257, 1905, par. 5*

You have, I understand, accepted the truth so far as you have heard it. Then rest right there. Say, “I am a child of God. I will not be controlled by feeling.” Do not grieve the heart of Christ by giving the impression that, though you have come to Him, yet you do not find rest for your soul. Lean only upon the Word of God and be obedient, and the Lord will break every band. Take the Word of God as your rule of action, and thus you will glorify His name.20*LtMs, Lt 257, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 259, 1905

Hare, Brother and Sister [G. A.]

“Sanitarium,” National City, California

September 14, 1905

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Dear Brother and Sister Hare,—

Since the camp-meeting in Los Angeles I have been suffering from an attack of influenza. Though I am now much better, I am not yet entirely free from its effects. I had heavy burdens to bear at the Los Angeles camp-meeting. On Sabbath I spoke in the large tent to about two thousand people. Inhaling the impure air of the crowded tent brought on symptoms of poisoning. I suffered severely from pleurisy and pain in my side.*20LtMs, Lt 259, 1905, par. 1*

Last Sabbath I spoke in the Carr Street church in Los Angeles. I feared that I would be unable to speak, but strength was given to me, and I spoke without inconvenience. I took up the *fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah* and was more thankful than I could express that the Lord helped me.*20LtMs, Lt 259, 1905, par. 2*

Last Monday we came to this sanitarium. I have spoken twice to the patients, and yesterday morning I spoke to the workmen assembled in the dining room. I am thankful that the Lord impresses His Word upon the hearts of the people.*20LtMs, Lt 259, 1905, par. 3*

The work on the building here has been somewhat hindered because of a scarcity of lumber, but the workmen are kept very busy. They need the wisdom and judgment that God alone can give.*20LtMs, Lt 259, 1905, par. 4*

I may remain here to attend the camp-meeting at San Diego in November. This camp-meeting is to follow an effort with a tent by Elder Simpson. In Los Angeles over two hundred have been

converted through the tent efforts, and the interest still continues unabated. More work must be done there later on, but for a time now Elder Simpson will work in San Diego.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 259, 1905, par. 5*

Since I left Washington I have received no letters from you. A few days ago I asked Brother Robinson to write to you, requesting that you return the copy of what I wrote off so hastily just as I was leaving Takoma Park. I wish this to complete some matter that will be of great importance to you and your work.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 259, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 261, 1905

Executive Committee of the Southern California Conference

“Sanitarium,” National City, California

September 14, 1905

This letter is published in entirety in *15MR 59-60*.

To the Executive Committee of the Southern California Conference

Dear Brethren,—

I am instructed to say that where an effort is made to open the gospel work in a new field, there should be not less than two speakers to labor together in the ministry. When Christ sent forth His disciples on their missionary tour, He sent them out two by two. This is the Lord’s plan.*20LtMs, Lt 261, 1905, par. 1*

In opening up the work in San Diego, Elder Simpson should not be left to stand alone. There should be associated with him some one who is fitted to share these responsibilities. Elder Owen should be freed from other work that he may unite with Elder Simpson in presenting the truth to the people of San Diego.*20LtMs, Lt 261, 1905, par. 2*

That this may be accomplished, another Bible teacher must be selected for the school at Fernando. But it will be easier to find a suitable Bible teacher than to secure the services of one who has the wisdom and tact necessary to deal with an interest in the important city of San Diego. I ask you to unite in an effort to make such changes, that Elder Owen may be released from the school work to unite with Elder Simpson.*20LtMs, Lt 261, 1905, par. 3*

Elder Healey may consider that he is fitted to share this burden with Elder Simpson. But this would be a mistake. Elder Healey has neither the necessary physical strength, nor the tact and ingenuity that should be manifested by those who are engaged in a large public effort.*20LtMs, Lt 261, 1905, par. 4*

The Lord designs that His work shall be carried solidly. To enter a new field involves large expense. But the extra expense of a second man to help Brother Simpson will be an investment that will bring returns. I feel to urge this matter, because so much is at stake. I pray the Lord to impress your minds to carry out His will.*20LtMs, Lt 261, 1905, par. 5*

I will now leave the matter with you, but I cannot free myself from the conviction that it is God's will that Elder Owen and Elder Simpson shall unite in the important work that is to be undertaken in San Diego. I entreat of you to secure some one else to give instruction in Bible at Fernando, that Elder Owen may be free to unite with Elder Simpson.*20LtMs, Lt 261, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 263, 1905

White, J. E.

“Paradise Valley Sanitarium,” National City, California

September 15, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *1MR 394-395, 6Bio 26-27.*

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Dear Son Edson,—

I have just received your letter and am glad to hear from you. I hardly felt able to make this journey to Southern California, but our brethren assured me that they had secured good accommodation for me near the camp-ground in Los Angeles. We had the use of two rooms, well situated.*20LtMs, Lt 263, 1905, par. 1*

W. C. White was not present at the first part of the meeting or I might have been saved quite a burden of anxiety. In some of the business meetings, I sat on the platform, that I might have an understanding of the questions that came up for consideration by the conference. I feared lest some action might be taken that would in the future bring about confusion. It has been many years since I have felt it my duty to sit on the platform and take part in the deliberations of a business meeting.*20LtMs, Lt 263, 1905, par. 2*

At one meeting a resolution was introduced to change the constitution in such a way that every church member might become a delegate to the conference meetings. I advised that such a move should not be made hastily. The delegates to our conferences should be <chosen> men of wisdom and capability, men whom the Lord may use to prevent rash movements. God has men of appointment, whom He has fitted to judge righteously.*20LtMs, Lt 263, 1905, par. 3*

We may learn a lesson from the counsel of Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses. God especially calls some to fill positions of responsibility

in His service.*20LtMs, Lt 263, 1905, par. 4*

“And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning until the evening. And when Moses’ father-in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? Why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning until even?*20LtMs, Lt 263, 1905, par. 5*

“And Moses said unto his father-in-law, Because the people come unto me to enquire of God: when they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of God, and His laws.*20LtMs, Lt 263, 1905, par. 6*

“And Moses’ father-in-law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good. Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee: thou art not able to perform it thyself alone. Harken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God: and thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt show them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do. 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: and it shall be that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee. If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.*20LtMs, Lt 263, 1905, par. 7*

“So Moses harkened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said. And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes were brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves. And Moses let his

father-in-law depart: and he went his way into his own land.”
[Exodus 18:13-27.]20LtMs, Lt 263, 1905, par. 8

I spoke six times in the large tent at the camp-meeting. The last Sabbath of the meeting the large tent was crowded with a large congregation of over two thousand. In order to make myself heard to all, it was necessary for me to take deep inspirations, and I was poisoned with the impure air. I suffered severely that night. I obtained relief from this, but ever since I have [been] suffering more or less with influenza, as I did when I visited Nashville. I have not fully recovered yet, but I am improving in health.20LtMs, Lt 263, 1905, par. 9

This morning I met with the workmen who are engaged in the construction [of] new bathrooms. The Lord has blessed and strengthened me in speaking to the helpers and patients at their morning worship. After singing and reading the precious Word, we bow before the Lord in prayer, and I give them a short address.20LtMs, Lt 263, 1905, par. 10

Yesterday morning I read the *95th Psalm*. “O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to 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.” [Verses 1-5.]20LtMs, Lt 263, 1905, par. 11

I have had the question asked me, Is there anything in the Word that speaks of the attitude that should be maintained in prayer? David says:20LtMs, Lt 263, 1905, par. 12

“O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For He is our God; and we are the sheep of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your heart as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: when your fathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My work. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known My ways: unto whom I swear in My wrath that they should

not enter into My rest.” [*Verses 6-11.*]20LtMs, Lt 263, 1905, par. 13

I am glad to attend these morning services. My own soul is refreshed, and all seem deeply interested.20LtMs, Lt 263, 1905, par. 14

One man, with a good countenance, expressed himself as being deeply interested. He has accepted the truth as he has heard it, but it seems difficult for him to exercise faith in the forgiveness of his sins. I have written him some words of encouragement.20LtMs, Lt 263, 1905, par. 15

We arrived here from Los Angeles last Monday evening. An automobile was waiting for us to take us from the train to the sanitarium. Brother Johnson, who owns this machine, meets all the trains and brings passengers to the sanitarium. One day he took us in to San Diego, and we crossed over the bay on the ferry to Coronado. Yesterday I rode out again to visit his sister, D. Johnson. I enjoy very much riding in the automobile. I had thought of riding forty miles next week to hold meetings at Escondido, but Willie urges me to return home, and we are planning to return next Tuesday.20LtMs, Lt 263, 1905, par. 16

My mind has been much exercised in regard to our restaurant work. The multiplication of our restaurants is imparting an education in commercial business lines to many of our youth who should be more actively engaged in evangelical work. Many of the workers themselves are led away from the truth, and but few are converted by this work as it is now being conducted. We need the quickening influence of the Holy Spirit to keep the heart clean and pure, that we may engage in spiritual work for the saving of souls.20LtMs, Lt 263, 1905, par. 17

I have just been in to see two little girl babies, twins, born in the sanitarium a few days ago. One weighed seven pounds, the other six. The mother is doing well. The parents are young and seem very proud of their babies. The grandmother on the father's side is over eighty years old.20LtMs, Lt 263, 1905, par. 18

Edson, if Elder Haskell, Elder Butler, Brother Ford, and the other brethren are united, as they seem to be, in the opinion that the

office should be moved from Nashville, and that your property is a suitable place for the carrying forward of the publishing work, I see no reason why this should not be done.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 263, 1905, par. 19*

Lt 265, 1905

Peck, Sarah

“Sanitarium,” National City, California

September 15, 1905

This letter is published in entirety in *DG 92-93*.

Dear Sister Peck,—

During our conversation this morning, I felt greatly perplexed to know what to say in reference to your work. I love you, and I want to see you in a position where you can best serve the Master.*20LtMs, Lt 265, 1905, par. 1*

I do not know what would be your own choice of work. Many of our people desire and urge you to enter the educational work. If you feel that this is your duty, I am willing to release you from my employ. I know of no one who is better fitted than yourself to undertake educational work. In regard to your connection with me, I cannot say very much, because you have in the past been called to so many other lines of work.*20LtMs, Lt 265, 1905, par. 2*

One thing I must say: If you chose to remain with me, the school work must be laid aside. If you prefer to labor in educational lines, then you must be free, so that you can give your undivided attention to that work. I leave the matter entirely with you, that you may follow your own choice. I dare not decide for you. The great necessity for your efficiency as a teacher is the only consideration that leads me to be willing to release you. So many have spoken to me of your efficiency and talent as an educator that I dare not hold you. If at any time in the future you shall choose to connect with me again, you will not have become less efficient.*20LtMs, Lt 265, 1905, par. 3*

I write this that you may not be left in uncertainty. Seek the Lord for yourself. If you feel impressed that you prefer to remain with me, I have abundance of work that you can do. If it seems to be the will of God for you to remain with me, we must take hold of the work in earnest and not allow others to come in and give you a double

burden to bear.*20LtMs, Lt 265, 1905, par. 4*

Now, my sister, I feel anxious that if you take up the school work, you shall not load yourself down with too many responsibilities. Make that your work, and carry it as you did the school in St. Helena. If I should act a part in the work at Redlands and Loma Linda, we may be more or less connected in preparing students for time and for eternity.*20LtMs, Lt 265, 1905, par. 5*

May the Lord bless you and give you much of His Holy Spirit wherever you may labor. If it be your lot to educate students, that they may impart to others the heavenly intelligence, I shall be pleased. I have always loved and respected you, and I have not been disappointed in you. The form of sound words is to be prized above every earthly thing. God is glorified by every word that leads to right action. I respect you highly and desire you to have every advantage possible, that you may make continual progression in the service of God.*20LtMs, Lt 265, 1905, par. 6*

In love.*20LtMs, Lt 265, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 267, 1905

Watson, G. F.

Mountain View, California

January 22, 1905

This letter is published in entirety in *2MR 99-100*.

Elder Watson,—

My brother, I wish to say to you, Be careful how you move. You are not moving wisely. The least you have to speak about the tithe that has been appropriated to the most needy and the most discouraging field in the world, the more sensible you will be.*20LtMs, Lt 267, 1905, par. 1*

It has been presented to me for years that my tithe was to be appropriated by myself to aid the white and colored ministers who were neglected and did not receive sufficient properly to support their families. When my attention was called to aged ministers, white or black, it was my special duty to investigate into their necessities and supply their needs. This was to be my special work, and I have done this in a number of cases. No man should give notoriety to the fact that in special cases the tithe is used in that way.*20LtMs, Lt 267, 1905, par. 2*

In regard to the colored work in the South, that field has been and is still being robbed of the means that should come to the workers in that field. If there have been cases where our sisters have appropriated their tithe to the support of the ministers' working for the colored people in the South, let every man, if he is wise, hold his peace.*20LtMs, Lt 267, 1905, par. 3*

I have myself appropriated my tithe to the most needy cases brought to my notice. I have been instructed to do this; and as the money is not withheld from the Lord's treasury, it is not a matter that should be commented upon; for it will necessitate my making known these matters, which I do not desire to do, because it is not best.*20LtMs, Lt 267, 1905, par. 4*

Some cases have been kept before me for years, and I have supplied their needs from the tithe, as God has instructed me to do. And if any person shall say to me, Sister White, will you appropriate my tithe where you know it is most needed, I shall say, Yes, I will; and I have done so. I commend those sisters who have placed their tithe where it is most needed to help to do a work that is being left undone; and if this matter is given publicity, it will create a knowledge which would better be left as it is. I do not care to give publicity to this work which the Lord has appointed me to do and others to do.*20LtMs, Lt 267, 1905, par. 5*

I send this matter to you so that you shall not make a mistake. Circumstances alter cases. I would not advise that any one should make a practice of gathering up tithe money. But for years there have now and then been persons who have lost confidence in the appropriation of the tithe who have placed their tithe in my hands and said that if I did not take it they would themselves appropriate it to the families of the most needy ministers they could find. I have taken the money, given a receipt for it, and told them how it was appropriated.*20LtMs, Lt 267, 1905, par. 6*

I write this to you so that you shall keep cool and not become stirred up and give publicity to this matter, lest many more shall follow their example.*20LtMs, Lt 267, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 269, 1905

Haskell, S. N.; Butler, G. I.; Ford, I. A.

“Sanitarium,” National City, California

September 15, 1905

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Elders Haskell and Butler and Brother I. A. Ford

Dear Brethren,—

If suitable buildings can be found elsewhere, and the work of the Publishing Association can be operated with less expense, I would advise that you move from the building in Nashville. Such a move seems sensible and in harmony with good judgment. If it seems to you that the facilities to be found upon Edson’s property can be utilized to good advantage, I would say, Make such a move. If in the future the Lord should open any better way, you can follow His leading. My earnest desire and prayer is that the Lord may give you wisdom and knowledge and understanding. I wish to see you move in the fear of God. I see no reason why you should not put forth every effort to reduce your expenses as much as possible.*20LtMs, Lt 269, 1905, par. 1*

I have recently received letters from Elder Haskell and his wife, stating that they intend to go to South Lancaster for a rest. We would invite Elder Haskell to come to Southern California. There is need here of the work which he can do. The Lord has opened the way before us in this field, but there have been few workers who are able to carry forward the work as it should be conducted. We need some of our old men of war to give us special help just now.*20LtMs, Lt 269, 1905, par. 2*

We need the services of Elder Haskell in connection with the work to be carried forward at Loma Linda. An important work is opened

before us for the neighboring cities, Redlands, Riverside, San Bernardino, and other smaller places.*20LtMs, Lt 269, 1905, par. 3*

Can you not be present at the camp-meeting to be held in San Diego sometime in November? The time of the meeting is somewhat indefinite. It is to follow a tent effort by Brother Simpson. I learn that the top of the tent that Brother Simpson is using in Los Angeles must be repaired before it is ready for use here.*20LtMs, Lt 269, 1905, par. 4*

Brother Haskell, we need you and your wife just as soon as you can come. You can engage in work similar to that which you have been doing in Nashville.*20LtMs, Lt 269, 1905, par. 5*

I have been bearing my testimony regarding the use of our restaurants. The work of these restaurants has absorbed much of the talent that should be used in evangelical work. Many are held in Battle Creek who, with Bible in hand, should be entering new places, to flash the light of truth into the mist and fog of error. I see so great a work to be done that I am in danger of undertaking too much; but the Lord understands the matter, and He will teach us the very best way to reach the people. Young men and young women are to be the Lord's light-bearers to the world.*20LtMs, Lt 269, 1905, par. 6*

My message is that the restaurants are carrying a burden that the Lord has not laid upon them. The preparations of food are so expensive that the poorer class receive but little benefit. There should be greater simplicity in the preparation of foods. The living testimony of truth should be borne, and a reformation should take place. Too much talent and capability are absorbed in a work which reveals but few results in the salvation of souls.*20LtMs, Lt 269, 1905, par. 7*

There are some here at the sanitarium who are receiving the truth. One man, who has been a railroad official, has been here for some months and has recently been baptized. He has attended my talks in the parlor and seems deeply affected, but it is difficult for him to exercise faith. I tell him to come to Christ in trust and in simplicity, and to rest, as a wearied soul, in His promises. This is all that the Lord requires of any of us. We often make a difficult work of that

which should be easy. I believe that this man will yet walk in the light and that the Lord will bless him.*20LtMs, Lt 269, 1905, par. 8*

I see much to be done here. I have spoken three times and expect to speak again to the workmen at half-past five o'clock. I was unable to sleep after one o'clock. It is now two o'clock, and I am engaged in writing.*20LtMs, Lt 269, 1905, par. 9*

Willie writes that they need us in the work at home, and in a few days we shall return to St. Helena. In November, if the Lord gives me strength, I may attend the camp-meeting in San Diego, and if so, I shall hope to see Elder Haskell and his wife at that time. My only desire is to know my duty and to fulfill the will of God.*20LtMs, Lt 269, 1905, par. 10*

Lt 271, 1905

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 27, 1905

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Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

I cannot express the relief that your recent letter has brought to us. I thank the Lord that you are able to secure the services of Dr. Julia White. I believe she will do well. I think it well for you to ask Dr. Abbott to connect with the Loma Linda Sanitarium for the present.*20LtMs, Lt 271, 1905, par. 1*

While I was in Los Angeles, I spoke to you of inviting Dr. Gibbs to connect with the work in our sanitariums. What I said should not lead you to understand that he is to act as chief physician, but he can come in on trial. I hardly feel clear before God in giving him no further opportunity to be proved.*20LtMs, Lt 271, 1905, par. 2*

Have you learned how much Dr. Holden proposes to charge for his services? If a physician does his work skilfully, his talent should be recognized, but there is danger of our being brought into perplexity. If we introduce a new system of paying our surgeons high wages, there may be a hard problem to settle after a time. Other physicians will demand high wages, and our ministers will require consideration also.*20LtMs, Lt 271, 1905, par. 3*

I very much wish that Brother and Sister Haskell might be with the family at Loma Linda and inaugurate in Redlands, Riverside, and San Bernardino a work similar to the work they conducted in Avondale and in Nashville.*20LtMs, Lt 271, 1905, par. 4*

I am glad that you are taking steps to have the water supply at

Loma Linda pure and good. Very much depends upon having good water. We must be sure that the representations given in the books descriptive of this place are true in every sense of the word.*20LtMs, Lt 271, 1905, par. 5*

Last week we had an important gathering at the sanitarium here of our health food workers. I spoke to them on Sabbath, and on Sunday I addressed them for about an hour upon the subject of our restaurant work. I told them that there must be a thorough reformation in the health food business. It is not to be regarded so much as a commercial enterprise. At present but little is seen as the result of this work to lead us to recommend the establishment of more places to be conducted as our restaurants have been in the past. But few have been converted by this work in Los Angeles and in San Francisco. Many of the workers have lost the science of soul-saving.*20LtMs, Lt 271, 1905, par. 6*

Please read carefully what is published in *Testimonies, volume 7*, regarding the health food work and the evangelical work. I feel more and more impressed that we must make diligent efforts to present the truth. I need not now write much regarding these lines of work, for the light has been in print for some time. But since these testimonies were published, circumstances have arisen that reveal the necessity for the cautions that have been given. Health reform needs a reformation before it shall stand as God designs it should. We need to practice true godliness in every undertaking. In all the restaurants in our cities, there is danger that the combination of many foods in the dishes served shall be carried too far. The stomach suffers when so many kinds of food are placed in it at one meal. Simplicity is a part of health reform. There is danger that our work shall cease to merit the name which it has borne.*20LtMs, Lt 271, 1905, par. 7*

If we would work for the restoration of health, it is necessary to restrain the appetite, to eat slowly, and only a limited variety at one time. This instruction needs to be repeated frequently. It is not in harmony with the principles of health reform to have so many different dishes at one meal. We must never forget that it is the religious part of the work, the work of providing food for the soul, that is more essential than anything else.*20LtMs, Lt 271, 1905, par.*

Our young men and young women should be encouraged to attend schools away from the cities, that under intelligent teachers, they may receive a training that will fit them to stand on vantage ground. How can our young people advance spiritually, while working as servants simply to prepare food for and serve worldlings. They often do unnecessary work in the preparation of foods that are not even wholesome. Shall our youth be encouraged to rest satisfied with such an education?*20LtMs, Lt 271, 1905, par. 9*

The Lord does not design that His denominated people shall exhaust their strength to carry on restaurants in the manner in which they are now conducted. The many complicated combinations of food that are not wholesome tend to make of the health reform a health deform.*20LtMs, Lt 271, 1905, par. 10*

There is great necessity for decided reforms to be made in regard to our dealings with the workers in our sanitariums. Faithful, conscientious workers should be employed; and when they have performed a reasonable amount of work in a day, they should be relieved that they may secure needed rest.*20LtMs, Lt 271, 1905, par. 11*

Only a reasonable amount of labor should be required, and for this the worker should receive a reasonable wage. If helpers are not given proper periods for rest from their taxing labor, they will lose their strength and vitality. They cannot possibly do justice to the work, nor can they represent what a sanitarium employee should be. More helpers should be employed if necessary, and the work should be so arranged that when one has performed a day's labor, he may be freed to take the rest necessary to the maintenance of his strength.*20LtMs, Lt 271, 1905, par. 12*

Let no man consider it his place to judge of the amount of labor a woman should perform. A competent woman should be employed as matron, and if any one does not perform her work faithfully, the matron should deal with the matter. Just wages should be paid, and every woman should be treated kindly and courteously, without reproach.*20LtMs, Lt 271, 1905, par. 13*

And let those who have charge of the men's work be careful lest they be too exacting. The men should have regular hours for service; and when they have worked full time, they are not to be begrudged their periods of rest. A sanitarium is to be all that the name indicates.*20LtMs, Lt 271, 1905, par. 14*

Every worker should seek to educate himself to perform his work expeditiously. The matron should teach those under her charge how to make quick, careful movements. Train the young to perform the work with tact and thoroughness. Then when the hours of work are over, all will feel that the time has been faithfully spent, and the workers are rightfully entitled to a period of rest.*20LtMs, Lt 271, 1905, par. 15*

Educational advantages should be provided for the workers in every sanitarium. The workers should be given every possible advantage consistent with the work assigned them.*20LtMs, Lt 271, 1905, par. 16*

Lt 272, 1905

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 27, 1905

This letter is published in entirety in *LLM 130-131*.

Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

We are very much pleased that you have secured the help of Miss Doctor White. It is as I hoped it would be, and I thank the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 272, 1905, par. 1*

I received a letter from Dr. Holden very similar to the one he wrote to you, and I have not responded to the same yet. You know what this will mean to the sanitarium. The man asks much, and as far as his requirements to have vacation are concerned, it is right for every physician to have—yourself and wife also to have—the same privilege, but I cannot see yet the true position we shall take in this matter [of] just how the arrangement should be made. I have written a letter to him, but have not sent it as yet. I will look it over carefully today.*20LtMs, Lt 272, 1905, par. 2*

We have not a physician yet for St. Helena. We have no use for Dr. Sanderson and shall not give him another call. His wife is sufficient objection to his coming to St. Helena. Dr. Bush is promised to spend Sabbath and Sunday and to come to the call in an emergency. We dare not plant Dr. Sanderson and his wife on the hillside. We are afraid of the result. The Lord will send us a physician we believe, and we will watch and pray lest we enter into temptation. We see no call for Dr. Sanderson until he is a converted man.*20LtMs, Lt 272, 1905, par. 3*

Sister Dr. Margaret Evans has accepted an offer to accompany a wealthy lady to Europe. We would have you call for Dr. White at once. Sister Bourdeau is married and cannot leave her present position until next year sometime, but she has written to Dr. White she had better go to Washington; but secure her if you have not

done so. I am just about used up with continued writing.*20LtMs, Lt 272, 1905, par. 4*

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I just came across this letter unfinished. You can read it and act, I think. Dr. Holden better be secured and you prepared to work. I will send you copies of letter today if I can; if not, the first of the week. I shall not send the letter I had written to Dr. Holden. Make your terms with him for we must have some one to educate nurses for our sanitariums. Please do your best. I have written early and late without rest and now this morning am admonished that I must rest. Be sure and call Dr. White without delay. I hope you have done this, and that her capabilities may be secured. Keep up good courage in the Lord, Brother and Sister Burden.*20LtMs, Lt 272, 1905, par. 5*

Lt 273, 1905

White, Mabel

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 28, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear granddaughter Mabel White,—

Several times since returning home I have begun a letter to you, but after writing a few lines have felt urged to answer some important letter that required thought and care, and my letter to you has been laid aside.*20LtMs, Lt 273, 1905, par. 1*

I can but feel an anxiety in reference to you. I greatly desire that you may preserve your capabilities as a true child of God. Be sure that you have an abiding trust in your Redeemer. He will be your comfort and your stay and your exceeding great reward.*20LtMs, Lt 273, 1905, par. 2*

I hope, my dear, that you will not feel it to be your duty to remain on your feet longer than is reasonable. You must have proper periods for rest. Be conscientious in an effort to preserve your physical, mental, and moral health, that you may not fade away like a much-washed cloth. To put in for one day's service all the powers that God has given you may disqualify you for performing future work that is essential. There is wisdom in understanding how to treat your powers of mind and body with mercy and care, that you may always be bright and cheerful. You should economize your strength that you may be prepared to act in a time of emergency. Thus you may set a wise example to others.*20LtMs, Lt 273, 1905, par. 3*

We find that our vineyard this year has not produced nearly as much as usual. The grapes are small, but the wine is very rich. All our grapes are to be used in the manufacture of the unfermented wine. We have been obliged to buy grapes to fill our orders, but still we are unable to meet the demand.*20LtMs, Lt 273, 1905, par. 4*

Our tomatoes are good, and we have canned quite a quantity of loganberries. We have only a few apples. Our prunes have all been disposed of, except a few which we have kept for our own use. The remainder we sold for a good price. We were able to sell them fresh, so have been spared the trouble of drying them.*20LtMs, Lt 273, 1905, par. 5*

As yet I have heard from no one who has any fruit that they can ship to Paradise Valley. I am told that there are large vineyards in Southern California. Sister Gotzian informed me that she could procure better grapes there than any in this vicinity. I hope that you may can some of these, just as you would can strawberries. We used to can grapes, and I considered them equal to any other fruit. The canned grapes are delicious. They are strengthening and in every way suitable for the patients.*20LtMs, Lt 273, 1905, par. 6*

Ella May is busy canning fruit. She is preserving tomatoes, figs, peaches, and whatever fruit can now be secured.*20LtMs, Lt 273, 1905, par. 7*

We are sorry to write that Maggie fell and broke her arm last Tuesday evening. She had been to the sanitarium for the mail and in hurrying home fell over a pipe that had been put up to carry water to the wine shed. Her whole weight came on her left hand, and one bone was broken just above the wrist. She was taken to the sanitarium, and the arm was set by Dr. Brighthouse. It has been very painful, but yesterday she said she had but little pain, and she slept pretty well last night.*20LtMs, Lt 273, 1905, par. 8*

The following day your father also met with an accident. In prying out some stones, he slipped and heard something snap in his ankle. It is not out of joint, but is somewhat wrenched. He walks about with two canes and looks quite like a cripple. The doctor says that it is nothing serious, but your father will be obliged to refrain for a time from prying stones and take his exercise in riding with me.*20LtMs, Lt 273, 1905, par. 9*

I have not been able as yet to rest much, but I am now at home, and that is a great comfort to me. I hardly think that I shall attend the meeting at San Diego; for I am working very hard for one of my age. My mind is still clear, and I often write from twelve or one

o'clock in the morning. I am trying to get out many things, but do not seem to make the advancement I would be pleased to make.*20LtMs, Lt 273, 1905, par. 10*

I trust that the mother and the twins are doing well. May the good Lord bring both father and mother to accept Christ as their Saviour. We need continually a missionary spirit that we may win souls to Christ. I think of the two nurses who cared for the mother so constantly, and of Sister Williams who is in such great need of rest. May the Lord bless the devoted ones who for so long a time watched over this critical case. May they be revived and strengthened.*20LtMs, Lt 273, 1905, par. 11*

Good is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. Every day I long to see the salvation of God manifested as decidedly as on the day of Pentecost. O that there might be more earnest efforts put forth for the salvation of souls! Spiritually we seem to be half asleep when we should be making every effort possible to represent Jesus Christ in an effort to save perishing souls. I cannot do as much as I would like to do, but my heart hungers for souls. I trust that there may be an awakening in the San Diego church, that when work is begun in the city by Elder Simpson, the importance of the truth may be demonstrated to many souls. May the Lord bless those in the Paradise Valley Sanitarium is my desire and my prayer.*20LtMs, Lt 273, 1905, par. 12*

It is now nearly daylight, and I must close this letter. Mabel, put your whole trust in God. Those who enter the narrow path and the straight gate will find entrance to the city of our God. I desire that you may be one who shall win the crown of life.*20LtMs, Lt 273, 1905, par. 13*

Lt 275, 1905

Farnsworth, E. W.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 5, 1905

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Elder E. W. Farnsworth

Dear Brother,—

Your letter has been received and read. I would say that if you can see it to be your duty to go to Battle Creek to preach the truth and give the trumpet a certain sound, you will be sustained by the Lord. But do not depart from a plain exposition of the Word. Preach the truth that has stood the test of more than half a century. Be kind and courteous, but let the Bible truth be in your lips as a sword that cuts both ways.*20LtMs, Lt 275, 1905, par. 1*

The copy of the letter to Elder Haskell will speak for itself, and show plainly the foundation on which we are to stand. This invitation to Elder Haskell to come to Battle Creek is a decoy for souls, and Elder Haskell will not be the man to take such a position.*20LtMs, Lt 275, 1905, par. 2*

Elder Farnsworth, let the gospel message, straight and clear, be given. Whatever may be said, it will hurt somebody. But I was commissioned in the General Conference held in Battle Creek in 1901 to make my statement clear and plain, as the message from God. I was to make the Scriptures stand out clear and distinct. We are not to give long discourses, but short ones, which can be comprehended.*20LtMs, Lt 275, 1905, par. 3*

Take time to rest. Be sure to find yourself and your wife a place where you can rest undisturbed. Your wife is not to be overtaxed. When you feel that your work in Battle Creek is over, go elsewhere

and be sure that someone takes your place.*20LtMs, Lt 275, 1905, par. 4*

The conference is to furnish and pay laborers for Battle Creek. One worker cannot stand the strain of the work for long at a time. The light given me is that there should be decided help given in the men who labor as ministers in Battle Creek. These men are to be as firm as a rock to principle, but they are to make no drive at others, whatever their position may be.*20LtMs, Lt 275, 1905, par. 5*

Brother Farnsworth, your strength will be in presenting from the Word the waymarks of truth that God has given us to establish our feet upon a sure foundation. Give the trumpet a certain sound. Christ came to John on the isle of Patmos and revealed to him truth that concerns every one who shall act a part in the closing scenes of this earth's history. You will see imperfections, but do not let your mind be drawn away to make attacks on any one, because this would discount your efforts. Stand firmly for the truth, and the Lord will give you a sacred hold upon Him.*20LtMs, Lt 275, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 277, 1905

Haskell, Brother and Sister

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

1905

This letter is published in entirety in *PC 108-111* and *198-203*.

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell,—

I thank you for your letter, telling me about your movements and plans.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 1*

I think I have kept before you my expectation that you would spend a part of the winter in California. By unmistakable representations, the Lord has given evidence that a great work is to be done in Southern California.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 2*

Elder Simpson has been holding tent-meetings in Los Angeles, with good results. Many souls have been converted to the truth.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 3*

We thank the Lord that we have a good sanitarium at Paradise Valley, seven miles from San Diego; a sanitarium at Glendale, eight miles from Los Angeles; and a large and beautiful place at Loma Linda, sixty-two miles east from Los Angeles, and close to Redlands, Riverside, and San Bernardino. The Loma Linda property is one of the most beautiful sanitarium sites I have ever seen. There has been expended on the place more than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and it was purchased by our people for forty thousand dollars. Of the seventy-six acres of land comprised in the property, about one half forms a hill which stands one hundred and twenty-five feet above the valley. On this hill the buildings are situated.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 4*

Loma Linda is about five miles from Redlands, five miles from San Bernardino, four miles from Colton, and nine miles from Riverside.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 5*

Redlands and Riverside are places which the Lord has shown me should be thoroughly worked. Elder Simpson has done some evangelical work in these places, and in each of them a company of believers has been raised up and a meetinghouse built. But more work must be done there, and a work must be done in San Bernardino.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 6*

I have wished that you and your wife could come to Loma Linda and carry on a work similar to that which you have done in other places. You could make your home at the sanitarium and drive back and forth to Redlands and Riverside and other surrounding places. The roads are level and well oiled.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 7*

By the securing of Loma Linda, the Lord has opened the way for a work to be done in the neighboring cities and towns. The securing of this property at such a price as we paid for it is a miracle that should open the eyes of our understanding. If such manifest workings of God do not give us a new experience, what will? If we cannot read the evidence that the time has come to work in the surrounding cities, what could be done to arouse us to action?*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 8*

That you should receive an invitation to go to Battle Creek and give Bible lessons to the nurses and medical students is not a surprise to me. I have been instructed that an effort would be made to obtain your names as teachers to the nurses at Battle Creek, so that the managers of the sanitariums can say to our people that Elder and Mrs. Haskell are to give a course of lessons to the Battle Creek Sanitarium nurses, and use this as a means of decoying to Battle Creek those who otherwise would heed the cautions about going there for their education.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 9*

I warn you against doing anything which would help those who are working directly contrary to the counsels of God, those who are working directly against the counsels of the Lord, to carry out any of their deceptive plans. I know you would not willingly place yourself in any such position, and I warn you because I know the men and the plans better than you do.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 10*

If you should be drawn into such a plan, it would bring much perplexity upon me, and I should have another hard battle to fight.

You must take no part in healing “the hurt of the daughter of My people slightly.” [*Jeremiah 6:14.*] Should the word go forth that Elder and Mrs. Haskell were to take part in teaching the nurses in the Battle Creek Sanitarium, it would be my duty to send forth testimonies, that I do not wish to be called upon to bear.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 11*

Elder and Mrs. Farnsworth have been requested to spend some time in Battle Creek, laboring for the church. I encourage them to do so and shall counsel them how to labor. It will be well for Elder Haskell and Elder A. T. Jones to stand shoulder to shoulder, preaching the Word in the tabernacle for a time, and giving the trumpet a certain sound. There are in Battle Creek precious souls who need bracing up. Many will gladly hear and distinguish the note of warning. But Elder Farnsworth should not remain in Battle Creek long. I write these things to you, because it is important that they should be understood.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 12*

God would have men of talent who will not deviate from the principles of righteousness to stand in defense of the truth in the tabernacle at Battle Creek. One man should not be stationed in Battle Creek for long at a time. After he has faithfully proclaimed the truth for a time, he should leave to labor elsewhere and some one else be appointed who will give the trumpet a certain sound.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 13*

We should understand by experience word for word the message the Lord gave to Isaiah, and from this message there is to be no deviation. The Holy Spirit’s meaning will be understood. This meaning is not to be changed a hair’s breadth to harmonize with any new doctrine.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 14*

We know that in the past the truth has been demonstrated by the Holy Spirit. Not one word of human devising is to be permitted to subvert minds, or to add unto or to take from the message that God has given.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 15*

There must be connected with our sanitariums in various places ample facilities for the training of workers. And great care should be taken in the selection of young people to connect with our sanitariums. We cannot afford to accept every one who is willing to

come. Great injury is done to our medical institutions when we connect with them inexperienced youth who do not understand what it means to do faithful service for God.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 16*

Every soul connected with our institutions is to be tested and tried. If self is not hid with Christ in God, the workers will blindly do many things that will hinder the precious work of God.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 17*

“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 offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to 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.” [*Isaiah 8:13-16.*]*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 18*

God has a denominated people, who are to wait on and trust in Him. They are to be true to the light He has given them, following closely the sacred landmarks. Their language is to be:*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 19*

“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.”*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 20*

“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.” [*Verses 17-20.*]*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 21*

The things mentioned in this scripture will be worked out before us. Some of them we see even now.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 22*

Those who have crowded into Battle Creek, and are being held there, see and hear many things that tend to weaken their faith and

engender unbelief. They would gain a more practical knowledge in an effort to impart to others that which they receive of the Word of God. They should scatter out and be working in all our cities under the training of men who are sound in the faith. If those who teach these workers are true and loyal, a great work will be accomplished.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 23*

There is to be a working of our cities as they never have been worked. That which should have been done twenty, yes, more than twenty, years ago is now to be done speedily. The work will be more difficult to do now than it would have been years ago, but it will be done.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 24*

Our work is made exceedingly hard because of many false theories that have to be met and because of the dearth of efficient teachers and willing helpers.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 25*

It is not the work of the Lord that so many are gathered in Battle Creek, receiving a mold which unfits them for the work of the Lord till they are thoroughly converted.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 26*

The Lord is to do a strange work very soon. A representation has been given me that I have not yet had strength to trace upon paper. I must know when to speak and when to keep silent. When the Lord bids me speak, I cannot keep silent.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 27*

The Lord will work. Great facts will be revealed in the Word. There are rich experiences to be received from the great Medical Missionary. The knowledge of salvation through faith and a full trust in a personal God and a personal Saviour will be manifest. Those who have held the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end will have the proof of the things which they have learned by personal experience.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 28*

The gospel will be revealed and verified. The experience of the day of Pentecost will surely be repeated. Some will receive the Holy Spirit of truth; yes, some who are now in uncertainty. The Lord has given His Word. For years He has been sending messages of warnings, but by many they have been unheeded. Notwithstanding the repeated urgent warnings God has given, many have been turned away from their original faith and are lost in the fog of error.

They have refused to follow the light that God has given to point out the true path. *20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 29*

Christ is the same Christ that He has ever been. He is our Redeemer. Those who have been striving to quench their thirst at broken cisterns, which can hold no water, need to be born again, that Christ may be formed within, the hope of glory. *20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 30*

There are those who will never receive the gospel message in its fullness; they will never see the greater light and working of the Holy Spirit. There is a depth of depravity in unbelieving human nature that will never be healed, because the true light has been misinterpreted and misapplied. The Lord has given His Spirit in abundance of assurance to enable men and women to understand the fallacies and errors of Satan and to guard against them. *20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 31*

Some will soon turn from their deceptive errors and calculations. To those who will be born again, the Bible will become a new book. There is a higher elevation to reach. True faith is to take the place of unbelief. The living springs of the Word of God, with all their rich treasure, are to flow into the soul. The truth of the Christian religion depends upon the divine authority of the Word of God. The authority of the Word is Yea and Amen. *20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 32*

Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Our great need is to have Him formed within, the hope of glory. He is to come into our individual experience as a personal Saviour. He is the foundation of our faith, the Rock of Ages. "Blessed is the man to whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity." [*Psalm 32:2.*] *20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 33*

When Christ shall come in His glory and all the holy angels with Him, then will all men be convinced of the truth that God hath set apart him that is godly for Himself. But the words of Isaiah will come to many minds: "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.*] The *fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah* gives a wonderful presentation of truth. *20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 34*

I wish you could make me a visit at my home. I should indeed be pleased to see you and talk with you. Do nothing that will lead others to make of no account the long, determined resistance which has been shown to the messages sent by the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 35*

We do not want the impression left on minds that our nurses should be educated and trained in Battle Creek. You are not to remove the impressions that I have been trying to make that our people are to be drawn away from Battle Creek.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 36*

I have light regarding the impression that your going to Battle Creek would make on our people who have had placed before them many falsehoods regarding the work and influences there. Your going to Battle Creek in answer to the call you have received would not be in harmony with the light God has given me.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 37*

If you cannot understand this, I can, and I will make every effort possible to save our people from being mixed up with the methods followed by some of the Battle Creek Sanitarium managers.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 38*

The Lord would have Dr. Morse leave Battle Creek and labor where the light of truth has not been taught, that he may break every thread of sophistry. The sophistry that there is no personal God and no personal Christ has been set forth, and still lives, to be brought forth and fastened upon human minds. I have seen satanic agencies leading and controlling the minds of those who have taught these theories. Unless the snare is broken, ruin will result as surely as to the house built upon the sand.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 39*

Great trials are right upon us, to test every soul. The end of the world is near at hand. We are not to consent to have our workers, God's workers, tied up in Battle Creek. "Out of Battle Creek" is my message. I understand perfectly the meaning of the invitation that has been sent you. You have not a sense of what it means, but I am to tell you that God has not given you the work of teaching nurses in Battle Creek, or in any way of encouraging our youth to go there for their training.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 40*

We must soon start a nurses' training school at Loma Linda. This place will become an important educational center, and we need the efforts of yourself and your wife to give the right mold to the work in this new educational center, and in Los Angeles, where there are many converts.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 41*

If you see your way clear to labor a portion of this winter in Southern California, I think I could be with you, and I will help you all I can to open up the work. If you will gather about you a group of workers, and do for a time in Southern California a work similar to that which you have done in New York and Nashville, praying and working and doing the will of the Lord, God will not fail to show Himself your Helper; for you will be following where He has marked out the way.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 42*

I do not propose that you divorce yourself permanently from the work in the cities of the southern states, but I ask you to come and help us start the work of training true medical missionaries in this very fruitful field, Southern California.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 43*

If we turn unto the Lord with full purpose of heart, teaching in the places He indicates, all things that He has commanded, we may be assured of the promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:20.*] God is able and waiting to be gracious.*20LtMs, Lt 277, 1905, par. 44*

Lt 279, 1905

Santee, Clarence

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Elder Clarence Santee

Dear Brother,—

We have received your letter and are glad to hear from you. We feel a deep interest in yourself and in your wife and children.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 1*

We are glad that you are health reformers, and we trust that the Lord will preserve you from any suffering on account of the change you have made in climate. Teach your children what things they should avoid in order to preserve the health. The preservation of life and health is largely dependent upon an intelligent knowledge of what foods are best suited to our needs.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 2*

We are now wrestling with the debt on the Fernando College. If our people will take hold earnestly in the sale of *Object Lessons*, a great deal may be accomplished. The plans for supporting this school in the past were not wisely laid. I hope that no one will endeavor to go over the same ground again and make similar mistakes.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 3*

The Lord is gracious, of tender compassion, and of pitying love. He understands our weakness, and He will respond to our sincere prayers.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 4*

As individuals, and as churches, we often forget to walk in the

humility of Christ. He was the Prince of life, the Creator of the world, yet He deigned to take upon Himself the nature of weak, erring man. Those who are imbued with the Spirit of Christ will learn from Him to be meek and lowly in heart.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 5*

No one who seeks the Lord with the whole heart will be barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. I desire to uplift my Saviour before church members and before unbelievers. I desire that you and all our ministers shall bring to the foundation stone the pure Bible doctrine in living faith in Christ. But few, even among church members, understand the true simplicity of faith.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 6*

I have had my mind drawn recently to the subject of our Sabbath meetings. The work of the Sabbath school needs to be elevated. The leader appointed to conduct the church service should study and learn how to interest others. On this one day in the week, all who love God and are striving to keep His commandments should be given an opportunity to bear their testimony. Do not plan to have a discourse that shall occupy all the time, while those who assemble are given no opportunity to confess Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 7*

Our brethren would receive a blessing in dispensing with or deferring one meal of the day, if necessary, in order that an hour or more might be devoted to testimony meeting. We used often to make the Sabbath a day of fasting and prayer, and we were greatly blessed in our worship.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 8*

The Sabbath day should be spent to the glory of God. Let every one take time to humble his heart before God and clear away all the rubbish from the soul temple. If bitter feelings have been cherished, or there are wrongs to be confessed, let every barrier be removed. Has any one spoken evil of his brother, or placed an occasion of stumbling in his brother's way?—Let him realize that this is a sin to be repented of.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 9*

“If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, and 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.” [*Philippians 2:1, 2.*]*20LtMs, Lt 279,*

1905, par. 10

There should be a spirit of confession to God and an acknowledgment of His blessings with thanksgiving. Our worship should be so filled with praise and thanksgiving that the angels of heaven will rejoice with us.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 11*

“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.” [*1 Peter 2:1, 2.*]*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 12*

The Word of God contains food for mind and soul. The appetite for reading the novels, or the trashy reading to be found in many of the magazines that are flooding the world, will cause a dwarfage of spiritual growth. An unhealthful appetite is created, and very feeble will be the desire for the sincere milk of the Word. We desire to encourage all to be sensible, and give up the reading of all that is unprofitable, and to become interested in the Word of God, which teaches young and old how to set an example of righteousness. Eat ye that which is good and instructive, that your souls may have a healthful growth. “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.” [*Verses 2, 3.*]*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 13*

Let every one closely examine his own heart. There is cause for alarm, if there is not a wholesome appetite for the Word that shows us the way of life. Let us rejoice that we have the great privilege of receiving the Word of God. Let us follow on in the path of holiness and truth.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 14*

“I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto Him, and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 15*

“O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.” [*Psalm 34:1-8.*] “If so be that ye have tasted, that the Lord is gracious.” [*1 Peter 2:3.*] How may we taste?—By humbling our souls before God, and seeking Him with all our hearts.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 16*

“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.” [*Verses 4, 5.*]*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 17*

With the privileges that are offered us, why are we so indifferent and so unpronounced in our faith? These are no idle tales. Let us study and practice the Word of God. Let us change our lukewarm condition to one of earnest activity.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 18*

“Wherefore also it is contained in the scriptures, Behold, I lay in Zion 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.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 19*

“But ye are a chosen generation, 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: which in time past were not a people, but which are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.” [*Verses 6-10.*]*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 20*

Shall we not cease our faultfinding and our complaining, and draw nigh to Him who is the light of the world, that we may reflect His glory in our manner of speech and action?*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 21*

“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 evil doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.” [Verses 11, 12.]*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 22*

This is our duty, as enjoined by the great apostle Peter. These precious duties are for every soul through Jesus Christ. No one will have any excuse for coming short in the Christian life. Our duty is revealed in the Word. We are to respect those who are to minister the Word of God. Let us make their hearts glad by showing that we receive the Word into good and honest hearts.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 23*

As we receive the Word of God, we are to obey it, and in turn we are to minister to others, teaching them to observe all things that Christ has commanded. Care should be exercised to educate the young converts. They are not to be left to themselves, to be led away by false presentations, to walk in a false way. Let the watchmen be constantly on guard, lest souls shall be beguiled by soft words and fair speech and sophistry. Teach faithfully all that Christ has commanded. Every one who receives Christ is to be trained to act some part in the great work to be accomplished in our world.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 24*

A wonderful harvest of souls is to be gathered into the service of the Lord Jesus Christ, standing under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel. Let all labor as unto the Lord. As Christ's representatives, there is need to guard carefully every word that falls from the lips. Remember the promise, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” [Matthew 28:20.] Every disciple is to advance in the knowledge of carrying the work of soul-saving on to a high level.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 25*

I ask, What is being accomplished in our large restaurants to teach men and women the way of the Lord? I am instructed to say that it is a mistake to gather up our young men and young women who have talent that might be utilized in evangelistic work and call them to a work of serving tables, to a work where but feeble efforts are being put forth to warn those who are perishing in their sins in ignorance of the truth and light which should be making its way into all parts of the world.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 26*

Our large commercial enterprises are gathering in intelligent young men and young women, and there is a dearth of laborers in the ministry and other lines of evangelistic work. Those who have a valuable talent of influence should not be confined to the work of restaurants as they are now conducted.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 27*

“Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” [*1 Corinthians 6:20.*] Let every one seek to find his appointed position, that he may engage in the great, all-important work of teaching the Scriptures. “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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 28*

The workers in our restaurants are to prepare for the future immortal life. Let them acquire the power and tact to prepare spiritual food for the souls of men and women in these large cities. Watch for souls as they that must give an account. The cities are to be warned, and these young men and young women should remember that time is precious. The world is increasing in wickedness as in the days of Noah.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 29*

Greater efforts should be put forth to educate the people in the principles of health reform. More cooking schools should be established, and some should labor from house to house, giving instruction in the art of cooking wholesome food.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 30*

Parents and their children should learn to cook more simply than is usually done. The preparation of so many varied and complex dishes so absorbs the time and attention of many that they are disqualified to teach the truth as it is in Jesus.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 31*

We must expend means in the work of soul-saving. We must send more laborers to the South. We are to sleep no longer. Let us study the promises of Christ, the “I will’s.” There is no time to lose. Let us search diligently for those who will prepare for the education in the

higher school above.*20LtMs, Lt 279, 1905, par. 32*

Lt 281, 1905

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

The Australian mail closes tomorrow, and I must write you a few lines this afternoon. I am always glad to receive your letters, and I hope that some time we may meet once more. I wonder if this will be.*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 1*

Since I last wrote you I have had a varied experience. So many things burden my mind, that it seems almost impossible for me to sleep.*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 2*

I will endeavor to have copied for you a letter that W. C. White has just brought in for me to read, regarding the sale of *Great Controversy*. The writer of this letter has had remarkable success in selling this book. *Great Controversy* should be very widely circulated. It contains the story of the past, the present, and the future. In its outline of the closing scenes of this earth's history, it bears a powerful testimony in behalf of the truth. I am more anxious to see a wide circulation for this book than for any others I have written; for in *Great Controversy* the last message of warning to the world is given more distinctly than in any of my other books.*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 3*

I greatly desire to see our people come into line. Let our ministers take from the Word of God the precious things that encourage, and feed them to the flock of God, as precious food of which they may partake, and grow thereby. Let not matters of minor importance be given greater prominence than the things of vital

importance.*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 4*

It is not in the order of God that perplexing matters of difference and contention be introduced into the church. This is not the food that is to be given to the Lord's people. The precious words of truth are food for the hungry soul.*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 5*

There are some who make a practice of gathering up the idle tales of gossip and bringing them before the people who have assembled to worship God. The words of some are as bitter as gall; they are ever ready to repeat and exaggerate reports that will increase bitterness and contention. If difficulties arise between church members, the parties that are involved should in all humility seek for a reconciliation, but let not the church be made a field of contention.*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 6*

Our gatherings to worship God are in no case to be spoiled by the discussion of gossip; for this would leave a disagreeable impression upon the minds of those present. In the social meeting, every testimony should be such as will reflect rays of light. Relate those experiences that will help souls, but do not pour into their minds a burden of trash that some one has gathered up in the unprofitable association of neighbors.*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 7*

Those who have assembled to worship God should be permitted to eat of the leaves of the tree of life, which are for the healing of the nations. At such times the Lord's people should receive the comfort and encouragement they so much need. Tempted and tried souls should be helped in every way possible. Then let not one word of reference be made to scandalous reports. Our words are ever to be words that will soothe and heal and bless. Never are we to introduce into minds the suggestions of the enemy; for these will mar the peace of the soul.*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 8*

The Lord will purify His people through belief of the truth. Those who are in communion with Christ as an abiding guest in the heart will receive wisdom to distinguish the earthly from the heavenly. The words of divine inspiration will enable them to discern between right and wrong and will guide them in righteous judgment.*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 9*

Said Christ 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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 10*

God desires us to be a help and a blessing to our neighbors. But when we enter our neighbors’ doors, let it not be to listen to gossip, but that we may sow the seeds of truth. We want that faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Let those who would present any doctrine be sure that they are sustained by a plain “Thus saith the Lord;” then let it be planted in the heart through the Holy Spirit’s power.*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 11*

We are to be witnesses of the Lord, to encourage, to enlighten, to make the things of God plain to minds that are beclouded. If some talebearer urges upon you some evil report of a brother or a sister, will you have the courage to say to him, “I cannot permit my mind to be filled with disagreeable reports, for this would spoil my peace of soul. I desire the Lord Jesus to dwell in my heart as an honored guest. I desire such mental food as will strengthen every good purpose of my heart. I desire to quench every evil suggestion. Let us ask the blessing of the Lord to rest upon us. He has forbidden us to speak evil of one another.”*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 12*

Let every one now repent of his mistakes and seek the Lord with all his heart. The converting power of God will come to every one who will seek the peace of Jesus Christ. His words of instruction are for all who will listen and follow Him.*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 13*

In mercy God seeks to lead the unrighteous to repentance. The obedient will delight in the law of the Lord. He puts His laws in their minds and writes them in their hearts. Their speech will be such as is prompted by an indwelling Saviour. They have that faith that works by love and purifies the soul from all the defilement of Satan’s suggestions. Their heart yearns after God. In their conversion they love to dwell upon His mercy and goodness; for to them He is altogether lovely. They learn the language of heaven, the country of their adoption.*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 14*

The promise is for us: “I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their

flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh; that they may walk in My statutes, and keep Mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be My people, and I will be their God.” [Ezekiel 11:19, 20.]*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 15*

I am instructed to say that is it not because of lack of opportunity to know the will and way of God, that sinners must perish, but because of their determination to carry out their own will. They refuse to become spiritually enlightened in the Word of God. Willingly they remain ignorant of the privileges of the Christian and of his duty day by day to inquire of God. The Lord desires to give to every one a deep intelligent experience in spiritual life. But many are contented with a haphazard experience.*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 16*

Zedekiah was faithfully instructed through the prophet Jeremiah how he might be preserved from the calamities that would surely come upon him if he did not change his course and serve the Lord. The calamities came, because he would not, through obedience, place himself under the protection of God. With his eyes put out, he was led in chains of captivity to Babylon.*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 17*

What a sad and awful warning is this to those who harden themselves under reproof, and who will not humble themselves in repentance, that God may save them!*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 18*

I have written this, because God is in earnest with those who go directly against His expressed will. The Lord calls for faithfulness in service. He desires servants who will be diligent to help those in error. The day of the Lord is right upon us.*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 19*

This work should not be done before all the church; for this would create disturbance, and some who are seeking for the truth would become confused and sad of heart. Let not one stumbling block be laid before those who are seeking to know the will of the Lord. Do not make public the supposed errors you see in those who profess to believe the truth. What you have to say, say to them alone, with hearts filled with pity and tenderness.*20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 20*

“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.” [*Matthew 18:15, 16.*]20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 21

“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.*]20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 22

The will of God is made so plain that the weakest intellect can understand it, if the heart is set to do the will of God. Those who follow on to know the Lord, will know that His going forth is prepared as the morning. Step by step the Lord will unerringly lead those who put their trust in Him.20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 23

Brother and Sister Kress, I took my pen this morning, while others were sleeping, and have written this message to be read at a meeting tonight in the church at Berkeley. Into that church have been brought difficulties that should have been settled outside of the church, and I thought you might be interested to receive the instruction the Lord has given me for them on this question. I am enclosing with this a copy of a letter just written to Elder Haskell, in which you will be interested.20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 24

May the Lord bless and strengthen you all.20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 25

In much love.20LtMs, Lt 281, 1905, par. 26

Lt 283, 1905

Wade, Brother; Hill, Brother

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Doctors Wade and Hill

Dear Brethren,—

The Lord has repeatedly instructed me to say to His people that they are not to bind up with the world in business partnerships of any kind, and especially in so important a matter as the establishment of a sanitarium. Believers and unbelievers, serving two masters, cannot properly be linked together in the Lord’s work. “How can two walk together, except they be agreed?” [*Amos 3:3.*] God forbids His people to unite with unbelievers in the building up of His institutions.*20LtMs, Lt 283, 1905, par. 1*

One of the dangers to be met, if we should link up with unbelievers, is that we cannot depend upon the opinions and judgment, regarding the sacred interests of the Lord’s work, of men who, with the Bible open before them, are living in open transgression of the law of God. We cannot depend upon them, because the enemy of Christ influences their minds. They may be ever so favorable to our work now, but in the future there will come times of crisis; and then our people will be brought into a position of extreme trial, if they are bound up in any way with the worldlings. Our people may think that they can guard against these difficulties that would naturally arise in their union with worldlings, but in this they will be disappointed.*20LtMs, Lt 283, 1905, par. 2*

In connection with any combination with outside parties, there will be disappointment. It behooves us to move very guardedly, for

thereby we shall save ourselves much burden and trouble; for the light given me is that to link up with them, and to lean upon them, is folly and disappointment.*20LtMs, Lt 283, 1905, par. 3*

My counsel to you is, Wait. Wait until the Lord shall manifest Himself in a more distinct and striking manner than He has done. Guard first against any union with unbelievers, and second against any union of men who are not under discipline to the great Head, the great Medical Missionary. No one should engage in the sacred work of conducting a sanitarium until self is hid with Christ in God.*20LtMs, Lt 283, 1905, par. 4*

Our health institutions are of value in the Lord's estimation only when He is allowed to preside in their management. If His plans and devisings are regarded as inferior to plans of men, He looks upon these institutions as of no more value than the institutions established and conducted by worldlings. God cannot endorse any institution, unless it teaches the living principles of His law and brings its own actions into strict conformity to these precepts. Upon those institutions that are not maintained according to His law, He pronounces the sentence, "Unaccepted. Weighed in the balances of the sanctuary, and found wanting." [See *Daniel 5:27.*]*20LtMs, Lt 283, 1905, par. 5*

The man at the head of any work in God's cause is to be a man of intelligence, a man capable of managing large interests successfully, a man of even temper, Christlike forbearance, and perfect self-control. He only whose heart is transformed by the grace of Christ can be a proper leader.*20LtMs, Lt 283, 1905, par. 6*

Christ is our model of religious life. Was there selfishness in Him? He laid aside His riches in the heavenly courts, that He might restore man from sin to righteousness. The apostle Paul sums up His character in the words: He "pleased not Himself." [*Romans 15:3.*] He has left us an example of humility. He has shown that it is possible to live in this world a holy and unselfish life.*20LtMs, Lt 283, 1905, par. 7*

The apostle admonishes us: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice unto God, which is your reasonable service." [*Romans 12:1.*] "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.*]20*LtMs, Lt 283, 1905, par. 8*

Lt 285, 1905

Wade, Brother

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 2, 1905

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Dr. Wade

Dear Brother,—

I have not written to you before, regarding the sanitarium enterprise with which you are connected; for I have received no light that would lead me to write anything contrary to that which was contained in the testimony read in Denver by Elder Irwin. But I am now prepared to speak positively. Last Thursday night the matter was presented to me more fully.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 285, 1905, par. 1*

I was shown that you need to receive treatment from the great Physician of soul and body. There is hope for you if you will consent to come under His saving influence; but until you feel your need of the services of the great Physician, you will never be purified by the blood of Christ.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 285, 1905, par. 2*

Physicians are placed in positions of trial and temptation. But they may stand firm to their allegiance, if they will take hold of the strength that God offers them. 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*.] The Lord will be the helper of every physician who will work together with Him in the effort to restore suffering humanity to health, not with drugs, but with nature’s remedies. Christ is the great Physician, the wonderful Healer. He gives success to those who work in partnership with Him.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 285, 1905, par. 3*

My brother, you need a new spiritual life. You need to strip yourself of all selfishness. You should learn to seek the glory of God and the good of your fellow men. When you are truly converted, you will understand what I am now writing to you. For the reasons that I am presenting to you, I beg of you to keep free from the burdens that would come to you in connection with a sanitarium.*20LtMs, Lt 285, 1905, par. 4*

It has been plainly revealed to me that you possess some very objectionable traits of character which make it unadvisable for you to unite with your brethren in such an enterprise as you contemplate. Your disposition is such that you are not prepared to exert a healthful, wholesome influence in a sanitarium.*20LtMs, Lt 285, 1905, par. 5*

Were a sanitarium established by you, circumstances would arise that would injure the experience of others who might be connected with the institution. The matter has been made plain to me, and I am authorized to say that the men who are united in the matter of erecting and controlling a sanitarium in Canon City are not qualified to do the best kind of work. Should they carry out their plans there would be disappointment and continual friction. Your lack of self-discipline forbids you to take upon yourself such responsibilities as you have contemplated. It means much more than you realize for one to assume that he is fitted for the management of a sanitarium.*20LtMs, Lt 285, 1905, par. 6*

My brother, you need to be converted and to become as a little child. You should be fearful of following your own judgment. Should you in any way become suspicious of one who does not harmonize with you, you would make trouble. When your will and way is crossed, bitter feelings arise in your heart. You cherish a feeling of hatred toward the one whom you think has made a mistake. You forget that when a brother has made a mistake, you should “seek to restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted.” [*Galatians 6:1.*] We are out of place in cherishing bitter feelings toward any of the Lord’s purchased possession.*20LtMs, Lt 285, 1905, par. 7*

God desires you to be sound in the faith, day by day manifesting in

your words and spirit the righteousness of Christ. You may gain a valuable experience in the cultivation of that self-control which is essential for every Christian. "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." [*Matthew 5:5.*]20*LtMs, Lt 285, 1905, par. 8*

The Lord desires all who profess to believe in Him to cultivate the heavenly graces. An unsanctified character is the greatest evil we have to meet in our work. Every soul is to be tested and tried. If self is not hid with Christ in God, human beings will do that which will hinder the work of God. I am sorry that you do not understand the weakness of your nature. But remember that where sin abounds, grace doth much more abound.20*LtMs, Lt 285, 1905, par. 9*

May the Lord strengthen His people and sanctify them unto Himself. My brother, there rests upon you a solemn obligation to overcome hatred. Those who have overcome their selfishness will respond to the efforts of Christ to purify their hearts.20*LtMs, Lt 285, 1905, par. 10*

Lt 287, 1905

Promoters of the Canon City Sanitarium

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 2, 1905

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To the Promoters of the Canon City Sanitarium,—

Last Thursday night, September 28, light was given me that the testimonies written out and sent to Elder Irwin to be read at the camp-meeting in Denver were being made of no effect by some who are not pleased with the instruction that the Lord has given in regard to the undertaking of private sanitarium enterprises in Colorado.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 1*

I saw that in the company formed for the management of the Canon City Sanitarium enterprise, it is not alone the unbelieving elements that are objectionable. Some of those connected with this movement, who profess to believe the truth, are not qualified to carry out their ambitious purposes. It is in mercy that the Lord, who knows the end from the beginning, sends His warning to these brethren, not for their discouragement, but that they may be kept from making mistakes which would lead them away from Him.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 2*

God desires every man to know His will. He sees that often men are not of themselves sufficient to decide what should be done, and He sends cautions to save those who are in danger of making grave mistakes. Those only who heed His warnings will know of a certainty that they are walking in the way of the Lord. The heart and the life must be right if we would understand His purposes and walk in fellowship with the Holy Spirit.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 3*

Many are deceived in regard to their own experience. A deception

in the heart will lead to the doing of strange things, which God has not directed. But whatever may be the pretensions, God reads the heart as we would read an open book. Warnings are sometimes given to prevent those whose past experience has been defective and who are prone to go contrary to the will and word of God from taking a course that would bring reproach upon His cause.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 4*

In the testimonies sent to the Denver meeting, the Spirit of God dictated a message that should prevent the carrying out of plans which would result in disappointment. If our brethren should persist in carrying out their plans regarding the proposed enterprise, they would be going contrary to the expressed will of the Lord. God does not at one time send a message of warning, and later another message, encouraging a movement against which He had previously given warning. His messages do not contradict one another. Cautions have been given that should cause our brethren to stop and consider their course. All the reasons for these cautions were not given, because this would not have been for the present and future good of those who were urging this matter.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 5*

But now I am instructed to say that those who contemplate the establishment of a large medical institution in Canon City are not guided in this movement by the Lord. They are endeavoring to establish a work which they are not competent to carry forward after the Lord's order.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 6*

Christ is saying to His servants today, as He said to His disciples, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." [*Luke 9:23.*] But men are as slow now to learn the lesson as in Christ's day. God has given His people warning after warning; but the customs, habits, and practices of the world have had so great power on the minds of His professed people that His warnings have been disregarded.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 7*

For more than thirty years the Lord has been giving instruction to His people regarding the establishment of sanitariums and the manner of conducting them. Our sanitariums are to be founded and

conducted on Bible principles, as the Lord's instrumentalities, and in His hand they are to be agencies for giving light to the world. Our sanitariums are to be schools in which people of all classes shall be taught the way of salvation.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 8*

The institutions established by God's people today are to glorify His name. They are to represent to the world the character of God, as it was revealed to Moses. In all their departments, our sanitariums should be memorials for God, His instrumentalities for sowing the seeds of truth in human hearts. This they will be if rightly conducted. But selfishness introduced into our work is a violation of the law of God.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 9*

God has committed to us a special work, a work that no other people can do. He has promised us the aid of His Holy Spirit. The heavenly current is flowing earthward for the accomplishment of the very work appointed us. Let not this heavenly current be turned aside by our deviations from the straightforward path marked out by Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 10*

Shall we enter into confederacy with the world because some of our brethren in their spiritual blindness are linking up with unbelievers, and because men who are known to be transgressors of God's law are given a place as counselors in regard to the working of the institutions that were established for the express purpose of proclaiming to the world the last message of mercy? God forbid. Can we not see what is coming upon the world? Shall we allow ambitious projects to take the throne? Never, never. We are not to bind up with those who have no faith in the truth for this time.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 11*

Our sanitariums are to be under the supervision of men who are controlled by the Holy Spirit, men who will carry out, not their own plans, but the plans of God.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 12*

Now and ever we are to stand as a distinct and peculiar people, free from all worldly policy, and unembarrassed by confederacy with those who have not wisdom to discern the claims of God, as plainly set forth in His law.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 13*

Upon us as a people 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.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 14*

Will our brethren now submit their will and way to God and perform joyfully the Lord's bidding? There is no bondage in such an experience; for God writes His precepts upon the heart and engraves His own principles on the mind and soul of every one who is converted to Him. "The love of Christ constraineth us." [2 *Corinthians 5:14.*] It is wrong for men to undertake in their ambitious zeal to carry on a work that they cannot manage after the Lord's order. Those who attempt to conduct a sanitarium should be men of God's choosing. The combination of men purposing to establish a sanitarium at Canon City is not one of the Lord's forming, nor are they the men qualified to carry forward the work in harmony with the principles laid down for the conducting of our sanitariums. They may be able to reap financial profit to themselves by such an enterprise, but they are not prepared to represent properly the work of God. Our brethren should see and understand that in undertaking a work of their own devising, they are out of line.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 15*

Our sanitariums should be controlled by those who are under the control of the Holy Spirit. Those whose minds are easily disturbed by passion are not to be selected to fill a position where they would exert a molding influence upon human minds; for they would misrepresent the character of the work. God would have in prominent places men who will take hold of His strength. They may labor under inconveniences, but this need not spoil their experience. Every manifestation of passion is sin.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 16*

If at times a man works himself up into a strong passion; if he is inclined to cherish hatred for those who do not conform to his judgment; if in his likes and dislikes he reveals the natural tendencies of the human heart, he is always in danger of making grave mistakes, which will injure the souls of others.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 17*

In the management of the Lord's institutions, genuine godliness is required. A sanitarium under the guidance of the Holy Spirit will be an honor to God and will bring glory to His name. But the fewer sanitariums we have that are not conducted after the Lord's pattern, the better off we shall be.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 18*

Let our brethren be careful not to incur the displeasure of God by hindering instead of helping in His work. Those whose religious experience is a counterfeit may do great harm by counterworking with their own ideas and their faulty judgment the work of the Holy Spirit. It is a great mistake to connect with our sanitariums men who are not fitted for such a position, though they may think that they are.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 19*

In all our sanitariums we need to lift the standard higher and still higher. The Lord would have every worker in His institutions firmly assured that he is united with Christ. The spirit of the workers in our sanitariums should be in perfect harmony with the witness of the Holy Spirit.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 20*

I would that every soul had a sanctified intelligence. The Lord God of heaven knows who will honor Him and who will dishonor Him. When He makes known His will, those who regard lightly His testimony place themselves on the side of the enemy of truth.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 21*

I must state plainly that the one who has led out in the proposed sanitarium enterprise has not the qualifications that would fit him to be a safe guardian of youth or to carry out in a sanitarium the principles of heavenly origin. The Lord would have for such positions solid, godly men who will not hold a grudge against a brother who refuses to exalt them. God calls for men who stand firmly on the platform of eternal truth, men who, as God's medical missionaries, will carry a weighty influence in their words and in their life practices.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 22*

There is to be a continual dependence upon the Lord. The sick and suffering should see in our sanitarium workers a revelation of the grace of God. Those who come to our sanitariums for treatment are to be brought in touch with the great Physician of soul and body.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 23*

We need to take a higher spiritual view of the work of God. Great care should be taken in the selection of young people to connect with our sanitariums as nurses. We cannot afford to accept every one who is ready to come. Great injury is done to our medical institutions when there are connected with them those who do not understand what it means to do service to God.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 24*

Frivolous young people are not to be chosen to act a part in the Lord's work. No one is to be accepted merely to favor relatives or acquaintances. Those who prepare the food should thoroughly understand how to prepare wholesome, appetizing food. And those who carry the trays are to realize the influence they should exert on those whom they serve. Those only should be selected for any branch of the work who will exert a sanctified influence.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 25*

To our sanitariums all classes of the sick will come, and by our physicians and nurses they are to be led to realize that they need spiritual help as well as physical restoration. They are to be given every advantage for the restoration of physical health; and they should be shown also what it means to be blessed with the light and life of Christ, what it means to be bound up with Him. They are to be led to see that the grace of Christ in the soul uplifts the whole being. And in no better way can they learn of Christ's life than by seeing it revealed in the lives of His followers.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 26*

Jesus came to our world to give to human beings a perfect example of service. In His day, there were no sanitariums for those who needed help; but He, the greatest Medical Missionary the world has ever known, went from place to place, ministering to the afflicted and teaching the way of life.*20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 27*

“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 lunatick, 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.” [*Matthew 4:23-25.*]20*LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 28*

Of the work of Christ the prophet Isaiah declared: “Behold, My Servant, who I uphold; Mine elect, in whom My soul delighteth; I have put My Spirit upon Him; He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street (in contention). A bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench: He shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till He have set judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait for His law.” [*Isaiah 42:1-4.*]20*LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 29*

Our Saviour did not seek to make a great display or undertake a work that called for a large outlay of money. He will not sanction self-exaltation. Those who seek to honor themselves will not be honored by Him. He desires men to place themselves where they may receive His precious grace and be sanctified through belief of the truth. Let every one empty Himself of the spirit of self-importance and receive the meekness of Christ.20*LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 30*

“All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: the grass withereth, the flower fadeth, ... but the word of our God shall stand forever.” [*Isaiah 40:6, 8.*] As God Himself is true, so surely will His Word be fulfilled.20*LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 31*

“O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
Get thee up into the high mountain;
O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings,
Lift up thy voice with strength;
Lift it up, be not afraid;
Say unto the cities of Judah,
Behold your God!
Behold, the Lord shall come with strong hand,
And His arm shall rule for Him:
Behold, His reward is with Him,
And His work before Him.”20*LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 32*

[Verses 9, 10.]

With the majesty of an omnipotent king, our Saviour unites the gentleness and tender care of a shepherd. His power is absolute. Only the heart of man is able to withstand His working. He can be hindered by no obstacle save the perverse, sinful hearts of those who refuse to yield to His control. The hardness of the heart of man is the only obstacle that hinders the work of grace in the soul. By a determination to carry out his own ideas, irrespective of the warnings and entreaties of God, man separates himself from the blessing that God longs to bestow. *20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 33*

Yet God's purposes cannot be thwarted. In regard to the way and means or the men by whom His purposes are to be carried out, His understanding is infinite. He cannot err, nor be in perplexity. He will not alter the word that He has spoken. His goodness and truth are eternal, and He will honor those who will walk humbly with Him. *20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 34*

Those who will study the life and the lessons of Christ will walk in humility before Him. O that men would feel the importance of seeking the Lord most earnestly, that they may be free from every selfish purpose. The Lord who knows the hearts of all will bless abundantly those who faithfully represent His life and character. *20LtMs, Lt 287, 1905, par. 35*

Lt 289, 1905

Brethren in the Ministry

“Sanitarium,” National City, California

September 13, 1905

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To my Brethren in the Ministry,—

In your work you will hear and see much that will try your soul to the quick. The powers of darkness are constantly working to make the truth of God of no effect. Some who in times past have been honored of God have become ensnared by the deceptions of the enemy. They have been warned of their danger; but in refusing to hear the warnings sent them, they have become more and more deceived, until finally they are found fighting against the Lord and against His workers. *20LtMs, Lt 289, 1905, par. 1*

Those who stand upon the rock of eternal truth will sometimes meet such opposition as will call for very decided action. At such times let every word be carefully weighed, lest you injure the souls of those you desire to help. Keep your tongue as with a bridle. Remember that God has not given to you the work of judging your brethren. Live near to the Lord and seek His grace. Do not in public or in private speak words that will arouse a spirit of retaliation. *20LtMs, Lt 289, 1905, par. 2*

God’s messengers must vindicate the truth, whether men will hear or whether they will forbear. Present the truth in all its bearings. Proclaim and exalt the truth. From the Word of God gather all the comfort and encouragement possible, and present this to souls struggling with perplexities and difficulties. But never bring a railing accusation against those who are deceived. This would give occasion for your words to be misunderstood, and misrepresented, and exaggerated, and used in a perverted light. Thus reproach

would be brought upon the Lord's work and upon the Lord's servants.*20LtMs, Lt 289, 1905, par. 3*

When Satan disputed with Christ about the body of Moses, Christ brought no railing accusation against him, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. If the Prince of Life when withstood by the arch deceiver was so careful in His words, shall not the followers of Christ be careful lest they give occasion for their good to be evil spoken of?*20LtMs, Lt 289, 1905, par. 4*

In meeting the enemy in the wilderness, Christ's response to his wicked insinuations was, "It is written." When Satan presumed to claim the ownership of the whole world, and asked Christ to worship him as God, He who with a word might have called to His assistance legions of angels merely said, "Get thee hence, Satan: For it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." [*Matthew 4:10.*] The intensity of this conflict we but partly understand. It seemed as though the Saviour would die on the field of battle, but He withstood the wily foe. His words, so carefully chosen, were as sharp as a two-edged sword. Satan was thoroughly repulsed. He realized that the Prince of Life could not be deceived by any sophistry.*20LtMs, Lt 289, 1905, par. 5*

We are now upon the field of conflict. Battle after battle must be fought with the enemy of God and man, but let us stand firmly. When dangers arise, we must meet them, let the consequences be what they may.*20LtMs, Lt 289, 1905, par. 6*

I must bear a decided message to those who profess to love God and keep His commandments. Be very careful of your words. The message of truth is to be proclaimed more decidedly. Let the gospel be presented as the power of God unto salvation to souls who have been deceived and are being deceived. The Lord desires those who have erred to take their stand on the platform of eternal truth, that they may do thorough work in preparation for the future immortal life. Let no one seek to vindicate the course of those who continue to walk in opposition to a plain "Thus saith the Lord." But let our brethren refrain from words of condemnation of their brethren; for such words will only stir up a spirit of retaliation.*20LtMs, Lt 289, 1905, par. 7*

Let the Word of God be our study. Its truths are written for our instruction. Let us find our happiness in the joy that comes through obedience to the requirements of God. Those who live in harmony with Bible truth will have clear discernment. Heart to heart they are united with the Father and with the Son.*20LtMs, Lt 289, 1905, par. 8*

To as many as believe in Him, Christ gives power to become the sons of God. Those who are thus denominated as members of the royal family will live for Him who is the propitiation for their sins. As they follow on to know the truth, their feet are planted on the sure foundation. Neither flood nor storm can sweep away their foundation.*20LtMs, Lt 289, 1905, par. 9*

The Lord has given to every man a message of power, and He calls upon each one to exercise that power in an effort to convert sinners from error to truth. Every Christian has some measure of usefulness and responsibility in working out the Lord's purposes. No one lives to himself. We are all the Lord's property. God has men of His appointment, whom He selects and qualifies for special service. If they will yield to Him, He will place them where His wisdom will increase their capabilities and make them to do work in His service that will be as enduring as eternity.*20LtMs, Lt 289, 1905, par. 10*

Lt 291, 1905

White, Julia A.

“Paradise Valley Sanitarium,” National City, California

September 15, 1905

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Dr. Julia A. White

Dear Sister,—

I write to urge you to connect with our sanitarium work at Loma Linda. In the providence of God, this property has passed into our hands. The securing of this sanitarium, thoroughly equipped and furnished, is one of the most wonderful providences that the Lord has opened before us. It is difficult to comprehend all that this transaction means to us.*20LtMs, Lt 291, 1905, par. 1*

The Lord has signified that the time has come for us to work Redlands, San Bernardino, Riverside, and the neighboring towns. I am filled with a solemn joy at the thought that these places are soon to be entered by our workers.*20LtMs, Lt 291, 1905, par. 2*

We need your services, my sister, just as soon as you can come. We are hoping that we may secure the services also of Dr. Holden. Sister Sarah Peck may undertake some of the lines of educational work. We are now anxious to see the work started, and we hope to see you just as soon as you can come.*20LtMs, Lt 291, 1905, par. 3*

I have recently spent two weeks at Loma Linda. I am sending you a booklet that will give you some idea of the property. The large main building is furnished in an expensive manner. There are also five cottages, one having nine rooms, the others four each. In some of these, the verandahs are so arranged that beds can be rolled out from the rooms. The grounds are beautifully laid out. There are concrete walks between all the buildings. These walks are bordered with flowers. There is a good orchard and ample grounds for gardens. There are many eucalyptus, pepper trees, and many other

varieties of ornamental trees and shrubbery. Meetings can be held in the open air on the beautiful lawns. There is also another building that has been used as a bowling alley and billiard hall. This can be utilized as a meetinghouse.*20LtMs, Lt 291, 1905, par. 4*

We hope that you can see your way clear to connect with this sanitarium as lady physician. Your services will be greatly appreciated, and I hope that you may soon be on the ground.*20LtMs, Lt 291, 1905, par. 5*

Lt 293, 1905

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 26, 1905

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Dear son Edson,—

I have lighted my lamp at one o'clock and have just read your letter. I am at a loss to know what it all means. I do not remember all that I said to Brother Bollman in my interview with him at Los Angeles, but I am sure that I did not mean to deny having had any conversation with you in reference to selling the *Morning Star*.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 1*

Just before the visit of Elder Bollman, I had been working very hard, and I was weary. It must be that I failed to make myself understood. My thought was that whatever I said to you and to others was to be understood as in harmony with what I had written. My views were published in the special testimony placed in the hands of the delegates to the Oakland Conference.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 2*

When you were here last January, I did advise you not to sell the *Morning Star*. I have seen how the Lord moved upon the hearts of our brethren to provide funds to build the boat, how He guided in planning its construction, and how in its work the angels of God have preserved it and guarded your life from the perils that surrounded you. Nothing less than the loving care of the life-preserving Saviour kept you in the perils through which you have passed on the *Morning Star*. This boat was often an asylum of safety, enabling you to leave places where, even though you knew it not, your life was in danger, and to accomplish a work in other places where the people were not so bitterly opposed.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 3*

I have seen how this boat has been used to open up the work in many places in the South, and how in times past God has blessed the labors of those who used it both as a dwelling house and as a place of worship. Souls have been converted to the truth as a result of the meetings held on the *Morning Star*.^{20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 4}

I remember the rest that I enjoyed last summer on the *Morning Star*. At the Berrien Springs meeting I had carried a heavy burden and for several nights had been unable to sleep. With Brethren Magan and Sutherland and W. C. White, I accepted your invitation to take a trip up the river in your boat, looking for land suitable for a school location. I remember the many precious seasons of prayer we had together while on this trip. Soon I was able to sleep at night and felt free from all symptoms of nervous prostration. This rest was a great blessing to me.^{20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 5}

All these recollections have caused me to have great respect for the *Morning Star*, and when you spoke to me of selling the boat at a very low price, I did question the advisability of selling it at such a sacrifice. As I thought of the good work it had done in the past, I hoped that it might again do a similar work in other places, and in conversation I expressed to you this hope.^{20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 6}

The disasters that have come to you are not to be understood as meaning that the Lord has forsaken you. He is working in your behalf, that He may save you. "As many as I love," He says, "I rebuke and chasten." [*Revelation 3:19.*] Corrections must not be to us a reason for discouragement.^{20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 7}

When with the other disasters the boat sank, I felt that the Lord was working with you, and I had nothing to say. I could not advise you to make no effort to save it, and I said nothing to you concerning what you should do with the boat. But I find by some of my writings about that time that I entertained the thought that if you could not sell the boat to good advantage, it might be taken on to the land and put to some good use. Thus it would serve as a memorial of what it had done in the past in opening up the work in the Southern field.^{20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 8}

An interpretation has been given to me of the sinking of the *Morning Star*. This boat was unsafe. There were in it unperceived defects. In His mercy the Lord permitted the boat to sink while no one was on board. If these defects had not been discovered, lives might some time have been lost. While the Lord could see and understand the unsafe condition of the boat, human agencies knew not the danger. You have great reason for rejoicing that the heavenly Watcher permitted the boat to sink without loss of life.*20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 9*

These things have been shown to me, that you may know that our Lord is a God of mercy and of pitying tenderness. In this disaster, He would have you see His mercy. The Lord works for our good, but we do not always perceive His workings.*20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 10*

One stood by your side, and said, "In His judgments the Lord has remembered mercy; and although the boat has sunk, not one life was sacrificed. In this you are to discern His loving kindness. Had one life been lost, you would well nigh have lost your reason."*20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 11*

I have written to you many things regarding your dangers, but you are not to look on the discouraging side. In the past you have tried to do many things which were not for your best spiritual interests. Your mind should not be occupied with inventions and financial perplexities. Time is rapidly passing; and in humility of mind, you should employ your pen and your voice in the Master's service.*20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 12*

The Lord would have you give attention to His work in the preparation of books. I fear that you do not value as you should the talents that the Lord has given you in the expounding of the Scriptures. The many things that have engaged your attention have consumed precious time that, with the help of those who could best assist you, should have been devoted to the work of God. You should seek to preserve all your brain-nerve power for work that will tell on the Lord's side.*20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 13*

Edson, solemn responsibilities rest upon you. You have expressed sympathy for those who are not walking in the light. You are not

called upon either to reprove or to approve of Dr. Kellogg. You have no message to give to his associates. Dr. Kellogg needs to break from the snare of the enemy and to walk in humility before God.*20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 14*

Had you been walking in the footsteps of Jesus, you would have refrained from speaking many things that you have spoken unadvisedly. In the face of the testimonies that have been given, you have [been] binding up with parties in Battle Creek. Regarding the influences in Battle Creek, I bear the same message today that I have borne in the past. No change for the better has taken place in those who are not under the sanctification of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord give you a true understanding of what constitutes true religion. You are not to enter into business negotiations with those who are now in Battle Creek. You need now, without delay, to stand fully on the side of Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 15*

I have commenced many letters to you, but have been obliged to leave them as other important matters arose which must be met at once, in order to prevent mistakes being made.*20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 16*

In one of these letters I intended to caution you against feeling distressed and thinking that because Elder Butler does not enter fully into all your plans he is therefore your enemy. Your work and his work are not the same, and it is not strange that he does not always view things in precisely the same light in which you view them. But this does not justify you in speaking to the discredit of Elder Butler. You have no right to say one word against him.*20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 17*

In respect to the evils that exist at Battle Creek, Elder Butler does not see all that I see. He has plainly expressed this to me. But I do not contend with Brother Butler, neither do I seek to discount his work because of this. Though he may make some mistakes, yet he is a servant of the living God, and I shall do all I possibly can to sustain him in his work in Nashville. I sincerely hope that you will do the same.*20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 18*

You need to accept of Christ's invitation: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke

upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” [Matthew 11:28-30.]20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 19

“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.]20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 20

“Beware of false prophets, which come unto you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.” [Verse 15.] We must guard carefully against placing too much confidence and trust in those who may betray our interests.20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 21

“Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven.” [Verse 21.] These are the specified terms of salvation.20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 22

“Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.” [Verses 7, 8.]20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 23

Bring this promise right to your heavenly Father, and He will verify His Word. Those who would be rich in grace must seek earnestly. Your part is to ask of God, and the promise is that you shall receive. You need not give up to discouragement. Humility and prayer are the secret of your success.20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 24

You are to say: “This word comes to me from the lips of Christ, and I will show entire faith in His Word. What evidence have I that I shall receive the Lord’s blessing? how certainly shall I find rest? —‘Faithful is He that promised, who also will do it.’” [See 1 Thessalonians 5:24.]20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 25

Some will say, “I must have evidence before I can believe. I have no experience that Jesus Christ will do for me the great things He has promised.” “I know,” the true believer answers, “that my Redeemer liveth, and that I shall see Him for myself.” [See Job

19:25, 27.]*20Lts, Lt 293, 1905, par. 26*

What is the testimony of Isaiah?—"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.*] This is the Christ of Nazareth.*20Lts, Lt 293, 1905, par. 27*

Who is He?—Let Zechariah respond: "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." [*Zechariah 13:1.*]*20Lts, Lt 293, 1905, par. 28*

May we not say to our Saviour? "Thou hast promised great things, and I believe Thy Word." He says, "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.*]*20Lts, Lt 293, 1905, par. 29*

Christ is one with the Father. Into His hands is given power to command the angelic host. All power in heaven and in earth is given unto Him. To His followers He has committed a work as teachers. Every teacher is to take for his authority the simple words of the Bible. "Go," He says to His followers, "educate men and women to stand under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel. Enlist every soul who will come under the banner bearing the inscription, The commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."*20Lts, Lt 293, 1905, par. 30*

"One in a certain place testified, saying, What is man that Thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that Thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels: Thou crownedst him with glory and honor, and didst set him over the works of Thy hands: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him: but we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man."*20Lts, Lt 293, 1905, par. 31*

“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 sufferings. 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.” [*Hebrews 2:6-12.*] *20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 32*

What an exaltation is brought to view for those who will receive Christ. “To them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.” [*John 1:12.*] It is through the man Christ Jesus that human nature is so exalted. Through His power men become partakers of the divine nature; and as He is honored, they through conformity to His character, and through the power of His grace, become one with Him as He is one with the Father. *20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 33*

Through conformity to the image of Christ, we are sanctified. Christ suffered, to expiate the sins of all who believe in Him. Our life is to be hid with Christ in God. Every possible advantage is given to those who study earnestly to know His will, who believe in Him with heart, mind, and soul, and who will show their faithfulness by entire and complete obedience to His Word. *20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 34*

In the life of Jesus we have a perfect example. In all things we are to practice His virtues, and we are to be preachers of righteousness, to endeavor to win to Jesus Christ all within the sphere of our influence. *20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 35*

God has provided the means for the redemption to life and salvation of the human race appointed unto death. But this could be accomplished only by the sacrifice of His only begotten Son. Christ, He who was one with God, became the author of complete salvation to all who will receive Him. They are to be cleansed, sanctified, and ennobled through the great gift of God to our world. *20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 36*

“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.*20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 37*

“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 2:1-11.*]*20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 38*

“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.” [*Verses 12, 13.*]*20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 39*

“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. Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy and rejoice with you all.” [*Verses 14-17.*]*20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 40*

Paul, the great apostle, died for his faith in Christ Jesus. All who will remain under the influence of the gospel will bear the fruits of righteousness. In meekness and in humility, they will seek to copy the virtues of Christ’s character. Those who in this world represent the truth as it is in Jesus will receive a glorious reward.*20LtMs, Lt 293, 1905, par. 41*

Lt 295, 1905

Baldwin, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 18, 1905

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Mr. J. H. Baldwin

Dear Brother,—

I have received and read your letter. I should have answered it before, but it was mislaid. On reading it, I laid it away in a special place. At the time I was very busy answering letters that called for immediate attention. A little later when I looked for your letter, I could not find it, and supposed that I must have given it to my son. He told me that he did not have it, and yesterday a diligent search among my papers disclosed your letter. *20LtMs, Lt 295, 1905, par. 1*

I will now try to answer your questions. You state that you are holding yourself in readiness to unite with the Nashville Sanitarium, but that you wish to see your way clear before beginning operations. You ask if I have any counsel to offer as to the exact site on which the sanitarium should be established. *20LtMs, Lt 295, 1905, par. 2*

I am very much pleased, Brother Baldwin, to know that you are planning to connect with the Nashville Sanitarium. I believe that the Lord is in this matter, and I pray that He will bless you in taking up this responsibility. If you can help Dr. Hayward and those connected with him in designing and putting up the sanitarium building, we shall indeed be very grateful. I know that as soon as possible a sanitarium should be established near Nashville. Medical Missionary is indeed the helping hand of the gospel ministry and opens the way for the entrance of the truth. The importance of this

line of work cannot be overestimated.*20LtMs, Lt 295, 1905, par. 3*

I have written several times regarding the necessity of our sanitariums being established in suitable places, where there is an abundance of land, so that the patients can spend as much time as possible out of doors. If possible, the buildings should be surrounded with pleasant grounds, beautified with flowers and shade trees, under which, in wheel-chairs, on their cots, or on comfortable seats, the patients can listen to the music of the birds. Those who are well enough should be encouraged to cultivate flowers and to engage in other outdoor exercise that will take their minds off themselves.*20LtMs, Lt 295, 1905, par. 4*

At one time I hoped that our brethren connected with our medical work in Nashville could see their way clear to establish a sanitarium on a part of the Madison School farm. Instruction has been given me that with our large schools there should be connected small sanitariums, that the students may have opportunity to gain a knowledge of medical missionary work. This line of work is to be brought into our schools as a part of the regular instruction.*20LtMs, Lt 295, 1905, par. 5*

The Madison School should have a small sanitarium of its own, that the students may have opportunity to learn how to give the simple treatments. This is the plan that we have been directed to follow. And if the brethren connected with the medical work in Nashville could have seen their way clear to locate the sanitarium on the school farm near enough the school for there to be co-operation between the two institutions and far enough from it to prevent one interfering with the work of the other, I should have been glad. I have thought much of these things in connection with the Nashville Sanitarium and of the advantages to be gained if the school and the sanitarium could be near enough together to blend in their work. But I have received no positive instruction regarding the exact location of the Nashville Sanitarium, and in this particular case I cannot speak in decided terms. I dare not take the responsibility of saying anything to change the present arrangements.*20LtMs, Lt 295, 1905, par. 6*

In order for the best results to be secured by the establishment of a

sanitarium on the school farm, there would need to be perfect harmony between the workers of the institutions. But this might be difficult to secure, for Dr. Hayward is self-centered in his way of carrying things forward, and so also are brethren Magan and Sutherland. All of these men have decided ideas of their own; and were the sanitarium placed on the school farm, great annoyance might result were all determined to carry out their own plans, refusing to make concessions to one another. Both those at the head of the sanitarium and those at the head of the school will need to guard against clinging tenaciously to ideas of their own regarding things that are really nonessentials. *20LtMs, Lt 295, 1905, par. 7*

These thoughts came forcibly to my mind, and I knew that I dare not take the responsibility of saying that the Nashville Sanitarium should be located on the school farm. But I wish it to be clearly understood that I have by no means changed my views regarding the advisability of our schools and sanitariums being established near enough each other to harmonize in their work. *20LtMs, Lt 295, 1905, par. 8*

The property that has recently been purchased is regarded by the brethren as an ideal spot for a sanitarium. I have not seen it and therefore cannot speak personally in reference to it. It possesses a great advantage in having on it a fine spring. This is a treasure that cannot be too highly prized. The streetcar line that runs near the place is also of great advantage. As soon as possible, a sanitarium building should be erected on this property. I shall be so thankful to our heavenly Father if the Nashville Sanitarium can be established in a desirable place and quickly set in running order. *20LtMs, Lt 295, 1905, par. 9*

Let the brethren counsel together and ask the Lord for wisdom, and then follow the light He sends. We shall ask our heavenly Father, who has called you to this work, to bless you in your efforts to build up the Nashville Sanitarium; and we shall co-operate with our brethren in carrying out whatever plans are accepted by the sanitarium board and the union conference committee to be for the best good of the work. *20LtMs, Lt 295, 1905, par. 10*

It is now five o'clock a.m., and I have been at work since two o'clock

this morning writing to different ones. There is one thing more about which I wish to speak before I close. We have no need to hesitate in regard to soliciting means for the Lord's work. And no object is of greater importance or interest than the establishment of a sanitarium. I hope that you will lay your plans before those who have money, and obtain gifts from them.*20LtMs, Lt 295, 1905, par. 11*

Several years ago it was presented to me that the Gentile world should be called upon to make donations to our work in the southern field. Let discreet, God-fearing men go to worldly men that have means, and lay before them a plan of what they desire to do for the colored people. Let them tell about the Huntsville School, about the orphanage that we desire to build there, and about the colored mission schools that are needed all over the southern states. Let the needs of this work be presented by men who understand how to reach the hearts of men of means. Many of these men, if approached in the right way, would make gifts to the work.*20LtMs, Lt 295, 1905, par. 12*

Let the plans for a sanitarium for the whites be brought to their attention also. Tell them what is needed to place this in running order. Tell them that there are many sick ones who need to be cared for, not in a hospital, but in a home.*20LtMs, Lt 295, 1905, par. 13*

There is aggressive work to be done. In the past too much dependence has been placed on the General Conference. There has been too much looking to it to support the work financially. The General Conference has heavy burdens to bear in sustaining foreign mission work, which must constantly be extended.*20LtMs, Lt 295, 1905, par. 14*

Why not ask the Gentiles for assistance? I have received instruction that there are men and women in the world who have sympathetic hearts, and who will be touched with compassion as the needs of suffering humanity are presented before them. Let men who have the ability to tell what a sanitarium should be, and the need that there is for such institutions, go to the Gentiles for financial aid. Our missionaries are fully authorized to do this in all the large cities of

the South. There are men of the world who will give of their means for schools and for sanitariums.*20LtMs, Lt 295, 1905, par. 15*

The matter has been presented to me in this light. Our work is to be aggressive. The money is the Lord's; and if wealthy men are approached in the right way, the Lord will touch their hearts and impress them to give of their means. God's money is in the hands of these men, and some of them will heed the request for help.*20LtMs, Lt 295, 1905, par. 16*

Talk this over, and do all in your power to secure gifts. We are not to feel that it would not be the thing to ask men of the world for means; for it is just the thing to do. This plan was opened before me as a way of coming in touch with wealthy men of the world. Through this means, not a few will become interested and may hear and believe the truth for this time.*20LtMs, Lt 295, 1905, par. 17*

May the Lord bless you in your work is my prayer.*20LtMs, Lt 295, 1905, par. 18*

Lt 297, 1905

Simpson, W. W. and the San Diego Church

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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To Elder Simpson and the Members of the San Diego Church

Dear Brethren and Sisters,—

I am glad to know that you have begun a work for the public in San Diego. I would be greatly pleased if circumstances would permit me to be present at your meeting, but it seems impossible for me to leave my work here at present.*20LtMs, Lt 297, 1905, par. 1*

To many the things that are presented in the discourses are entirely new. Elder Simpson’s charts and representations will greatly assist in attracting their attention and in making plain to them the prophecies that apply to our own time. May the God of all grace open the minds of the hearers that they may clearly comprehend the important truths of the Word of God.*20LtMs, Lt 297, 1905, par. 2*

I would urge upon the members of the San Diego church that you be wide-awake to act an important part in missionary efforts in connection with the public meetings. While the presentation of Bible truth in the discourses arouses the interest of those who attend from the outside, this interest should also be felt and expressed by the believers. Let there not be one word spoken that savors of unbelief. In word and action, seek to make the truth plain to those whom you meet.*20LtMs, Lt 297, 1905, par. 3*

Personal efforts put forth by many will do much to deepen and to make effectual the interest aroused by the public discourses. Instead of diminishing your efforts, let all put forth every God-given

energy in the work of warning those who know not the perils of these times.*20LtMs, Lt 297, 1905, par. 4*

Let every one watch unto prayer. Seek to gain a new experience in faith and in the receiving of the truth in all its significance. Let your minds be active, that you may receive the lessons that are given in the Word of God. Then counsel together as to the best way in which you can help the ministers. This is your opportunity to unite with them in the great work of fishing for souls.*20LtMs, Lt 297, 1905, par. 5*

The language of each heart should be, "I am not my own. I am bought with a price, and I have an earnest work to do for God." As you improve your several abilities, and as you stir up the gift that is within you, you will increase your capabilities as laborers together with God.*20LtMs, Lt 297, 1905, par. 6*

There is no excuse for spiritual sloth or negligence. Let every church member seek the Lord in humility, that His grace may come to the heart and the power of the Holy Spirit be manifest in the life. Hold on by faith until you receive a demonstration of the Holy Spirit such as you have never witnessed. As you show your faith by your works, you will grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth.*20LtMs, Lt 297, 1905, par. 7*

Let there be an entire surrender to God. It is your special wisdom to draw near to God. As you yield to Him, you will be surrounded with a heavenly, sanctified atmosphere. And as the light is revealed in your lives, unbelievers will be impressed with the power and truth of the gospel. Seek earnestly that there may be in the church such perfect unity as is revealed in the prayer of Christ: "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 17:21.*] Put away all criticism one of another, all jealousy, all evil surmising. Let there not be among you one discordant note. Press together, press together in unity and love. A united communion with Christ will enable you to put forth efforts that will convince others of the truth.*20LtMs, Lt 297, 1905, par. 8*

The quick, regenerating power of Christ's grace will come to all who are thoroughly in earnest to know the truth. Teach it and live it in

your homes. Let fathers and mothers make a covenant with God by sacrifice of soul, body, and mind to willing obedience to His law. Let them labor earnestly for the conversion of their children. Some of these children have not been brought under a sanctified control by their parents, and there should now be an entire consecration to God of both parents and children. Others will then take knowledge that you have new spirit, a regenerated heart. The sweet peace-giving love of Christ will come to the soul, and the testimonies borne in your meetings will be fragrant.*20LtMs, Lt 297, 1905, par. 9*

Let all unite in praising the name of Jesus. Exalt Him as the chiefest among ten thousand. Surrender to Him, and His strength will be made perfect in your weakness.*20LtMs, Lt 297, 1905, par. 10*

Lt 299, 1905

Helpers at Paradise Valley Sanitarium

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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To the Helpers at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium,—

It is the privilege of every one who has a part in any branch of the Lord’s work to know that his sins are forgiven and to rejoice in the assurance of a higher life in the courts above. This hope is more precious than silver or gold or precious stones. Keep this hope ever bright, and seek to impart it to others. In the knowledge that God’s smile rests upon you, your heart will be filled with joy and peace.*20LtMs, Lt 299, 1905, par. 1*

Heed the gracious 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. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” [*Matthew 11:28-30.*]*20LtMs, Lt 299, 1905, par. 2*

Let all seek for that rest which Christ has promised. You are to reveal to the world the truth of His words. You are to show that in wearing the yoke of Christ, there is genuine happiness.*20LtMs, Lt 299, 1905, par. 3*

Do not, by doubting God’s words, dishonor Him. As you believe in Him, He will co-operate with you in your efforts; and in union with Him, you may perform an acceptable work. Through the righteousness that He imparts, you may escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.*20LtMs, Lt 299, 1905, par. 4*

“Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice.” [*Philippians*

4:4.] O that we might hear more of the praise of God proceeding from thankful hearts. We need Christians who constantly live in the sunshine, who under all circumstances can praise the Lord. With the hope and assurance that Christ has promised, how can we be unhappy?*20LtMs, Lt 299, 1905, par. 5*

There is no excuse or justification for any Christian to be discontented. Never give the impression that you are disappointed with the way that Christ has marked out for you to follow.*20LtMs, Lt 299, 1905, par. 6*

Our characters are to be conformed to the image of Christ. In deed and in truth we are to be amenable to the law of God. Then He can demonstrate through us the blessings that come through obedience to the principles of His Word. The King of heaven stands ready to acknowledge the humblest soul that serves Him.*20LtMs, Lt 299, 1905, par. 7*

I pray that the rich blessing of God may rest upon all who are in any way connected with the work of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. Put your whole soul into the performance of the work that is essential. True service involves a faithful discharge of the daily duties. Even as you engage in your daily tasks, you may reflect the divine image. Those who will faithfully cultivate a spirit of self-denial and self-sacrifice, learning from the Saviour the lessons of meekness and lowliness of heart, will be in a position where God can use them in His work of reflecting to the world the glory of the divine image.*20LtMs, Lt 299, 1905, par. 8*

I hope that the work on the building will soon be completed. As yet I have been unable to secure any gifts and offerings to aid in carrying forward the work, but I shall continue to put forth every effort, that the work may not be delayed because of a dearth of means. The work on the elevator may have to wait, but we trust that the building will soon be ready for the accommodation of patients.*20LtMs, Lt 299, 1905, par. 9*

I would say to the workmen: God will strengthen and encourage you, if you will look constantly to Him. If He smiles upon you, it is worth more to you than silver or gold. Let all recognize their dependence upon the guidance of God. Let the heart be hopeful

and peaceful. Do not permit yourselves to cherish any feelings of discontent. It is the duty of each to endeavor to impart courage and good cheer to those who are connected with Him.*20LtMs, Lt 299, 1905, par. 10*

In your morning worship, consider the thought that our Saviour was a carpenter and worked with His father Joseph. The Prince of heaven worked as you are working with the hands. He had been the exalted commander in heaven, but He laid aside His kingly crown and came to our world, living a life of toil and hardship, that He might enter into full sympathy with the human race. By receiving Him, you are given power to become the sons of God.*20LtMs, Lt 299, 1905, par. 11*

Those who are engaged in the operation of building have each their respective work. In order to secure perfect co-operation and harmony, there must be thorough organization. There must be an architect to plan and to see that the plans are carried out. Some one must do the work of carrying the brick and mortar to those who shall lay the brick. And there must be competent, interested workers in all the various lines. But though your tasks are varied, yet you may blend together in perfect harmony.*20LtMs, Lt 299, 1905, par. 12*

The work inside the building may also be made pleasant if all will be cheerful, happy, and uncomplaining. The nurses, the matron, the cook, the bookkeeper—all may cultivate a cheerful disposition in the discharge of their respective duties. Remember that the Lord observes your every movement and hears every word that you speak.*20LtMs, Lt 299, 1905, par. 13*

Those working on the land and those who care for the stock may also realize that they are an essential part of the great whole. “Ye are God’s husbandry; ye are God’s building.” [1 *Corinthians* 3:9.] Each is to respect every other worker and to cultivate the graces of patience and of speaking kind, encouraging words to those with whom he is connected.*20LtMs, Lt 299, 1905, par. 14*

Do not dwell on the imperfections or the mistakes of the past. Press forward, looking to the glorious things that are before. Let your conversation be in heaven, “from whence also we look for the

Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.” [*Philippians 3:20.*] Put away all discontent, all murmuring, all disagreeable words. We do not honor Christ when we dispute and quarrel one with another. No one will enter heaven with a spirit of faultfinding, and we desire to have a foretaste of the principles of heaven manifested here below. *20LtMs, Lt 299, 1905, par. 15*

Let every professed believer advance. We are to have sanctified, refined aspirations, worthy ambitions. Ever press onward, seeking for a character that will represent that of the Lord Jesus. We are to recognize the perfection of His character and demonstrate in our lives the principles of that character. *20LtMs, Lt 299, 1905, par. 16*

“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.” [*1 John 3:1-7.*]*20LtMs, Lt 299, 1905, par. 17*

Lt 301, 1905

Belden, F. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 20, 1905

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Frank Belden

My Dear Nephew,—

You may think that I have lost all interest in you, but I have not. And I shall not so long as I remember your dying mother's charge to have a care for you, lest you become careless and forget that you have a heaven to win and a hell to shun. She said, “Keep it before Frank and Ella and Lillie and Charlie and Byron that I want them to love the Lord Jesus and at last meet me in heaven.” I have often thought of this charge. If I can, I will find it as it was written then and send it to you.*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 1*

I want to tell you, Frank, that the very first thing you must do is to follow the following scriptures:*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 2*

“Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. Purge out therefore the old leaven, 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 old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” [*1 Corinthians 5:6-8.*]*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 3*

“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 the 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? 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 with one 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.]*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 4*

Will you consider, Frank, that you have known what it means to feel the moving of the Holy Spirit upon your heart, before you had educated yourself to criticize, to find fault, to accuse, to rail against your brethren. When I consider what you might have been, had you improved your God-given powers, had you striven to be kind and pure and unselfish, exerting a spiritual influence and increasing in stability and good works, my heart aches! Had you set a Christlike example, many souls would have been helped in following it. Who can estimate what a good work you might have done had you followed without deviation the instruction given in the teachings of Christ? You have left off to be wise and to do good. But I have hope that you will see yourself as you are and make diligent efforts to counterwork your past influence. I have hope that you will enter the narrow way and pass through the gate that leads unto eternal life.*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 5*

You may blame me for not reading your package of writings. I did not read them, neither did I read the letters that Dr. Kellogg sent. I had a message of stern rebuke for the publishing house, and I knew that if I read the communications sent to me, later on, when the testimony came out, you and Dr. Kellogg would be tempted to say, "I gave her that inspiration."*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 6*

I am sorry that men whom God has honored have separated themselves so far from the Saviour that [they] see Him not by faith. A false faith is very talkative. Those who have such a faith, when a warning is given them, say, "Somebody has told Sister White." After

working for such ones for a certain length of time, I am instructed to avoid connection with them. The warning is given me, “Your letters are not safe in their hands.”*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 7*

Men say, “Someone has told Sister White.” Yes, someone has told me—One who never makes a mistake. He has opened before me the perils threatening souls.*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 8*

I send the testimonies to those for whom they are given. There are those who turn away their ears from hearing the truth, making statements which show that they have no faith in the message sent them to save them from becoming the sport of Satan’s temptations. They refuse to change their wrong course of action and follow steadily on in the wrong path.*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 9*

If you have a desire for the salvation of your soul, you should now seek to know the Lord. The only remedy for sin is to come to the cross of Calvary in genuine repentance and humiliation. I call upon you to repent while pardon can still be secured. A little longer, and it will be forever too late. A little longer, and unrepentant sinners will look upon Him whom they have pierced, but they will look hopelessly, mourning because they refused to accept Him as their Redeemer.*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 10*

This, says Christ, is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. This is the thing that will decide the question with every soul. Is he a partaker of the divine nature? Has he the spirit of Christ? Does he indeed know that his sins are forgiven, that he is reconciled to God? Christ is the sinner’s only hope. To those who sincerely repent, God will give an understanding of His will. He hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 11*

If you are saved from sin you must have an experience altogether different from that which you now have. God hath shined in our hearts to give what? A knowledge higher, greater, and infinitely more ennobling than the knowledge that this world gives. When church members have this knowledge, their practice will be of a character to recommend their faith. By a well-ordered life and godly conversation, they will reveal Christ. There will be no lawsuits

between neighbors or brothers.*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 12*

I call upon you in the name of Christ to withdraw the suit that you have begun and never bring another into court. God forbids you thus to dishonor His name. You have had great light and many opportunities, and you cannot afford to unite with worldlings and follow their methods. Remember that the Lord will treat you according to the stand that you take in this life.*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 13*

I plead with you to turn to the Lord before it is too late. "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord, that His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away. Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth: and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth. For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings." "But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against Me." [*Hosea 6:3-7.*]*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 14*

These words apply to those who today have placed themselves in opposition to God to work contrary to His will and His purpose. Our works are going before us into judgment, and we shall stand or fall for our individual selves.*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 15*

My dear nephew, I tell you solemnly that if you take the action which you now purpose to take, you will never recover from the result of it. If you open before the world the wrongs that you suppose your brethren have done you, there will be some things that will have to be said on the other side. I have a caution to give you. In regard to the case of those who shared large responsibilities with you in the Review and Herald, and who have turned to be enemies of the work, you will not wish to hear the verdict that shall be passed upon them when the judgment shall sit and the books shall be opened and every man shall be judged according to the things written in the books. I want to save you from following a course that would link you up with those who have linked

themselves up with fallen angels, to do all the harm they possibly can to those who love God, and who, under great difficulty, are striving to proclaim present truth to the world.*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 16*

Those against whom you bring your charges know that I have not approved of their manner of dealing with you, and that I have reproved them for their unfeeling management of your case. There are those who have not acted honorably. They have not done as they would be done by. But because of this, should you, in the face of the warnings given, move so manifestly against the instruction given? I beg of you not to cut yourself off from the confidence of your brethren and from taking a part in the publishing work.*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 17*

I would rather share your loss than to have you push this matter through to the injury of your soul, giving Satan an opportunity to present your case before unbelievers in a most ridiculous light and to hold up the office of publication in a disparaging light.*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 18*

Do you not remember, Frank, how well your mother loved the truth that we now hold so dear? At the beginning of our experience, she worked as a hired girl for a dollar and a half a week and gave her earnings to Brother Bates to enable him to make his first visit into Vermont to proclaim the first, second, and third angels' messages. In order to get the truth before others, she was willing to make any and every sacrifice. She accompanied me in all my first labors in the cause and was as true to her work as the needle to the pole. Shall she be deprived of the joy of meeting you in the world to come?*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 19*

For your mother's sake, Frank, take this case out of the lawyers' hands. It seems awful to me to think that you will go directly contrary to the plain word of God and will open to the world your cruel work against God's commandment-keeping people. If this action of yours were to tell only against those who have done injustice, the harm would not be so far reaching; but can you not see that it will arouse prejudice against God's people as a body? Thus you will bruise and wound Christ in the person of His saints

and cause Satan to exult because through you he could work against God's people and against His institutions, doing them great harm.*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 20*

Act your part as a man, as a true Christian. Remember that in the books of heaven a record is kept of every act. Do not allow Satan and his angels to hold a jubilee because Frank Belden, my nephew, who has composed many gospel songs, has so backslidden as to bring into worldly courts a case against God's people.*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 21*

That God may help you to live henceforth in such a way as to honor Him, and give to the world an evidence of true conversion, is my prayer in your behalf.*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 22*

Your Aunt.*20LtMs, Lt 301, 1905, par. 23*

Lt 303, 1905

Merrill, I. L.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 26, 1905

Previously unpublished.

I. L. Merrill
998 South Second St.
San Jose, California

Dear Brother Merrill,—

Since the San Jose camp-meeting I have been very busy. There have been many letters for me to write to our brethren in the East and the West, in Europe and in Australia, regarding the work to be done and the earnestness which the Lord would have us manifest in these days of perplexity and peril.*20LtMs, Lt 303, 1905, par. 1*

Some marked victories have been gained where the enemy had planned to undermine our institutions by causing division. When a crisis came, the Lord fulfilled His promise, “When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.” [*Isaiah 59:19.*]*20LtMs, Lt 303, 1905, par. 2*

I am now preparing to bring out some books that are much needed; and when this is done, I desire to spend the latter part of the winter in Southern California. I have written to Elder Haskell and his wife, asking them to join me at Loma Linda about the middle of the winter. It is represented to me that there is a great educational work to be done in that place, and I desire that these old pioneers, who helped us to establish the work in Australia, shall help us to give a right mold to the work in Loma Linda and shall also help in Los Angeles.*20LtMs, Lt 303, 1905, par. 3*

You will remember that when I was at your home I told you about a beautiful property at Loma Linda, which we had purchased for a sanitarium. There has been expended on this property by the

former owners over \$150,000. We purchased it for forty thousand. It is the most nearly perfect site for a sanitarium that I have ever looked upon. Our brethren have paid \$15,000 of the purchase price. Five thousand more is due the last of December, and the remainder can stand for several years at moderate interest.*20LtMs, Lt 303, 1905, par. 4*

Recently I learned from Brother Burden that the officers of the old company, from whom we purchased the place, desire to close up their business, and they will give us \$350 off the interest if we will pay them \$5,000 soon.*20LtMs, Lt 303, 1905, par. 5*

Our brethren in Southern California are very hearty in their support of this sanitarium enterprise, but they have just raised a considerable sum for the Glendale Sanitarium and are lifting heavily to clear the indebtedness from their school. On account of so many things coming at once, Brother Burden is looking for some one outside of Southern California, who could lend him the \$5,000 needed for the next payment on Loma Linda. Can you help them in this good work? If so, let me hear from you soon. For full particulars, write to Mr. J. A. Burden, Loma Linda, California.*20LtMs, Lt 303, 1905, par. 6*

With this we are sending you a little pamphlet describing the property, a forty-eight-page tract containing much information regarding our work in Southern California and a smaller tract, No. 2, which has an article from Brother Burden on pages 20-24, relating to the same matter.*20LtMs, Lt 303, 1905, par. 7*

Sanitarium work is one of the most successful means of reaching all classes of people. Our sanitariums are the right hand of the gospel, opening doors whereby suffering humanity may be reached with the glad tidings of healing through Christ. In these institutions the sick may be taught to commit their cases to the great Physician, who will co-operate with their earnest efforts to regain health, bringing to them healing of soul as well as healing of body.*20LtMs, Lt 303, 1905, par. 8*

Christ is no longer in this world in person, to go through our cities and towns and villages healing the sick. He has commissioned us to carry forward the medical missionary work that He began; and in

this work we are to do our very best. Institutions for the care of the sick are to be established where men and women suffering from disease may be placed under the care of God-fearing physicians and nurses and be treated without drugs.*20LtMs, Lt 303, 1905, par. 9*

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am*20LtMs, Lt 303, 1905, par. 10*

Your sister in Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 303, 1905, par. 11*

Lt 305, 1905

Harper, Walter

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 27, 1905

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Mr. Walter Harper

My dear brother,—

I have recently received two letters from you, but I have been so thoroughly occupied that I have not been able to answer them. While I was travelling in Southern California, there were many meetings for me to attend, and I was obliged to neglect my writing. During the first part of my stay there Willie was not with me, and at the Los Angeles camp-meeting I was obliged to take a prominent part in some of the business meetings. The camp-meeting was a large one, and the tax upon my strength was severe; but I think that much good was accomplished.*20LtMs, Lt 305, 1905, par. 1*

After the camp-meeting I had an attack of influenza, and we went to Loma Linda. I had to take treatment all the time we were there. I needed entire rest, but there was a great deal of important writing that I had to attend to.*20LtMs, Lt 305, 1905, par. 2*

From Loma Linda we went to San Diego. I was still sick with influenza, yet on Sabbath I stood before a large congregation and spoke to them from the *fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah*. I talked for an hour and a half on the restaurant work and the danger of this line of work's becoming so enlarged, that those who should be engaged in giving the gospel to souls starving for the bread of life would be occupied in serving tables. This was my message, and the Lord strengthened me in a most remarkable manner.*20LtMs, Lt 305, 1905, par. 3*

The brethren in Southern California are very desirous that I shall attend the camp-meeting that is to be held in San Diego sometime

in November. I do not think that I can do this. But I will go if the Lord so directs. We should be glad to attend all the meetings which our brethren wish us to attend, but our work here requires us to stand at our post of duty here, preparing the books that are so greatly needed in the field.*20LtMs, Lt 305, 1905, par. 4*

Just now we are in great need of money to advance the different lines of work. Many urgent necessities are presented before me. The Paradise Valley Sanitarium is in pressing need of financial aid. The building is beautifully situated and is well adapted for sanitarium work. But it has never been provided with suitable treatment rooms, and until these are provided, it will be impossible for the institution to do the most successful work.*20LtMs, Lt 305, 1905, par. 5*

During our last visit to this sanitarium, we looked over a plan for an addition to the building, which would provide bathrooms for the ladies and for the gentlemen, a helpers' dining room, physicians' offices, and eleven bedrooms for patients. This addition will cost about ten thousand dollars, and I wish, Brother Harper, that you could help us to obtain this means, either in loans or gifts. If you can help us in this, I shall be very grateful.*20LtMs, Lt 305, 1905, par. 6*

Since the plan was made, it has been decided to make the addition three stories high instead of two, so as to provide bedrooms for the helpers. This, of course, will call for a larger outlay of means, but the extra story seemed essential.*20LtMs, Lt 305, 1905, par. 7*

Were I able, I would send the brethren in the San Diego sanitarium the money they need; but just at present I am very short of funds. A few days ago I borrowed one thousand dollars from the bank to use in getting out books.*20LtMs, Lt 305, 1905, par. 8*

I am intensely desirous to see the Paradise Valley Sanitarium making a success. Thus far the workers have done all in their power to carry forward the work of the institution. But the addition that is now being erected will add much to the success of their efforts.*20LtMs, Lt 305, 1905, par. 9*

There is some talk of having electric cars run from National City past the sanitarium property. If this plan is carried out, it will be a

wonderful blessing to the institution. At present horses and carriages are the only means of conveyance between the sanitarium and National City. This, of course, is expensive.*20LtMs, Lt 305, 1905, par. 10*

I have now stated the case as it is, and I ask those who are interested in the advancement of the Lord's work to do all in their power to supply the means needed to prepare the Paradise Valley Sanitarium fully for work. This sanitarium has already done a good work. There have been several conversions among the patients, and one soul saved is of more value than the whole world.*20LtMs, Lt 305, 1905, par. 11*

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Hoping to hear from you soon, I am,*20LtMs, Lt 305, 1905, par. 14*

Your sister in Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 305, 1905, par. 15*

Lt 307, 1905

Harper, Walter

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 27, 1905

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Dear Brother Harper,—

I have just received and read your very interesting letter. Thank you for writing. We are indeed glad to hear that you have such encouraging success. I think that this is the Lord’s way of bringing the truth to many, and I praise His name for the success that attends your efforts. I know that people will be blessed in reading the books you mention in your letter. I think that *Mount of Blessing* and *Steps to Christ* are excellent books. They are small, but both are full of instruction.*20LtMs, Lt 307, 1905, par. 1*

I am sending you a copy of a letter which I recently received from Brother F. R. Rogers, who for some years has been laboring in the southern field in connection with the mission schools for colored children. I send you his letter that you may see what requests come to me. I will send Brother Rogers the books he asks for. This shall be my donation to the Vicksburg school. I will also send some books to the Huntsville school. I am glad that I can do this much to help them.*20LtMs, Lt 307, 1905, par. 2*

I sent you a letter a day or two ago, asking you to help us to obtain means for the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. The brethren there are pleading with me to solicit means, for unless they receive financial assistance they will be unable to advance in their work. I wrote them that I would endeavor to obtain means for them. I know that you are laboring in a place where it would be difficult to ask for means. But as I thought of the success which the Lord is giving you, I thought that perhaps you could make a donation to the Paradise Valley Sanitarium in its great need. The work is in charge of prudent, intelligent men, who will make a wise use of the means sent them. Will you not do something to help them without delay? If

you could not make a gift, perhaps you could make a loan.*20LtMs, Lt 307, 1905, par. 3*

I will now leave this matter with you. I hope and pray that you may have success in the dark parts of the earth, where others might fail. Be of good courage in the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 307, 1905, par. 4*

The tithe money you recently sent me was sent on to Elder Haskell, to be used in paying the colored ministers.*20LtMs, Lt 307, 1905, par. 5*

May the Lord continue to give you success, is my prayer.*20LtMs, Lt 307, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 309, 1905

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 1, 1905

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Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

We were deeply interested in your letter in regard to the prospect of having patients almost as soon as you are ready for them. I am very much pleased with your report. I have been trying to interest in Loma Linda the gentleman with whom we found rooms while attending the San Jose camp-meeting. His name is Merrill. He has not been long in the truth, but he welcomed us to his house, furnishing us with two rooms. I sent him a booklet describing the situation at Loma Linda, a pamphlet containing something in regard to our work there, and *Ministry of Healing* and asked him if he could not donate and loan some means at once and help us to secure the advantage now presented. I ought to hear from him soon. We gave him your address, asking him to correspond with you if he could do us this great favor in helping us out.*20LtMs, Lt 309, 1905, par. 1*

I also wrote to Walter Harper, asking him if he could not help the San Diego sanitarium to complete the building they are trying to finish.*20LtMs, Lt 309, 1905, par. 2*

I am so thankful to our heavenly Father that for a long time He has kept before me that there were buildings that we could obtain at a greatly reduced price. This instruction kept me from trying to purchase land on which to erect buildings at large cost. The Lord has certainly prepared the way for us, and He wants us to work interestedly in securing sanitariums.*20LtMs, Lt 309, 1905, par. 3*

I feel thankful for the school property at Fernando. And I do thank

the Lord for the property at Paradise Valley. And now you can see that the Lord designs that these places should be worked. It may be that there will have to be another building secured at a distance from Los Angeles; for thus it has been presented to me. But we cannot yet reach out for more, unless the Lord should make it known that the time has come. If we consecrate our individual selves to the Lord, we shall have that wisdom which will enable us to move intelligently.*20LtMs, Lt 309, 1905, par. 4*

I feel thankful that Elder Decker and his wife are thinking of making Loma Linda their home. He can, if he will, be a blessing. We shall each feel an individual responsibility to do our very best.*20LtMs, Lt 309, 1905, par. 5*

You will notice what a recent number of the *San Francisco Chronicle* says about the crowds coming into Los Angeles. Let us move intelligently and keep up the religious life and service in our institutions. We shall prosper if we walk humbly with God.*20LtMs, Lt 309, 1905, par. 6*

In Jesus is our life derived. In Him is life that is original, unborrowed, underived life. In us there is a streamlet from the fountain of life. In Him is the fountain of life. Our life is something that we receive, something that the Giver takes back again to Himself. If our life is hid with Christ in God, we shall, when Christ shall appear, also appear with Him in glory. And while in this world, we will give to God, in sanctified service, all the capabilities He has given us.*20LtMs, Lt 309, 1905, par. 7*

I thank the Lord with heart and soul and voice that He has brought Loma Linda to our notice, that we might obtain it. I thank the Lord that He has sent you to help me carry out in determined effort that which He designed should be a great blessing to us. Redlands will be a center, and so also will Loma Linda. A school will be established as soon as possible, and the Lord will open the way. I could not but think, as I read the notice of the people flocking into Los Angeles, if Loma Linda had not been sold to us, there would now be a ready sale for it. With all the buildings in connection with the main building, we have large advantages. If we will walk humbly with God, and do according to that [with] which He has prospered

us, we will have Christ as our friend and our helper. "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*] These are the terms of our discipleship. Will we comply with them?*20LtMs, Lt 309, 1905, par. 8*

Christ was the Prince of heaven, but He made an infinite sacrifice and came to a world all marred with the curse brought upon it by the fallen foe. He lays hold of the fallen race. He invites us, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." [*Matthew 11:28-30.*] The offer is ours, and every advantage is ours if we will accept the terms. I am trying to do this most earnestly. We can be an example to others by our cheerful obedience to the will of God. Let us comply with the conditions, and in complying we shall find the rest we crave.*20LtMs, Lt 309, 1905, par. 9*

In regard to the proposition made by Brother Holden, I look at the matter as you do. We cannot afford to start out on the high-wage plan. This was the misfortune of the people in Battle Creek, and I have something to say on this point. We have before us a large field of missionary work. We are to be sure to heed the requirements of Christ who made Himself a donation to our world. Nothing that we can possibly do should be left undone. There is to be neatness and order, and everything possible is to be done to show thoroughness in every line. But when it comes to paying twenty-five dollars a week, and giving a percentage on the surgical work done, light was given me in Australia that this could never be, because our record is at stake. The matter was presented to me that many sanitariums would have to be established in Southern California; for there would be a great inflowing of people there. Many would seek that climate.*20LtMs, Lt 309, 1905, par. 10*

We must stand in the counsel of God, every one of us prepared to follow the example of Jesus Christ. We cannot consent to pay extravagant wages. God requires of His underphysicians a compliance 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. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." [*Verses 29,*

30.]20LtMs, Lt 309, 1905, par. 11

We see so much help to be given to our ministers laboring in the gospel in every country where messengers are sent. In every place there needs to be a school, and in very many places a sanitarium. In Jesus Christ is our help and our sufficiency to carry the work forward intelligently. God has looked upon the great display made by some who have labored in New York; but He does not harmonize with that way of preaching the gospel. The solemn message becomes mingled with a large amount of chaff, which makes upon minds an impression that is not in harmony with our work. The good news of saving grace is to be carried to every place; the warning must be given to the world, but economy must be practiced if we move in the spirit of which Christ has given us an example in His life-service. He would have nothing of such outlay to represent health reform in any place.20LtMs, Lt 309, 1905, par. 12

The gospel is associated with light and life. If there were no sunlight, all vegetation would perish, and human life could not exist. All animal life would die. We are all to consider that there is to be no extravagance in any line. We must be satisfied with pure, simple food prepared in a simple manner. This should be the diet of high and low. Adulterated substances are to be avoided. We are preparing for the future, immortal life in the kingdom of heaven. We expect to do our work in the light and in the power of the great, mighty Healer. All are to act the self-sacrificing part. Every one of us is to learn of Christ. "Learn of Me," He says, "for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [Verse 29.]20LtMs, Lt 309, 1905, par. 13

All the grand displays that have been made in the medical missionary work, or in buildings, or in dress, or in any line of adornment are contrary to the will of God. Our work is to be carefully studied and is to be in accordance with our Saviour's plan. He might have had armies of angels to display His true, princely character; but He laid all that aside and came to our world in the garb of humanity, to suffer with humanity all the temptations wherewith man is tempted. He was tempted in all points as human beings are tempted, that He might reveal that it is possible for us to be victorious overcomers, one with Christ as Christ is one with the

Father. 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 believed on His name.*20LtMs, Lt 309, 1905, par. 14*

God calls upon Seventh-day Adventists to reveal to the world that we are preparing for those mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for those who will purify their souls by obeying the truth as it is in Jesus. Let every soul who will come after Christ deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Him. Thus saith the great Teacher.*20LtMs, Lt 309, 1905, par. 15*

Love to all the family.*20LtMs, Lt 309, 1905, par. 16*

Lt 311, 1905

Daniells, A. G.; Prescott, W. W. and associates

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 30, 1905

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To Brethren Daniells and Prescott and their associates,—

I have light from the Lord that at this time we must act with great caution; for the enemy is watching our every movement. At times I have been ready to take steps that would be called aggressive. I would commence to write the history of the experience that we had in Europe. I would read over the letters containing warning and caution that I have had from the Lord for several in Battle Creek. At times I have felt that I must print all the warnings given me for Dr. Kellogg, especially some that were given me while in Europe. But I have not yet done this because I have been impressed to wait. If I should make a strong move in this direction, the battle would be on. Those who are opposing the light God has given would feel that they had been attacked and would claim that they were compelled to make moves that otherwise they would not have made. And it would take much of our time to meet the issue. *20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 1*

Let us hold on patiently for a little while, and let the elements break forth that are struggling into life. Let not too many articles be published in the *Review and Herald* that are of a character to stir up strife. *20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 2*

The words that Christ spoke just before His crucifixion are clear and plain: “Though He had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on Him; that the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report, and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias saith again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and

be converted, and I should heal them.” [John 12:37-40.]20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 3

“Though He had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on Him.” [Verse 37.]20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 4

So it will be in the experience of those who are united with Christ in the accomplishment of the work He has given us to do. We have seen the great power of God. The Lord has wrought in behalf of His people. But Satan is not dead or palsied, and he prepares minds by degrees to become imbued with his spirit and to work after the same manner as he works against those who bear responsibilities in the work of God for these last days. In the future Satan’s last exploits will be carried out with more power than ever before. He has learned much, and he is full of scientific scheming to make of no effect the work that is under the supervision of the One who came to the Isle of Patmos to educate John and to give him instruction to be given to the churches.20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 5

The miracles that Christ wrought gave to the world evidence of the divinity of His mission. This powerful evidence the Jews would not receive, because Christ’s teachings did not harmonize with their preconceived ideas or exalt the human agencies who continually exalted themselves.20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 6

The Lord has been giving me instruction that we are meeting the same unbelief today, and that we shall continue to meet it as we bear the last message of mercy to the world. Every ingenious device will be used, every possible method taken advantage of, to lead men to live a lie, that the truth shall not stand as God designed it to stand, to prepare a people, through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit, to stand firm as a rock to principle.20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 7

All who believe and practice the Word of God will answer the prayer of Christ as given in the *seventeenth chapter of John*. Read this chapter from the first verse to the last. In it you have the plan of redemption. God’s angels are preserving the world from destruction because there are some who have never yet heard the message of truth.20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 8

The course of false science led the Jews to strong unbelief. We are filled with grief when we meet the same unbelief in the world today. Christ came to this world and received at the hands of the unbelieving Jews that which prophecy declared He would receive. The Jews who were fulfilling the prophecies in the Old Testament Scriptures did not realize what they were doing. They professed to believe these prophecies, and they did not know that they were working out the plan foretold.*20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 9*

“Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry; they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath clothed your eyes; the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath He covered. And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee; and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed. And the book is delivered unto him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee; and he saith, I am not learned.*20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 10*

“Wherefore the Lord saith, Forasmuch as this people draw near Me with their mouths, and with their lips do honor Me, but have removed their hearts far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the precept of men; therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work, and a wonder; for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid. Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us, and who knoweth us? Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter’s clay; for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not, or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?” [*Isaiah 29:9-16.*]*20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 11*

Every word of this will be fulfilled. There are those who do not humble their hearts before God and who will not walk uprightly. They hide their true purposes and keep in fellowship with the fallen angel, who loveth and maketh a lie. The enemy puts his spirit upon the men whom he can use to deceive those who are partially in the dark. Some are becoming imbued with the darkness that prevails

and are setting the truth aside for error. The day pointed out by prophecy is come. Jesus Christ is not understood. Jesus Christ is to them a fable. At this stage of the earth's history, many act like drunken men. "Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry; they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes. The prophets and your rulers, the seers hath He covered." [Verses 9, 10.] A spiritual drunkenness is upon many who suppose they are the people who shall be exalted. Their religious faith is just as is represented in this scripture. Under its influence, they cannot walk straight. They make crooked paths in their course of action. One and then another, they reel to and fro. They are looked upon by the Lord with great pity. The way of truth they have not known. They are scientific schemers, and those who could and should have helped, because of a clear spiritual eyesight, are themselves deceived and are sustaining an evil work. *20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 12*

The developments of these last days will soon become decided. When these spiritualistic deceptions are revealed to be what they really are—the secret workings of evil spirits—those who have acted a part in them will become as men who have lost their minds. *20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 13*

"Wherefore the Lord saith, Forasmuch as this people draw near Me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor Me, but have removed their heart far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the precept of men; therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder; for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid. Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us, and who knoweth us? Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay; for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?" [Verses 13-16.] *20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 14*

It is presented to me that in our experience we have been and are meeting this very condition of things. Men who have had great light

and wonderful privileges have taken the word of leaders who think themselves wise, who have been greatly favored and blessed by the Lord, but who have taken themselves out of the hands of God and placed themselves in the ranks of the enemy. The world is to be flooded with specious fallacies. One human mind, accepting these fallacies, will work upon other human minds, who have been turning the precious evidence of God's truth into a lie. These men will be deceived by fallen angels, when they should have stood as faithful guardians, watching for souls, as they that must give an account. They have laid down the weapons of their warfare and have given heed to seducing spirits. They make of no effect the counsel of God and set aside His warnings and reproofs and are positively on Satan's side, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.*20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 15*

Spiritual drunkenness is now upon men who ought not to be staggering as men under the influence of strong drink. Crimes and irregularities, fraud, deceit, and unfair dealing fill the world, in accordance with the teaching of the leader who rebelled in the heavenly courts.*20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 16*

History is to be repeated. I could specify what will be in the near future, but the time is not yet. The forms of the dead will appear, through the cunning device of Satan, and many will link up with the one who loveth and maketh a lie. I warn our people that right among us some will turn away from the faith and give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, and by them the truth will be evil spoken of.*20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 17*

A marvelous work shall take place. Ministers, lawyers, doctors, who have permitted these falsehoods to overmaster their spirit of discernment, will be themselves deceivers, united with the deceived. A spiritual drunkenness will take possession of them. To the unfaithful stewards the Lord says, Take your pleasure and walk in blindness as drunken men; for after having many opportunities, and refusing to improve them, you will act at last as the drunkard acts, throwing away your hope of eternal life. Seeking deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and making lies their refuge, they will misinterpret the warnings and messages God has set, placing on these warnings their false statements to make God's Word of no

effect. Reports and suggestions are gathered up and kept in the memory, to be used when it is thought they can be used with the best effect. This has been going on for some time. Those who do this work seek deep to hide their counsel from those whom they would injure. But the Lord is acquainted with every movement, every performance. All the secret workings of men are open to the One who knows the heart.*20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 18*

Some who have been deceived by men in responsible places will repent and be converted. And in all our dealings with them, we must remember that none of those who are in the depth of Satan's snare know that they are there.*20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 19*

"Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed a forest? And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness. The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. For the terrible One is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off; that make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought."*20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 20*

"Therefore thus saith the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale. But when he seeth his children, the work of Mine hands in the midst of him, they shall sanctify My name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel. They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine."*Verses 17-24.20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 21*

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God." [*isaiah 35:1, 2.*]*20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 22*

I was instructed to speak to you these words of cheer which were

spoken to me. I am to call for every soul to be glad, as my heart has been made glad, and to speak this gladness in the congregation of the saints, and to tell of the goodness and power of God in every place where they shall carry the precious gospel of Jesus Christ to those who know not the truth for this time.*20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 23*

Now, just now, we are to proclaim present truth, with assurance and with power. Do not strike one dolorous note; do not sing funeral hymns. The message to be proclaimed for this time is, "Strengthen ye the weak hands and confirm the feeble knees. Say unto them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong; fear not. Behold your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; He will come and save you."*20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 24*

"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes."*20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 25*

"And the highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called, The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those; the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereupon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there; and the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." [*Verses 3-10.*]*20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 26*

O what a promise is this for those who will separate themselves from all cunning and scientific scheming and will follow on to know the Lord, identifying themselves with those who have received the truth and are sanctified through the truth. Every promise is for those who will learn the only true science, which is found in the prayer of Jesus Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 27*

"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.] *20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 28*

In this scripture God and Christ are spoken of separately. They are two distinct persons, but one in mind, one in heart, one in holiness and justice and purify, and one in the work of seeking to save the sinful race. To those who believe in Christ, God will give power to become His sons, even to them that believe on His name. This is the science of the life that now is, and of the life which is to come. This is the true science that our medical men need to study—the science of the saving grace of the gospel. This is the science that students must study in order to become genuine medical missionaries. *20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 29*

Unless the heart, mind, soul, and strength are completely conformed to the will of Christ, the science studied will not give entrance into the narrow way and the straight gate that lead to eternal life. “Straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Because broad is the way, and wide is the gate that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go in thereat.” [Matthew 7:14, 13.] Those who regard it as a valuable science to be sharp, to take advantage of and cheat their neighbors, are cheating their own soul; and unless they change, they can never enter the holy city. No crooked dealing, no deceptive science will find a place in the heavenly courts. *20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 30*

We are God’s little children, and we are to learn of Him. His Spirit is too pure to dwell in the mind and heart of one that is lifted up unto vanity. In His prayer Christ said, “I have glorified Thee on the earth.” This is the science of heaven. “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.” [John 17:4, 5.] *20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 31*

These are the words of Him who was one in mind, in heart, and

purpose with God in the work of saving a fallen world. God and Christ had oneness of purpose, oneness of aim, and they made one eternal never-ending effort to work for the salvation of the fallen race. The prayer of Christ lays open before the intelligent, understanding mind that not one taint of the science of Satan's practice can enter the holy city.*20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 32*

Satan worked in every possible way to come out victorious in standing in the highest place in the heavenly courts. How artful were his contrivances to win the game! He employed every artful intrigue and device to carry his science against God and His Son Jesus Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 33*

As I am shown these special things of Satan's science, and how he deceived the holy angels, I am afraid of the men who have entered into the study of the science that Satan carried into the warfare in heaven. O how I have longed to be where I should not be compelled to see the same science practiced on this earth by medical practitioners. How my heart has been agonized as I have seen souls accepting the inducements held out to them to unite with those who were warring against God. When they once accept the bait it seems impossible to break the spell that Satan casts over them, because the enemy works out the science of deception as he worked it out in the heavenly courts. He uses human agencies to carry on his work with other human beings. He has worked so diligently with men in our day, that he has won the game again and again.*20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 34*

What, I ask, can be the end? Again and again have I asked this, and I have always received the same instruction, Never leave a soul unwarned. Those who are bound in Satan's toils are the most confident and the most boastful. They will protest at the thought that they are ensnared, and yet it is the truth.*20LtMs, Lt 311, 1905, par. 35*

Lt 313, 1905

White, Mabel

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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My dear granddaughter Mabel,—

We are all usually well, and all are hard at work, preparing manuscript for the papers and for books we intend to publish. We should be glad, very glad, to be with you in your meetings. But we have decided, after much deliberation, that we can serve the cause of the Lord more successfully by remaining close at the work of hunting up matter and putting in print many things that should come to the people just now. I should be much pleased to visit you, and yet we must prepare matter that should come to the people at this time.*20LtMs, Lt 313, 1905, par. 1*

I am very much pleased that Brother Simpson is having good success, and I thank the Lord that some have decided to accept the truth. We are praying for you, for we have the fullest confidence that the Lord would have the truth presented to the people who have not had the privilege of hearing it. We will pray that Elder Simpson may be greatly blessed of the Lord, and that the work which so much needs to be done will be done in San Diego. One soul is worth more than the whole world, and I pray that the people will hear and receive the message of salvation. We will all have our faith increased by having the truth accepted by many. This will result in a great blessing, and the Lord will come nigh unto His people who are trying to find Jesus. We hope that every soul will draw nigh unto God, and that many souls will receive the light and rejoice in the work that is being done. We want to see souls converted and the light of truth come to many. We pray that the Lord will manifest His great mercy and love to those who are in darkness. Let every one now consecrate himself to God, soul, body, and spirit, and this personal consecration will bring peace and restfulness in the Lord. This is finding the treasure which Christ mentioned as being hid,

and sought for, and found. We need very much the peace of mind that Christ alone can give us. We need individually to exercise our minds, that we may be a blessing to those with whom we associate.*20LtMs, Lt 313, 1905, par. 2*

Christ is the Life and the Light of the world. It is Satan's special effort to quench that Light, which is shining amidst the moral darkness. But to "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.*] Children of God! What a privilege to have grace to overcome! What joy will come to all who will believe that Christ is their personal Redeemer, that He has redeemed them through His own suffering and death! And we who are thus favored, should we not consider it a great privilege to confess Christ through a well-ordered life and godly conversation?*20LtMs, Lt 313, 1905, par. 3*

We have but one life to live; and through our daily connection with God, we have in and through the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ a constant sustenance in doing the things that will represent Christ to the world. We may not have all the conveniences that some have in ease and comfort and in earthly goods, but we have the blessed assurance which Christ gave to His believing disciples. He saw that they were very sad at the thought that they were to be deprived of His personal presence, and that He must suffer and die to save every soul who would receive and believe on Him. He had explained the matter to them again and again. And now He was giving them the last lessons they would receive from Him—lessons of His own humiliation and of the sorrow He must suffer because of their rejecting and turning from the One who would give them light and eternal life in His kingdom.*20LtMs, Lt 313, 1905, par. 4*

As He saw their sorrow, He pitied them. He tried to enlighten their understanding. He had no words of grief to express to them in regard to the future ignominy and sorrow that was before Him. His only effort was to strengthen His disciples for the terrible test and trial that was before them. His heart was filled with sorrow for them. To them He said, "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? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.” [John 14:1-6.]*20LtMs, Lt 313, 1905, par. 5*

Blessed words! We may receive Him into our hearts, and He will be unto us hope and courage and sustaining grace. The Lord would have us trust fully and entirely in Him. Then we will, in the simplicity of our faith, believe that Christ will do for us all that He has promised. Let all come to the Saviour in the full assurance that He will do all that He has promised.*20LtMs, Lt 313, 1905, par. 6*

We cannot please our Saviour more than by having faith in His promises. His mercies can come to you, and your prayers can come to Him. Nothing can break this line of communication. We must learn to bring all perplexities to Jesus Christ, for He will help us. He will listen to our requests. We may come to Him in full assurance of faith, nothing doubting, for He is the living Way. He has consecrated this way with His own blood. We are His purchased possession. He says, “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” [Matthew 7:7.]*20LtMs, Lt 313, 1905, par. 7*

The more we press our petitions to His throne, the more sure we are of constantly receiving the great grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. You do not give strength to the road you are travelling by faith. But you increase in strength and in assurance because you have a guide right by your side, and you can ask Him with perfect faith to guide your steps aright.*20LtMs, Lt 313, 1905, par. 8*

Then trust in the Lord Jesus to lead you step by step into the right path. You can derive assurance and strength at every step you advance, for you can be assured that your hand is in His hand. You can “run and not be weary;” you can “walk, and not faint,” for you can realize by faith that you have your hand in the hand of Christ. [Isaiah 40:31.] You will not sink under discouragement, for as you follow on to know the Lord, trusting in Him, you will have the assurance that the One who never forsakes those who fully trust

Him is your constant Helper.*20LtMs, Lt 313, 1905, par. 9*

Then be of good courage in the Lord.*20LtMs, Lt 313, 1905, par. 10*

Your Grandmother.*20LtMs, Lt 313, 1905, par. 11*

Lt 315, 1905

Burden, J. A.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

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Dear Brother Burden,—

When I was last in Washington, I met Sister Walter Harper's mother and sister. Mrs. Harper was then at the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and her mother and sister felt very anxious for her, knowing that every effort would be made to hold her there. They talked with me about the matter, and I told them to be sure to have Mrs. Harper, as soon as she had finished her course, unite with her mother in Kansas, where she had been making her home.*20LtMs, Lt 315, 1905, par. 1*

Mrs. Harper has finished her course and is now with her mother. She wishes to take up nursing and at the same time be near her mother, who is not well. As the case now stands, she is the only one of the children who is free to care for the mother. I had thought that if her mother's sickness is an ordinary invalidism, some arrangements might be made so that Mrs. Harper could have work at Loma Linda and have her mother near her. But if the mother has consumption, I could not advise her to come to Loma Linda.*20LtMs, Lt 315, 1905, par. 2*

I should be glad to have Mrs. Harper connect with one of our sanitariums in Southern California. I have received two letters from her regarding her coming, but I do not wish to reply before laying the matter before you. Please tell me what I ought to advise her about her coming to Loma Linda. You are acquainted with Mrs. Harper, and therefore I write you thus. I do not want to encourage anything that would be a burden. I want to do what is best.*20LtMs, Lt 315, 1905, par. 3*

Today I received an excellent letter from Dr. Winegar-Simpson. She

writes very encouragingly regarding the work of the Glendale Sanitarium, saying that there are souls accepting the truth in the institution.*20LtMs, Lt 315, 1905, par. 4*

I also received a letter from Hannah Sawyer-Hopkins, who is at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. She says that there was an automobile accident at National City, and that some of the injured were brought to the Sanitarium. This necessitated the calling in of two outside nurses, both of whom have decided to keep the Sabbath and are attending the meetings that Elder Simpson is holding in San Diego.*20LtMs, Lt 315, 1905, par. 5*

The Lord is doing the very work that He presented to me could be done were medical missionary work and the proclamation of present truth blended.*20LtMs, Lt 315, 1905, par. 6*

Dr. Kellogg is sending out letters everywhere, urging young men and young women to take a nurses' training course at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. A young lady in Los Angeles, Miss Leta Hinton, who has been working in the Tract Society there, has written to me about her going to Battle Creek. Please see this sister if you can, and talk with her. Get her to open her mind to you, and advise her. Tell her that the statements made regarding the work of the Battle Creek Sanitarium are not in harmony with the way in which the matter has been presented to me.*20LtMs, Lt 315, 1905, par. 7*

I wish you could give Dr. Gibbs a place somewhere for trial; for this might be the means of saving his soul. Is he not worth a trial. Has he been given a trial since he was so misused by Dr. Burke?*20LtMs, Lt 315, 1905, par. 8*

May the Lord bless and strengthen all who are engaged in the work of the Loma Linda Sanitarium. Be of good courage in the Lord. I am determined to be cheerful and grateful and to praise the Lord with heart and soul and voice.*20LtMs, Lt 315, 1905, par. 9*

In much love.*20LtMs, Lt 315, 1905, par. 10*

Lt 317, 1905

Brethren in the Ministry and Medical Missionary Work

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 10, 1905

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This is the message borne by the apostle Paul, who was oft instructed by revelations from God. Those who for years have been leaning on the arm of the law have done many things that an honorable worldling would not do. For years unbelievers have been their stay and their support.*20LtMs, Lt 317, 1905, par. 3*

Such ones should long ago have been relieved of responsibilities in connection with the work of God. Had this been done, the cause of the Lord would have made greater advancement, and the message of warning for this time would have been carried to a greater number of people. God tested many in the General Conference held at Battle Creek in 1901. There are many whose eyes are now blinded, who, had they repented and heeded the warnings given, might not only have saved those who have never heard the truth, but those also who have been led astray by the enemy.*20LtMs, Lt 317, 1905, par. 4*

But wrongs have been left uncorrected and sins unconfessed and unrepented of. Men have passed along, to become more and more the subjects of Satan’s temptations, and have been duped by those who were not practicing the virtues of Christ. How does the Saviour look upon the perversity of the men who are in high positions of responsibility in connection with His cause, and yet are uncontrolled by the Word of God, unchanged by the warnings that He has sent? They press on in their own way, manufacturing their own burdens instead of bearing the burden of the work that God has given them. They do not keep their hearts and lives free from the least taint of oppression, from the slightest exhibition of selfishness or dishonesty. They do not shun the first approach to underhand dealing.*20LtMs, Lt 317, 1905, par. 5*

Had they done this, they would have heard when the Lord spoke to them. When in mercy He sent messages to them, they would have heeded the warning. They would have recognized their danger and would have striven to represent the Lord in every business transaction. But they were out of their proper place. They were assuming responsibilities that God never meant them to carry. And

in entering the paths of human ambition, filling their minds with thoughts of buying and selling and getting gain, they lost their Christian experience. They had beside them the teacher who is near to every man who does not do his appointed work, and who does not strive day by day to preserve the sacredness of that work, and in humility to improve the talents lent him. It has not been their highest aim to follow the divine pattern, that they might bring to God all their talents doubled.*20LtMs, Lt 317, 1905, par. 6*

My brethren, read as for your lives the instruction contained in the *thirteenth chapter of Matthew*, and take heed to yourselves. Let no man blind you by his human sophistries or his mocking burlesque of sacred things, which is as blasphemy. In (*Mark 13:1, 2*), we read, "And as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples saith unto Him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here! And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? There shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." Study this whole chapter. It is a warning. Let us prayerfully ask ourselves, Who shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ acquitted, without spot or stain upon his character?*20LtMs, Lt 317, 1905, par. 7*

Christ in His teaching contemplates the future destiny of the beings for whom He gave His life. Those who are saved must form characters that are without fault in the sight of a pure and holy God. God has given to every man his work, and Christ will co-operate with every human being who will co-operate with Him, wearing His yoke, not a yoke of human manufacture, and learning of Him His meekness and lowliness. Such ones angels will love, and to such they will minister in every phase of the life history. Christ will teach those who will follow Him, giving them daily an experience in the meaning of the divine beatitudes.*20LtMs, Lt 317, 1905, par. 8*

At the great day of judgment every man will be judged according to the deeds done in this life. John the Revelator 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." [*Revelation 20:12.*]*20LtMs, Lt 317, 1905, par. 9*

It was with a voice filled with tears of regret that Christ uttered His woes against the oppression, the dishonesty in trade that He saw on every hand. By word and deed He strove to relieve the oppression caused by injustice. His heart was filled with compassion for the suffering ones. He saw the misery brought about by unsanctified actions, and with wonderful clearness He showed the consequence of the least injustice. With stern denunciation He condemned all oppression and all unfair dealing. He urged that compassion be ever shown. He identified Himself with those who suffer through wrongdoing, placing Himself in the position of the victim of injustice, and declaring that He suffers as those for whom He gave His life are injured, wronged, insulted. He who purchased the human family with His own blood charges as done to Himself any insult offered to a child of His. His law extends the shield of divine protection over every soul.*20LtMs, Lt 317, 1905, par. 10*

Christ died that human beings might have the life that measures with the life of God. But He will not save those who practice the arts of the great deceiver, unless they repent and become kind, compassionate, and Christlike, putting away all proud striving for the supremacy. He sees every act of injustice that is done, and as the Redeemer of mankind, He becomes partaker in the suffering thus caused.*20LtMs, Lt 317, 1905, par. 11*

“No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light. The light of the body is the eye; therefore when thine eye is single, thine whole body is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.”
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under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate; for verily, I say unto you, Ye shall not see me until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.” [Luke 13:34, 35.] He wept over those whom He knew were deserving of His rebuke. *20LtMs, Lt 317, 1905, par. 13*

Christ was approaching the end of His mission, and He knew that when that time should come, Jerusalem’s day of probation would have ended. But He was reluctant to pronounce the words of doom. For three years He had been seeking for fruit, but had found none. During these three years, one object was ever upon His soul—to present before His thankless, disobedient people the solemn warnings and gracious invitations of heaven. He greatly desired that the Jewish people should receive His words. How graciously He had invited them. How anxiously He labored to awaken in their hearts the comprehension that He was the promised Messiah, the only hope of Israel. In their behalf He has clothed His divinity with humanity. The Prince of heaven, He had humbled Himself to take the form of a servant. His lifework was to convince His disobedient people that He was their only hope. He carried them on His heart. He did all that He could to save them. But at the close of His work in this world He was forced to say of them, “Ye would not come unto Me that ye might have life.” [See *John 5:40.*] *20LtMs, Lt 317, 1905, par. 14*

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I present this feeble representation of a terrible picture to those who today are going over the same ground, refusing the messages of the grace of God, rejecting the warnings against a course of wickedness. The ground trodden by the Jewish leaders is being trodden today by those who have made light of warnings from heaven, with looks, with words, with gesticulations. I have heard the ridicule of the warnings sent them and refused by them, and I know that the same spirit that existed in the days of Christ exists today. The blessings that the Saviour longs to bestow He is forced to

withhold, because of the contempt manifested by the men who give proof in their lives that they reject all warnings, all entreaties, all efforts for their salvation. They know not the day of their visitation. They despise the evidence of God's working, and history is being repeated.*20LtMs, Lt 317, 1905, par. 16*

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Just before His crucifixion, He beheld the city and wept over it, saying, “If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace”—then He paused. [Luke 19:42.] They had come to the crest of Olivet, and the disciples, catching sight of Jerusalem, were about to burst forth unto exclamations of praise. But they saw that their Teacher, in the place of being joyful, was in an agony of tears. *20LtMs, Lt 317a, 1905, par. 15*

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Kellogg, J. H.

Takoma Park, Maryland

June 2, 1905

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Dr. J. H. Kellogg

Dear Brother,—

A scene has been presented before me of actions performed by you, similar to the actions of Satan in the heavenly courts. From time to time I have given warnings to different ones who were being blinded by your sophistries and misrepresentations. Your power of misrepresentation is so continuously exerted that many have been deceived.*20LtMs, Lt 319, 1905, par. 1*

In some things you act like a man bereft of his reason. It is a marvel to me how one who has had the light in so many ways, who has received so many warnings and reproofs, can yet go on blindfolding himself and others.*20LtMs, Lt 319, 1905, par. 2*

You wrote me that you had surrendered. But wherein have you surrendered? When I received this word from you, I forbore to open before you some things that I shall now have to tell you. I hoped that you would seek to reform. Many times you have been entreated to change your course. You certainly need to do so; for you have been the greatest hindrance to the work that God would have advance in straight lines. Other men have acted a part in some respects similar to the part that you have been acting, but they have not been so regardless of justice, honesty, and truth.*20LtMs, Lt 319, 1905, par. 3*

You have not been given occasion to do the things that you have

done. For years I have striven to give you every word of encouragement that I dared give you, hoping that you might take hold of the encouragement and make thorough work for eternity. At the General Conference held in Battle Creek in 1901, I treated you as a man who would make every effort to set things right. When your long, drawn-out documents were presented to me to commend and approve, I was shown clearly by the heavenly agencies the sure results of receiving such documents. I was shown the oppression that would be exercised by you and by others linked up with you, who were spiritually blind.*20LtMs, Lt 319, 1905, par. 4*

You have made persistent efforts to try to center everything in Battle Creek, after clear light had been given that this should not be done. For years messages have been coming to you, distinctly pointing out the fact that plants should be made in many places, and that so much should not be gathered into Battle Creek. I was surprised that you took so little heed to messages regarding this that the Lord has repeatedly sent you. You were professedly believing the testimonies, and yet walking and working contrary to them, following your own impulses, turning from the plain, Thus saith the Lord, to carry out your own plans and devisings. You have had little use for those whom you thought would obstruct your way. You would not harmonize with them and refuse to recognize in them any virtue or righteousness.*20LtMs, Lt 319, 1905, par. 5*

In the long history presented before me, I can see the dangerous path that you have been traveling. You have boasted of your study of science. But from the light that God has given me, I know that you might better, far better, have become a fool in the eyes of the world than to accept such science as you cherish and use it as you have done to blind the mind and the judgment of those who were connected with you. Your scientific knowledge has been used by you to help you in acting a part similar to the part that Satan acted in the heavenly courts. Step by step you have been wandering away from God, working out plans instigated by the archdeceiver.*20LtMs, Lt 319, 1905, par. 6*

The results of your devising regarding the bonds has been presented to me. I was shown at the time that the plan was so made that many who would be led to take these bonds would be

disappointed and would feel that they had made a mistake. The position that you took at Oakland led you to do that which a Christian would be afraid to do. You have leaned on the arm of lawyers for so long, to make your own ways and works a strength, that the Lord regards you as a man liable to make any presumptuous movement that might come to his mind. You have made movements that have been directly opposed to the holy law of God.*20LtMs, Lt 319, 1905, par. 7*

The words have been spoken of you, "Is it because there is not a God in Israel that ye go to the god of Ekron to inquire?" [*2 Kings 1:3.*] You have turned from and despised the law of God, given in awful grandeur from Sinai, until you now follow the way of transgression of these laws, whenever your will and way is opposed, without realizing the seriousness of your course. Truly truth and righteousness have fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. You have become linked up with the tempter, and your mind has been led by the one who tried in the wilderness of temptation to gain control of the mind of Christ. The Saviour would not enter into controversy with the tempter, but quoted His Father's words, "It is written." Not one word did He speak of which Satan could take the least advantage.*20LtMs, Lt 319, 1905, par. 8*

Men have linked up with you to do a work, the consequences of which they did not understand. You have been the spokesman repeating the words of accusation and condemnation of the archdeceiver. Your science has been used to benumb the sensibilities and confuse the judgment of others. In long night talks you have presented your misrepresentations to your associates until your mind and plans and works have become their mind and plans and works. In listening to your words, these men have imbibed the very science of the tempter. You have twisted and manipulated and misstated and misrepresented the testimonies that God has given, making them of no effect.*20LtMs, Lt 319, 1905, par. 9*

This whole matter has been presented to me. You have worked as Lucifer worked in the heavenly courts to persuade his associates to unite with him. The enemy has used his arts upon your mind. Your boasted study of science and your assertion that you had obtained

something excellent have deceived the men connected with you, and they have refused to listen to the warnings sent to keep them from listening to your false representations.*20LtMs, Lt 319, 1905, par. 10*

The Lord now calls upon me to make plain to others that which has been made plain to me. If men refuse to receive the words of warning, the guilt will be upon their own souls. I am bidden to say, Your soul is in an unsaved state. You are not in harmony with truth and righteousness. What remains for you at the end of your commercial enterprises? What at the end of your strife for supremacy? Can you institute a war against God and His angels to get the supreme place in the heavenly courts? Would you succeed in this effort? And if you should succeed, would heaven be a place in which you would want to live? What kind of a character would you have formed amid your commercial enterprises and your ambition for the highest place? Would you be happy if you could gain even that? No. No.*20LtMs, Lt 319, 1905, par. 11*

It is appointed unto men once to die, and after that the judgment. There is no exemption from this. All the reputation gained in this life, all the wealth that can be secured by undercurrent working will not purchase one moment's peace, one ray of joy. All the medical skill you have obtained from the hand of God, you could not use to cure yourself. Unless you repent, the moment must come when the word will be spoken, He is joined to his idols, let him alone. The advantages that Satan holds before you, he held before Christ. But the word, "It is written," turned back the tempter.*20LtMs, Lt 319, 1905, par. 12*

Why did the apostle Paul reason with Felix upon this all-important subject—the judgment to come? In order to turn him from his evil ways to repentance, to conversion. He would arouse his slumbering senses to the danger of his losing the life to come, that he might lay hold on the hope set before him.*20LtMs, Lt 319, 1905, par. 13*

I am instructed to bring these things before you, pressing them upon your attention, that, if possible, you may be led to lay hold upon the hope set before you in the gospel. By your schemes and your consultations with lawyers, you are divorcing yourself from

your only hope. 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? Heaven and earth shall pass away, but God's Word will never pass away. Not one jot or tittle of His holy law will ever pass away. Not all the power on earth, of men in the highest positions, or of devils, can make void the words of our Lord Jesus Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 319, 1905, par. 14*

“What shall I do,” asked the lawyer, “that I may have eternal life?” Said Christ, “What saith the Scripture? 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.” Christ said to him, “Thou hast answered right; this do, and thou shalt live.” [*Luke 10:25-28.*]*20LtMs, Lt 319, 1905, par. 15*

Two things are set before us—the conversion here in this life of body, soul, and spirit, or the eternal loss of the soul hereafter. When you come to understand that as you are today, there is not the slightest hope for you to secure that life that measures with the life of God, will you then dare to say, I do not confess, I do not repent?—No; you do not, you have not repented. Neither did Satan repent of all the evil that he had done. But it is for your present and eternal interest to fall on the Rock and be broken. If you do not do this, the Rock will fall on you and grind you to powder. In the invitation that Christ Himself gives you He declares, Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out. [*John 6:37.*] Those who have helped to hold you in your blindness and exalted infatuation are guilty with you. To the lawyers who have encouraged you in your purpose to do the unrighteous work that you have been inspired to do, the word is spoken, Woe unto you lawyers.*20LtMs, Lt 319, 1905, par. 16*

“Then answered one of the lawyers, and said unto Him, Master, thus saying, Thou reproachest us also. And He said, Woe unto you, lawyers; for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.” [*Luke 11:45, 46.*]*20LtMs, Lt 319, 1905, par. 17*

I have no liberty to withhold any longer the matters that I have written. There is much that must be brought out. And yet I say to

you, as I have said many times before, I have an intense desire that you shall show by your words of confession and by your actions that you will now make thorough work for repentance. Let the plowshare of truth go deep and thorough into your heart. Do no surface work; for God will not accept superficial promises. The Lord Jesus reaches out His hand once more to you, and He will not be trifled with. You have a work to do. Cease your underhand work, which shows that you would spoil the work of God. If you will repent, and be converted, the Lord will have mercy upon you.*20LtMs, Lt 319, 1905, par. 18*

Lt 320, 1905

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Dr. J. H. Kellogg,—

It is not possible for me to describe the intense burden I have for your soul. I have written you many letters, setting before you the messages God has given me for you and the sadness of my heart in your behalf. I now beseech you, for your soul's sake, to “seek the Lord while He may be found, 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, and He will abundantly pardon.” [*isaiah 55:6, 7.*]*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 1*

Last night I could not sleep for more than three hours. Your case was pressing upon my soul. I have an intense desire that you shall be saved. I pray the Lord to help you to come to Him as one of His little children. You do not understand the situation. The Lord sends you reproofs and entreaties, that you may change your way for His way. But you have followed your own way. Sometimes you have been full of good purposes, and again, you have had many schemes and an exalted view of what J. H. Kellogg can do. You have tried to exercise the powers of a king.*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 2*

You have tried to set before me, in the way you view it, the work done in College View. But God does not see as man sees. The work that was done at that time and place has ever been before me as an example of the work you could and would do if you had opportunity. I tell you that all such work is of satanic invention. It is

condemned of God, with all work done in the same spirit. You need not refer to it again. God will not sanction any such work, but will condemn it decidedly. You have carried yourself proudly, oppressively. The example you have set others in a variety of ways has placed you under the disapproval of a holy God—weighed in the balance and found wanting.*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 3*

I have written so much on this subject that I do not think there is need of my tracing another line. How will you do now? Will you change square about? I know that you will not unless you see that the Lord is much displeased with you. I know that you have lost the truth out of your soul. You do not know what is truth. I have been distinctly shown evil angels making a desperate, intensified effort to stir up the powers from beneath.*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 4*

Had you come into line at the General Conference held in Battle Creek in 1901, or even at the conference held later in Oakland, had you believed the warnings given, and laid off the coat of J. H. Kellogg, putting on the armor of God, there would now be a united company in our ranks. I have seen again and again that when ministers saw things as you viewed them, you thought them just the men for the place they occupied, but just as soon as they could not conscientiously accept your propositions, then in your estimation they were entirely wrong. There was hatred in your heart toward every one who did not accept your propositions, which the Lord did not desire them to accept. Your exhibition at the Oakland conference was a shame to the Christian profession and dishonored the great Medical Missionary.*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 5*

I shall not attempt to specify, but for years the working of your mind has been such as God condemns. Not every action is wrong, but your perverted religious ideas have been mingled with the good, till your whole soul is diseased. You can no longer be trusted to carry on the education of the youth. The things that you are now doing are a part of your policy to gain minds to sustain you. The Lord does not accept your mixture of actions in the courts of law.*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 6*

As for the testimonies sent you by the Lord, you do not believe

them; for they stand in the way of your self-serving, your exaltation of J. H. Kellogg. No one will urge you to believe them. You have treated more unbelief in them and in the truth than any other man who has ever had the light. I do not care to have you claim to believe the testimonies, because you deny them in your practice. But they are the words of truth that by and by you will have to meet.*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 7*

When the testimonies do not vindicate your course of action, you say, "Somebody has told her." This idea you have talked to others for hours. Do you suppose that while you feel thus, the testimonies could do you the least bit of good? No, no. You have destroyed your own faith in the testimonies. The erroneous faith that you have is in reality the most injurious unbelief. Therefore I do not place the least confidence in your faith in the testimonies. I hope that you will not admit that you believe them; for it cannot be the truth.*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 8*

These things make my work tenfold harder than if you openly took your stand against the testimonies. It is not right for you to suppose that I am striving to be first, striving for leadership. I never supposed that my position was misunderstood, and people would not misunderstand it were it not for the erroneous position that you have taken. You are all out of the way. I want it to be understood that I have no ambition to have the name of leader, or any other name that may be given me, except that of a messenger of God. I claim no other name of position. My life and works speak for themselves.*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 9*

Sara told me how you had assured her of your faith in my work and the message that God had given me. I told her that I understood all these things, that your actions were constantly speaking louder than your words, and that therefore she need not say anything more to me about the matter. When for a time the tempter was not in close association with you, you would say that you believed. But when the tempter was in close converse with you, you would say the most ridiculous things for a Christian medical missionary to say.*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 10*

I was instructed that there should be no conversation between you

and me. The Lord has spoken in regard to this matter before I left my home for Oakland.*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 11*

Now I wish to make a statement. I was saying to one or two, How can Dr. Kellogg do all in his power to unsettle the faith of the people in the work God has given me? One said, "I asked Dr. Kellogg, 'How could you help but believe that the testimonies borne during the three first meetings held in Battle Creek at the Conference of 1901 were given by the inspiration of the Spirit of God?' Dr. Kellogg answered, 'I gave her that inspiration.'" *20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 12*

These meetings were held in the school building. We had had no talk together, so that no one could say that you had told me anything or that I had told you anything. I am not referring to the talks given in the Tabernacle, but to the talks given before a select company of responsible men.*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 13*

Your saying this was no more than I expected; for the enemy was throwing his spell upon you. Evil angels have taken possession of you. The enemy is a liar, and he can put his lies into your mind.*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 14*

I have not the slightest evidence that it is my duty to go through again the experience that I have gone through in the past concerning your mistakes and your wrong course. If you show a desire to show yourself a true man, a man as true as steel to principle, I will rejoice. A man having the influence that you have, a man whose name has become so popular can do us as a people great injury, if you are permitted by God. But the Lord He is God, and it will be shown that He has spoken, saying, "Thus far shall you, J. H. Kellogg, go, and no further."*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 15*

If you have decided to help the enemy to play the game of life for your soul, then the sooner I understand this, the better it will be all around.*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 16*

I have no light whatever that it is my duty to go to Battle Creek. I could not for a moment think of going there to pass through again the experience I had first in Battle Creek in 1901 and afterward in Oakland. You will never know how near I came to losing my life

during the Oakland Conference. It was opened before me day and night what you were doing in secret schemes, which have been growing since the Conference of 1901. I followed your course, and I know that which has been opened to me.*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 17*

At the Conference of 1901 I did all I conscientiously could to set you right before the people, fully believing that you would take your stand on solid ground. And then by your course of action you place me in such a position before unbelievers as to make it necessary for me to contradict you. That I would have to bear a message to you such as I have borne has appeared contradictory, and I cannot explain the matter, or make it appear straight, unless the whole thing is laid out clearly.*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 18*

These things cost me agony of mind. I cannot vindicate your course of action, for I know it to be wrong. I do not want to hurt your influence; but when I see the flock of God being charmed with the kind of deception that ruined sinless Adam and Eve, I have a firm, decided testimony to bear, and this testimony I must bear, though it cuts and pains my heart. I have felt as deep an interest in you as if you were my own son. These severe trials are so taxing that I must avoid them; for I must preserve my strength for future action. I shall hope to see unity perfected in the whole body; but in order for this to be, there must be the working of the Holy Spirit. If we must face the difficulties and make known the things I wanted to keep secret, it will be only because the flock of God must not be spoiled by your presenting Satan's seducing heresies.*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 19*

I was instructed last night that I must say these things to you. I do not want to go over this ground again. If you are willing to humble your soul before God, and become a converted man, I shall not be compelled to crucify my soul over these matters. I have suffered keenly over your case. I cannot praise you; for I see that unless the Holy Spirit of God shall come to you, and break your heart, molding and fashioning you after an entirely different similitude, you will clasp hands with the deceiver. I will go further; you have already clasped hands with the artful foe. Unless you change, I shall have this battle to fight over and over again.*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 20*

The Lord does not desire you to exercise over the medical missionary workers the molding, fashioning influence that you have exerted. Let them alone. Leave them to look to Jesus Christ as their leader. The Lord will teach them in all things. You have exercised a power of influence, as if you were appointed to be judge and king of mind and soul and body. You have tried to sanctify sin and make it righteous. Through deceiving, deceptive theories, you would lead medical missionaries in a raid against God, His ministers, and His truth. You would lead them to change leaders. By your specious errors you would break up the past experience, which I know to be the truth as surely as I know that Christ is my Saviour. What confidence can we ever inspire in giving the last message of mercy for a perishing world. *20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 21*

It is now time that we came into harmony regarding what is truth. What is the third angel's message? Just that which we have ever represented it to be, and those who proclaim it are to bear the banner on which is inscribed, "The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." [*Revelation 14:12.*] *20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 22*

"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, saith the Lord Almighty." [*2 Corinthians 6:17, 18.*] The course you have taken in making worldly lawyers your right arm testifies that you have not made the Lord your leader. You have forsaken the true God. How can you expect to prosper in carrying out schemes instigated by Satan. You have made a very bad showing before the world. *20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 23*

The whole of the *sixth chapter of First Corinthians* is a lesson that ministers and medical missionaries should study. Wake up the watchmen. They are to give the warning message for this time. Is it not time for gospel ministers and medical missionaries to take in the situation and understand that they need to be healed of the maladies of sin and unbelief? Is it not time for them to realize that they are to refuse to accept the teachings of the prince of darkness? You need to have Satan cast out of your heart. Let no one be astonished at these words; for they are the truth. All who will come right to the Lord, humbling their poor, defective hearts before Him, will receive help. *20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 24*

The *fourth chapter of Hebrews* was explained in a most clear, positive manner. Let all gospel ministers and all who claim to be medical missionaries study this chapter, if they would be recognized in the heavenly courts as children of the heavenly covenant. *20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 25*

“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.*] Here are the foes whom we have to meet, and we are to realize that satanic agencies are constantly at work. The enemy will insinuate himself at every point where he is given the least chance. He has been presenting his fascinating, delusive theories, clothed in the garments of heaven, to Dr. Kellogg and his associate physicians, who have accepted them. They have been watchmen who have been altogether too much at ease, eating of the fruit of the forbidden tree. All must watch now as never before, else these spiritualistic ideas will steal a march upon us. I am instructed to bear a decided message, to wake up the watchmen, that they may be on guard. Let those who know the truth keep their Bibles in their hands, declaring as did Christ, “It is written.” The men who stand as God’s messengers in these last days are to be minute men. With unceasing vigilance they are to guard the fort. It is dangerous to sleep on guard; for thus the whole work and cause of God will be imperilled. There is no time now to sleep, lest Satan steal a march upon us. We cannot afford to lean upon a broken staff. *20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 26*

“Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” “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; and for me, that utterance may be given

unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds; that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.” [*Verses 11, 13-20.*]20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 27

My brethren and sisters, ministers, medical missionaries, and people, take your Bibles, and most earnestly search the Scriptures together. Never was there a time when there was so much need of watching for souls as they that must give an account. Let ministers and teachers and medical missionaries, and all our leading men, seek to be bound together with the golden cords of love.20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 28

“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.” [*Colossians 3:1-4, 12-15.*]20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 29

“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not that as many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection.” [*Romans 6:1-5.*] This is something that we may strive for.20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 30

“Yea, doubtless,” Paul writes, “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 3:8-14.*]20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 31

How much precious light is contained in the Word for our admonition and instruction! The Lord Jesus must in no case be dishonored by our course of action. Individually we are to be weighed in the balances of the sanctuary. To every soul I would say, What if you are found wanting? Too, the motives of men and women are measured by the Lord. Said Hannah, “The Lord is a God of judgment, and by Him actions are weighed.” [*1 Samuel 2:3.*] Said Isaiah, “Thou most upright dost weigh the path of the just.” [*Isaiah 26:7.*] Solomon traces the words, “All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes, but the Lord weigheth the spirit.” [*Proverbs 16:2.*]20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 32

The Word of the Lord is our instructor and contains lessons for all. The great evil that all will have to meet is found in their individual selves. We have light, clear and distinct, from the Word of God, with which we ought to be thoroughly acquainted, searching the Word as for hidden treasure. It is not more light that many who claim to be followers of Christ need, but an increase of genuine faith in the Word of God. An increase of power will come when human agents co-operate with God, walking in the light given, and bringing into the daily practice the directions and counsels given in the Word. The light given in the Bible becomes life to the receiver if he walks and works in accordance with that light. By the example of such ones, light is reflected to others. The heart of the receiver is filled with joy, and he improves every opportunity to let his light shine forth in good

works. The world is not left with imperfect witnesses of Christ, who are on the losing side and who mislead others.*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 33*

God knows the secret of every motive in our hearts. He sees the outcome of every course of action. When a man influences others to follow in a wrong course, God holds that man as a tempter, who helps Satan in his work. He sees the wrong appropriation of means or the wrong influence exerted over the mind of another. Unless repentance comes and restitution is made, there are written against the name of the wrongdoer the words, "Thou art weighed in the balance, and found wanting." [*Daniel 5:27.*] Every man will be judged according to his deeds.*20LtMs, Lt 320, 1905, par. 34*

Lt 321, 1905

White, J. E.; White, Emma

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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Dear Children, Edson and Emma,—

I had entirely forgotten that yesterday was my birthday until I had returned from my ride just before dinner. Then I found that Sister King, my matron, had as a surprise to me invited to dinner May White and her children and Ella May and Dores Robinson. I had been so busy that I had not thought of its being my birthday, and I was, as Brother Starr used to say, “plumb surprised” to find such a large gathering and two tables set in our dining room.*20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 1*

We partook of a nicely prepared meal, after which we went into the parlor and engaged in a season of prayer and sang a few hymns. The Lord came graciously near to us as we offered up hearty thanksgiving to God for His goodness and mercy to us all.*20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 2*

Our little gathering was very pleasant. Sister Ings sent down a beautiful bouquet from the sanitarium, and some one else sent flowers from St. Helena. Sister King presented me with a small silver-plated water pitcher, just such a one as I had been thinking of purchasing. I was glad that there were not more presents; for when I receive so many things I feel that I must do something in return.*20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 3*

All our family were not present. W. C. White is in College View, Mabel White is in the sanitarium at Paradise Valley, Sara McEnterfer, Maggie Hare, and Helen Graham are in Oakland for a

little change. They expect to be absent about one week longer. We have staying with us Elder Behrens' little girl, ten years old, a niece of Sister King's. Her mother is taking treatment at the sanitarium.*20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 4*

Last night after I had gotten to sleep, a wind storm arose. The bed-screen was blown over, and the shutters hanged. Sister Peck came and rearranged everything, and I soon fell asleep again. I awoke once or twice in the night, but did not get up till four o'clock. This was another victory gained in sleeping; for the previous night I had slept nearly eight hours. For this I feel very grateful to my heavenly Father. I offered up a prayer of thanksgiving to God, took a cold sponge bath, lit my lamp, and wrote eight pages before breakfast.*20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 5*

I am very thankful that I can relish my food. My diet is simple, but nourishing. Cooked onions is quite a common dish for me now. I am taking time to ride out more than I have done. The last week, I have been out for an hour or more each day, except one. I desire to keep my mind clear, that the Lord may impress me with the precious truths for this important time.*20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 6*

I am certainly in excellent health for me, notwithstanding the fact that I am handling many important matters. I am endeavoring to repeat those portions of our early experience that will strengthen the faith of God's people. I shall try also to get out soon the history of the work done in the southern field.*20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 7*

The last work of Moses was to recount to the children of Israel the history of their experiences. He laid before them the blessings they had received and also reminded them of the mistakes they had made and the dealings of God with them because of these mistakes.*20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 8*

O that all might realize the rich promises of Christ and keep their faith strong, cherishing the tenderness and compassion of our blessed Saviour. I am pained as I see how many are losing the rich blessings of God, because of their narrow ideas as to His great goodness and mercy and loving-kindness. 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.]20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 9

It is our privilege individually to lay hold of the advantages that Christ has provided for us. By our thoughts and words and actions we make or mar our own happiness. No one is able to intercept one ray of light from our soul if we will comply with the necessary conditions. Our heavenly Father is not hard to propitiate. In the gift of His only begotten Son, He has expressed for the human race a love whose greatness can never be estimated. “God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” “He that spared not His own Son, but delivereth Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” [Romans 5:8; 8:32.]20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 10

One loses much by allowing his mind to dwell upon his sorrows and trials. He is spiritually weakened by the contemplation of the mistakes of his brethren and by speaking to others of their disagreeable, objectionable traits of character. In this way one may make for himself a dark and disagreeable experience.20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 11

It is not a sin to be happy—to be able to say from the heart, “Praise the Lord, O my soul.” [Psalm 146:1.] Much is to be gained by keeping ourselves in a cheerful frame of mind. The contemplation of the love of Christ should lead every soul to express praise and thanksgiving for His great and wonderful gift. Would that every one might look away from that which is dark and forbidding and open his heart to the impressions of the love and generosity of our heavenly Father!20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 12

We need to educate our minds to understand what Christ is to us, what contradiction of sinners He has endured for our redemption. Why did He come to this world? He might have kept His place in glory and left man to perish in his sins. But for our sakes He left the royal courts, laid aside His kingly crown, and clothed His divinity with humanity, that in human form He might meet and conquer the wily foe. By partaking of His divine nature men may escape the corruptions of sin. Christ in His life worked out the sum in addition that is found in the *first chapter of Second Peter*.20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 13

“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. 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 5-9.] *20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 14*

Edson, you need to do a work with your own individual self. Refrain from every word of blame or of complaint against your brethren. Take yourself to task, and in humility seek to gain that strength that comes by beholding Christ. Hear His gracious invitation: “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” [Matthew 11:28.] Why should you wait? Why not come to Him now? *20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 15*

“Take My yoke upon you,” He continues, “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.] *20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 16*

Will you take these words of Christ, and will you go to work as the apostle has advised? No longer brood over your supposed injuries. Cease to surmise evil; for evil surmising will lead you into a path in which you will find neither peace nor rest, a path where you will have a checkered experience that you will regard as unexplainable. *20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 17*

It is time to change the past order of things. Take yourself in hand. Repent, repent of your sins, “and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.” [Acts 3:19.] Humble yourself before God. Pray simply and earnestly for a new heart, and believe that God will hear you. *20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 18*

Peter continues: “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.” [2 Peter 1:10, 11.]*20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 19*

You are not appointed to the work of confessing the sins of your brethren. Search your own heart thoroughly. Let your heart break before God. It means much to you to take God at His word, and hold on with an unflinching grip. Your Lord is of tender pity and compassion. This assurance of making your calling and election sure is worth everything to you and to every one who will seek to fulfil the conditions. In these words of Peter you may find your life insurance policy.*20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 20*

“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.” [Verse 12.]*20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 21*

There are many who have a knowledge of the truth, but who need to set their hearts in order before God. Work intelligently for your immortal inheritance. Do not depend on others to pick you up and place you on vantage ground. You can do more to free your own soul from its burdens than any one else can do for you.*20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 22*

Sing with heart and voice, “There are angels hovering round.” These holy, loving beings are commissioned to minister to all who seek, that they may find; to those who knock, that it may be opened unto them. Angels are hovering round, and they will assist you, if you will give them an opportunity.*20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 23*

“There is more joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine just ones that need no repentance,” who are not willing to bestir themselves to come to Christ. [*Luke 15:7.*]*20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 24*

It is now bed time, and I must close. I praise and glorify my heavenly Father; for He is the true friend that never faileth.*20LtMs, Lt 321, 1905, par. 25*

Lt 322, 1905

Belden, Brother and Sister [S. T.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 26, 1905

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Dear Brother and Sister Belden,—

The past night I have slept better than I have for years. I have no pain. My mind is clear, and I can do much work if I have a chance. I am now seventy-eight years old. I am grateful to my heavenly Father that I am able to do my writing. My appetite is excellent. We have been favored with Brother and Sister King to be our helpers. Both are very useful workers. Sister King is my cook, and the food comes on to the table in an appetizing shape for my workers. This is what we need: simple food prepared in a simple, wholesome, and relishable manner. We have no butter and no meat on our table. We do not think fried potatoes are healthful, for there is more or less grease or butter used in preparing them. Good baked or boiled potatoes served up with cream and a sprinkling of salt are the most healthful. The remnants of Irish and sweet potatoes are prepared with a little cream and salt and rebaked, and not fried; they are excellent. I have had a good appetite and relish my food and am perfectly satisfied with the portion which I select, which I know does not injure my digestive organs. Others can eat food which I cannot, such as lentils and beans. We are favored with the services of Brother and Sister King; they are a blessing to us, and we are thankful for their help. Sister Nelson was highly prized as our housekeeper and cook, and we would have kept her if she would have remained. She wished to perfect her education as a nurse, which position she will fill and do good service. This was understood when she came to us. We were troubled at the thought of her leaving us, as she had done good service and was an excellent caretaker both indoors and out-of-doors. We thought it

would be difficult to supply her place, but it would not be doing Sister Nelson justice to keep her here when she desired a change and we considered that she ought to have it. So I let her go. I am glad and thankful that we secured Sister King, as the matron of our home, and her husband to be a caretaker outside the home and inside when needed. They served one year at Healdsburg College and gave good satisfaction. So we are doing well notwithstanding our fears.*20LtMs, Lt 322, 1905, par. 1*

I am grateful to my heavenly Father for the preservation of my health, for the close application to prepare a repetition of the experiences we have had in the past, as we have prepared testimonies in regard to our first labors and the matter is in print. We have a large amount of matter which the Lord has given me, which light and instruction should not be hid under a bushel or under a bed. The warnings and the messages that the Lord has graciously given me to correct the errors that would come in, and to set things in order, the people should have, for the enemy will continue to work to bring in false theories and to mingle with the truth strange suppositions. These appear as light to those who receive them, but they are deceptive theories that will be brought in as tares sown among the wheat. The Lord has for the last fifty years been instructing me that when the seducing theories would arise, they were not to be received, and I must do as did Moses and Joshua: Repeat the errors of the past and the gracious working out of the Lord's will. I praise His holy name.*20LtMs, Lt 322, 1905, par. 2*

The sadness of my heart is beyond expression because I must show directly to all the medical missionaries that they are not fulfilling their calling. The Lord has been speaking to Dr. Kellogg through His word, but he would not understand that word. He would not change his course of action, and for the last thirty years especially, my message has been given to him, which message he has in strongest assertions professed to believe. But when the plain reproofs came to him through the messenger God has chosen, just prior to the time of the Conference at South Lancaster, he decidedly stated that I was no longer his friend because I stated that facts as they had been presented to me by the Lord. But he had set his mind upon a course of action that the Lord would not sustain him in pursuing. His mistakes were presented before him; likewise the

dangers growing out of these mistakes. Our ministers were tempted. They must be on guard, and not in any way be seduced from the straight line of the work God had given them to do, but stand like men. Be strong, yea, be strong. Then the Doctor became set and determined, and for a time he had been losing the balance of his mind. He went to Europe and we urged him to come to Australia; to throw off care for a time and have nothing to do to weary and depress his mind. But although he received the message sent him, he did not accept the invitation. At that time his financial outlook was anything but favorable.*20LtMs, Lt 322, 1905, par. 3*

Warnings had been given me for twenty years that Doctor Kellogg was embracing too much. He could not have a well-balanced mind, and he lost patience and brotherly kindness if interrupted in carrying out his purposes and intentions. The Lord sent him warnings that he was endangering himself. Warnings had come to him that unless he guarded his mind, he would become overwrought and make mistakes in speech and mistakes in selecting his men to be his helpers, and he would not take kindly to any one that questioned his course.*20LtMs, Lt 322, 1905, par. 4*

Dr. Kellogg had been represented to me as chosen for a physician. My husband and myself united in taking three promising young men from their humble labors and placing in the hands of each one thousand dollars to obtain an education in medical lines. This had been the selection that the Lord put into the mind of my husband. The Lord had given light and preference to these three youth, and they were to give themselves to the work of physicians.*20LtMs, Lt 322, 1905, par. 5*

Urgent invitations are sent me to visit Washington, to attend an important meeting. Several are urging my presence. I would gladly attend these meetings, but a great work is before me, and I must keep at this work; for it is of great importance. This work is the bringing out of the warnings that have been given me for Dr. Kellogg. As he will present anything and everything possible to make of no effect the testimonies that the Lord has given me, I must do my part to meet the situation just now.*20LtMs, Lt 322, 1905, par.*

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I thought I would take this matter up before, but light came that Dr. Kellogg, united with his associates, was doing a special work. Their plans were being laid, and I was to allow them to make the first move; for then there would be a necessity to "Meet it," and I would be saved from much blame.*20LtMs, Lt 322, 1905, par. 7*

After this light came, I said to my son, "I will heed this warning. I can see the force of it."*20LtMs, Lt 322, 1905, par. 8*

In the visions of the night, I was in an assembly of physicians, and I saw the work that was being planned. Then I said to my son, "I must get everything in readiness; for soon we shall see the necessity of having the armor on, ready for action. In that meeting many things were said which I can and must meet. I must work now." And we did work.*20LtMs, Lt 322, 1905, par. 9*

Letters copied from my diary were sent to Elders Daniells and Irwin, and they were prepared for the issue. You will see by the copies enclosed what took place in Battle Creek. I need not go over the same ground.*20LtMs, Lt 322, 1905, par. 10*

Lt 323, 1905

Daniells, A. G.; Irwin, G. A.; Butler, G. I.; Haskell, S. N.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 27, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brethren Daniells, Irwin, Butler, and Haskell,—

I have words to say to you in regard to the work in the South. If it were possible, I would attend the meeting at Nashville, but I cannot be there if I am to fill my other appointments; therefore I write this letter to you. *20LtMs, Lt 323, 1905, par. 1*

I am burdened in regard to the situation of J. E. White. I know that in some things he has made mistakes. The Lord has taken his case in hand, and He says, “I will have compassion for the tempted, for them that are out of the way. 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 in His throne.” [*Revelation 3:19-21.*] *20LtMs, Lt 323, 1905, par. 2*

I wish now to caution my brethren against doing anything that will place Edson White in a position where his usefulness will be impaired. He has made mistakes in the past. He has acted unwisely in borrowing large sums of money and in engaging in so many speculations. But all your ideas in regard to his motives and actions are not correct. *20LtMs, Lt 323, 1905, par. 3*

And who has not made mistakes. Others made mistakes in some of their plans for the publishing work in Nashville. In the past Brother Bollman has acted unwisely, and he has made it very hard for Edson. And I have feared that Brother Bollman and other brethren may take a course that will not help Edson at this time, but will leave him in despair. If our brethren now take a course that would

make it appear that they had no confidence in him, and he is discouraged, Satan will use their attitude to bring bitterness to his soul.*20LtMs, Lt 323, 1905, par. 4*

I have beheld scenes in times past in Nashville, where great injustice was done to J. E. White by some who have acted as a brake to hinder the work that should have been done. When he was set back, and others pushed to the front, an angel of God took him by the hand and strengthened and encouraged him. I have written testimonies concerning these matters.*20LtMs, Lt 323, 1905, par. 5*

I do not know what you purpose to do, but unless you move cautiously, you may take a course that will unbalance the mind of J. E. White. He needs now sympathy rather than blame. He cannot now bear blame. He needs compassion and tenderness.*20LtMs, Lt 323, 1905, par. 6*

The Lord has given me instruction for him, and I have plainly pointed out his dangers and mistakes. I have urged him to refrain from a work that consumes but does not produce. I have corrected him, and he has borne this correction without rebellion. He has acknowledged the mistakes that have been pointed out, and I have reason to believe that he is seeking to correct them. God forbid that his brethren should assume an attitude that would arouse in him a spirit of rebellion.*20LtMs, Lt 323, 1905, par. 7*

It has often been presented to me that Edson's work is to minister in word and doctrine. The Lord has given him an active mind, a clear understanding of Scripture, and he is able to write books that are of special interest. By gathering to himself such heavy burdens, that his mind is in constant perplexity and trial, he has placed a yoke upon his own neck that the Lord did not place upon him.*20LtMs, Lt 323, 1905, par. 8*

The Lord Jesus is now saying unto 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." [*Matthew 11:28-30.*]*20LtMs, Lt 323, 1905, par. 9*

I know that the Lord Jesus looks with tenderness upon Edson

White, and I beg of you not to take a course that will estrange him from the work in the southern field. Warnings have been given me for my brethren not to bind upon him burdens that he is unable to bear. Will you not seek to help him by showing appreciation for what he has done that has been a blessing to the cause of God in many ways. No one has acted a more unselfish part in helping from his own means those who are in distress, than has Edson White. An ounce of commendation for the good that he has done and consideration for his misfortunes will be worth more to him now than great exactitude.*20LtMs, Lt 323, 1905, par. 10*

The self-denial boxes were made and set out in harmony with the light that God has given me. These boxes have proved a blessing to the families who have faithfully used them, and also to the colored people. Let no one seek to demerit the plan of work with the self-denial boxes. Little enough has been done for the southern field, and it is high time for an awakening in the cities of the South.*20LtMs, Lt 323, 1905, par. 11*

Brother Bollman is not a man who has a tender spirit. He is not pitiful and compassionate. Let not his words of criticism and censure make a deep impression upon your minds. Brother Bollman should not be placed in a prominent position; for he would be in danger of doing a work that would need to be undone.*20LtMs, Lt 323, 1905, par. 12*

There are some who do not wish to believe in the testimonies that God has given to His people. They would rejoice could they see Edson White crushed and in despair. Will you now, by harsh judgment, give cause for triumph to those who have in the past hindered the work in the South? If the leaders of the opposition at Battle Creek can so work upon one who is wounded and bruised as to lead him on to a false track; if they can make him feel that they understand his case and that they also have been misjudged by their brethren, this would be a victory for the enemy. What a triumph it would be for the leaders in Battle Creek if they could get Sister White's son, in his present troubled condition, to unite with them.*20LtMs, Lt 323, 1905, par. 13*

I know that Edson can be helped at this time. But it will not be by

withdrawing confidence in him. He is not a villain, but he has been unfortunate. If there is anything you can do to give him encouragement in this his hour of need, I request you to do this. He might be surprised at any manifestation of tenderness and sympathy coming from you, but it would remove from his mind the impression that you are seeking to injure him.*20LtMs, Lt 323, 1905, par. 14*

The destiny of a soul is in the balance. If his brethren take a course that will humiliate him, I greatly fear for the consequences. Our brethren need to have clear eyesight, quick discernment, and the compassion of Christ. May the Lord give you wisdom to deal prudently and righteously with my son. May you work under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.*20LtMs, Lt 323, 1905, par. 15*

I will not write more at this time. I desire to write something to Edson that will help him, but my heart is so grieved that I scarcely know what to write. It has been some time since I received a letter from him or since I have written to him.*20LtMs, Lt 323, 1905, par. 16*

But I would say to you that by showing a spirit of tender compassion, you may save a soul from death. Let not the mind of J. E. White be so weighed down that his reason will be imperilled.*20LtMs, Lt 323, 1905, par. 17*

Lt 324, 1905

Simpson, W.W.

Duplicate of *Lt 310, 1904.*

Lt 325, 1905

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 10, 1905

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Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

I have received a letter from each of you. I was glad to hear the good news of \$5,000 being raised and the interest amounting to \$300 being cut out. This is very favorable. I am so much pleased to hear that Sister Burden is in the very place that will be beneficial to her healthwise. I am continually thankful to our heavenly Father that in His providence we have been favored to secure this beautiful location for a health resort. It answers perfectly to the representation that was given me—a main building and cottages so well fitted with windows. The surroundings are very attractive. Praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy expressed to us amidst the difficulties we have to meet. The Lord is our Helper, our Keeper, and our constant Guide. We may expect that everything will not move as encouragingly as we could wish in our connection with the work of God, but we will praise the Lord with heart and soul and voice. I say to you, my brother and sister, Jesus will be to us a present help in every time of need.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 325, 1905, par. 1*

In regard to Brother Hansen as your breadmaker, we do not think that you could find his equal. In regard to the investment of means in a food factory, if you can obtain the money, it is the very thing needful, and I have had this in mind. I was so afraid that you would let Brother Hansen connect with the sanitarium in Los Angeles, and we would be left in the lurch at Loma Linda. I know that he is a man of good sense, and he has a faculty of experimenting on health foods, which will be a blessing to the food factory and to the table

fare. I would say, Improve your present opportunity, and have a select man go in with him who can be educated in uniting with him to perfect the work. I would not delay this essential development; for it will be a great blessing to the sanitarium, and not only to it, but to other sanitariums.*20LtMs, Lt 325, 1905, par. 2*

I think Elder Haskell is on his way to Loma Linda. I have received a letter from Sister Haskell, stating that they would leave South Lancaster December 7. They are precious help in Bible lines. Loma Linda is just the climate for them, and the whole place will be a delight to their senses.*20LtMs, Lt 325, 1905, par. 3*

Do not be disappointed if we do not come just now. I do not know of a place where I should be more pleased to be for a time than in Loma Linda. I could enjoy every bit of the scenery and all the advantages. The reason my coming may be doubtful is that I do not wish to leave my workers just at this stage of my work. I am in good health for me, better than I have been in for years; and while my mind is clear, I want nothing to interpose as an extra burden. I want every jot and tittle of my strength to reproduce the representations the Lord has given me and to make them as vivid as possible while I can do so. This is the only reason I plead not to leave my workers. We have all the multitudinous productions of the pen placed in the best order to handle, and I am more than pleased with the care that is manifested in arranging everything so that it may be well prepared for me to use.*20LtMs, Lt 325, 1905, par. 4*

In regard to the school, I would say, Make it all you possibly can in the education of nurses and physicians. What about Dr. Holden? Will he not become an educating force in the sanitarium? Brother and Sister Haskell are versed in the Scriptures, and after a few weeks I may meet my son at Loma Linda. But at present I wish to advance a little more decidedly in the writings I am preparing.*20LtMs, Lt 325, 1905, par. 5*

We are having beautiful weather. It is almost like summer.*20LtMs, Lt 325, 1905, par. 6*

With much love to you both.*20LtMs, Lt 325, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 326, 1905

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 4, 1905

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W. C. White

My dear Son,—

Yesterday I received a very interesting letter from you, which I read to the family at dinner time. I have been very much interested in all the postal cards and short letters that have come to us from you. Not one doleful note has been struck. All have been hopeful and filled with grateful acknowledgement of the Lord’s special working. We should at all times acknowledge Him who is our Redeemer, and upon whom our eternal destiny depends.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 326, 1905, par. 1*

One thing it is certain is soon to be realized—the great apostasy, which is developing and increasing and waxing stronger and will continue to do so until the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout. We are to hold fast the first principles of our denominated faith and go forward from strength to increased faith. Ever we are to keep the faith that has been substantiated by the Holy Spirit of God from the earlier events of our experience until the present time. We need now larger breadth and deeper, more earnest, unwavering faith in the leadings of the Holy Spirit. If we needed the manifest proof of the Holy Spirit’s power to confirm truth in the beginning, after the passing of the time, we need today all the evidence in the confirmation of the truth, when souls are departing from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. There must not be any languishing of soul now. If ever there was a period of time when we needed the Holy Spirit’s power in our discourses, in our prayers, in every action proposed, it is now. We are not to stop at the first experience, but while we bear the same message to the people, this message is to be strengthened and enlarged. We

are to see and realize the importance of the message made certain by its divine origin. We are to follow on to know the Lord, that we may know that His going forth is prepared as the morning. Our souls need the quickening from the Source of all power. We may be strengthened and confirmed in the past experience that holds us to the essential points of truth which have made us what we are—Seventh-day Adventists.*20LtMs, Lt 326, 1905, par. 2*

The past fifty years have not dimmed one jot or principle of our faith as we received the great and wonderful evidences that were made certain to us in 1844, after the passing of the time. The languishing souls are to be confirmed and quickened according to His Word. And many of the ministers of the gospel and the Lord's physicians will have their languishing souls quickened according to the Word. Not a word is changed or denied. That which the Holy Spirit testified to as truth after the passing of the time, in our great disappointment, is the solid foundation of truth. Pillars of truth were revealed, and we accepted the foundation principles that have made us what we are—Seventh-day Adventists, keeping the commandments of God and having the faith of Jesus.*20LtMs, Lt 326, 1905, par. 3*

Have not the hearts of Christ's disciples burned within them as He has talked with us by the way and opened to us the Scriptures? Has not the Lord Jesus opened to us the Scriptures and presented to us things kept from the foundation of the world? Some have heard the reading of the evidence of the binding claims of the law of God, and the enjoined obedience to His commandments, and have felt their characters to be in such contrast to the requirements that had they been placed in circumstances similar to Jehoiakim, king of Judah, they would have done as he did. A special message was sent to him to be read in his hearing; but after listening to three or four pages, he cut it with a penknife and cast it into the fire. But this could not destroy the message; for the Word of God will never return unto Him void. The same Holy Spirit who had given the first testimony, which was refused and burned, came to the servant of God who caused the first to be written in the roll and repeated the very message that had been rejected, caused the latter to be written, and added a great deal more to it.*20LtMs, Lt 326, 1905, par. 4*

Those who are willing to have the straight, plain messages of God consumed, to get them out of their sight, will only give increased publicity to and confirmation of the messages that they dismissed and repulsed. When the Lord sends a message to any man or woman, and they refuse to be corrected, refuse to receive it, that is not the end of the message by any means. All the transaction is recorded, and those who took part in it, by their refusal to be corrected, pronounce their own sentence against themselves.*20LtMs, Lt 326, 1905, par. 5*

When God sends a message to any person, minister or doctor; if men pursue a course to make of no effect the message sent, a course that destroys the influence of the message that God designed should make a change in the principles of the one corrected and turn his heart to repentance, it would be better for these men if they had never been born. Wickedness and deceit remain in the one to whom the Lord in mercy sent His message; but they, through Satan's devising, took it upon themselves to justify and vindicate the one whom God had corrected, and he took it upon himself to refuse the message given and went on, sustained by men who claimed to be the ministers and doctors of the Lord. The one who should have realized his sin and corrected his evil was presumptuous and turned from the messages of God to follow his own course, until sin, in deception, in falsehood, in unprincipled working, in underhand dealing, became current. Whether there is any hope of a change, we know not. But every soul who has built that man up in his crooked course of action, which they know was not justice and righteousness, will suffer with the transgressor, unless they shall humble themselves before God and show that repentance that needeth not to be repented of.*20LtMs, Lt 326, 1905, par. 6*

Thus saith the Lord, I am the high and holy One who inhabiteth eternity. The Lord God will be vindicated in the interest He has taken to bring men to repentance, that they should see their crooked ways and turn and be converted. But ministers and doctors have stepped in between God and men reproved and have made of no effect the reproofs He has sent, notwithstanding that the warning was to save erring men and turn them from their wrong course of action, that their usefulness should not be destroyed, that they

should repent and be converted, and their sins, which are now registered in the books of heaven, be blotted out.*20LtMs, Lt 326, 1905, par. 7*

The Spirit who asked Zechariah, “What seest thou,” to which he answered, “I see a flying roll,” also caused an angel to 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; (let no glory be given to erring, sinful men) for the hour of His judgment is come.” [*Zechariah 5:2; Revelation 14:6, 7.*] Many indeed will not understand, but will stumble at the words contained in the roll.*20LtMs, Lt 326, 1905, par. 8*

Lt 327, 1905

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 10, 1905

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My dear Son,—

I have just written a short letter to Brother and Sister Burden and will send you a copy. I am much pleased that the money was raised to pay the \$5,000 at once, so that the \$300 interest will be saved. They write me that just at the time they thought it impossible to raise the money, it was secured, and therefore the \$300 interest is in their favor.*20LtMs, Lt 327, 1905, par. 1*

Since I wrote you last I have been favored with a loan of \$850 from Sister Bartlett. She was much relieved to have the burden of it off her mind. With this money we took up the note at the bank and are now paying five per cent interest instead of eight per cent.*20LtMs, Lt 327, 1905, par. 2*

We are usually well and are seeking to put our entire dependence in the Lord. I have been looking over a large amount of matter. My head was tired on Sabbath, and I had to keep quiet.*20LtMs, Lt 327, 1905, par. 3*

We are having most beautiful weather. It is almost like summer. The light of the moon makes the nights almost as light as day.*20LtMs, Lt 327, 1905, par. 4*

I have received a letter from Elder Haskell. They are on their way to Loma Linda, and they expect to meet me there. But I do not really see it to be my duty to leave my workers and break up just at this critical time. We need every jot of ability we have.*20LtMs, Lt 327, 1905, par. 5*

I have to work carefully and not feel too deeply over the known

position of our brethren who are not disentangling themselves from erroneous science and making sure that they are on the firm foundation. I carry a burden continually because of the souls who know the truth, but have not manifested its sanctifying power in their lives and characters. I should suffer much if I could not lay my burden upon the great Burden-bearer. *20LtMs, Lt 327, 1905, par. 6*

We must keep before the people a veracity, justice, love, goodness, and every virtue that comes to us through the Lord Jesus Christ. In all the lowliness, meekness, and gentleness of Christ, His love is expressed to us. His spiritual life-energy we must have if we are daily overcomers. All our power is derived from Him. Of His fulness we have all received and grace for grace. The prayer of Christ to His Father is a representation of what we must be if we are working to be overcomers; and if we meet this representation we shall certainly bring forth good fruits. *20LtMs, Lt 327, 1905, par. 7*

“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 17:17-26.*] *20LtMs, Lt 327, 1905, par. 8*

As Christ came to the world to seek and to save perishing souls, that they should have the light of truth, so also hath He committed the same work to all who receive Him as their Saviour. “And for

their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.” [*Verse 19.*]20*LtMs, Lt 327, 1905, par. 9*

How important that we should be rooted and grounded in the truth! No falsehood is of the truth. The Lord Jesus has promised that if we receive Him by faith and believe in Him as our pattern, He will give us “power to become the sons of God.” The gospel of Jesus Christ contains the grand principles of all truth, expressed in a life of purity. In love and true righteousness these principles are to be proclaimed to the world. In all our dealings with one another we are to obey the precepts of the law of God. “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.*]20*LtMs, Lt 327, 1905, par. 10*

From these words we see how much is dependent on the character of all those who claim to believe the gospel of Jesus Christ. By the lives of Christ’s followers the world will judge the Saviour. If anyone, in word or deed, departs from the living principles of the truth, he dishonors his Saviour and puts Christ to open shame. Let every soul believe in Christ and receive the power that Christ has promised, that he may be a child of God, holding the truth conscientiously, its principles interwoven with his words, his spirit, and all his works. Thus Christians may become a refining, purifying influence, working against false religion and infidelity. Their presence brings with it the grand influence of heavenly principles, making them, through Christ, an honor to the gospel. They increase in power to communicate the sanctifying grace of heaven, gaining continually in influence through their increasing reverence for the truth. Their hearts are filled with the peace of Christ.20*LtMs, Lt 327, 1905, par. 11*

A true Christian feels daily that his lifework should be to represent the untiring earnestness that was shown in the life of Christ. Every soul should feel under sacred obligation to represent Christ to the world. All are to remember that they are in the presence of Christ, and in no case are they to utter a word that will grieve the Holy Spirit. They must show to the world that they are sons of God, that because they have chosen and believed on Christ, He has given them power to become the sons of God. In every business deal, in

every act, they must honor Him who has given them this power.*20LtMs, Lt 327, 1905, par. 12*

I am instructed to present these principles, the message to which I have listened in the night season. I am to present the underlying principles of the Christian warfare. All who truly love the Lord Jesus will accept His yoke and learn of Him. "Learn of Me," said the holy, sanctified Teacher, "for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [*Matthew 11:29.*]*20LtMs, Lt 327, 1905, par. 13*

The Christian life is a warfare, not against believing brethren, but against the seducing spirit of the enemy, against the subtle, deceiving influence of the serpent, which creeps into our thoughts and minds. "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." [*James 4:7.*] Make no provision for the flesh, to deceive, to falsify, to work just as Satan worked in Eden. He is watching his chance to develop if he can only have an opportunity. Give him no foothold. There is something we are charged to do: "Resist the devil," and the promise is, "he will flee from you." Why? Because the angel of God lifts up for you a standard against the enemy, and he flees.*20LtMs, Lt 327, 1905, par. 14*

Lt 329, 1905

Burden, J. A.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 11, 1905

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Dear Brother Burden,—

I have been conversing with you in the night season in regard to some matters that I will write you about. We were conversing in reference to Brother Hansen and his manufacturing health foods. In regard to the family, you understand that Sister Hansen must be carefully cared for, because she has had lung trouble. It would be well for them to be provided with a home by themselves. They can be so located that burdens shall not come upon Sister Hansen too heavily and where she can care for their own family. She may entirely recover from her lung difficulty, but it will be well to take every precaution. Matters can be managed so that those who need to be connected with the institution may not in any way be exposed. You and your wife may be wise on this subject, and a word to the wise is sufficient.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 1*

Brother Hansen is fully as severe in his family as is required. He needs the softening, subduing influence of the Spirit of God. He is not hard-hearted, but he needs more of the softening grace of Christ. You will help him on these points. It will be well for those of his children who are old enough to be in school.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 2*

We were conversing in regard to erecting a store; and One of authority who was in our midst, speaking to several present, suggested the propriety of erecting such a building at a distance from the main building and all other buildings that are now standing there so that there will be no danger to them from fire. He

suggested that changes would need to be made after thorough study, and that the building should be placed where the wind would not carry the smoke or sparks to the main building. Great care is to be exercised in regard to this matter, and intelligence is to be shown in the movements made.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 3*

Although Brother Hansen is an outspoken man, his children and all who associate with him can be so managed that there will be no need of roughness. All can be educators of themselves, placing themselves under God's discipline. Let their criticizing propensities be exercised upon themselves; then no one will suppose that he must place himself on the judgment seat to condemn others.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 4*

The Speaker said, You can all be a blessing to one another, if you open your hearts to receive the precious love of Christ. Let all keep diligent guard over their own disposition, and then pleasant words will be spoken. Let not those who are connected with the sanitarium as helpers think that they have liberty to exercise authority over others. God will help the ones who are chosen to act a part in the duties connected with the sanitarium, to labor as workers together with God. Let them be sure to take charge of their own individual selves. Those who come to the sanitarium as patients are to see that Christian love and kindness are shown to all who are connected with the institution. Let every one stand in his lot and place, refusing to go out of his way to assume authority as a dictator. The Lord calls upon every man to be courteous and to discipline himself. He is not to exercise authority that is not given him. Let every one learn daily his lesson of preparing his own heart for the heavenly inspection, for the record is written in the books of heaven. Let souls be emptied of self. Then invite Christ to come in, and open the door of the heart to His knock. He says, "If any man hear My voice, ... I will come in and will sup with him, and he with Me." [*Revelation 3:20.*] This divine companionship is what is needed in every home, in every church, in every sanitarium. There is need of strong, spirited men, men who will be sure to do special honor to the Lord Jesus Christ. We must be preparing to become members of the royal family in the heavenly mansions Christ is preparing for every one who through the grace received will wear His yoke.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 5*

Christ invites us, "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.*] In our character building, give encouragement to every divine, sacred influence. The blessing from Jesus makes everything good and profitable. Have His praise in your heart and in your voice and in your words, and your hearts will become fit temples for the Holy Spirit of God. Your success depends upon constant watchfulness and earnest prayer. "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I have commanded you." [*John 15:14.*] Depending upon the Lord, you can do the very things that are to be done, without murmuring and without disputing.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 6*

Satan is watching to secure every soul possible to do him service by careless work and careless words. He desires to impress the minds of the converted and the unconverted, that those connected with the sanitarium are lacking in piety and the meekness of Christ, that they are not Christians. Jesus will help you to prevent this impression's being made.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 7*

Christ would have every one possess in abundance the grace of heaven. He desires that His joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. Every soul is to discipline himself in strict, faithful service just as verily out of meeting as in meeting. You are in full view of the heavenly angels, and every faithful disciple may be, if he will, as was Ezra before the king. The hand of God is upon all those for good who seek Him, but His power and His wrath are against those who forsake Him and who trust in the help and friendship of the world, going to the god of Ekron to inquire and heeding not the counsel of the living God.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 8*

The children of God will know who is their helper. They will know in whom they can trust implicitly; and with Christ's help, they may, without presumption, have a holy confidence. Yes, His servants may safely trust in Him alone, without fear, looking unto Jesus, pressing on in obedience to His requirements, leaving everything that is joined to the world, whether the world opposes or favors. Their success comes from God, and they will not fail because they have not the wealth and influence of wicked men. If they fail, it will be because they do not obey the Lord's requirements, and the Holy

Spirit is not with them.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 9*

I am instructed that our only safety is in being joined to the Lord Jesus Christ. We can afford to lose the friendship of worldly men. Those who join themselves to worldly men, that they may carry out their unsanctified purposes, make a fearful mistake; for they forfeit the favor and blessing of God. I am to urge upon the attention of our people that the Lord Himself has placed a wall of separation between the world and that which He has established on the earth. God's people are to serve Him; for Christ has called them out of the world, and sanctified and refined them, that they may do His service. He has been given all power in heaven and in earth.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 10*

There is no such thing as maintaining concord between the profane and the holy. There can be no concord between Christ and Belial. But "the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for Himself." [*Psalm 4:3.*] And this consecration to the Lord, this separation from the world, is plainly declared and positively enjoined in both the Old and the New Testaments.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 11*

Brother Burden, before closing my letter, I will finish what I intended to say about the building of the food factory. This work requires much wisdom and genuine good sense. If you can bring it about, do so. Make the best possible use of *Ministry of Healing* to aid you in your work. I believe that you can accomplish that which seems to be a necessity. I think that if we all walk humbly with God, we shall always have grateful hearts.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 12*

There will be those who will invest their means in our sanitariums, with the understanding that they shall be given a home there as long as they shall live. These should receive kind, Christian treatment. I have in mind a Brother Merrill, with whom we stayed while attending the San Jose camp-meeting. He has no family and lives alone. While I was at his house, he questioned me in regard to our sanitariums. Not long ago I sent him a copy of *Ministry of Healing* and asked him to communicate with you if he had means that he could lend to the sanitarium. Have you received any word from him? I asked him for a loan of five thousand dollars.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 13*

If such a man could invest his means in the sanitarium, and make the institution his home, I think it would be a wise move. He is a businessman and I think is pretty careful as to how he invests his means. I thought that if I asked him to lend me some money, he might respond, but as yet I have received no word from him.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 14*

Later. This morning, Dec. 14, I could not sleep after one o'clock, so I rose and dressed and have come to my office to complete the letter that I began writing to you two or three days ago. We are interested in every movement made at Loma Linda.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 15*

Did not the Lord have oversight, I should not care to live another day. But this is a question settled in my mind—that we are under a power which is beyond human control, and in that power we can trust. The Lord is good to us; and if we will walk carefully before Him, He will ever reveal His power in our behalf. He will save to the uttermost all who love and obey Him.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 16*

I long daily to be able to do double duty. I have been pleading with the Lord for strength and wisdom to reproduce the writings of the witnesses who were confirmed in the faith in the early history of the message. After the passing of the time in 1844, they received the light and walked in the light; and when the men claiming to have new light would come in with their wonderful messages regarding various points of Scripture, we had, through the moving of the Holy Spirit, testimonies right to the point, which cut off the influence of such messages as Elder A. F. Ballenger has been devoting his time to presenting. This poor man has been working decidedly against the truth that the Holy Spirit has confirmed. When the power of God testifies as to what is truth, that truth is to stand forever as the truth. No after-suppositions contrary to the light God has given are to be entertained.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 17*

Men will arise with interpretations of Scripture which are to them truth, but which are not truth. The truth for this time God has given us as a foundation for our faith. He Himself has taught us what is truth. One will arise, and still another with new light, which contradicts the light that God has given under the demonstration of

His Holy Spirit. A few are still alive who passed through the experience gained in the establishment of this truth. God has graciously spared their lives to repeat and repeat, till the close of their lives, the experience through which they passed, even as did John the apostle till the very close of his life. And the standard-bearers who have fallen in death are to speak through the reprinting of their writings. I am instructed that thus their voices are to be heard. They are to bear their testimony as to what constitutes the truth for this time.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 18*

We are not to receive the words of those who come with a message that contradicts the special points of our faith. They gather together a mass of Scripture and pile it as proof around their asserted theories. This has been done over and over again during the past fifty years. And while the Scriptures are God's Word, and are to be respected, the application of them, if such application moves one pillar of the foundation that God has sustained these fifty years, is a great mistake. He who makes such an application knows not the wonderful demonstration of the Holy Spirit that gave power and force to the past messages that have come to the people of God.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 19*

Elder Ballenger's proofs are not reliable. If received, they would destroy the faith of God's people in the truth that has made us what we are. We must be decided on this subject; for the points that he is trying to prove by Scripture are not sound. They do not prove that the past experience of God's people was a fallacy. We had the truth; we were directed by the angels of God. It was under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that the presentation of the sanctuary question was given. It is eloquence for every one to keep silent in regard to the features of our faith in which they acted no part.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 20*

God never contradicts Himself. Scripture proofs are misapplied if forced to testify to that which is not true. Another and still another will arise, and bring in supposedly great light, and make their assertions. But we stand by the old landmarks.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 21*

"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.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 22*

“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 1:1-10.*]*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 23*

I am instructed to say that these words we may use as appropriate for this time; for the time has come when sin must be called by its right name. We are hindered in our work by men who are not converted, who seek their own glory. They wish to be thought originators of new theories, which they present, claiming that they are truth. But if these theories are received, they will lead to a denial of the truth that for the past fifty years God has been giving to His people, substantiating it by the demonstration of the Holy Spirit.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 24*

Let all men beware what is the character of their work. They would better be falling into line; for their own souls' sake and for the sake of the souls of others. “If we walk in the light as He is in the light, the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.” [*Verse 7.*] It is nothing to the credit of any man to start on a new track, using Scripture to substantiate theories of error, leading minds into confusion, away from the truths that are to be indelibly impressed on the minds of God's people, that they may hold fast to the faith.*20LtMs, Lt 329, 1905, par. 25*

Lt 329a, 1905

White, Mabel

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 16, 1905

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My dear granddaughter Mabel,—

I have just read your nice, welcome letter, which is so full of interesting news. I have been reading my letters from Australia. They bring excellent reports of the school and the sanitarium. We spent so many years in Australia that every jot and tittle of good news is interesting.*20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 1*

I have been up since a little after three o'clock. As my first work, I unburied the coals in the fireplace and laid on small and large sticks of wood, and now I have a nice fire. I am very grateful to my heavenly Father for the freedom from sickness and pain that I enjoy. At my age it is more than I have reason to expect. My head is clear, my mind is active, and I have reason for heartfelt gratitude. On the twenty-sixth of November I shall be seventy-eight years old. I am as active as ever, going up and down stairs to and from my office more than ten times each day. I praise the Lord for His lovingkindness to me.*20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 2*

I am now looking over my diaries and copies of letters written for several years back, commencing before I went to Europe, before you were born. I have the most precious matter to reproduce and place before the people in testimony form. While I am able to do this work, the people must have these things to revive past history, that they may see that there is one straight chain of truth, without one heretical sentence, in that which I have written. This, I am instructed, is to be a living letter to all in regard to my faith.*20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 3*

I am very much pleased with the report that you are enjoying good health. You will soon be twenty years old, and I shall expect to hear

that you are enjoying much of the Lord's goodness. I hope and pray that as you increase in years, you may also grow in the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ. The Saviour gave His life, that we might have eternal life in the kingdom that He is preparing for all who love Him. I am desirous that you shall have increasing faith. Faith is not the ground of our salvation, but it is the great blessing—the eye that sees, the ear that hears, the feet that run, the hand that grasps. It is the means not the end. If Christ gave His life to save sinners, why shall I not take that blessing? My faith grasps it, and thus my faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen. Thus resting and believing, I have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 4*

When we remember that the Prince of heaven laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown and stepped down from His throne to take human nature upon Him, and to stand as one with us to meet the temptations of the wily foe who first introduced sin into the world, what cause for thanksgiving we have! Christ was tempted in all points like as we are tempted. In the work of redeeming man by the great sacrifice He was making, He stood beside the human race to help them in every emergency; for divinity and humanity were united.*20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 5*

The faith that is so effectual will, if exercised, make the one who believes a partaker of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 6*

This work of overcoming is to be understood and worked out through receiving Christ. "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; 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, ... and of His fulness have we all received, and grace for grace." [*John 1:9-14, 16.*]*20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 7*

We have every encouragement, that if we daily surrender our wills to God, the promise will be fulfilled: “And of His fulness have we all received, and grace for grace.” [Verse 16.] Every revealing of the grace of Christ in our behalf is for us. We are to reveal His grace in our lives, in thought, word, and deed. Let us not lose our opportunity to speak and act Christ Jesus. We are to represent the mercy, the love, and the power of Christ—the power that He has given us. “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.” [Psalm 46:1, 2.] *20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 8*

Were it not for the power received through Christ, we would have no strength. But Christ has all power. “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; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” [Matthew 28:18-20.] Here is our power, our comfort. Of ourselves, we have no strength. But He says, “I am with you alway,” helping you to perform your duty, guiding, comforting, sanctifying, and sustaining you, giving you success in speaking words that will draw the attention of others to Christ and awaken in their minds the desire to understand the hope and meaning of the truth, turning them from darkness to light and from the power of sin to God. *20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 9*

It is a wonderful thought that human beings can speak the word of God in simple words of comfort and encouragement. The humblest instruments will be used of God to sow the seeds of truth, which may spring up and bear fruit, because the one in whose heart they were sown needed help—a kind thought, a kind word, made effective by the One who has said, “Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” [Verse 20.] *20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 10*

Let us consider a most important scene. Day was breaking over the Sea of Galilee. The disciples, weary with a night of fruitless toil, were still in their fishing boats on the lake. Jesus had come to spend a quiet hour by the waterside. In the early morning He hoped

for a little season of rest from the multitude that followed Him day after day. But soon the people began to gather about Him. Their numbers rapidly increased so that He was pressed upon all sides. Meanwhile the disciples had come to land. In order to escape the pressure of the multitude, Jesus stepped into Peter's boat and bade him pull out a little from the shore. Here Jesus could be better seen and heard by all, and from the boat He taught the multitude on the beach.*20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 11*

What a scene was this for angels to contemplate—their glorious Commander, sitting in a fisherman's boat, swayed to and fro by the restless waves, and proclaiming the good news of salvation to the listening throng that were pressing down to the water's edge! The word of life is proclaimed in a clear, distinct voice to those who are listening with intense interest to hear the truths which the Saviour came from heaven to impart, and which, if received, would change human nature from darkness to light. The great Teacher knew that many were hungering and thirsting for the water of life, longing for their hearts to be changed from pollution to purity. O what precious words fell from His lips—words more valuable than gold.*20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 12*

“The land of Zabulon and the land of Nephtholim, 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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 13*

Yes, the divine light was shining through the words spoken, which were indeed to many who heard on that morning the Light of life, dawning upon their darkened understanding. As the sun was climbing up into the heavens, the Sun of righteousness was pouring into their darkened minds, enlightening their souls with its healing beams. Christ was lifting the standard to which the people would flock, and among those who listened were fishermen who were to become the prime ministers of His kingdom. For time and for eternity the foundation of His spiritual enterprise was being laid. The truths there uttered would go to the farthest part of the earth.*20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 14*

After the discourse was finished, Christ turned to Simon and directed him to launch out into deeper water. Then He said, Cast out your net for a draught. Simon answered, Master, we have toiled all night, and have taken nothing. Nevertheless, at Thy word I will let down the net.*20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 15*

This was the first trial of their faith and obedience. The night was the time for successful fishing, and to the disciples who had toiled all night without success it seemed useless to cast the net during the daytime. But they promptly obeyed and with complete success; for they drew in a great number of fishes, so many that the net broke. The boat was filled to the point of sinking, and the fishermen were obliged to call their brethren to help them.*20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 16*

The disciples could hardly contain themselves, they were so joyful, so surprised. They were perfectly familiar with the waters of the lake and with the time and way of securing fish. To them, the large draught of fish was a miracle of the most wonderful character. Simon was filled with amazement at what he saw. He knew that he was in the presence of a divine Being, and such a sense of his own unworthiness came upon him, that he cried out, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. He had no desire for Christ to depart; he was clinging to His feet with devout earnestness. But the consciousness of the miracle wrought was too much for him. O Lord, he pleaded, permit me to kiss Thy feet.*20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 17*

By this experience Christ desired to teach the disciples the lesson that they were to go forth into the world to catch souls. After receiving the light from the lips of Christ, they were to become His faithful disciples, fishers of men. When on another occasion He said, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men, they did not hesitate a moment, but left their nets and followed Him. They united with Him to receive instruction from Him. And many miracles they performed in and through the name of Jesus. They united with Christ, heart and mind and soul.*20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 18*

The Lord Jesus was thus inspiring these unlearned men with faith. Apparently they were unfitted for His service; for they did not

possess the learning obtained in the schools of the rabbis. But Christ saw that they were men to whom He could give power and efficiency, that the glory of their moral acquirements would bring spiritual conquests that would redound to the glory of God, showing that Christianity is divine.*20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 19*

“It shall be to the Lord for a name and an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.” [*Isaiah 55:13.*] This is what our people need today in all our churches. In the blessed results of the gospel presented in its purity, infidels and rationalists will see evidence that can not be controverted.*20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 20*

We can see monuments of the working of Christ in the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. In the working of Christ through the presentation of truth, atheists and infidels may see what the Word of God can accomplish for the saving of the souls of sinners, who stand as monuments of the co-operation of Christ with His believing people. A divine power will be back of every effort that is made by God’s true followers. Heavenly messengers are to work with human agencies in such a way that great things will be accomplished. The truth, Bible truth, can do marvels if believed. It will be seen that it is not a falsehood or a delusion; for it takes right hold of the character of the man to refine and purify and ennoble, and its miracle-working power overcomes satanic agencies and causes the soul to triumph in the grace of the Holy Spirit. The tree is judged by the fruit that it bears. The blessedness of true obedience to Christ in trying circumstances will be revealed.*20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 21*

With love from Grandma.*20LtMs, Lt 329a, 1905, par. 22*

Lt 331, 1905

Brethren and Sisters in Nashville

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 14, 1905

Previously unpublished.

To my brethren and sisters in Nashville,—

I am instructed to say to those who profess to believe the truth as it is presented in the Word of God, that they are to take special heed to the last recorded prayer of Christ with His disciples. These words rest heavily upon my soul:*20LtMs, Lt 331, 1905, par. 1*

“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.*20LtMs, Lt 331, 1905, par. 2*

“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 17:14-21.*]*20LtMs, Lt 331, 1905, par. 3*

Christ desires to perfect this grand work of uniting His earthly followers in Him, even as He is united with the Father. In such a union His people are sanctified through the truth; for Christ is the truth. In this union there is strength. In this union there is a power to convince the world of truth.*20LtMs, Lt 331, 1905, par. 4*

Christ and the Father are represented as two distinct personalities, but they are one in purpose. They are united in an effort to save

fallen human beings and to restore them to union with themselves.*20LtMs, Lt 331, 1905, par. 5*

The Lord Jesus is grieved to see among His people so much diversity in mind and purpose. When they will unite in a determination that Christ's prayer for unity shall be answered, a holier, purer atmosphere will pervade our churches.*20LtMs, Lt 331, 1905, par. 6*

“And the glory which Thou hast given 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.*]*20LtMs, Lt 331, 1905, par. 7*

The attainment of correct principles, the holiness of life received through unity with Christ will show to the world that we place a high value upon the life of Christ as our pattern.*20LtMs, Lt 331, 1905, par. 8*

A scene was presented before me. Christ stood as the perfection of holiness, but His professed followers were in contention. Scales were brought, and in one side was written in living characters the holy law of God. Human characters were being weighed with that law as the standard. One after another were found wanting and pronounced unworthy to have a place among the perfect ones. The words were spoken, “The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul. Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.” [*Psalm 19:7; James 2:10.*] In great anguish of spirit I awoke.*20LtMs, Lt 331, 1905, par. 9*

Who will be found wanting, when weighed in the balance, by the Judge of all the earth?*20LtMs, Lt 331, 1905, par. 10*

Again I seemed to be in a solemn assembly. One of authority spoke. “The carnal mind is enmity against God.” [*Romans 8:7.*] The words of Christ are plain and distinct. His prayer in behalf of all those who should believe on Him is, “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 17:21-23.]*20LtMs, Lt 331, 1905, par. 11*

There are many who have passed through the ordinance of baptism, but they are not transformed in character. By their misrepresentation of Christ, they have made His work difficult, and by hatred and jealousy and evil surmisings they have tried the souls of His servants. When they are new creatures in Christ, a change will be seen in their lives.*20LtMs, Lt 331, 1905, par. 12*

Those who have been cherishing hatred against their brethren who are trying to do the work of God need to be cleansed and purified. They may have professed godliness, but their hearts are not right with God. They have been stumbling blocks in the way of others. The love of Christ has not been revealed in the life. There has been an appearance of religion, but O how little have they honored and glorified Christ!*20LtMs, Lt 331, 1905, par. 13*

Men and women in important positions of trust have been led by satanic agencies to reveal to the world manifestations of pride, selfishness, robbery, and dishonesty in various lines.*20LtMs, Lt 331, 1905, par. 14*

The converting power of Christ must come into all our churches. The time has now come when a decided answer must be given to the question, Who is on the Lord's side? No longer is the church of God to be a mixed multitude. Who by thorough conversion will answer the expectations of Christ as expressed in His prayer?*20LtMs, Lt 331, 1905, par. 15*

This is only a portion of what I desire to say, and if the Lord gives me strength I hope to write more soon.*20LtMs, Lt 331, 1905, par. 16*

Lt 333, 1905

Prescott, W. W.; Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 16, 1905

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Dear Brethren Prescott and Daniells,—

I received your letter this noon, but I do not wish to telegraph.*20LtMs, Lt 333, 1905, par. 1*

The men who sustain Dr. Kellogg are in a half-mesmerized condition and do not understand the condition of the man. They honestly believe that he is to be trusted. But the spirit of satanic deception is upon him, and he will work any deception possible. He has been presented to me as exulting that he could hoodwink our people and get possession of all the property in Battle Creek. But what can we do with any of that property? What can we do in holding property in Battle Creek? We cannot utilize it without keeping men employed to counterwork Dr. Kellogg; and will this pay? But I have no advice to give in the matter.*20LtMs, Lt 333, 1905, par. 2*

I have lost all hope of Dr. Kellogg. He is, I fully believe, past the day of his reprieve. I have not written him a line for about one year. I am instructed not to write to him.*20LtMs, Lt 333, 1905, par. 3*

I have been reading over the matter given me for him, and the light is that we must call our people to a decision. God calls for every jot and tittle of influence to be placed on the side of truth and righteousness. We are to be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves.*20LtMs, Lt 333, 1905, par. 4*

Let us now as never before humble our hearts before God. Let us work in faith, bearing a testimony under the power of the Holy Spirit of God. Let us devote more time to prayer.*20LtMs, Lt 333, 1905, par. 5*

I have put in print most decided testimonies. A volume of lies will be circulated to counteract the very work God would have me do. But guard the outposts. Let every precaution be taken. Let us watch and pray. "Ask, and ye shall receive." [*John 16:24.*] We must have increased faith. We must watch unto prayer. I know that our God is a strong defense and that He will lift up for us a standard against the enemy.*20LtMs, Lt 333, 1905, par. 6*

My brethren, you and I must not lose our faith in God. Every man is being tested and tried. Will we bear a clean-cut testimony and in the spirit of the great Teacher be determined to seek the Lord? Let us cultivate faith. We are not meeting men, but satanic agencies; and we must lay hold upon the power that is mighty to save to the uttermost all who come unto Him. Work, and watch, and pray. Our work is to bring sound doctrine into actual contact with men's souls, that it may produce sound practice. The form of sound words is to be prized above every earthly thing, but unless these words are carried on in pure principles, what is the value of them? We must now look for battles, but we must not be disheartened, afraid, or ashamed. The heart-searcher knows that men are perpetrating sin, regardless of their souls. We have talked of the time of trouble. Well, it is hastening on. Watch unto prayer.*20LtMs, Lt 333, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 334, 1905

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 28, 1905

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My dear son,—

I do not know where to send letters to you, but perhaps Brother Crisler will know.*20LtMs, Lt 334, 1905, par. 1*

Elder Haskell and his wife came yesterday. We have given much time to them. They have nothing to tell of a discouraging character.*20LtMs, Lt 334, 1905, par. 2*

I am quite well, and I can see very much to be done. As I read the daily papers, I can see that the world is fast becoming as it was in the days of Noah. People are becoming utterly reckless of life. Men and women and even little children are increasing in wickedness day by day. If man had always obeyed the law of God, how different the earth would be from what it now is. “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.*] We can plainly see that everything is being stirred. Saith the Lord, I will turn and overturn. We see that nothing is sure and steadfast. The world is in complete agitation. The movements made by the people of God are to be made on a sure and certain basis. At no time are we to be reckless. We are to keep strictly to a firm belief in the Word of God.*20LtMs, Lt 334, 1905, par. 3*

The condition of things foretold by Christ has come. We read that in Noah’s day the earth was filled with violence. Is there not violence in the world today? Is there not cruel bloodshed by those who are workers of iniquity? We are surely living in the last days of this earth’s history. Never have I been so deeply impressed of this as

for several nights in the past. I am stirred, deeply stirred, with the conviction that we should now be truly converted every day as vessels unto honor. We must study the words in Deuteronomy, where the children of Israel renewed their covenant with the Lord. Our covenant with Him is to be renewed and all stubbornness of heart taken away. The Lord is in earnest with us.*20LtMs, Lt 334, 1905, par. 4*

We must arouse the people. We must be true and obedient; for the world is to see in us the working of the Spirit of God. We must draw near to God, that He may draw near to us. We must make a perfect surrender. We cannot venture to run any risks.*20LtMs, Lt 334, 1905, par. 5*

We must begin to labor on the subject of Temperance. We must take this matter up in the way that the Lord has often presented to me should be done. I will write you more fully on this later on.*20LtMs, Lt 334, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 335, 1905

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 19, 1905

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My dear son Willie,—

I am resting better at night. I am careful in regard to my eating and am not using my pen so constantly. If I could see a change in the spiritual atmosphere of the cause of God in its various branches, I should be greatly relieved. The enemy would be pleased to crush out my life with burdens.*20LtMs, Lt 335, 1905, par. 1*

We are now to live by the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. My waking hours are spent in prayer. I feel that if ever there was a time when we ought to be occupied in earnest, determined prayer, it is now. Let the appeals be made to our people: Wake up, wake up to the situation; for we have no time to lose.*20LtMs, Lt 335, 1905, par. 2*

Love for God and love for one another is to be cultivated; for it is as precious as gold. We need now to make the very best representation of the character of pure and undefiled religion, which both in its nature and its requirements is the opposite of selfishness. Love like that which Christ exemplified is incomparable; it is above gold or silver or precious stones in value. The love that Christ possessed is to be prayed for and sought for. The Christian who possesses it bears a character above all human infirmities.*20LtMs, Lt 335, 1905, par. 3*

At this stage of our history, I shall not talk of the discouraging features. I want my life to be hid with Christ in God. I know He loves every one who is striving for the mastery over the powers of evil. I give our people all the encouragement I possibly can. There are souls to save right among us. They are on the very brink of ruin. We need to do just as is expressed in Jude. We need to be wide-

awake; and if we help any that are in peril, as we know many are, we must learn to approach them, if we gain the least influence over them.*20LtMs, Lt 335, 1905, par. 4*

“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.*20LtMs, Lt 335, 1905, par. 5*

“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.*20LtMs, Lt 335, 1905, par. 6*

“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 14-25.*]*20LtMs, Lt 335, 1905, par. 7*

We are certainly living amidst the perils of the last days. We need now that grace which God shall give to the ones striving lawfully for every victory possible. If we rescue souls that have been helping Dr. Kellogg to stand where he now stands, we will need the power of a living Christ to go with us in our work. One must say with John, “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesseth that

Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God; and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God; and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.” [1 *John* 4:1-3.]*20LtMs, Lt 335, 1905, par. 8*

What definite light God has given us in this chapter. It becomes every soul to be sure that Christ is formed within, the hope of glory. O let us constantly walk humbly with God. We need now that living faith which takes God at His word. We are not to allow any discouraging features of opposition to depress our souls. It would not be for the glory of God for us to become discouraged. We are living amidst the closing scenes of this earth’s history, and we must now like Jacob cling to Jesus with all our power, exclaiming, “I will not let Thee go except Thou bless me, even me.” [*Genesis* 32:26.] Hold fast to the promises of God.*20LtMs, Lt 335, 1905, par. 9*

Oh, what manner of persons we ought to be—we who have had the truth for the past fifty years. Will those who have had line upon line, precept upon precept, from the testimonies God has given His people now seek to be satisfied with drinking from broken cisterns, which can hold no water? Will they not drink from the heavenly fountain prepared at an immense cost to satisfy the thirst of men and women for the water of life? Human ambition, human invention cannot satisfy the soul. While the earth is still our habitation, let us humble our hearts in prayer, as did Daniel. Daniel’s prayer was heard because it was offered from unfeigned lips. And those who seek with sincerity and earnestness for the traits of character that will enable them to honor God in this world, and to work the works of Christ, will have a part in the earth made new.*20LtMs, Lt 335, 1905, par. 10*

Lt 336, 1905

White, W. C.

Refiled as *Lt 352, 1905*.

Lt 337, 1905

Christiansen, Jessie

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 19, 1905

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Mrs. Jessie Christiansen
Sebastopol, California

My dear sister,—

I have expected to visit Healdsburg and then to visit you in Sebastopol. I am sending you my last book *Ministry of Healing*. I have much precious matter to put into print, but we need more means. I am trying to prepare a book on our earlier experience in proclaiming the third angel’s message. If you could lend me some money, I should be very glad and would pay you interest on it. When the books which we are now planning to get out are in the field, I shall have something coming in. *20LtMs, Lt 337, 1905, par. 1*

I am able to do considerable writing, and my health is good. I thank the Lord for this. *20LtMs, Lt 337, 1905, par. 2*

I am trying to do all I possibly can to urge the work forward in new places. The Lord has signified that in different places there are buildings which would be offered to us at a very low price, which we could use in our work. His word to us regarding this has been verified in our experience in opening up medical missionary work in Southern California. Recently the Lord has placed a great blessing within our reach by enabling us to obtain a beautiful sanitarium property known as Loma Linda. This property is sixty miles from Los Angeles, and it is a wonderful place in which to work for the sick, and in which to begin work for Redlands and Riverside. *20LtMs, Lt 337, 1905, par. 3*

Its name—Loma Linda, “beautiful hill”—describes the place. Of the sixty acres comprised in the property, about thirty-five form a

beautiful hill, which rises one hundred and twenty-five feet above the valley. Upon this hill the sanitarium building is situated.*20LtMs, Lt 337, 1905, par. 4*

The main building is a well-planned structure of sixty-four rooms, having three stories and a basement. It is completely furnished, heated by steam, and lighted by electricity. It is surrounded with larger pepper trees and other shade trees.*20LtMs, Lt 337, 1905, par. 5*

About ten rods away and on the highest part of the hill there is a group of fine cottages. The central cottage has nine beautiful living rooms and two bathrooms. In the basement is the heating plant for the five cottages.*20LtMs, Lt 337, 1905, par. 6*

Prettily grouped around this larger cottage are four smaller ones, having four rooms each, with bath and toilet. In all there are ninety rooms. The buildings are furnished throughout and are ready for use.*20LtMs, Lt 337, 1905, par. 7*

The seventy-six acres of hill and valley land are well cultivated and will furnish much fruit and many vegetables for the institution. Fifteen acres of the valley land are in alfalfa hay. Eight acres of the hill are in apricots, plums, and almonds. Ten acres are in good-bearing orchard. Many acres of land round the cottages and main building are laid out in lawns, drives, and walks.*20LtMs, Lt 337, 1905, par. 8*

This property cost the company, from whom we purchased it, about one hundred and forty thousand dollars. They erected the buildings and ran the place for a while as a sanitarium. Then they tried to operate it as a tourist hotel. But this plan did not succeed, and they decided to sell. It was closed last April, and as the stockholders became more anxious to sell, it was offered to us for forty thousand dollars, and for this amount our people purchased it.*20LtMs, Lt 337, 1905, par. 9*

This property came into our possession in such a way that we knew the hand of the Lord was in the matter. Loma Linda is one of the most perfect places for a sanitarium that I have ever seen, and I thank our heavenly Father for giving us such a place. It is provided

with almost everything necessary for sanitarium work, and it is the very place in which sanitarium work can be carried forward on right lines by faithful physicians and managers.*20LtMs, Lt 337, 1905, par. 10*

Not far away are the cities of Redlands and Riverside and San Bernardino. These places are to be thoroughly worked. Something has already been done in Redlands and Riverside, and a neat house of worship has been erected in each place. But as soon as possible a thorough evangelistic effort must be made.*20LtMs, Lt 337, 1905, par. 11*

The work in Washington is progressing. The buildings will be completed as soon as possible.*20LtMs, Lt 337, 1905, par. 12*

In closing I will ask you again whether you can lend me some money, for how long, and at what interest.*20LtMs, Lt 337, 1905, par. 13*

Your sister in Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 337, 1905, par. 14*

Lt 338, 1905

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 22, 1905

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Dr. J. H. Kellogg,—

You have written me that you have surrendered. I have waited to hear what you have surrendered. I have an intense interest in your soul. So long have you deceived yourself and those connected with you that it has become second nature for you to do this. The enemy is playing the game of life for your soul. You do not understand your own bearings. You will say anything that the enemy puts into your mind. Will you stop for a moment and ask yourself whether the Lord would have His people accept your conclusions and your deceptive suppositions? You are not a man whom it is safe for people to follow in every respect. If you were allowed to follow your own plans, you would spoil the flock of God. When you yield to the authority of God, you will pursue a course very different from that which for years you have been following. You are pursuing a course of falsehood, and many are receiving your statements as truth. All these things have been laid open before me. How long will the Lord bear with you in your effort to spoil the flock of God with your scientific sophistries?*20LtMs, Lt 338, 1905, par. 1*

All through our experience we have had to meet these deceptions of the enemy. Ever since the beginning of my work, I have had to meet the working of Satan through those who opened their minds to the enemy's suggestions. In my earlier experience I withheld the plain “Thus saith the Lord,” but God revealed to me the sure results. At one time I thought my soul was lost, but through the mercy of God I was pardoned. It was a terrible experience, but I was enabled

to look to my Lord for help. His hand was stretched out to me. I grasped it, and held it fast, and He drew me to His side. Satan could not hold me. But Satan is surely holding you, because you do not renounce the things that God has condemned.*20LtMs, Lt 338, 1905, par. 2*

I have hoped and prayed that you would understand your danger. He who reads the heart says, "Draw nigh to Me, and I will draw nigh to you." [*James 4:8.*] He will draw near you and will do for you that which no other power can do. He will lift up for you a standard against the enemy. Will you not surrender your will to the will of God? This is your only hope. Thus only can you obtain the victory over the enemy. Your repentance must be genuine, else it will not be acceptable to the Lord. Unless your heart is radically changed, you can never be a conqueror. The Lord has sought to convict and convert you, that you may serve Him without pretense. He reads every impulse of the heart, and He knows that your only hope is in changing leaders. This you have not yet done. You cannot build on the Rock until you see and understand yourself in the light that shines from the cross of Calvary. The Lord bids me say to you that the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not.*20LtMs, Lt 338, 1905, par. 3*

I have no argument with you. I have only to say, "Seek the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near." [*isaiah 55:6.*] For years you have been giving others a dangerous education. You have worked in co-partnership with the enemy, yet the Lord of life has not ceased to warn you. He is still inviting you to take His yoke upon you and learn of Him.*20LtMs, Lt 338, 1905, par. 4*

The Lord is constantly working for His people, that He may present unto Himself a church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. As you are now, you are certainly unready to appear in the presence of the King of kings. You need to be cleansed, refined, purified, else you will be unable to discern spiritual things. I have seen your dangers, but I have not been able to reach you with that which the Lord has presented to me. I have given you many messages from heaven, but they have not been received. Notwithstanding all the warnings and cautions given, you have made no decided change,

but have become self-exalted. I have seen Satan working on your mind. You have traced on paper the suggestions of the enemy and have presented them in such a way as to leaven the minds of your brethren. The seducing theories were only partially produced in *Living Temple.20LtMs, Lt 338, 1905, par. 5*

Dr. Kellogg has no idea of the seducing leaven that he has mingled with his theories. Those who have not been wide-awake to the leadings of his scientific researches have been taken unawares. The matter was presented to Dr. Kellogg in the way in which God regarded it, but he would not yield his theories. He has no full faith in the light God has given regarding his danger. He has refused to change his sentiments, which were of a character to undermine the truth that God has given for these last days.*20LtMs, Lt 338, 1905, par. 6*

Christ came to John on the Isle of Patmos to bring him a wonderful revelation regarding what was to take place on this earth. He charged him to write in a book that which was told him and send it to the churches. At this time John was in exile for his faithful witness to Christ. The Saviour, whom he knew and loved, came to him in his banishment to comfort and encourage him. John had sometimes erred in judgment, as he did when he desired fire to be brought from heaven to consume the Samaritans who refused to receive Christ. The Saviour reprovved him, saying that the Son of man had come to preserve men's lives, not to destroy them. John accepted the Saviour's admonition and profited by the lesson given. If another John would be as teachable, and would accept the message that Christ sends him, what a change would take place in him. Instead of becoming offended, how earnestly he would seek to understand and carry out every word of instruction given him. If the John of today, whom God has so tenderly taught and encouraged, would only give heed to His words, there would be no such representation as is today revealed. The Lord has worked with him and has given him a knowledge of how to treat the afflicted. But he has refused to listen to the words of instruction spoken through God's messenger and has regarded himself as the one who knew best. He has been counter working the purposes of God and arraying himself against the Lord's plans.*20LtMs, Lt 338, 1905, par.*

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Dr. Kellogg, for years you have been following a wrong course of action. Had you obeyed the Lord's instruction, thousands more would have been intelligently enlightened in regard to the healing of soul and body. But John, you have not done this grand work. You brought in devisings, the purpose of which was to concentrate power in Battle Creek. The head of this power, the master of the situation was to be J. H. K. The Lord saw various defects in this one-man power, and He sent messages to set matters right. He saw that too many minds were being molded by one man.*20LtMs, Lt 338, 1905, par. 8*

I had a painful duty to perform in this matter. I was bidden to bear the message the Lord sent.*20LtMs, Lt 338, 1905, par. 9*

Our own people were receiving erroneous ideas through a power back of the one man. Deceptive theories were acting as leaven. When Christ was upon this earth He lifted up His voice in warning, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees." [*Luke 12:1.*] I am bidden to say, "Beware of the leaven of J. H. K.; for the enemy will work through him to make void the truths that God would have proclaimed through all the world by agencies of His own appointment."*20LtMs, Lt 338, 1905, par. 10*

The time is drawing near when the work must receive a different mold. Men of capability and intelligence must not continue to act out the purposes of Dr. Kellogg; for he is not worked by the Holy Spirit. Had the theories contained in *Living Temple* been received by our people, had not a message been sent by the Lord to counteract these theories, the third angel's message would no longer have been given to the world, but pleasing fables would have been proclaimed everywhere. Men would have been led to believe a lie instead of the truth of the Word of God. An army of those who take pleasure in unrighteousness would have sprung into action.*20LtMs, Lt 338, 1905, par. 11*

The roll was spread before me. The presentation was as though that against which the Lord was warning His people had actually taken place. I shall not attempt to describe the presentation, but to me it was a living reality. I saw that if the erroneous sentiments contained in *Living Temple* were received, souls would be bound up

in fallacies. Men would be so completely controlled by the mind of one man that they would act as if they were subjects of his will. Working through men, Satan was trying to turn into fables the truths that have made us what we are.*20LtMs, Lt 338, 1905, par. 12*

Christ declares these sentiments to be false, prepared by the enemy to unsettle the faith of Seventh-day Adventists. In a short time the wonderworking power of Satan will be seen, and many souls will be turned from the truth to fables. For this cause God shall send them strong delusions. Those who have not built upon the true foundation will be swept away in the great tempest that is soon to burst upon the world. Those who turn from the truth will strive to control the minds of those who believe not the truth.*20LtMs, Lt 338, 1905, par. 13*

Letters have come to me, asking, Why should we not pray for the healing of the sick, instead of establishing so many sanitariums? In answer to this I would say, The time is coming when Satan is to work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness. He will work miracles, and thousands will flock to him. I am instructed that we are to establish sanitariums in various places, that the work that God has marked out may be done. In these institutions people are to be taught the principles of healthful living and are to be given an intelligent knowledge of Bible truth, that they may be braced and barricaded by the principles of God's law. Our sanitariums are to give people a knowledge of Jesus Christ, the great Medical Missionary. Satan's sophistries are to be made to stand out clear and distinct as that which should be regarded as a trap to catch souls.*20LtMs, Lt 338, 1905, par. 14*

Our sanitariums are to be established in rural places far away from the sights and sounds of the cities. Those who come are to be taught how to live in harmony with the laws of nature. They should be shown how to prepare food in such a way that it is both wholesome and palatable. It is to be shown that wholesome food is within the reach of the poor as well as the rich. Those in the highways and byways are to be given the privilege of learning how to prepare food in the simplest and most wholesome manner.*20LtMs, Lt 338, 1905, par. 15*

The Lord has warned me that there will come a great apostasy. There will come a falling away in spirituality. Many will turn away their ears from hearing the truth and will accept fables. Our sanitariums are to be conducted by wise, God-fearing men who will teach sound doctrines and show why we believe the truth and why we should practice strict temperance in all things, studying how to avoid all harmful practices and influences.*20LtMs, Lt 338, 1905, par. 16*

In view of what the word warns us is coming upon the earth, I have felt that I must urge upon our people the necessity of establishing sanitariums. We cannot pray for the miraculous healing of those who know not the truth. They have prostituted their powers; and were they thus healed, they would not return to God the glory, but would continue to dishonor Him by following wrong practices. We are to educate those who come to our sanitariums, teaching them how to bring themselves into right relation with God by following right habits of eating, drinking, and dressing.*20LtMs, Lt 338, 1905, par. 17*

In our sanitariums we shall meet with antichrist in many forms. We shall meet with those who have never had the light. We are to watch for opportunities to speak a word in season, asking God to help us to present the truth in such an acceptable way that those we are trying to help will not take offense, but will say, "Lord, evermore give us this bread." [*John 6:34.*] Hold up Jesus, and be sure that your words and deeds correspond with the principles found in the Word of God. By Christlike beauty of character we are to show to the world the power of the principles of God's Word.*20LtMs, Lt 338, 1905, par. 18*

God will come into our sanitariums if they are conducted upon right principles. All that is done must be done with courtesy and cheerfulness. Let the workers ask God to co-operate with their efforts. The mystery of iniquity is working with power and ingenuity to hinder the work of the gospel. How earnestly and devotedly we should labor to point sinners to the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. Let every one connected with a sanitarium prepare himself by earnest effort to bear witness for the Master. We dare not say, We must not pray for the sick. Let the voice of prayer

be heard in our institutions in behalf of the sick, that they may place themselves where they can co-operate with Him who can save both soul and body. Many of those who have been Satan's willing subjects will turn to Christ, the great Healer. All need Bible teaching, line upon line, precept upon precept. Prejudice will give way, and even those who have been seducers of souls will turn to God and be saved. Educate, educate, educate, showing men and women how much relief a change in diet will bring to them. Be always kind and courteous, cheerful and hopeful. Keep praying and working for souls. Remember that you are living epistles, known and read of all men.*20LtMs, Lt 338, 1905, par. 19*

Lt 339, 1905

White, Mabel

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 1, 1905

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My dear granddaughter Mabel,—

I sit here on my couch this morning, very thankful to my heavenly Father for a good night’s rest. I slept well until three o’clock, and now after building my fire, I am ready to take up my writing.*20LtMs, Lt 339, 1905, par. 1*

I would be very much pleased to see you, but we are too far separated to meet often. If the Lord directs, we may go to Southern California at the end of this month. The arrangements for this have not yet been made finally.*20LtMs, Lt 339, 1905, par. 2*

We have only a few items of news from your father. His letters are generally short, sometimes only a page of notepaper, and sometimes only a postal card, but I know that his whole soul is in the work, and that at this time he is working specially hard to bring before the people the light that has come to help them in this their time of trial and perplexity. He anticipates visiting many places, unless I write to him that I need his help, and that he should return. I shall tell him to follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit. He intends visiting Nashville, and that means Washington also, I suppose.*20LtMs, Lt 339, 1905, par. 3*

We have plenty to keep us constantly employed while he is away. My great perplexity is, What line of work can we take up now that will do most to strengthen the things that remain that are ready to die. Our past experience in the message seems to be impressed on my mind. I think it should be reprinted. I am sure that it is needed by those who have not had an experience in the special working of Providence and the power of the Holy Spirit.*20LtMs, Lt 339, 1905,*

par. 4

We must try to bring the people back to the messages God has given us. This will help all around. We must try to bring our people into unity and enlighten many who need enlightenment. O how I long to see that love and tenderness for one another that we used to see in the first years of our experience! We must have the simplicity of genuine faith in the Word of God, and we must have the sanctification of the Holy Spirit. "Report, and we will report it," men say today. [*Jeremiah 20:10.*] Very little of this kind of work was done in our early history. Heart blended with heart. On the countenances of those who were converted to the truth there was an expression of great cheerfulness and thanksgiving to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 339, 1905, par. 5*

Well, all this will be repeated as we advance in the love of God, enlarging our conception of the great love wherewith Christ has loved us. In His words of instruction, so simple, yet so elevating, so sacred, so ennobling, Christ has given us that which is a light to our feet and a lamp to our path. We are to advance step by step, upward and onward, reaching a higher and still higher conception of the love that is to be constantly contemplated, and more than this, brought into our experience. The Lord Jesus has purchased us with His blood, giving His spotless life for sinful human beings, that they may repent of their sins and be converted and saved.*20LtMs, Lt 339, 1905, par. 6*

We have very much to be thankful for. Let our hearts be continually filled with thanksgiving to our heavenly Father and to our Saviour.*20LtMs, Lt 339, 1905, par. 7*

It is now growing daylight. We are having the first cold weather, but it is not very severe. The days have been very pleasant and the nights clear—the full moon making them almost as bright as day. We have had a few gentle rains, but up till within a few days, the weather has not been cold. I have taken a ride daily, unless the showers threatened.*20LtMs, Lt 339, 1905, par. 8*

The girls came home from Oakland last night. I was much surprised this morning when Sara came in to speak with me.*20LtMs, Lt 339, 1905, par. 9*

On Thanksgiving Day Our family and Ella and Dores took dinner with your mother. I was not feeling well and chose to remain in my room.*20LtMs, Lt 339, 1905, par. 10*

It seemed nice to have the three girls back again, seated at the breakfast table. Sara is looking well; her eyesight is improving, and we are thankful that she did not lose her sight entirely.*20LtMs, Lt 339, 1905, par. 11*

I hope you will take special care of your eyes; for they are a great treasure. We can lose a limb, but if we have our eyesight, we can still find something with which to employ our time. But to lose the sight is a dreadful loss.*20LtMs, Lt 339, 1905, par. 12*

The Lord is good to me, very good. He has preserved my health and strength; and even though I am seventy-eight years of age, I can still rise before day and write for hours before breakfast. My eyes trouble me somewhat if I take cold, but if I am careful, I can do a great deal of work.*20LtMs, Lt 339, 1905, par. 13*

“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?” [*Psalm 27:1.*] “He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength.” [*Isaiah 40:29.*]*20LtMs, Lt 339, 1905, par. 14*

Mabel, do not devote the precious talent of sight to reading which you cannot use and which will not benefit you. The life of the soul cannot be sustained unless right food is given it. The mind must be properly fed. Christ said, “Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.” [*John 6:54.*] You need to understand the true state of the soul. Your dependence should be wholly upon the Lord. The soul’s highborn faculties are to be controlled by the Spirit of God. Its necessities are not to be trifled with, but sacredly regarded, that it may be worked by the Holy Spirit.*20LtMs, Lt 339, 1905, par. 15*

The powers of mind and soul and body are to be sanctified to the Lord Jesus, who has bought you with His blood, which was shed for you that you might become a child of God. You are to be obedient to the law of God; for it is the law of the angels and the law of saints. There is no condemnation to those who are obedient to this

law. *20LtMs, Lt 339, 1905, par. 16*

The life of the soul cannot be sustained unless it is brought into subject to the will of God. Every energy is to be exercised in doing the divine will. Our thoughts, if stayed upon God, will be guided by divine love and power. Then, my dear child, live on the words that proceed from the lips of Christ. May the Lord strengthen and bless and guide you. Press forward, and believe that if you ask, you will receive. *20LtMs, Lt 339, 1905, par. 17*

Your grandmother. *20LtMs, Lt 339, 1905, par. 18*

Lt 341, 1905

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 27, 1905

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My dear Son Willie,—

I have not been able to accomplish much today. Lately my sleep has been more satisfactory. For a long time I have not been able to sleep past three o'clock, but for a few nights I have slept until four.*20LtMs, Lt 341, 1905, par. 1*

This morning I learned that Elder Haskell and his wife came last night. Elder Haskell has been and still is suffering from boils, and this cripples him somewhat; but what a change there is in his complexion. His skin is clear, and his appetite excellent. He has gone to the sanitarium this morning for treatment. Both he and his wife seem to be in good spirits.*20LtMs, Lt 341, 1905, par. 2*

I am sending you a letter that I received from Dr. Kress. I took the liberty of opening and reading your letters from Australia, and will send them on to you. They contain much that is of interest.*20LtMs, Lt 341, 1905, par. 3*

In the next mail I hope to send you something that I shall have copied from my diary. We miss you very much and will all be so pleased to have you with us again.*20LtMs, Lt 341, 1905, par. 4*

I feel relieved of a great load since I have written out some things. These must be printed as soon as possible. I refuse any longer to excuse the defects in the character of Dr. Kellogg. His life has been so unchristlike as to put the Saviour, whom he professes to serve, to open shame. We are guilty in keeping him in his position and acknowledging him as a representative man. Truth, Bible truth, is to

be exalted. But Dr. Kellogg's actions show that he cannot be trusted. He is sowing seeds that will spring up and bear a harvest of tares.*20LtMs, Lt 341, 1905, par. 5*

Soon after we returned to this country the word came to me, "Go to Battle Creek. Dr. Kellogg is my physician. You can help him." I said, "Yes, Lord." I was directed to tell him that he was loading himself down with responsibilities that the Lord had not laid upon him. The word that came to me was, "Tell him the truth; his mind is unbalanced, and his business is to unload, to throw off the burdens he has gathered."*20LtMs, Lt 341, 1905, par. 6*

I did this, but Dr. Kellogg would not heed the message given. I see no more that I can do. His associates will have a serious account to settle with the Lord, who has given them a rich experience, which they might have added to if they had taken heed to the light given them. They have chosen a very objectionable character to unite with. The Lord will judge them for permitting their influence to strengthen and uphold a man whose course of action is that of an unbeliever. The Lord will judge them for sustaining him in his deceptive influence against the truth and against righteousness.*20LtMs, Lt 341, 1905, par. 7*

I am now to lay this burden off, if possible. There have been a few times when I have felt that the responsibility of the case was killing me. The words spoken to me are:*20LtMs, Lt 341, 1905, par. 8*

"J. H. Kellogg could have done an excellent work as a physician. I have given him adaptability. I have given him skill and understanding to do a work as My physician. He needed the purity of Christ's character to keep him from all evil practices. Had he kept his work free from his ingenuities and devisings, and plans, and schemings, had he refused to load himself down with responsibilities that God had not placed on him, had he not exercised subtlety under the guise of goodness, the Lord could have used him. But he has spoiled minds by his devisings and schemes, to profit himself withal. The artifice of Satan has become mingled with all his experiences. His counsel, his plans are not honest and just. He is not a true worker in any line, because his mind is spoiled."*20LtMs, Lt 341, 1905, par. 9*

He has sown seed that has sprung up to bear the fruit of selfishness, and this has disqualified and unfitted him to be trusted with the sacred work of God. The root of bitterness, springing up with a wonderfully luxuriant growth, has caused many to be defiled. And it is cherished as if it were a golden treasure.*20LtMs, Lt 341, 1905, par. 10*

Dr. Kellogg goes one, continuing to aid the artful foe by communicating unbelief, bitterness, hatred, evil surmising, jealousy. The time has come when we must come out from this evil work and separate from every jot and tittle of it; for he is carrying out the devisings of the enemy, and his work he will do, resisting every effort made in his behalf. If there are those who have been converted to his way of thinking and to his unjust proceedings, unless they repent, we cannot be in unity with them. We would be guilty in sustaining them. They are not in darkness; they have had the light. The Lord will accept none of their excuses for pursuing the course they have pursued, linking up with one whose methods are similar to those of worldlings, who care nothing for God or His truth.*20LtMs, Lt 341, 1905, par. 11*

I now call upon our people no longer to show fellowship with the man who refuses every effort made to reform him. If he will come to the light now and seek the Lord with all his heart, repenting sincerely for his transgression of the law of God, truth would again triumph in his life. But unless he seeks the Lord with all humility of mind, it would be the greatest folly to entrust him with stewardship. Let him now make it his business to save his soul; for the day of God is right upon us.*20LtMs, Lt 341, 1905, par. 12*

Lt 343, 1905

Brethren in Nashville

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Dear brethren in Nashville,—

There is a decided work before you. In your meetings, let care be shown to have the singing as good as possible. Choose singers with clear, musical voices, and in connection with the singing, let there be several different kinds of instruments.*20LtMs, Lt 343, 1905, par. 1*

In the Bible readings that are held, choose interesting subjects, which are full of encouragement and lead the minds of your hearers on step by step. In giving instruction regarding the things of God, let your language be so simple, that a child can understand it. Your own heart should be full of the Spirit of God as you strive to follow the instruction, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." [*Matthew 28:20.*] In your teaching, you must realize that your hearers know little about the Word of God, that their understanding in regard to heavenly things is limited. You must make the main points plain and clear, repeating them again and again.*20LtMs, Lt 343, 1905, par. 2*

Teaching the truth calls for great simplicity and for much painstaking effort. Learning to play on an instrument requires patient, painstaking effort. The notes must be learned and the scales practiced. Time must be spent on the exercises.*20LtMs, Lt 343, 1905, par. 3*

How much more necessary that time should be spent on learning to be a teacher of truth. Tact and intelligence are needed in order to play, as it were, on the human mind with such skill as to produce the best results.*20LtMs, Lt 343, 1905, par. 4*

The teacher of the truth should know how to speak plainly and distinctly. He should know how to deal with different minds. He should remember that those whom he is teaching know little of Bible truth, and that in order for his words to be effectual, Christ must impress their hearts. God would have the teacher of truth prepared to impart the knowledge of the love of Christ. Constantly he is to acknowledge the divine presence. His one desire should be to offer to God service that will make others wise unto salvation. Ever he is to remember that he himself is to be a learner in the school of Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 343, 1905, par. 5*

A sense that the great Teacher is with the one doing service, even unto the end of the world, brings strength and courage. The teacher needs to have fresh manna to present every day. In order to present ideas that are forcible and uplifting, he must daily renew his acquaintance with Bible truth. He should resolutely discard novels and all other reading that is of no help to him in his work. He should refuse to feed on chaff, the worthless things that are found in the newspapers and magazines of today, and should fill his mind with the precious principles of truth found in God's Word. He should caution those whom he teaches against leaving the door of the mind unguarded. Foolish reading unfits the mind for a comprehension of the truth for this time, which is to sanctify the soul.*20LtMs, Lt 343, 1905, par. 6*

He who gives his mind as food, weak, trashy reading, will find that when he desires to comprehend a point of truth, he has not the power to do so. The perceptions have been abused and the memory clogged by the reading of that which has no power to uplift the mind or quicken the understanding.*20LtMs, Lt 343, 1905, par. 7*

Advanced intelligence must have a clear track. All rubbish should be kept out of the mind, that the Holy Spirit may have room to work. The Lord is calling for missionary workers, and we as a people are to be wide-awake; for Satan is bringing in all his agencies to carry out his purpose of evil. As a people we are to refuse to give place in our homes to the mass of fiction that is flooding our world. We are to close the door of the mind against unprofitable reading and fix our attention on the Book of books, God's holy Word. We are to be thoroughly conversant with the truth for this time. Never was there a

time when we needed to guard our thoughts so carefully as now. Our youth are to be taught to let alone the cheap, worthless literature that is flooding the world. I entreat our people not to spend their money for that which is not bread by buying worthless books and magazines. I entreat them not to allow worthless reading to occupy their minds, to the exclusion of the great, grand, sublime truths in the Word of God.*20LtMs, Lt 343, 1905, par. 8*

I hope that these few suggestions may help older persons as well as younger ones to become acquainted with the Word in accordance with the directions that Christ has given in the *sixth chapter of John*. My brethren and sisters, this chapter contains lessons that all need to learn. Read and study it. Meditate upon the truths that it contains. Eat the bread of life. Commit this chapter to memory, and keep the magazines off your tables. Save for the cause of God the dimes and dollars that are worse than thrown away when spent for unprofitable reading matter. Put this money in the self-denial boxes to help the work in the southern field.*20LtMs, Lt 343, 1905, par. 9*

Heart-work alone will stand the test of God. Let us do all in our power to gain an understanding of the Word, that we may communicate it to others. We are to give plain, direct expositions of the Scriptures, that those whom we teach may take in the real meaning and may be led out to ask for more truth.*20LtMs, Lt 343, 1905, par. 10*

In order to teach others, we must first be taught ourselves in the school of Christ. May God help us to realize that there is marrow and fatness for us in the Word of God, and may He give us an appetite for the bread of heaven. Daily we are to eat this bread, making the principles of truth a part of our lives. As we do this, at the same time sharing with others the blessings we receive, teaching all things that Christ has commanded, the promise will be fulfilled, "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:20.*]*20LtMs, Lt 343, 1905, par. 11*

We are to make constant advancement toward perfection in speech and in deportment. We are to make steady progress heavenward, leading others in the path of self-denial and sacrifice. The cleansing

power of the blood of Christ is to become more and more our hope and crown of rejoicing. We are to be filled with an earnest desire to make known the power that this blood has to cleanse the soul from sin.*20LtMs, Lt 343, 1905, par. 12*

Our work is before us. Your work is before you in Nashville. We are to love the Lord our God with all the heart, and we are to point others to the Lamb of God, that they may appreciate the goodness and mercy of Him who gave His life for us, that we might be refined, purified, and ennobled. We are to reveal Christ to the world, that others, seeing our good works, may glorify our Father who is in heaven. After diligent practice, it will not take us long to do our work well and acceptably and worthily.*20LtMs, Lt 343, 1905, par. 13*

Then it will be seen that Christ is with his people, co-operating with those who are doing His will with true purpose of heart. What a power, in the presence of the Saviour, each Christian can and should possess. For this we are to make any and every sacrifice. My brethren and sisters in Nashville, be sure that you are giving a true representation of Christ. If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the doctrine. Seek earnestly for the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Let self be crucified. You will find that your hardest task will be to deny self. Some have cherished self for so long that it has become a giant, exceedingly difficult to control. Laborers together with God—this is what we are to be, not trusting in self or exalting self, but dying to self and living to Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 343, 1905, par. 14*

Let every one be determined to gain precious victories in the service of Christ. Wear the yoke of Christ and 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.*] There are triumphs to gain in every line of service. Satan is waiting for an opportunity to gain possession of the mind and heart and will. Let those who name the name of Christ make an entire clearance of the soul-temple of all that is opposed to God. Believers are to [have] a confirmed, settled faith in a personal God and a personal Christ. The Father and the Son are perfect in their individual identity, and at the same time, they are perfect in their oneness.*20LtMs, Lt 343, 1905, par. 15*

We cannot read too much of Christ's teaching. We cannot learn too well what He is to us. We need more diligence in studying the word of God. We need a faith that we have not cherished. We need to pray and believe and watch unto prayer. We need to fill our minds with the principles of truth; for they are food for the soul.*20LtMs, Lt 343, 1905, par. 16*

Lt 345, 1905

Amadon, George

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 29, 1905

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Brother Amadon,—

I have a request to make of you. If Brother Irwin and Brother Daniells are not in Battle Creek, will you please read this message to the church? I want the church to hear this message. I do not know who else I could trust with this, and I consider it of importance. I have much more I shall send along as soon as possible. My health is being renewed to take up this work, and I pray the Lord day and night that I may have strength to carry through this great matter of communications given me repeating the messages. I have withheld them. I did not want to let them come to the world, but now I am charged to vindicate the truth of God without suppression and take my stand firmly upon the truth, and therefore I send this to you.*20LtMs, Lt 345, 1905, par. 1*

I send no more to A. T. Jones, for I have evidence that a work will have to be done for him before the Lord will accept his service. God has given him warnings which he has repudiated, and I am deeply grieved that he has so little spiritual eyesight.*20LtMs, Lt 345, 1905, par. 2*

I can only write this much after reading and copying. If you choose, send the message to Brethren Irwin and Daniells—either of them will do.*20LtMs, Lt 345, 1905, par. 3*

May the Lord bless you and your family and give you wisdom to keep the whole armor on and to stand steadfastly for the truth as it is in Jesus. I am charged to bear the message decidedly without concealing the facts.*20LtMs, Lt 345, 1905, par. 4*

Love to Sister Amadon and to Grace.*20LtMs, Lt 345, 1905, par. 5*

Lt 346, 1905

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 29, 1905

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My dear Son Willie White,—

I have made myself take at least one hour and sometimes [more] in riding out. On the last two occasions it seemed we would get the shower upon us, but it did not rain much yesterday. Sister Peck and I drove to Brother Leininger’s. We thought we should catch the rain but we only had a few drops. In the evening it rained in earnest and continued to rain lightly for several hours. But Sister Peck kept her sleeping quarters upon the front piazza. She has slept outdoors so long that she chooses it above indoors, and she has lost her cough. We need not depend upon Brother James unless he has some errand; and when Sister Peck is too much engaged, Brother King can be my driver. He delights to do this.*20LtMs, Lt 346, 1905, par. 1*

I am trying to have my head rested because there are many things I must bring before our people. I have just placed in Dores’ hands to copy things from my diary that I think should come before them at the present time. I have had warnings that the enemy will make every effort possible now to engage the mind in explanations that will keep the churches so constantly in unrest that some will become confused. Christ came from heaven to give to John things that were of such consequence that the Lord told John to write them in a book, for they reach to the close of this earth’s history. “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.”
Revelation 3:1-3.20LtMs, Lt 346, 1905, par. 2

Some are addressed as being in danger of letting go truths of great importance. They are to remember from what Source these truths came. Now Satan would make special efforts to dull their memory and understanding that the Holy Spirit hath given them the light. They are to remember how they advocated these truths and how the Holy Spirit hath witnessed to the truth that they have received and heard. "And hold fast, and repent." Repent that they should allow any voice from the tempter to weaken their confidence. Repent because of their unbelief. "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." *Verse 3.20LtMs, Lt 346, 1905, par. 3*

Here comes in the history of the *third chapter of Revelation*. Here is a party addressed who are claiming a name, but they are dead. They are losing their bearings. The sacred Watcher would arouse them from the spiritual loss they are sustaining through deceptive teachings. Here the warnings given in Luke will have force, and in this third chapter: "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 will confess his name before My Father and before His angels." *Verses 4, 5.20LtMs, Lt 346, 1905, par. 4*

This chapter is full of most decided warnings and presentations, and all need now to have the candlestick, to have fine, correct discernment as to what is truth. We must not let loose the things we have received and heard and lose the truth that has been established. *Revelation 3:7-12.20LtMs, Lt 346, 1905, par. 5*

The message to the Laodicean church must come in now with distinct and particular evidence because it is the truth for this time. *Verses 14-22*. We are now to make humble work for repentance that we may receive pardon. We have as a people allowed our experience in repentance to become mixed with hay, wood, and stubble, bringing works of wrong, of underhanded dealing into our practice and talk of principle and act the satanic principles. Every evil work is coming into judgment, and it is time now that we understand what is to be done to save our souls from death. *20LtMs, Lt 346, 1905, par. 6*

God may impress the obdurate hearts, and I hope He will; but I must say no more now if I get this into the mail. I send you copy of a letter to Mabel. She appreciates my letters.*20LtMs, Lt 346, 1905, par. 7*

We must now give the truth that was given to Isaiah in *Isaiah 56*. "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." *Isaiah 56:1, 2. 20LtMs, Lt 346, 1905, par. 8*

"Cry aloud, spare not. Lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God. They ask of Me the ordinance of justice; they take delight in approaching to God." *Isaiah 58:1, 2*. This whole chapter is appropriate to be applied now.*20LtMs, Lt 346, 1905, par. 9*

I will write no more now, for this must go to be put in evening mail. I send by chance to Nashville, and it may reach you there. Your family are all well. In haste.*20LtMs, Lt 346, 1905, par. 10*

Lt 347, 1905

White, W. C.

Duplicate of *Lt 326, 1905*.

Lt 348, 1905

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 7, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Son Willie,—

I sent you a letter yesterday. All so busy I did not want [any one] to occupy the time to copy it, for there was important matter being prepared; and this cannot be copied.*20LtMs, Lt 348, 1905, par. 1*

Mrs. Bartlett came to Sarah this morning and asked her if Sister White would like to hire four hundred dollars. Sarah told her that she thought that I would, for there are places where I could use this money to good advantage, but I could not pay over five percent interest. She said she would let us have it for that and required your name and mine. We told her she could have my name now and your name when you returned.*20LtMs, Lt 348, 1905, par. 2*

I see several places where this can be used to good advantage. From Atlanta Brother Starr sends a most pitiful appeal for help, and I have not responded yet. Several days ago he wrote me to see if I could not in some way help them. I have been so earnestly examining letters dealing with past experience that I have done nothing about the matter. Perhaps you can tell me where to apply it. I will place it in the bank until I receive some counsel from you. Shall I place it in the bank where I have an account on which we are paying eight percent?*20LtMs, Lt 348, 1905, par. 3*

I see several places where there is need, and now instruct me which way it shall be used. I want it to be just where the Lord would have it. Well, I will place it in the bank tomorrow, and then you can write me about it.*20LtMs, Lt 348, 1905, par. 4*

I am pleased to tell you I slept nearly eight hours last night. We have been having very pleasant sunshiny days. Have taken the

route by Pratt's, for it is now free from dust. We have had three showers which have washed the trees clean of dust and laid the dust of the road. I have ridden out nearly every day, and I shall continue to do so. Sara has gone to the stores with your wife May and the children to get them some things they needed. May is well and cheerful.*20LtMs, Lt 348, 1905, par. 5*

Sister King's sister is improving. She has gained seven pounds. Their little girl boards with us. Sara, Maggie, and Sister Graham went to Oakland and were absent about ten days. Sister Peck and I rode out together several times. I have not much news to write you, but your home matters seen all straight.*20LtMs, Lt 348, 1905, par. 6*

I am burdened down with the ideas of the supposed calculations Dr. Kellogg has in mind, but the Lord lives and reigns. You can see by my letter I shall not leave my home to go to Loma Linda. I have now to guard myself that I shall not keep closely to my writing. I cannot do it; and should I leave it, I could not take my workers with me and I could accomplish little.*20LtMs, Lt 348, 1905, par. 7*

Dores is entering into genuine work in the old gentlemen's home. He is now doing genuine evangelistic work in the ministry of the Word. He has quite a good class now, and there are many deeply interested in the truth.*20LtMs, Lt 348, 1905, par. 8*

I see I must give close application to matter that I wish to have republished. I had a good mail from Australia. I will send you a couple of letters that may interest you.*20LtMs, Lt 348, 1905, par. 9*

Lt 349, 1905

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 18, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Son Willie,—

I find I am in need of head rest. Otherwise I am well. I will send you a few words today in addition to what I have already written, which is two pages.*20LtMs, Lt 349, 1905, par. 1*

We were pleased to find that Sister Bartlett was very much relieved to find she had double the money she supposed—eight hundred and fifty dollars. She places it in our hands in perfect confidence and feels relieved of quite a burden. Today it is placed in the bank to relieve us of paying eight per cent on bank account.*20LtMs, Lt 349, 1905, par. 2*

I had written you a couple of pages, but it has been found today not sent. I will send it to you now.*20LtMs, Lt 349, 1905, par. 3*

This noon I received a letter from Elder Haskell, from Loma Linda. I thought they were desirous to come at once else they would not have telegraphed, but I wanted to understand the situation so I have written yesterday. It seems impossible for me to leave now. I have not strength to answer their expectation at Loma Linda. I have not attended any meetings since you left. I am fearful of taking on burdens, and I do not want them now. I want to be free from all responsibilities in meetings.*20LtMs, Lt 349, 1905, par. 4*

You will see, W. C. White, by the suggestions, that they feel anxious to come direct to my home. We send telegram this day [for them] to come, and we will expect them to leave Loma Linda tomorrow. Sister Graham will move into Sister Peck’s room. I shall be glad to meet Elder Haskell and wife. You see he is afflicted with boils. We can take him in carriage to sanitarium for

treatment.*20LtMs, Lt 349, 1905, par. 5*

I have written you, I think, that Brother Sharp has—without saying anything to me—proposed and urged that Dores and Ella shall come to Chico to engage in school work. They have thirty scholars. The teacher, a young man I think from Healdsburg, became offended because his money was not brought to him immediately it was due, and he resigned his position. Brother Sharp says Ella has an excellent reputation, and they all want her to come and unite with her husband in the educational work. They will give them now \$45 per month and house of three rooms, furnished. Dores would be pleased to go. He will be united with Ella. They will take the school; and when the number of students increases, their wages will increase. Ella May was delighted and Dores much pleased. It is a field of work in which both can unite, and Dores will have a field of ministry where he can employ his time in several places in ministering. I am thinking this is the best thing that can be done, and I now see no reason why it should not be the best thing. Dores cannot be shut up in a room with stove heat and do well. He needs more activity. I have consented, so some time next week they will leave us for their field of labor.*20LtMs, Lt 349, 1905, par. 6*

It has been very pleasant weather, with a few showers; rained very gently. Has rained gently today, Dec. 18.*20LtMs, Lt 349, 1905, par.*

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Lt 350, 1905

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 7, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Son Edson White,—

I think the book in behalf of the South will be a success. We are, or I am reading it and am much pleased with the matter. I mean it shall go forward as fast as possible.*20LtMs, Lt 350, 1905, par. 1*

One item slipped my mind. That was, you asked if I had any objection to your collecting means. I say, No, no. It is the only thing you can do. But give no occasion, by any word you may speak, for the report that you are creating prejudice against the men in office. I have not written a line to the Nashville office or to Elder Butler. I have written a letter on commonplace subjects to Elder Haskell, but it is wisdom not to create disaffection; for all that I have to say is to speak the word the messenger of heaven has given me: “Draw together, draw together.” Unify, unify in thought, in practice. Set the example.*20LtMs, Lt 350, 1905, par. 2*

Since I have written upon the subject of thinking evil and speaking evil more especially of late, I know as a people our strong protest should be not to say anything that would throw suspicion upon brethren, but go directly to the ones [concerned] and converse with them. Angels of God will be in such interviews held. The Lord God of Israel would be honored and His name glorified by spending voice and words and talent and every gift of power of influence to take heed and work in harmony with Christ. “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, then come and offer thy gift.” *Matthew 5:23, 24*. Those who have been wronged or offended should ever be ready to forgive and take every measure possible to gain reconciliation with those who have wronged or offended them

or to remove the impression from minds which may be worked up into alienation over supposed injustice. Clear the moral atmosphere of the soul.*20LtMs, Lt 350, 1905, par. 3*

Every true Christian is to work in a way to preserve unity. The prayer Christ taught His disciples is short, but full of meaning. If this is repeated in the family circle every day, it will become a blessing. After teaching this prayer to His disciples, Christ takes up the points distinctively that needed to be impressed forcibly upon their minds. "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." [*Matthew 6:15.*]*20LtMs, Lt 350, 1905, par. 4*

If there must be confusion and disagreeable differences that are called enmity, make every possible effort to be willing to concede even one's own rights to cure the difference. This is the law and the gospel. The eye must be single to the glory of God, then shall the whole body be full of light. When men are learning the meekness and lowliness of Christ, they are walking in His counsels. They look unto Jesus, who is meek and lowly of heart, and He imparts to them grace for grace, which they receive to impart.*20LtMs, Lt 350, 1905, par. 5*

Now understand, my son, that the Lord will surely bless you in every effort you shall make to be a Bible student and a Bible messenger bearing the truth by pen and by voice to those who know not the truth as well as those who do know the truth. The precious Saviour acknowledges you as His child when you will follow out His expressed word. And let no one have influence to lead you into temptations by telling you the sayings and wrongdoings of men who profess to be Christians. Shall Satan have his will carried out in accusers of the brethren?*20LtMs, Lt 350, 1905, par. 6*

"Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." [*1 Timothy 4:1.*] We have been in constant peril for this since coming to America. There are men who have stood upon the platform of truth who have been and still are dealing with unholy and forbidden sophistries. The Jews under the divine theocracy were forbidden to deal in any wise with spirits of evil. The

great fountain of truth—pure, unadulterated truth—proceeds from One who hath said, “If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink.” [*John 7:37.*] There are very trying times before us, and every step we take now must be in the plain Word of the truth. I know the Lord will give you a rich experience if you heed His Word and follow Him. Do not feel that you can set everything right. Have as little to do with the dissensions as possible, and press close to the side of Jesus.*20LtMs, Lt 350, 1905, par. 7*

I cannot tell how long my life may be spared after I get out these two books now in hand. But one thing I wish to see is perfect harmony between my two sons, who shall be entrusted with a large amount of matter of a choice character. I ask you, my children, to come into unity; and I must see this before I shall be laid away. It ought to have been years ago. The estrangement has been produced by your own course of action—your feeling that as you were the elder you would not be counseled by one younger. There has not been justice and judgment exercised on your part. When the walls of estrangement are broken down, then it is because the true Spirit has come upon you. I know what I am talking about, and Willie will not be backward to unite heartily with you, when you will come into right position.*20LtMs, Lt 350, 1905, par. 8*

Now, my son, I have not time to say half I would be glad to say, but I am too wearied to say more. I must urge you for Christ’s sake to do that which God has shown you must be done. I will say again, you are in the way of duty to obtain means, for it is greatly needed. There are many other things I have to say that must be in the future. God help you, my son Edson, to give no occasion for anyone to make, as has been done, your strange attitude toward your brother [a reason for] lack of confidence in him, when his work testifies of the results. Now may the Lord help you and bless you is my prayer.*20LtMs, Lt 350, 1905, par. 9*

Lt 351, 1905

White, J. E.; White, Emma

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Children, Edson and Emma White,—

(I’m looking over my writings. Just came across this. I am surprised, for I thought it had been sent.)*20LtMs, Lt 351, 1905, par. 1*

I have commenced several letters to you and have written but a page when an amount of matter was presented that must be done at once, that would be needed in the work in various places; but you shall have a copy of this matter.*20LtMs, Lt 351, 1905, par. 2*

An important meeting is to be held at Mountain View commencing Sabbath. W. C. White will leave Sunday. He has worked early and late. Does was away to Reno and could not return for one week. Came home Thursday noon. This additional help is appreciated, but letters come in from every direction for counsel, and they demand attention and reply, and so there is no use to look for a respite. W. C. W. will not be prepared to leave the work here until Sunday. I shall remain with my workers at home until the last of this important meeting, then spend a day or two, at any rate, and get back as soon as possible.*20LtMs, Lt 351, 1905, par. 3*

I have been working from early hours. Not being able to sleep after one a.m. I have built my fire and commenced my work as early as possible. I shall see how many pages I have written since returning to my own home. The perplexities of the setting in operation of two institutions, with the required helpers, have not been small. I must tell you rains have come quite abundantly in Los Angeles and in Redlands. Being encircled with high mountains, the rains have done damage, but will be a great blessing. I rode in a carriage along the lines from Redlands to Riverside, eleven miles, that I might have a view of the country. I was not well, but I wanted to see these two

large cities. Brother Ballenger has a humble home in Redlands. Both of these places are large cities, covering a large space of ground and presenting large, grand buildings.*20LtMs, Lt 351, 1905, par. 4*

I was able to speak in the small, new, nice little church at Redlands. The house was full of believers and unbelievers. This is a widespread, remarkable city. Brother Simpson has worked here a little. Twenty, I think, embraced the truth. This is a most beautiful place. I cannot describe it. Brother Bowles died just before we came. While we were in Los Angeles he divided his property equally between his children and the cause. I do not know just the amount. He was sitting in his chair outdoors. His daughter went in the house a short time. When she came back he was dead. His son took his one horse on Sunday and took Sara and me in his carriage overland. We passed through miles of orange orchards. The oranges were not yet ripe, but it was a great sight. We were journeying eleven miles to Riverside. I spoke in the second new larger church. Some outsiders were present. I had freedom in speaking. Could speak one hour.*20LtMs, Lt 351, 1905, par. 5*

We saw our Brother and Sister Towle who live four miles from Riverside. He looks quite old. His wife looks much younger. They have a nice looking daughter just coming into womanhood. We rode back on the cars and passed through miles and miles of orange orchards. It was a very fine sight. Willie, Brother Ballenger, and Maggie went on the cars. All our party rode back in the cars.*20LtMs, Lt 351, 1905, par. 6*

But I did a great deal of thinking on the way. Why have not these two large cities of wealthy people, designated by Christ as highways that should have the message, been worked? These are the cities I have seen should have a sanitarium on the right order. Each has a few hired rooms, but of that class that are intelligent but poor; therefore they cannot open a sanitarium. But these cities for tourists should have every advantage possible. The beautiful natural scenery is not possible to describe. President Roosevelt describes it as next to heaven. It is wonderful in natural and cultivated advantages. We need very much the capability to work these two large cities of the South.*20LtMs, Lt 351, 1905, par. 7*

Our meeting was well attended and all were so pleased that, though not yet recovered from my sickness, I should come to Redlands and to Riverside. I thank the Lord for the sight of these two large vineyards to be worked. There must be house-to-house labor done, for this house-to-house missionary work brings us close to the people. There ought to be several at work in these fields. Brother Simpson has done something, but closed the period of his engagement in Los Angeles with Los Angeles only begun to be entered. But these souls that had been converted and united with the church—the ones who had been converted through his labors, one hundred and twenty-five in number—presented a long petition for another course of labors. They say the interest is in no way abated. I cannot tell you how long this paper was—it was yards long, with names subscribed. His work has cost the conference not one penny. Contributions have been made and I think two hundred dollars placed to the conference. *20LtMs, Lt 351, 1905, par. 8*

Why cannot we have more men who will find their way into the very citadel of the souls of the people? Our advice was asked. We told them to respond, for these names came not in this petition from Seventh-day Adventists, but from the citizens of Los Angeles. It seems that soon we shall have the stirring scenes of 1842-43 and '44 in these cities. Brother Simpson is a man who creates no wonderful excitement, but he takes the Bible, as did Father Miller, and just reads and explains the Scriptures. He shows with maps and charts that great image of gold, that was set up in Dura in Daniel's time, and the people under law to worship this image. *20LtMs, Lt 351, 1905, par. 9*

He believes straight present truth. There is not one thread of spiritualistic science which would take the world in its deceivings. It is solemn, serious truth which is before the people, the truth of the first, second, and third angels' messages, linking *Daniel* and *Revelation* together. And the grasp he has of the people is marvelous. The Lord has put His Spirit into the mind, heart, and soul of Brother Simpson. He is firm upon the testimonies. This work should be taken up in every city now without delay. *20LtMs, Lt 351, 1905, par. 10*

This man has leaflets and discourses printed and has the most

striking representations and the figures of the twenty-three hundred days, the sanctuary, and every point of present truth standing out in vivid representations. He is, we believe, God's messenger to wake up the churches. All these leaflets, all illustrations are paid for—every penny—by those who come to listen. Contributions are raised to more than cover every expense. This is not an expensive outlay of means, yet it costs considerable money, and the citizens pledge themselves to sustain the work. We advised him to do just as he had been doing, because the Lord had endorsed the work. I had no other advice to give. He is resting a short period while the tent is being pitched in another locality of the city.*20LtMs, Lt 351, 1905, par. 11*

The Lord wants living men to take up such a work. Roman Catholics bring their little images of Christ and are converted to the truth. Just such a work is to go forth in the loud cry that will be echoed and reechoed all through cities and towns and villages, saying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." "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. ...*20LtMs, Lt 351, 1905, par. 12*

"Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance. And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into His garner; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." [*Matthew 3:2, 3, 8-12.*]*20LtMs, Lt 351, 1905, par. 13*

As the speaker stands at the tent opening to speak and shake hands with the congregation, trinkets and bracelets, rings, and costly ornaments have been brought and placed in his hands, not in an excitable manner, but in a quiet manner. Just such a work went

forward in Pennsylvania and Philadelphia under the proclamation of the time message. We need just such a work done now that will reach the hearts of those in the highways and also those who are in the byways. Read carefully the close, cutting Scriptures, and let us take steps upward and forward, giving just that message which will awaken, as went forth in 1843 and 1844. Testing truths are to be proclaimed, but entirely free from fanaticism. Let the Word of the Lord be proclaimed to all people in the power of the Holy Spirit. If the faultfinders, if the murmurers, if the accusers will be converted they will have something worthwhile to give to the people.*20LtMs, Lt 351, 1905, par. 14*

Lt 352, 1905

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 29, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *6Bio 67-68*.

My dear Son W. C. White,—

I am healthwise better than I was one week ago. The review of what may be before me has been like a lodestone of trial; and the thought that I might be removed suddenly by death, and things so very important left in an unfinished condition, was nearly more than I could endure to contemplate. I am now earnestly at work hours before the members of my family are astir. We breakfast at seven a.m. Have prayers before we breakfast. We have had until one week ago continually beautiful weather. [There has been] some rain and mist a portion of the day; but I have ridden out but twice during the week. Sunshine today.*20LtMs, Lt 352, 1905, par. 1*

I have many things I wish you and Elder Daniells, and those united with him in his labor in Battle Creek, to have just as soon as possible. I have very decided testimony that I am sending to Battle Creek to Elder Daniells. I fear he will leave before he gets this. I think I will send telegraph message to tarry till he receives this that I send.*20LtMs, Lt 352, 1905, par. 2*

I have written to Elder Haskell at Loma Linda and telegraphed to him after receiving the letters from him that I am sending to you. Both Elder Cottrell and wife and Elder Haskell and wife were at San Diego, [according to] the last news.*20LtMs, Lt 352, 1905, par. 3*

I had a most cheering letter today from Elder Burden, with excellent, good report that patients are increasing. One aged couple brought them six thousand dollars, and they are to be kept while they live. Will send you the letter. Ever since you left I have been at times like a cart beneath sheaves, weighted down in soul.*20LtMs, Lt 352, 1905, par. 4*

You tell our Brethren Daniells and Prescott I beg of them not to be depressed now. We have matters now that call for action, and every man and woman must have faith in God.*20LtMs, Lt 352, 1905, par. 5*

Do not distrust God. Think, Oh think of our benevolent heavenly Father, of what He has done for us, and now stop every breath of distrust. Their not having money just now will lead them to do as many others have to do, feel the weight of pressure for lack of means. God would have us all in touch and sympathy with one another. Brethren, where is your faith? Be of good courage. Others have to hire money. I have had to hire money personally to advance the work. We must work patiently and take everything to God in prayer. He knows all about the matter, and we shall see of the salvation of God. But when the good Lord has done so much for us, shall we distrust Him now? No, brethren, I do not think we will. Our Father in heaven knoweth our necessities before we present them to Him. Nevertheless, pray with thanksgiving, and open your mouth and praise the Lord. Loads of discouragement will come if you invite it or allow it.*20LtMs, Lt 352, 1905, par. 6*

This is my trouble, knowing that every church member, children of the fallen Adam, must either be born again or never see God. Saith our Lord to all who repent, “A new heart will I give thee”—that is, a new birth. [*Ezekiel 36:26.*] Let us act in full confidence and trustfulness. The Lord suffers our faith to be tested, that we may know how to endure the trying of our faith. I have, in contemplation of my work as God’s messenger, to repeat over and over the messages given me, notwithstanding so little heed is given to the messages God has sent. While the messages of error and pleasing fables of which God has warned in His Word are accepted, the warnings through the messenger He has used to open before them dangers which concern the welfare of their souls are not regarded. They give heed to deceiving spirits and refuse the messages of correction.*20LtMs, Lt 352, 1905, par. 7*

This gives me pain of heart. For days I have been in such heart pain that I feared I should not live until morning. We will, I said to my soul, live or die. I will bear these messages as God’s chosen messenger. I am sorely tried, but I am going to do my God-given

work for souls that are hanging in the balance. And some who have need to weep between the porch and the altar and cry “Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach” are not awake. [*Joel 2:17.*] They are asleep. Eyes have they, but they see not; ears have they, but they hear not; and the Lord is put to open shame by their crooked, perverted, sinful ways. Oh that this influence that has been growing in resisting the messages of warning could change! Oh let us not mourn for the lack of means, but for the lack of the Holy Spirit of God!*20LtMs, Lt 352, 1905, par. 8*

I now close this epistle. Be careful of your health, W. C. White. I have sent you a pair of stockings. I do not know where Clarence directed them. You are so neglectful of yourself. Keep your feet and limbs warm. If you need, get you a pair of all-wool blankets, and never get into a bed without your blankets. Save ill-health, exposure. Your family are all well. It is now seven o'clock. I send this to go tonight.*20LtMs, Lt 352, 1905, par. 9*

Lt 353, 1905

Crisler, C. C., wife, and mother; White, May

Loma Linda, California

August 27, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Brother Crisler and wife and mother, and May White and children,—

I will write a few lines to you as a family. We are in this place, Loma Linda, and it is a marvel to me that we are in possession of this place. There is no use for me to attempt a description of it. There is all that we need except meetinghouse, and there is a building which would answer the need for school and meetinghouse.*20LtMs, Lt 353, 1905, par. 1*

We have a neat little church building in Redlands that will accommodate a goodly number, and it is neat and commendable on the outside. We came across it, Dores and I, while we were searching for some of our people, and we found Brother Johnson and his mother and learned they were the cousins of Elder Wilson, who died in Australia. I had not a thought of meeting them. He was not at home, but he came soon, and we had a nice little visit. I became acquainted with Mother Wilson in rooms she occupied with the family of Brother and Sister Maynard in Greenville, Montcalm County, Michigan. Who supposed I should meet them here in Loma Linda? We had a nice little visit, and then we went to meet Ella May White Robinson, who was having her teeth repaired.*20LtMs, Lt 353, 1905, par. 2*

I had an ill turn that night. The wind came up while we were searching for a place to rest. I think I took cold. I was in such severe pain I called for cayenne pepper and obtained some relief, but the same kind of a cold I had when at San Diego was upon me. I have coughed and sneezed, but not as severely as then. I could raise; I think I was poisoned under the tent with the breaths of two thousand people. I have not eaten solid foods until today I did for

the first time since Sabbath eat a little bread. May has fed me with lemon juice and citrus juice and a couple of eggs. This is all I dared to eat, but Ella May is a faithful caretaker and nurse. She neglects nothing that she or I know how to do. I appreciate her. She has given me most faithful massage and rubbing and is at hand to do anything. I am surprised that she does so well. I am doing well now. I can raise and discharge from throat and nostrils. I thought I was going to have a severe time. I have suffered with pleurisy in left shoulder and arm and heart, but I am doing better. Shall speak in church to those who will assemble from Redlands and from other places not far distant; then shall go to San Diego, and I know not what I shall meet there.*20LtMs, Lt 353, 1905, par. 3*

I am more and more pleased with this place. I see in the buildings accommodations for schoolroom, for church, and yet room to spare. I cannot tell you all I would be pleased to say, but I am astonished at what we find in excellent feather pillows, excellent cotton mattresses and two hair mattresses, abundance of carpeting—the good body Brussels. The long halls are all carpeted nicely, and there is most excellent furniture and easy chairs and every convenience. I counted one hundred and nine Russian towels, besides smaller linen towels I did not undertake to count. There are excellent, best quality white bedspreads, beside what are on the beds; thirty-five blankets, cotton and woollen, besides what are on the beds; a large number of sofa cushions, about one dozen. Everything seems so abundant we scarcely know how to be thankful that no money need [be spent] for furnishings. There are washbowls of the most beautiful sort; we would not think of getting such beautiful things. The coloring of the ware is rich and elegant. All the furniture is of good material and will not give way under the person. There are very fine iron bedsteads. There is a very large roll of matting that has never been used. Carpets are rolled up for the summer, but there are floors and halls that are all fully carpeted. The halls below as well as above are carpeted. The arrangements for a sunlight bath are all in order. Ella May has taken one.*20LtMs, Lt 353, 1905, par. 4*

This house can be put in running order without much cost, except the painting of stairways and outside. They look rough and unsightly. There are four four-roomed cottages, with the nicest

kinds of rugs, and another nine-roomed cottage. It is furnished so nicely and will cost so little to open the house. We need now the conveniences of nurses and physicians and ministers who will lead in religious [activities] in the three places we now have the responsibility of representing.*20LtMs, Lt 353, 1905, par. 5*

We consider the buildings without one stick of furniture a great bargain. There are seventy-six acres of excellent land, four four-roomed cottages, the very nicest piazza on each, a nine-roomed cottage with rooms, ample rooms below and above, standing on a hill. This is furnished throughout. Then a square building to be used for their ideas of amusement, but it will be consecrated as a church and schoolroom; and another small dwelling for the farmer. There are three cows and one splendid, beautiful calf, five horses; the carriage gear is not much—one three- or four-seated carriage.*20LtMs, Lt 353, 1905, par. 6*

It is certainly in the providence of God that we have this. We have roomy halls and one sunny room below, all of glass windows, also one in the seven-roomed cottage all of glass, many piazzas, large and commodious. We are more and more surprised as we see the advantages. As for the value of the pepper trees and variety of trees, they are of that order to delight the senses. We see where we can, if we choose, have meetings on the lawn under the trees. There are seats framed that would accommodate almost as many people as we had at our [something omitted here].*20LtMs, Lt 353, 1905, par. 7*

The report is of an excellent meeting in the church at Redlands last Sabbath. I could not go. There was a meeting in the grove last evening, an experience meeting. Brother Burden took the lead, then testimonies were borne. One man stated he went to the camp-meeting an unbeliever, "But," he said, "I was convicted and now wish to unite heart and mind to become a Seventh-day Adventist. I am pleased that you are to open a sanitarium in Loma Linda, and here is one hundred dollars I donate for this object, a sanitarium." The man seemed very happy. His face was expressive of his joy. We must make every effort possible to win souls to Christ, and we will have success. Brother Burden was greatly blessed and so thankful that one soul came to the light before the sanitarium was

opened, and I am thankful for this one soul gathered in. Will it not denote a harvest of souls? We believe it will.*20LtMs, Lt 353, 1905, par. 8*

Henry Kellogg was here Sabbath and Sunday morning. He seemed pleased, very much pleased. Just received letter from Glendale. He [?] is of good courage. H. Kellogg accompanied him to Santa Barbara; his letter came just now with good counsel.*20LtMs, Lt 353, 1905, par. 9*

Produce copies of this for Edson White, Elder Haskell, and anybody else you desire.*20LtMs, Lt 353, 1905, par. 10*

I am anxious to hear from Sara; do write us something from home.*20LtMs, Lt 353, 1905, par. 11*

May White, I want one of my best mattresses stripped. Tell Sara. She will understand what I want. I had them a long time ago in Australia. Send when you get a chance, and do not send that by mail.*20LtMs, Lt 353, 1905, par. 12*

Lt 354, 1905

Vincent, Brother

New Mexico, [On train, en route to California]

June 11, 1905

Portions of this letter are published in *11MR 105*.

Elder Vincent,—

Your letter from Florida has just this day been placed in my hands. I will say I am sorry for you indeed. We have had in our experience just such people to work with, and all who will not purify their souls by leaving off every habit that corrupts soul and body cannot honestly claim the name of Seventh-day Adventist. How do you suppose that the practice of such indulgences could make a clean vessel for the reception of the truth? A few nights since, in a meeting, I was bearing a testimony to those who practiced the habit of using tobacco, notwithstanding the evidence of the injury done to brain, bone, and muscle. All the precious truths in the Word of God will not be appreciated, and I was saying of just such parties, they are joined to their idols; let them alone. All alone in the inspired Word are educational lessons of the highest quality to those who will purify themselves from all filthy, soul-and-body-destroying practices.*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 1*

I talk upon temperance and the practicing of self-denial. Every penny spent in the use of tobacco, liquor, beer, or coffee is carrying a self-destructive, poisonous influence through every vein and nerve of the bodies of those who use these things. Those who will not deny self, but expend the Lord's money in purchasing that which injures brain, bone, and muscle, are so catering to their appetites that they cannot distinguish between truth and error, between light and darkness. True faith works by love and purifies the soul, body, spirit, and words from all spiritual and moral defilement.*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 2*

I ask the tobacco devotee to reckon up every penny, every shilling you spent for the evil thing you place in your mouth that is

constantly weakening the physical, mental, and moral powers. “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, 2.20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 3*

Trace the whole chapter through. We must know that the use of the narcotic tobacco, in smoking, in chewing, and in spitting, is a defiling practice; and the spiritual discernment is very much clouded by this disgusting practice. To pray to God with mouth defiled with tobacco is very dishonoring to the place where saints meet to worship God. The use of tobacco is unchristian.*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 4*

I was riding in Texas in the carriage that was taking me several miles to attend meeting. The driver was smoking his pipe. I said, “Brother, you claim to be a teacher. What example are you giving children and youth? Can you afford to be in discord with Christ? Would you be pleased to see the world’s Redeemer working among the suffering, the diseased, with a pipe in His mouth? He states, What I see My Father do, I do, and what I do you must do.” The man writhed. He groaned. His face was very pale. “Oh,” he said, “I never thought of the matter in this light.” He snatched his pipe from his mouth and said, “Never, never will I touch a pipe or smoke a cigar or use tobacco in any form.” I raised his hand to heaven as he made this solemn vow. I have not seen him since, and yet some time after this I heard he had kept his vow. My Saviour, the honored Son of God with a pipe in His mouth! Let everyone who claims to be a Seventh-day Adventist consider this subject.*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 5*

“We are laborers together with God.” *1 Corinthians 3:9*. The whole chapter is to be carefully read, then let humble prayer go up to God and see how we are filling the measure in Christ Jesus. Bear in mind that “ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building.” Such was the speech I was making to a party I thought I might meet on this journey somewhere. I was speaking and the Spirit of God was upon me. I said, “Will you please to reckon up how much of the

Lord's money you have worse than misappropriated? In the use of tobacco, you have abused your own consciences and your claim to be a Seventh-day Adventist. Every penny that is in your possession is to be used to place yourself in the best condition, both physical, mental, and moral, to be healthy, able to discern between righteousness and unrighteousness. The sooner you give up the name, Seventh-day Adventist, the better will it be for the cause of God; for your practice is demoralizing the whole man. How much money you have used to gratify your bad, sinful self-indulgences! When you are willing to be a missionary for God, you will be a thorough reformer." *20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 6*

"If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." *Matthew 16:24*. I beseech each member of this church to now break from this habit which is brutalizing his nature and piling up for him hindrances and stumbling blocks that his own feet are turned out of the way. The Lord calls for reform. Those who will not deny themselves hurtful indulgences are certainly placing themselves where God cannot work with them, because they are using God's talent of means to dishonor their minds, to decrease brain power to choose between good and evil, and are sowing the seed for premature sickness and maybe death. God's money expended to indulge appetite is worse than to bury it in the earth as did the unfaithful steward. They are, by using an unhealthful drug, doing great damage to the temple of God, defiling the temple, destroying its useful service by weakening its faculties. If they will now be converted and use the means to advance the work of God, what a change there would be! *20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 7*

Will the church do this in love for their Redeemer? If they continue in the same course they are pursuing, they are constituting themselves as the party Christ addressed in *Matthew 11:20-24*. This representation is precisely as it will be with those who have heard the truth and have not kept it, who spend their talents needlessly in putting into their mouths the most disgusting, defiling indulgences, using the means so much needed to work our cities, to work in the highways and in the byways. *20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par.*

The burden of souls should be felt keenly by all who claim to be Seventh-day Adventists. Christ's work—who has undertaken it? Christ has given Himself, His whole being. He was rich in the heavenly courts. Ask Isaiah, "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in His apparel, travelling in the greatness of His strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art Thou red in Thine apparel, and Thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with Me." *Isaiah 63:1-3*. Read the whole chapter, and (*Isaiah 55*), the whole chapter. *20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 9*

The Lord calls to every man that has heard the truth and professes to be a Seventh-day Adventist to read, read, and understand. Oh, will souls give an example to their children? Will they lead them to hurtful self-indulgence? Will they by their own example place their children under temptation by their own practice? Will parents dishonor God? Will they give no heed to the testimonies God has given? *20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 10*

I call upon you to sign the temperance pledge. Drink no wine, no liquor, nor strong drink, and pledge yourself and prevail upon your children to sign the pledge to abstain from tobacco and to become thoroughly temperate in the food placed upon your tables. It is time every soul shall return unto the Lord and reform in the preparation of food. We need conversions all through our churches. Let there be economizing in means in every household. When strong faith and love for souls are cherished in the heart, when we behold the cross of Calvary and the gift of God to our world, it should call into exercise the higher claims of God upon us. Dwell upon the theme, and when the love of Christ pervades the heart every feeling of pride will be subdued. *20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 11*

I call upon all in the South to arouse now. Many of you can do much more than you have done. It is because of the absence of the love of Christ in the heart that enmity springs into life like a strong man armed. Let all persons in every place pray, pray, confessing their sins. The melting mercy of Christ in the human heart will create a stronger love, stronger faith, stronger temperance in preserving the soul-temple from all moral defilement. Cleanse the soul-temple from

all selfish greed of wanting to be first—greed of grasping things to which you have no right. Move toward the path of self-denial and self-sacrifice. The Lord would not sanction one penny spent on the indulgence of appetite to destroy the moral image of God in man in smoking or chewing.*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 12*

I call upon every church in the name of the Lord to have stronger faith in the love of Christ and greater appreciation of that love than have hitherto been exercised. To brotherly kindness must be added charity, not that weak charity that covers a multitude of sins unconfessed and unrepented of, because thorough work has not been done to deal plainly—brother with brother and supposed friend with friend. It is the time when a strong work is to be done, to break from Satan's chain. There is to be no more work of daubing the souls over with untempered mortar, and God calls upon every soul who has done this work to weep and pray and confess the lack of discernment that has countenanced evil. Obedience to the law of God, the fruit of gospel repentance is a something of which no man is to be ashamed. Faith, hope, love, and every species of charity are to be magnified.*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 13*

The *twelfth* and *thirteenth chapters of First Corinthians* are in need of study and application to the members of the church, for the continuous humbling of individual self and taking self critically in hand. This is the beginning—self-examination. The very first step is to heed the words of Christ, "Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross" (*Mark 8:34*), not lay his cross on somebody else to carry. Each is to bear his own cross of self-denial and self-humiliation and self-sacrifice.*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 14*

Let each begin the work with himself. Tear away the self-blunders you have put on, and go to work for your soul's sake. Every soul on earth must reflect the love, peace, and grace of heaven. It seems impossible for some to break the seductive influences Satan has exerted and will build to close the door of mercy. Will any soul dare to continue as he has done for years, working out his own plans through the arts of satanic influences? The Lord will save all who will be saved in the Lord's appointed way.*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 15*

A great work is to be done for the Jewish nation, and there will be men whom God has appointed who will give the message God has for them to bear, and Gentiles will be converted, for the Lord Christ is the power that is going before His people. The Lord calls for His people to give no place for sophistries in our ranks. We must arise, put away all pomposity of self, and fall on the Rock and be broken. All who receive Christ, to them He gives power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe in Him. God and Christ are love, and all who love and work in harmony with Christ will keep peace. It is not love that builds on a false theory to ruin the soul. Love is vital tenderness born of God. It reflects the pattern of God.*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 16*

The greatest work that the world has ever known is before us. Truth will go forth as a lamp that burneth. Forces will blend to do a work that will stand the last test. It will be not a bit of use to make any more efforts for those who will not see. Our time must be given and our means employed in doing the special work for this period of time. Cities are to have special attention. Men are to go forth from their employments and teach the truth. Many will make the work self-sustaining. What is the impulsive power back of true, genuine faith? It is the bearing of a message appropriate for the closing up of the work.*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 17*

Youth who have been centered in Battle Creek to get their education [are to get] out of Battle Creek. When the Lord gave His directions in regard to Battle Creek, the voice of men spoiled God's plan. Now there is to be the stepping upon the platform of eternal truth that remains truth and will continue to be truth.*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 18*

Some have given years of study to science that God never ordered. It has been revealed it has not made them safe standards or beautified the Christian character. The hindrance that has been for years—working away from truth and God's way for human inventions—must not remain a hindrance to God's work. The Lord has spoken and men would not hear, and now let prayer and faith take the field, and let those who have means come to the understanding how this means shall be handled—to work against the truth or for the truth? There is to be far less time devoted

entirely to the knowledge of many things. Come right to the very things that will be demanded in these last days, a preparation that the study of books cannot give.*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 19*

Physicians who have been doing the work of surgery ought to have been qualified with the time spent, but now are to learn under other education. They are to make the most of what Christ can teach them and not what they will have to take years to complete. Every one under Dr. Kellogg should have come forth practical practitioners. The Great Physician should be invited by earnest prayer to come to the bedside and work. I have seen the hand of God placed upon the hands of Doctor Kellogg again and again to guide him in operations. That is why the Lord has bidden us make every effort to save the man; but while he understood what the Lord desired him to do, he has failed, decidedly failed, and we must now go forward in the strength of the Great Physician.*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 20*

The Lord requires men to draw into the fabric through faith the certain wisdom God has given. The Lord God of heaven has a great work to be done. All the expenditure of means in large display must be avoided. It is not God's way. Those who have houses and lands will dispose of them as the Lord shall direct them, and God's money will be invested in the completion of the work of soul-saving.*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 21*

While Satan is rejoiced to see the work retarded, strange ways of expending large means to make a display that counts very little should not and cannot be afforded. God will help every one of His churches who work in the meekness of Christ. We should all care much more than we have done to follow Christ's example. He invites, "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*. Who will heed this testimony?*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 22*

If there are in the cities to be worked properties that can be purchased for a small sum, let these be purchased, as in the case of the church at Nashville, to be able to get the truth before the people. These purchases should be made, and let many take hold

to help; but great display in many ways cannot be afforded, for others would suppose they must pattern after them.*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 23*

The word was spoken, The great universe of God is to unite with men whose whole influence is a power. Carry the work that has been hindered for years, but God forbids shall be hindered longer. The heart of the Great Healer works inwardly and outwardly in the preparation of a people to bear the message for these last days. The men who have devoted years to the study of science need now the education they could have obtained to become acquainted with God and His words and His works. His knowledge would have been of the highest value. We shall have abundance of science brought to the front, but we cannot use it; we want, every soul of us, the science of a living, trusting simplicity of truth—clean, sanctified knowledge—and in this day to keep pace with God’s benevolence. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” [*John 3:16.*] He who believes in Jesus Christ will work with Christ, and the angels of God will be the strength of His people. His benevolence, working with His grace, is divine. Infidels will prate about their infidelity, but there cannot be raised upon the strength of infidelity anything that meets the finger of God.*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 24*

Jews and Gentiles are to be converted. Bible converts will be our refuge in the coming conflict. The only thing we are to dread is the men who have studied science under the specious guidance of satanic agencies. In a little time it will be seen that the great science is to take the world, as they suppose, under their specious reasons, and those who have been weakening through frequent introduction to Satan’s sophistries will not understand the works of God or His ways and His will.*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 25*

There must be economy in all of our work in any lines wherever we shall start in anew. All in high or in moderate circumstances must contract their luxuries through love for souls, to enlarge their charities and gain victories by love and by cheerfully submitting to God’s ways. Economizing will provide the resources in ways that they have not supposed would be. All will bear on its face the labor

of love, the self-denial that is set forth in the Scriptures.*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 26*

Christ is our example in all things. To the young man who was rich and came to Christ with the supposition that he had kept God's commandments from his youth up, Christ said, Go, sell all that thou hast and come, follow Me, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven. Here was his test, to sell, and give to the suffering poor to help them. The bread of life was in the gift of making these sacrifices. If ye eat My flesh and drink My blood, ye shall have eternal life. This means that Christ is to be the circulating current of life in the soul.*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 27*

Christ explains in (*John 6:40*): "And this is the will of Him that sent He, 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."*20LtMs, Lt 354, 1905, par. 28*

Lt 355, 1905

Amadon, George

Duplicate of *Lt 345, 1905*.

Lt 356, 1905

Zelinsky, Brother

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 6, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dr. Zelinsky,—

I received your short and good letter. I thank you for writing me, and I am so much pleased with the excellent letter written by Dr. Winegar-Simpson. You are in the place I believe where you should be, in connection with Dr. Simpson and her husband. Your reports are very cheering, and I am hopeful that the sanitarium will answer all that we expect because our trust is in the Lord. He is our power and our efficiency and our strong Helper. I know that you can cultivate the talent of influence religiously, and we are praying most earnestly that the Lord will make that sanitarium a success.*20LtMs, Lt 356, 1905, par. 1*

I am called out to urge our people to seek the Lord most earnestly. Last night I was passing through scenes of great and fearful interest. I was called from my sleep to arouse. The words came, “The Lord Jesus cares for you and His people.” Outside the building there was a large multitude, and this angel had aroused the believers in the house and was telling them, “Haste ye to the mountains. I have a prepared path for you.” The word was, “You have no time to lose.” A door was opened in a cellar, and there was a passage to go out underground and leading out to the mountains. I cannot give any description of the matter, for I was surprised. But the messenger was an angel of God, and this scene was acted before me as a scene of living reality; and words were spoken, “The churches are asleep.” I can remember no more, but I could not sleep after that for it was twelve o’clock, and I dressed and have been writing and searching for the message the Lord has heretofore given me. It is night now. What a day I have had of intensity, of consideration!*20LtMs, Lt 356, 1905, par. 2*

Now, my brother, I have that hope and that confidence in the intelligence of your mind, that your heart, mind, and soul will see the necessity of such an institution as that you are in, and that you will make every effort religiously to leave an excellent impression upon the mind of every soul that you come in connection with. The Lord has had a care for you, and He still has a care for you, and He will be to you your stronghold if you will put your trust in Him and work out your own salvation with the power and grace of Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 356, 1905, par. 3*

We will pray for you, and the Lord will give you grace. It is becoming daylight. I close this short epistle with my earnest love for your soul.*20LtMs, Lt 356, 1905, par. 4*

I will send you *Ministry of Healing*. I do not have one here, but shall have soon.*20LtMs, Lt 356, 1905, par. 5*

Lt 358, 1905

Robinson, Brother and Sister [D. E.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 24, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Children, Dores and Ella May,—

I thought I would write a few lines to you. I am pleased that you have arrived without accident or harm, although you experienced much annoyance.*20LtMs, Lt 358, 1905, par. 1*

Well, we have a very pleasant day today, Friday. The sun shines brightly, and I am very light. Yesterday we missed you, but I did not feel I could draw back and say, “Stay,” for I know that you will do much good where you are; and I shall pray [that] the Lord will keep you under His guardianship. Our time here to work is short, and we cannot, any of us, afford to be indifferent or careless now. We must put our capabilities for improvement to the very best use. We know that you both can be improving in physical and mental and spiritual strength and do your very best to win souls to Christ Jesus. Draw nigh to God, and, oh, draw others nigh. Give your example in everything that is uplifting and noble and pure. I believe that you will.*20LtMs, Lt 358, 1905, par. 2*

It would have been so pleasant to have had you nigh us, but I will not, nay, I will not draw one thread of selfishness into the work that God has given me. Our time is the Lord’s, our strength is the Lord’s, and every capability susceptible of improvement is the Lord’s. If you make every move to honor and glorify God, you will have a conscience void of offense toward God and man and the children—students in the school. Aim in everything to win them to Christ and the church. You can both do a good work spiritually. Walk in humility of mind, and may you have the peace of Christ abiding in your soul.*20LtMs, Lt 358, 1905, par. 3*

I have a great interest in you and want you to make a success; and

you will if you walk and work humbly in God. Do not, I beseech of you, let go for a moment the idea that you are to be kept pledged to God. Work to His name's glory. Do His will understandingly. We want you, Dores, to be fitting yourself up for the ministry, and you should hold yourself ready to teach the Word. Be ever reaching out for bringing the lost sheep into the fold. The Lord will bless every effort you make in sacred consecration of your souls to Jesus Christ. My heart is drawn out for God, that all that I shall do in word, in action, shall be to His name's glory.*20LtMs, Lt 358, 1905, par. 4*

Truth—precious, sanctified truth—is worth more for you to obtain than gold and silver and precious stones. I am so grateful that we have a Saviour full of tender compassion and lovingkindness, and oh, what sacrifice has He made for us, that we should become children of God, and for us to be thus honored.*20LtMs, Lt 358, 1905, par. 5*

We should be always cheerful, thankful, and happy. We can win the crown of life.*20LtMs, Lt 358, 1905, par. 6*

Elder Haskell and wife came Wednesday evening. I wish much that you could have met them. We are glad to see them, and they are both faithful servants of God.*20LtMs, Lt 358, 1905, par. 7*

Lt 359, 1905

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven” St. Helena, California

December 7, 1905

Previously unpublished.

W. C. White,—

I had a good night's rest last night, and this morning I have been very busy since three o'clock. I can't think of leaving my home and my workers; I must be with them. I see [that] now is my opportunity, especially when yourself is not here.*20LtMs, Lt 359, 1905, par. 1*

I will now make my decision that here is my place, with my workers. Much more can be done with myself in my work and them as faithful workers to advise with and to select the writings that have been published and what [should] be brought before the people to refresh their minds. We need much more of the Holy Spirit of God, and we want the blessing of God to attend all our labors. I shall press the work forward, only under the Lord's direction. We must now be very careful in regard to our own spiritual condition.*20LtMs, Lt 359, 1905, par. 2*

I believe the Lord will strengthen and preserve you on your journey. I would not lay out your work; for you are on the ground, and you know what is best to be done. We must watch on the right hand and on the left, but we are [to] keep on the gospel shoes and the whole armor of righteousness. We need the love of God in our hearts, and [we must] cherish true faith. The Lord will never disappoint us; and we need not doubt, but press forward in hope and in courage want the truth, living truth, deeply engraved upon the tables of our heart; and let us render grateful thanks to God. Our prayers should be seasoned with thanksgiving and praise [to] His holy name.*20LtMs, Lt 359, 1905, par. 3*

We have much to be thankful for. I am so glad that I can be privileged to feel free to remain at home this winter. We have had

three showers, that is all—not long ones, but a few hours. It is very pleasant, mild weather and does not seem to be winter.*20LtMs, Lt 359, 1905, par. 4*

And now will you tell me what you think of my plan of remaining away from all meetings and devoting my strength to my writings? I will be so thankful if I can do this. But if I break up now, I cannot expect but to lose my opportunity to do a work I desire to do.*20LtMs, Lt 359, 1905, par. 5*

The noon whistle has sounded. I send this without copying. I hope you can read it. I would be pleased to have you see May Walling and Addie Walling, [so] that you can drop a few lines to me in regard to them. I very much would be pleased to have May, if she can fill the bill, go to Loma Linda or to Washington San. Will you find out what is her purpose? I have not written to Addie or May, for I know not what plan is best to enter into, and yet I do not feel clear. They are as my children.*20LtMs, Lt 359, 1905, par. 6*

Willie, will you be sure and get you good woollen stockings that you can wear at night, to keep your feet and limbs warm. Also get good woollen socks for day wear. I do not want you to go with cold feet, and this sends the blood to your head.*20LtMs, Lt 359, 1905, par. 7*

I will now close this letter, for it is almost dinner time.*20LtMs, Lt 359, 1905, par. 8*

Lt 360, 1905

Kellogg, J. H.

NP

March 20, 1905

Previously unpublished.

[Dr. J. H. Kellogg:]

There are some things that must be said to you, Dr. Kellogg. It is not yet too late for wrongs to be righted. Why do you not act upon the light given you in the testimonies? Why do you not do thorough work in changing your wayward course? If you would heed the messages the Lord sends, in the place of making attempts to carry things on in your own way, you would be asking, "What shall I do to cleanse my soul from the evils that I should have continued to carry on had not the rebuke of the Lord come to me? It was in mercy that these rebukes came, to save not only my own soul, but the souls of men and women that I was misleading."*20LtMs, Lt 360, 1905, par. 1*

Your course has caused great confusion, dissension, and strife because you have made misstatements and misrepresentations and have conjured up untruths. The father of lies had a stock in trade from which he led you to use when occasion required. I am so sorry that you seem determined to keep up this kind of work until the word goes forth, "He is joined to his idols; let him alone." [*Hosea 4:17.*]*20LtMs, Lt 360, 1905, par. 2*

Why do you not make diligent work for repentance? Why do you allow yourself to be bolstered up by those who are acquainted with the error of your ways, but are not faithful to your soul's best interest, who do not strive to clear themselves and you from evils that have been given place because your hearts were not right with God? Rather than do what you should, you and your associates would endanger your souls by making of no effect the reproofs God has given you. Unless you are willing to acknowledge your mistakes and errors and put them forever away, you cannot be saved

whatever your statements may be. Many of these statements are framed for the occasion and are false. You know them to be false. What value can I place upon your word that you believe the testimonies, when after a reproof comes to you, you will declare that some of my workers, or even my own son, had communicated these things to me, and I had sent them to you as a testimony? Are you so devoid of the working of the Spirit as to question the warnings sent you regarding what you were engaged in doing and the sure outcome of this work?*20LtMs, Lt 360, 1905, par. 3*

Some, even the members of my own family, have been inclined to sympathize with you because of the statements you have made and have been inclined to question whether it could be possible that you were doing as the testimonies said. But what I know, I know. I know also how the light has come to me, and no human agency can turn me from the facts presented.*20LtMs, Lt 360, 1905, par. 4*

There are many things that I have not opened before you; for in your present condition I know you would deny them. If you continue to stand where you are standing, I cannot sustain you and will not; for thus I would do injury to your soul and mislead others.*20LtMs, Lt 360, 1905, par. 5*

If you do not see clearly that your course has hindered the advancement of the work of God, you cannot receive the blessing of heaven. Rather than confess your errors, you venture to justify yourself. But no lie is of the truth. No misstatement to shield yourself will cleanse away your wrong. You need to fall on the Rock and be broken. You need to experience the new birth that Christ told Nicodemus that he needed. If you come up to the judgment as you stand today, you will not be acquitted, whatever may be your position, whatever good deeds you may have done. You have tried to secure the success of many schemes, which, had you had full right of way, would have been carried forward to the great injury of the cause of God and would have misled many. You cannot be trusted as a leader. This has been decidedly repeated. You follow your own imaginative impulses, looking upon them as wisdom, when in reality, if they had not been stayed, they would have ruined the cause of God.*20LtMs, Lt 360, 1905, par. 6*

What is the matter? You wish to be noted. You wish to gain credit for doing wondrous things, but you see that these wondrous things are not coming out as you in your elated imagination thought they would. You step aside and leave the disappointment to fall upon others. Had you been allowed to go on, you would have continued to make one strange movement after another, until all confidence in our management as wise men and women would be destroyed.*20LtMs, Lt 360, 1905, par. 7*

The Lord sent you warnings in regard to *Living Temple*, but you have not yielded the matter. "A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still."*20LtMs, Lt 360, 1905, par. 8*

"Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore 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. And every one that heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." [*Matthew 7:21-27.*]*20LtMs, Lt 360, 1905, par. 9*

I do not want your building to fall when the storm and tempest come, but it certainly will if you retain your present self-confidence and continue to despise every one who differs with you. Unless you come to your senses and show that repentance that needs not to be repented of, you cannot be saved. I plead with you for Christ's sake to begin this work in earnest before it is everlastingly too late.*20LtMs, Lt 360, 1905, par. 10*

I have a great longing of soul that you should break with the great deceiver. I would have you do thorough work before it is

everlastingly too late. When you and those associated with you show this repentance, you will no longer make misrepresentations of the work God has given me. But I am instructed that if you carry out the program that it is presented to me Satan is preparing for you, I must publish in a book the warnings that have come to you and those associated with you in clear, plain lines during the years that God has been speaking to you through His Spirit. Said the messenger to me, The Lord forbid that the impression shall go forth that all of Dr. Kellogg's words and deeds are vindicated and sustained by the testimonies of God's Spirit.^{20LtMs, Lt 360, 1905, par. 11}

“The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up, his sin is hid. ... Though he be fruitful among his brethren, an east wind shall come, the wind of the Lord shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up; he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels.” [*Hosea 13:12, 15.*] The Lord says to you and to all who look upon themselves as superior to their brethren, “Return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to the Lord.” [*Hosea 14:1, 2.*]^{20LtMs, Lt 360, 1905, par. 12}

“O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto Him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips. Asshur shall not save us, we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: for in Thee the fatherless findeth mercy. I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for Mine anger is turned away from him. I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a green fir tree. From Me is thy fruit found. Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.” [*Verses 1-9.*]^{20LtMs, Lt 360, 1905,}

par. 13

“Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand.” “Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil. Who knoweth if He will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind Him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the Lord your God?” [Joel 2:1, 12-14.]20LtMs, Lt 360, 1905, *par. 14*

I am to bear a straightforward testimony. Can two walk together, except they be agreed? Any semblance of self-glorying is an offense to God. He says to you, “When you declared to the world that the medical missionary work is undenominational, you sold yourself at a cheap, a very cheap market. Thus I have been greatly dishonored. My truth, My power, My favor you cast aside as a weariness. Repent, lest I cast you aside to share the fate of those who transgress My law, break My covenant, and despise My warnings. How long refuse ye to walk in My statutes and obey My laws? How long will ye weaken the hands of My ministers with your perversion of righteousness in your words and acts? I have sent message after message to restrain you from entering into the intrigues of satanic agencies. Think you they are standing by in indifference, taking no advantage of your course of action? Satan will hold you captive under his strategy, and your spiritual perceptions will become more and more blinded, unless you turn to the Lord with full purpose of heart and gain an understanding of the lesson given by Christ in the *eighteenth chapter of Matthew*.20LtMs, Lt 360, 1905, *par. 15*

“The Lord Jesus has looked with sorrow of heart upon the wayward course of those to whom He has given precious words of encouragement. Notwithstanding the fact that they were often an offense to Me, for the sake of My cause, for the sake of My name’s glory, I have borne long with them. I have encouraged them, and sent them helpful messages of kindness and love, lest the enemies

of truth should triumph. All heaven is looking upon the dissension and the alienation that would long ago have been healed had the ones corrected received My reproof and turned from their wrong course of action. But they have not repented, but have built themselves up in a wrong course. Shall I not judge for these things? saith the Lord. I have sent you My word by My messenger. You have refused to receive it, and therefore have not followed in the right course. You have strengthened and built up the wrong [in] those who needed to be converted in speech and action. My work has suffered because of your course.”*20LtMs, Lt 360, 1905, par. 16*

Lt 361, 1905

Druillard, Sister

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 14, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Sister Druillard,—

I express to you my pleasure that Dr. Hayward has decided to locate the sanitarium on the Madison site.*20LtMs, Lt 361, 1905, par. 1*

I have, I think, never carried as sad a heart as I have for months. These have been the most sorry days of my life. But I have cast myself wholly on the Lord. He will be my helper and my God. I have been pleased that you were in connection with Professors Magan and Sutherland on the 400-acre farm. It is just the spot the students should be, and the two institutions need the help of each. It is just as the Lord would have it. Your association will be a great blessing if you will have perfect faith and sincere trust.*20LtMs, Lt 361, 1905, par. 2*

The time has come when our people will be called to come over on the side of the Lord. We have no more time to be uncertain. If the Lord be God, serve Him; if Baal, then serve him. I am just full of important writing, and [am] making selections from things I have testified to and immortalized in the published testimonies over the last fifty years. Does anyone suppose I could go back on this matter that has been established by the Holy Spirit's power in healing the sick and restoring life to the dying? I send this to you that you may know that I am on the Lord's side.*20LtMs, Lt 361, 1905, par. 3*

[Handwritten note at top of page:] Please hand this to Sister Druillard.*20LtMs, Lt 361, 1905, par. 4*

Lt 362, 1905

White, W. C.

St. Helena, California

March 1, 1905

Previously unpublished.

W. C. White:

We have just received from you the letter saying it is best to send for Mabel. Do not you worry about Grace at all. She came with the boys into my room, her cheeks red as a rose, her eyes bright. She is just as cheerful as you would wish to see. She has plenty of care and says she feels no pain. Her hand is firmly splinted up so she cannot hurt it. I let them have my wheeled chair, but she is in no need of it. She is trotting about with someone at her heels all the time.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 362, 1905, par. 1*

Now, we have decided that Sister Williams is the one to be at San Diego and will send a line to her at once. I have just had [a] talk with Sister Taphouse and she gives the highest recommendation of Sister Williams. She says that she can act as nurse and physician and is one well-calculated to receive and as matron fill that place. She has been receiving twenty dollars per week, but the place [where she has been] has required more labor than she could continue to give them. Sister Taphouse says she is just what we need in the sanitarium at San Diego [and] that she would not expect any such wages as she has been having. I told her to write to her at once, and I will also write to her to come. She is loose [unemployed] now I believe. But I am glad that this matter is settled.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 362, 1905, par. 2*

Now in regard to Mabel, I shall write to her to come at once and go to the sanitarium, if this is your mind. I shall feel with such a woman as Sister Williams she is safe and can work in with her nicely as matron or in any other line, [such] as nurse. Her wages can be decided on when she is fitted to a position in some line. Now, I feel very hopeful for Mabel since talking with Sister Taphouse. So this is

the result of our morning interview.*20LtMs, Lt 362, 1905, par. 3*

I could not see how we could spare Sister Nelson when we have to draw every string possible to accomplish the work of the two books. Sarah, I understand, will be home on the morrow, and I am to part with Lucinda in about one week. I am doing what I can, but I must lighten up a little and not carry the heavy loads I have been carrying—writing and reading. But I am doing well. Night before last I slept until one o'clock; last night, March 1, until half past three o'clock.*20LtMs, Lt 362, 1905, par. 4*

We shall be very glad to see you at home and where we can consult you. I have written to Edson and he has written me. I will send you his letter. I was glad to receive so good and sensible [a] letter from him.*20LtMs, Lt 362, 1905, par. 5*

Mother

I will write to Sister Gotzian.*20LtMs, Lt 362, 1905, par. 6*

Lt 363, 1905

Irwin, Sister

“Elmshaven,” Sanitarium, Cal.

February 22, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Sister Irwin,

You have been so faithful in writing to me I will write you a few lines. I am pleased with your letters and the letters coming from Brother and Sister Kress, for I am deeply interested in you all and the work in which you all are interested and are acting a part. If we meet with some disappointments and heartaches, we need not be surprised.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 363, 1905, par. 1*

I have reason for gratitude to God that my life has been spared to see two more sanitariums established in Southern Cal.—one at San Diego—a beautiful location—and after obtaining a full supply of water—the very best—pure and soft as silk. We have reason to praise God. I have had the evidence that this would [be] if we would work by faith. The digging [was] commenced and the curbing [was placed] eighty feet down. Then a reservoir ten feet across [was created] to retain all the water possible. The house is furnished, painted, calcimined, and all done except bathrooms were fitted up and water closets in the building. The bath preparations must go out of the building. We all knew from the first that this change must be made, but so many were seeking the privileges of the sanitarium that we had to say, “Come,” but the steam from the bathrooms as they are located are not wholesome in the rooms. That change must be made. The house is now, I think, every room taken and another house hired is for the accommodation of the nurses and the helpers. Wonderful cures have been wrought. The senators and judges and members of parliament have been the guests and patients.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 363, 1905, par. 2*

Now this does me good, for I have worked so earnestly to secure the building. Had to hire three thousand dollars at 7 percent

interest, but we hired money for less as soon as possible. Sister Gotzian and I clasped hands over my writing table that we would be responsible for the purchase of that grand building, for five thousand dollars. Thank the Lord, we say praise His holy name. I will praise Him who is the health of my countenance and my God. I was the first patient. I worked so hard in various places in speaking in tents and in chapels that I gave myself no sufficient favor, and speaking to hundreds and over and over again standing in ill ventilated tents and meeting houses, the sickness came upon me, and I was much afflicted. Have not fully recovered, but work in night hours every night or morning while others are sleeping.*20LtMs, Lt 363, 1905, par. 3*

I have ofttimes in the night awakened with deep earnest impressions and then no more sleep for me. For weeks it has been at one o'clock. I build my fires in [the] fireplace and then go to my writing. I have saddening things presented and the most blessed things of the future. The Lord will take means oft to humble and prove us. Never is there more gracious love than when our Saviour takes His own means to save us from greater trials, to humble us, to prove us, bringing us out of ourselves, our likings, our ways, our methods, and presents His yoke. "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." [*Matthew 11:29, 30.*] Praise the Lord, I know what this means, and I will follow the footsteps of my Redeemer, and I will walk in His footsteps. Only believe, only trust, is as if spoken to me, and I am at rest. Well, I think I have written about all you will care to read. Our mail now is closing and I must get this into the hands of Maggie just as it is. I must send it without copying.*20LtMs, Lt 363, 1905, par. 4*

Your sister in Christ.*20LtMs, Lt 363, 1905, par. 5*

Lt 364, 1905

Olsen, Sister

Elmshaven, St. Helena, Cal.

August 9, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Dear Sister Olsen,

I am sorry that I could not see you but I am thankful you are thus far on your journey. You must be looking unto Jesus every moment and understand that He is watching over you, and He calls you one of His little ones. Be not discouraged. He will be to you a present help in every time of need.*20LtMs, Lt 364, 1905, par. 1*

I believe in your behalf the angels of God will bless and keep you on your passage. We will pray for you. Be cheerful. Angels will watch and you will not be left alone. I know you can help each other. Always be cheerful, for this is half the battle, the highest display of the power of truth, the brightest trophy to the power of grace. Truth is grace to holding fast the power of truth through unwavering faith.*20LtMs, Lt 364, 1905, par. 2*

Know for a certainty that the Lord is your guide and exceeding great reward. Let the praise of Jesus be in your heart and upon your lips. We sincerely hope that you will be continually, trustingly, going upward, and that the Lord's care will preserve. You must expect to improve in health because the Lord desires you should be happy in His love. Let not one word of unbelief pass from your lips and you will be a blessing to souls and may you and your husband be assured all the way that you are in the path of duty.*20LtMs, Lt 364, 1905, par. 3*

God bless you, dear sis. Be happy in God.*20LtMs, Lt 364, 1905, par. 4*

Ellen G. White.

I have been writing since eleven o'clock p.m. *20LtMs, Lt 364, 1905,*
par. 5

Lt 365, 1905

My Friend

NP

Circa 1905

Previously unpublished. Not sent.

My Friend,

You are a young man and have your life before you. I am sorry that your life has been very much of a mistake. Now you enter manhood and I could not give you the least encouragement [that] any favor being done you in supposing to improve you would have the effect to do that. Anyone who will attempt to help you in your present state of inefficiency will do you an injury. You are now to see what you can do in humbling yourself to help yourself.*20LtMs, Lt 365, 1905, par. 1*

I do not advise you even to attend school, but first engage in some kind of outdoor employment that will bring relief to your wearied nerves and [where] you can, if with a wise man, study how to make a man of yourself. You have unwisely been favored too much for your good. Will you now pray the Lord to help you to wake up your slumbering, lazy inclination? Now you could, at the Mountain View printing office, show yourself to be a man. No one can do this for you, but you can now excel where you have defeated yourself.*20LtMs, Lt 365, 1905, par. 2*

I have in view several such cases whom I have tried to help, but told them I could not lower themselves in their own estimation and self-respect [by] offering to help them. It would be doing you a decided injury to pay your school bills. A young man of your age is fully able if he appreciates his physical, mental, and moral powers, and puts in hard working as would be best for one who has had the honor to be called industrious in doing common duties in life. The best thing you can do is to work hard, [so] that, if need be, in the future you can sustain your mother in the place of feeling yourself a helpless burden upon her.*20LtMs, Lt 365, 1905, par. 3*

Place yourself out of temptation to be idle and sporting with idle boys. Work hard, diligently, and show a justifiable pride in showing your industrious efforts. Seek advice and counsel. Ask what is best to do and never, never grieve your mother's heart because you are a worthless son that must be supported. Change this. You have had a disposition to dislike industry. Go to work and make a man of yourself. You can find enough to do which properly exercised will give strength of muscles and wake up your dulled brain. Now change this order of things.*20LtMs, Lt 365, 1905, par. 4*

Your mother is constantly wise and industrious. Now whatever you do, first surrender and give heart and soul to the Lord and then do not live in this world as a useless young man, but a man studying how to become ingenious in applying yourself to labor. Would you keep on as you are, not to be depended on, you are only a burden any and everywhere. And for you to continue this kind of life, what honor will you gain to yourself that you will have an individuality to be looked upon as a failure? You would today be a useful, strong man had you never seen a diamond or a gold gift. Sporting and amusement has been your sad history. What is written in the books of heaven concerning worth? Should you be placed in the heavenly scale, what virtue have you cultivated?*20LtMs, Lt 365, 1905, par. 5*

Lt 366, 1905

Ballenger, A. F.

NP

Circa 1905

Previously unpublished. Not sent.

Brother A. F. Ballenger:

I have words to speak to all God's people to beware of your vain philosophy. You are out of the way. You are weaving fine threads into the figures composing a pattern and in doing this you call the mind from the very subjects that God designs shall prepare souls for the work God has given them for this time.*20LtMs, Lt 366, 1905, par. 1*

I am instructed to say the Lord Jesus is not leading your mind now any more than on the occasion when the paper The Sentinel was lifted up before a party and a hand was passed over the articles published in this paper, saying this paper could be in circulation to thousands of unbelievers. The words were repeated, "If the Sabbath question was left out, then the circulation would be largely increased." But one was in the company who said, "In that case, who would advocate the publication of this paper? The testing truth question must not be lost sight of in one issue but should appear in vindication of the Sabbath. *Isaiah 58:11-14.*"*20LtMs, Lt 366, 1905, par. 2*

You advocated the idea, and then you confessed your error with weeping. Now you are again in error. God has not given you the burden you suppose. He has laid the foundation of truth and we came to the right position of what is truth nearly half a century ago. All through this period we have had both men and women coming up to advance new light that was—is—not of God. Why? Because the Lord God of heaven has led us in light, clear and definable, which places the sanctuary question in the right light before the people.*20LtMs, Lt 366, 1905, par. 3*

O how tremblingly we walked and worked and searched the Scriptures. Chapter after chapter of experience was opened before us in remarkable transactions. There were meetings of a few, about one dozen, and the Scriptures were searched point by point until every point was established in the faith. We pled the promise, "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him, and He will show us His covenant." [*Psalm 25:14.*] *20LtMs, Lt 366, 1905, par. 4*

These men had critical minds and it was first one and then the other that was convinced on the sanctuary question. The representation was so clear and distinct from the pattern God gave them in the mount that the most convincing arguments were brought forward. As the love of Christ was progressing in our hearts the clear and distinct truth was substantiated. It was months of urgent searching. When once the truth was harmonious in the minds of the praying, searching ones, then all presented it before other minds, and as the numbers of Sabbathkeepers increased there was harmony in our ranks of understanding. *20LtMs, Lt 366, 1905, par. 5*

There had been mourning and sighing over our understanding at first, but this did not make any perceptible gaining in knowledge of the Bible facts. We presented the truth as we now advocate it, and as some opposed we just patiently went over the subject again and again and again of the sanctuary question until the glory of God would come upon us. Again and again the room where we assembled was so full of the glory of God. Our voices came up to God to prayer, singing, and praise. And it was oft substantiated by the glory of God in vision. The matter was presented and confirmed. It cost us much labor to make every point clear to critical minds, but always such blessings came that the faces of all present expressed the glory of God. So we became established upon the question of the sanctuary question. I cannot begin to present the powerful experience. This experience was carried from place to place, but I have not strength to go into all the experience. Suffice it to say, we were confirmed and established. *20LtMs, Lt 366, 1905, par. 6*

Many times this experience has been repeated in the presentation of the truth in new places. Fresh perceptions were imparted, bringing into consciousness vigorous vibrations—cords of such striking importance as exist between Christ and our own hearts.

The visions were given to confirm the message. There was not a depending upon the mere Word, but the confirmation of that Word in mighty power. The Spirit of Christ and of the closest seeking of God were manifest. All who sought Him with all the heart found Him. The weak in faith in Bible evidence were confirmed, strengthened, and settled. All did [not] discern the sanctuary question in its important bearings until the representations came to them in the clear application of truth from the visions which God gave. The power and the glory and the honor flowed forth from human lips. When opposers came in to block the way by a specious reasoning, the Lord raised up many of the strong reasons through the Spirit of God to confirm the Word.*20LtMs, Lt 366, 1905, par. 7*

I have a message for Bro. Ballenger. You are mistaken in your Scriptural explanations, for God's Word is not Yea and Nay, but Yea and Amen; for there are many confirmations of the truthfulness of our position and understanding of the sanctuary. One scripture in its explanation is not to deny the truth of the sanctuary question which figures so prominently in the Word. You may twist the Scriptures, as many will in these last days, so that they have long threads which they draw into their figure. Many, many words carry not the light, neither theories. After our brother gets through his long fine-threaded argument the people cannot understand, for the proofs are wanting.*20LtMs, Lt 366, 1905, par. 8*

The Lord calls upon you, Testify to the truth and do not commit to minds such explanations that the mind becomes confused. Their minds cannot grasp your long explanations. We must have truth that is more forcible without so much that cannot be explained and made discernible. In short, you are not to carry any such explanations before the people, for truth needs not such indiscernible assertions. Your mind and the minds of the people want solid, plain truth that will not deny and disconnect God's special truths that have been bearing the test of investigation for nearly a century.*20LtMs, Lt 366, 1905, par. 9*

I have a message for Bro. Ballenger which will prove for his present and eternal good if he will humbly seek God and have his spiritual eyesight cleared to discern that which has been presented to me. The figure of the pattern he is framing is positively a mistake, and it

will do much harm to many poor souls. I have been giving the note of warning, Take heed how ye hear. The Lord Jesus would not have any such mystery of His truth.*20LtMs, Lt 366, 1905, par. 10*

Satanic agencies are pleased to use the mind and voice to speak to the people sentiments which will set minds on a train of questioning and criticizing the facts of the Word of God. You begin this work and you will be in union with the some who will depart from the faith giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Paul was a religious man before he was converted. He was a Christian in heart, mind, and soul, after his conversion. If the enemy can divert minds from the great central work to be done in preparing a people to stand in the great testing of character before us that will please him. The Lord forbids anyone claiming to believe the truth to get up explanations of Scripture to deny the truth that has been given to His people and to disturb and occupy the minds with new theories that would undermine the foundations of the Word of God. Some other man will come in and have a burden to give his interpretation of the Word which will set minds in unrest and withdraw them from the issues that now are to occupy the minds of ministers. Read *Matt. 28:16-20.20LtMs, Lt 366, 1905, par. 11*

There is with you, my brother, a desire to bring in something new and to take the minds captive, and yourself be supposed to be a deep man in research of the Word, when the facts are that you are not rightly interpreting the Word. You are bringing in subjects of controversy and raising all manner of questions which employs the time [of your fellow ministers] to hear you. Your time to go into these explanations is not called for and creates questions and differences of opinion and creates strife and misunderstandings and a party spirit. You are to be careful whom you are serving in this line. You need to stop right where you are, for you have an instructor by your side to lead you astray with deceiving representations. I shall now present this before all our people as you have chosen to turn from the warnings given. I shall be compelled to warn our people.*20LtMs, Lt 366, 1905, par. 12*

Lt 367, 1905

Arthur, Judge Jesse

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Judge [Jesse] Arthur:

I have a message during the past night for you. I have hoped and hoped in vain that Dr. Kellogg would break from the snares of Satan. His only hope for his soul is that he does now the work of repentance. But you are in this snare and you have permitted yourself to come under the rebuke of God, "Woe unto ye lawyers." [*Luke 11:52.*] The forbearance and charity that you have been exercising in the specious and determined efforts of Dr. Kellogg have brought the spell of Satan's delusive reasonings upon you. Break this spell now before you go one step farther.*20LtMs, Lt 367, 1905, par. 1*

I am instructed, permit not yourself to become spiritually blind through the sophistries of Satan. You are moving under the control of a specious deviser who tempted our first parents. You are being betrayed to mislead and betray and serve the purposes of Satan. Why do you thus do? You know better than to act the lawyer against Christian principles. Will you array your energies to do deeds which will have to stand the test of the judgment?*20LtMs, Lt 367, 1905, par. 2*

You know this work you have entered into is not at all righteous and conscientious. Will you sacrifice truth and imperil your soul to do unjust things, to appropriate that which the cause of God shall and is now demanding to save souls from perishing in their sins? Have we not suffered enough in the hindrance of our work through the leadings of Dr. Kellogg into any scheme he desires to do—dishonest things? Again the words were spoken, "Woe unto lawyers."*20LtMs, Lt 367, 1905, par. 3*

Prudence and discretion are now to be exercised if you value your soul. Do not, for Christ's sake, sell your soul at the price now offered you. The soul of Dr. Kellogg is in the balance. Will you help him in his unjust course to turn the scale and satisfy the devil's triumph? Will it pay? What is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*20LtMs, Lt 367, 1905, par. 4*

If you cannot [keep] a lawyer's business without sacrificing righteousness and truth, give up that business. Break the spell now. Become a heroic reformer. Touch not one case that comes to you that will make you a partaker of the evil work to plague and discourage and make difficulties for the Lord's people who are doing His work. Will you set yourself, Judge Arthur, to oppose the gracious designs of God, in preparing a people to stand in the time of trouble, such a time of trouble as has never been since there was a nation? Your eternal interest now is at stake. Break away from the controversy of the doctor. His spell is upon you. His science of influence is exerting on every occasion where he dares. But this spell will soon be broken by all who will take a decided stand.*20LtMs, Lt 367, 1905, par. 5*

The legal side of the question is now to be weighed with the instruction of the "Thus saith the Lord,"—the Bible, the Bible standard. You are working contrary to whatever is done. You must stand the test of the judgment. Give up forever the system of dishonoring God, going contrary to His gospel. Will you help Dr. Kellogg to do this work he is contemplating? Will you array your influence to defraud any branch of the work of God? Whatever stand you take, let it be that which will stand the investigation of the judgment.*20LtMs, Lt 367, 1905, par. 6*

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the reform J. H. Kellogg refuses to accept. Whatever action shall place an impediment in the way of advancing the truth of heavenly origin in the way of its progress and triumph is dangerous innovation destined to result in the ruin of the soul of J. H. Kellogg. The result will be the same in your case, for blindness—spiritual blindness—will come upon you that you cannot break.*20LtMs, Lt 367, 1905, par. 7*

A work is before us to save a lost world. Your action in connection with the work of Dr. Kellogg is soon to be weighed in the balances of the sanctuary so that his course of action will react to the loss of his soul. He may ignore all warnings God has given. He may misconstrue, as he has done, in saying when I gave the first three talks in Battle Creek at the last General Conference (when he tried to turn aside the evidence given at that time), “I gave Sister White that inspiration.” He knew that was falsehood, but every misconception will be devised to make the testimonies of none effect—that which God has given to His people to declare His word and purposes in reform and for His own name’s glory.*20LtMs, Lt 367, 1905, par. 8*

I have been shown the base presentations that have been preparing for a length of time to make of none effect the testimonies. There will be no means left untried through the counterfeits of infidelity and to destroy the confidence of the people of God. Falsehoods after falsehoods will be fabricated and stated as truth to beguile souls to exalt Dr. K. Will it pay? No liar can inherit the kingdom of God. The Lord has charged me to set these things before you. Your duty is plain against a system that can be called a legal lawyer production. But does it bear the completion of the Bible standard?*20LtMs, Lt 367, 1905, par. 9*

You have pledged the gospel standard yourself before the three highest authorities in the heavenly courts at your baptism, that whatever shall interfere with your spiritual and eternal interest you will be dead to its plausibility. The Bible and the Bible alone is our great reformer to make good our baptismal vows. No substitute or reasoning can evade this pledge. You are to come out and be separate, and not to act in harmony with lawyers’ schemes, but to stand for truth and righteousness. Whatever is inconsistent in the action of the righteousness of Christ in any case is not in accordance with the baptismal vows. Those who ignore and disregard the teachings of God’s Word and its supreme authority violate their baptismal vows and the teachings of the Word to save a lost world; for it never can be done in harmony with truth and righteousness and the reformatory power promised by the Father and Son and Holy Spirit, while men are voluntarily linking themselves with the agents and ministers of

unrighteousness. *20LtMs, Lt 367, 1905, par. 10*

Reformatory action is the humiliation of self. “Ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God and when He who is your life shall appear then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.” [*Colossians 3:3, 4.*] Is not this again worth obtaining? Having determined what reform means, every soul, for their own present and future eternal interest, should labor to promote these reforms—not [acting] according to the unsanctified, selfish measurement of man guided and controlled [by] science of satanic origin. Will God’s people open their eyes and with fearfulness and courage stand up for Jesus? This will provoke opposition, calumny, and bitterest hatred. Selfish interest, lustful ambitions for advantage will clamor for the supremacy, [from] conservatives whose craft is in danger. *20LtMs, Lt 367, 1905, par. 11*

O that the heart of Dr. Kellogg would become changed, for he is ready to sacrifice whatever is dearest to retain as a man and to carry out his selfish and corrupt principles on the altar of his greed. God will give him another opportunity to show himself a man and not sacrifice truth and righteousness [which] for the last time is upon him. *20LtMs, Lt 367, 1905, par. 12*

But Judge Arthur, you are drawn into a net of deception to help a man that is sacrificing mercy and the love of God for ungodly advantage. With the help you are giving him you may gain the case in his behalf, but [only] to secure gains which will promote himself. Thank God there are men who will be converted to the truth, and men who are now in the cause of truth and righteousness who cannot agree to sell their souls for any advantage. In the cause of truth and godliness they will not make a compromise for any man’s advantage. They will recognize the most hard and trying duties [to be] the highest and safest. There are men who are now to fear not and do not after Satan’s policy. They will relinquish all praise that was apparently within their grasp, all applause which they might have received from Satan’s side of the question and who will now in these last days so estimate righteousness, truth, and justice, [that] they will not consent to be beguiled by Satan’s sophistry. *20LtMs, Lt 367, 1905, par. 13*

God calls upon every man that lives to become a reformer to support righteous actions. Some will be flattered by the prospect of position or gain to keep silence when it is heavenly eloquence to speak. They are smothered with pretended friendships. Their mouths are stopped from speaking the truth, to lay things just as they are, open to the light of day. They climb into office and find it convenient to overcome. The true, reforming Bible points [away] from all guile. They are seduced in Satan's net to flounder [and be] caught. *20LtMs, Lt 367, 1905, par. 14*

The Son of God is revealed, yes manifested, that He might draw all men unto Him. He said, "I came not to send peace on earth, but a sword." [*Matthew 10:34.*] His followers must walk in the light of His glorious example at whatever sacrifice or peril of property or life itself. The true reformation must be after the heavenly order, bearing the divine signature and push the triumph of the cross of Christ. The reformers of today, 1905, must be decided, resolute, and unflinchingly stand in the light of the cross of Calvary. *20LtMs, Lt 367, 1905, par. 15*

Let all be as cheerful as possible, while willing to endure the cross and despise the shame. Avoid the danger of a censorious spirit and bitterness as you contemplate the injustice and the wickedness of those who are imbued with the spiritualistic science of Satan. The work of God needs to be advanced in the spirit of Christ. It needs not the devil's wisdom or the devil's roughness—denunciation of sin may be and should be called by the right name. "Get thee behind me, Satan." [*Matthew 16:23.*] Yet seek to do all possible to reform. *20LtMs, Lt 367, 1905, par. 16*

Christ denounced all pretensions to godliness that was made the garb of hypocrisy. There are those who cover their true condition as did the Jews; having position and authority they supposed they had the staff in their own hands. They would not enter the kingdom of heaven themselves and those that would enter they threatened to denounce and turn out of the synagogue. They did not have a sense that they needed Gospel reform, and yet Christ worked in all their cities as long as it was safe. His life must be preserved until the time appointed. Many may be deceived by men who make pretensions to godliness, whose hearts are overflowing with deceit

and with iniquity. These Christ openly denounced as hypocrites, blind guides, serpents, a generation of vipers doomed to the damnation of hell. They repeated tradition after tradition and long spun theories, talking of Abraham.*20LtMs, Lt 367, 1905, par. 17*

Lt 368, 1905

Ballenger, E. S.

San Diego, Paradise Valley, Cal.

Circa September 19, 1905

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[Dear Brother E. S. Ballenger:]

I will begin a letter to you not knowing as I can finish it, for we have decided to be homeward bound. We found that a most trying case has been brought to this place—a woman to pass through confinement [due to childbirth] that apparently would cost her her life. But they are doing all that they can for her. Before we arrived she was delivered of twin girls, one seven pounds and the other six [pounds]. They appeared to be doing well.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 368, 1905, par. 1*

When Dr. T. S. Whitelock [first] realized the situation, he had little hope the woman's life could be saved. He sent to San Diego for an expert in trying cases. Br. Johnson was dispatched, and in less than thirty minutes his (Johnson's) automobile brought the help Dr. Whitelock desired, but the woman's vital force was gone. She went into spasms and there was no force to bring to birth the children. They were both taken with instruments and then everything that could be done was done. The mother of these first-born children had no strength, no power. Two most excellent nurses were in attendance through the day and an intelligent nurse at night. They worked and they prayed. The woman was not a Christian, and they presented her case—we all did—to the Lord in our prayers.²⁰*LtMs, Lt 368, 1905, par. 2*

Dr. Whitelock said he never had such a case on his hands before. The physicians and nurses exerted all the skill they could safely use. She passed the ninth day with much suffering, but a little hope sprang up the twelfth day. In the evening she asked me if I would pray for her. Her head pains and pelvis pains were apparently almost unbearable. [Her] head was relieved, and she was carefully

placed in the wheeled chair and her bed arranged while she was in another room, but what a change in her countenance! There was hope and gratitude. She said, "I am relieved of the torturing pain and feel easy." The night was passed the best she had realized for a long time and she expressed herself as very thankful. I said, "Thank the Lord, He has heard [our] prayer." She said, "I know it is so. I have the sense of a decided change. Do continue to pray for me." Before we parted from her I told her that the Great Healer had been present and His healing power had come to her. She said, "I know it is so; I am relieved of pain." I then presented the gospel hope, that the Lord had raised her up to love and serve Him. I hoped she would give her heart to the Lord and become His believing disciple.*20LtMs, Lt 368, 1905, par. 3*

This is only one of the several remarkable cases that have come to that sanitarium. One woman came there to die. She had no faith in Jesus Christ. She had entered into all kinds of false doctrines, but she wished to know of our Saviour. They prayed with her and read the Scriptures. The sophistries of the satanic delusions she had been trying to believe gave her no rest, no peace. She came out a decided Christian and died in the triumph of faith. She gave the most clear and decided evidence of true religious experience. And she lived several weeks. She lived a most happy convert to the faith in all the Bible truth, and died happy. And there are other cases. I cannot now give all the particulars, but we will give them at another time.*20LtMs, Lt 368, 1905, par. 4*

While I was speaking in the parlor to the patients and the sanitarium family, I was led out to talk of the Great Physician and His unlimited power to save both soul and body. There was a prominent man employed in official work I cannot name. He had begun to receive one point and then another of our faith, until he had all the leading requirements and accepted all. But he said he could not believe for himself. All that could be brought to bear upon him did not give him that faith which grasps the love of Christ personally for himself.*20LtMs, Lt 368, 1905, par. 5*

I made the simplicity of faith so plain that a little child could receive it. He said, "I have confessed every sin I have any knowledge of." I repeated his words in my talks on the point of faith, thus, for two or

three mornings, and told the man he was trying to get hold of something material for him to acknowledge as faith. I told him all he had to do was to take God at His word without any remarkable demonstration, but to say, “Lord, I believe Thy Word. I take Thee at Thy own statement, ‘Him that will come unto me I will in no wise cast out.’” [*John 6:37.*] Thus we labored to explain that faith was not a remarkable demonstration of feeling. Faith takes God at His word. You send your faith within the veil where Jesus is, and talk with God, [saying], “You said it, Lord. You said it: ‘He that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out.’ ‘Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke (of obedience) and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart and ye shall find rest to your soul. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.’” [*Matthew 11:28-30.*]*20LtMs, Lt 368, 1905, par. 6*

I then tried to get him to understand that faith was taking God at His word and not waiting for the impulse of feeling. Your faith reaches into that within the veil, and you grasp the promise which Jesus has given, and [you] say, “It is mine because I take God at His word.” And praise the Lord, your faith makes the promise yours. When the reality comes and you rely upon the Word, the blessing is yours and was yours the moment your faith grasped the promise. When the evidence, the rest, the peace comes, it is no longer faith but assurance. And you may rejoice and praise God in all the freedom of forgiveness and pardon of sin, because your faith makes it yours in fact—feeling or no feeling.*20LtMs, Lt 368, 1905, par. 7*

Hebrews 11 gives the exposition of faith. It is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. Read this explanation of faith [in] *verse 6*: “But without faith it is impossible to please God, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” In my talk I urged all to read the whole chapter. Take the Word of God as your counselor and walk out upon that Word in full and trusting obedience. The last talk I gave, I addressed this man, “Have you grasped what faith is—the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen? Do you now have faith?” He said, “I have faith now.”*20LtMs, Lt 368, 1905, par. 8*

We can see why there should be sanitariums. Several have been

converted because Christ is held forth as the greatest Missionary Worker the world has ever seen. Some suffered for the truth's sake. "Thy Word is truth." [*John 17:17.*] And this institution or sanitarium has proved the word of the Lord that the great Master Healer will, if you ask Him in faith, take away your disease. "By faith Moses when he was come to years, refused (the great honor) to become the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward." [*Hebrews 11,*] verses 24-26. Read the chapter. *20LtMs, Lt 368, 1905, par. 9*

How glad I was that this patient in coming to the sanitarium found relief through simple, rational methods to relieve the body of suffering and, more, found relief to his sinsick soul, for the Lord Jesus has taken away his sin; and He can give him health of soul and of body. And he [may] become acquainted with those who make the Word of God the man of their counsel. This gentleman found Christians in our sanitarium in Paradise Valley, San Diego, California—Christians in principle and precept, practice and example. This experience, given in the sanitarium at Paradise Valley, verifies the name sanitarium. Those who seek the Lord for needful good in physical health find in the atmosphere of the sanitarium the sanctifying, healing ministry of Jesus Christ. *20LtMs, Lt 368, 1905, par. 10*

This sanitarium required a well to be dug in search for water, and they found abundance of water ninety-five feet down. This cost money, but there stands the pure water in abundance. [To] obtain the machinery to bring up the rising water and frame the well cost money, and the addition of buildings for treatment rooms and [rooms] to be occupied by patients cost something. Additions to rooms had to be [built], and this cost money. *20LtMs, Lt 368, 1905, par. 11*

We would ask those in Southern California who have means that will help us to finish these buildings—which cost not less than ten thousand dollars—to help in doing this good work for the Master. Bring in your gifts and offerings in Southern California. We do not

call for the means from the conference but from Southern Californians. Let there be your offerings. We have need of the help that you can give us, and we are sure you will do this, because you have been forward to invest in Paradise Valley as the necessities required. The Lord will bless you in doing this work.*20LtMs, Lt 368, 1905, par. 12*

We have the deep, pure interest to obtain possession of the few buildings and have given the directions to have the buildings purchased, for they are much needed. We hope, Brother Ballenger, this will be done in accordance with our recent conversation. Please let me know, for I do wish to have this completed without delay. We need every foot of tillable land on that side of the road where these buildings are. Make no delay. We are not working for our own interest but for the interest of the sanitarium. I have given Brother Ballenger the urgency of this matter. We will thank the Lord for water, good pure water. Oh, I am so glad that we can secure this water. It has cost labor and prayer.*20LtMs, Lt 368, 1905, par. 13*

Manuscripts

Ms 1, 1905

New Years' Day Jottings

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January 1, 1905

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Patriarchs and Prophets and *Great Controversy* to Remain Unchanged²⁰*LtMs, Ms 1, 1905, par. 1*

This beginning of the new year shall be to me one of praise to God for His care and lovingkindness. I have repeated the Lord's Prayer and then earnestly prayed for the Lord to give me today an experience that will be a blessing, not only to myself, but to others. I desire to gain today an experience that the Lord shall approve.²⁰*LtMs, Ms 1, 1905, par. 2*

Yesterday propositions were made that needed thoughtful, prayerful consideration. [Undoubtedly refers to a proposal made by a prominent canvassing agent that *Patriarchs and Prophets* and *Great Controversy* be abbreviated and united.—W. C. White.] I have carefully considered these propositions and will now say, "*Patriarchs and Prophets* and *Great Controversy* must go out to the people as they are. They cover ground that reaches from the beginning to the close of this earth's history, and they should not be changed." With this question settled, I feel the assurance the Lord's blessing will accompany the reading of these books. We are to make as little change as possible in books which contain the light that the Lord has declared the people should have. To drop out any part of these books would not result favorably; for they are as much needed today as when they first came before the world.²⁰*LtMs, Ms 1, 1905, par. 3*

These books were written under the influence and in accordance with the instruction of God, and no part of them is to be treated as needless. Let these books go forth as they are, and let God make

the explanation essential by imparting His Holy Spirit.*20LtMs, Ms 1, 1905, par. 4*

The Peril of Self-Sufficiency*20LtMs, Ms 1, 1905, par. 5*

There will be changes in religious matters, and there will be apostasies among Seventh-day Adventists. Many will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. But not one will be led astray who does not exalt himself, walking in self-sufficiency and self-confidence. God will give men and women light through His Word and through the testimonies He sends.*20LtMs, Ms 1, 1905, par. 6*

Those who choose as their criterion a fellow being, liable to err, liable to apostatize, looking to erring man for guidance, will be left to follow their pernicious ways, and by them the truth will be evil spoken of. Making flesh their arm, they will lead others astray. And when men fall into errors, and reveal plainly the spirit they are of, let them alone, if after following the directions Christ has given, you fail to bring them to repentance. Do not clasp hands with them, giving them high places of responsibility. When you do this, the Lord is ashamed of you, because you call evil good and good evil. Many a man has been destroyed by being flattered and upheld in a wrong course of action.*20LtMs, Ms 1, 1905, par. 7*

The time has come when things must be called by the right name. To uphold and retain in positions of influence men who by their words and acts exert a wrong influence is to mislead many and dishonor God.*20LtMs, Ms 1, 1905, par. 8*

Those who refuse to heed the Word of God, those who will not obey His command to make straight paths for their feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way, shall be cut off from the people of God. It is a dangerous thing to exalt any man, to set him up as one who is to be honored. Cease ye from man, whose ways continually mislead. The results of the course of the one who is exalted will be charged to his associates who have unwisely placed confidence in him.*20LtMs, Ms 1, 1905, par. 9*

A new year has just begun. Who will begin this year with a personal dedication of themselves to God, who will now say, I have done

iniquity, and I repent and will do so no more? How many this year will bear witness for God?*20LtMs, Ms 1, 1905, par. 10*

Ms 2, 1905

Talk/The Work in the Southern States

College View, Nebraska

September 25, 1904

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I must speak in behalf of the work in the southern field. The message of the soon coming of our Saviour must go to all its cities. We must wake up and consider what this means to us individually in the matter of consecrated effort.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 1*

Some have been working and striving continually to learn how we should enter the various and important fields and how the work can be done to the glory of God. But I can assure you that we have put none too much labor into this field. We have put none too much talent into it. We have given none too much money to it.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 2*

There are many present who have been much interested in missionary work in the South. To these I say, Rejoice that the southern field is being worked. Today I desire to leave this impression upon the mind of every one that is here, that the southern field is to be thoroughly worked. This burden, as God has laid it upon us as a people, has been kept before us for many years. And the question for each individual is, What am I to do? To every man God has appointed his work. If we would only remember this, and seek humbly and perseveringly to know and to do our appointed work, guidance and grace would be given us to meet the trials and hardships of the way.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 3*

When the Jews asked Jesus, "What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?" He replied, "This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent." [*John 6:28, 29.*] His disciples are commissioned to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." [*Mark 16:15.*]*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 4*

You have neighbors. Will you give them the message? You may

never have had the hands of ordination laid upon you, but you can humbly carry the message. You can testify that God has ordained that all for whom Christ died shall have everlasting life, if they believe on Him.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 5*

It is a great thing to believe on Jesus Christ. We have altogether too little faith. I am instructed to say to you that individually we each have our work to do. The Master has given to every man his work. And because others may not do just exactly the work that you have to do, do not feel that you may criticize everything they do. No indeed. No one may devote to faultfinding the time that he ought to spend in hunting for souls, fishing for souls, using every capability and power in his appointed work. When your powers are used in this way, you may know that the Lord God of heaven is right by your side, to strengthen and to guide.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 6*

There are many troublesome questions about the work in the South. There are many destitute fields, many needy enterprises. And some have felt to say, "This field is my field, and this location is under my direction. This branch of the work has been given to me." It is all the Lord's field, and one part is just as precious to Him as the other. What we want is to study how we can help one another to reach all the souls possible.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 7*

We shall become really the most successful workers when we learn to encourage one another and then see that the work committed to us is done humbly and to God's acceptance. As we do that, we shall know what hard work is, and the more we know what hard work is, the more we shall have hearts of tender sympathy and compassion for every soul who works.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 8*

We would recommend to you all that you pray and work instead of talking and criticizing. There has been a great deal of talking that was of no special account. Now let there be an awakening. Let every one do his best.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 9*

Because some one goes to a city and works at a great disadvantage, and cannot at first make everything run smoothly, shall we put blocks in the way, or shall we work to clear the track and smooth the way? Now that is what we must do in the South.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 10*

That some mistakes are made is not to be wondered at. When men are laboring to the very best of their ability to gather up something with which they can advance the work, let us be considerate. Let those who would find fault with them go right out into a new place where the work is hard and endeavor to give a presentation of a perfect work as an encouragement to others.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 11*

Let us be kind and courteous, and let us be sure that we do not discourage at a time when we should cheer and lift up. God wants every soul to be encouraged that our brethren in Nashville have been striving to advance the work.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 12*

The work in the South will go forward. And I beg of you, Do not let any one here, whether he comes from the North or the South, listen to words of criticism and discouragement. When men's hearts are sanctified to God, and they see their brethren struggling with all their might and power to pull the heavy load up the hill, will they stand still and look on and tell the toilers what they should do? No, no; God help us to draw.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 13*

While we were in Nashville we had most precious meetings in the little chapel fitted up in the building of the Publishing Association. I thank the Lord for that comfortable meeting place.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 14*

In the adjoining rooms, through the week, the presses are running all the day and sometimes late into the night, printing the precious pages of truth to be circulated in all parts of the world. In our meetings there the Spirit of God came in, and the light of heaven shone upon us. Elders Butler and Haskell were there; also Brethren Sutherland and Magan and two or three of our workers from the Nashville Sanitarium. After talking a little while, I said, Let every one bear testimony today; and they responded heartily. One after another they bore their testimony promptly, four or five frequently being on their feet at one time.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 15*

Brethren, you may pray for them in the South as much as you please. But when you begin to find fault, let me tell you that the Spirit of the Lord is not with you.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 16*

Our brethren invited me to visit all the departments of the publishing house, that I might see the work now being done. At first I was too busy, and afterwards I was so sick I could not go through the building as I had intended.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 17*

But in the visions of the night I was led through every department of the building, and I saw the advancement that had been made since I first went there, when they were beginning the work. I felt so grateful to God that I said to those present, "Let us pray." And as we knelt and prayed, the blessing of God came upon us. Then I distinctly heard a voice say, "Well done." "Thank the Lord," I said, "now I will not worry any more about the work done in these buildings."*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 18*

Why did the Lord give me this experience? Why were these things shown me, but that I might tell you that when you go into such a building, it is your privilege to believe that the ones entrusted with the work will be taught how to conduct it.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 19*

I want to say again, Let every one do his appointed work. And then let us do all we can to encourage one another. When any one becomes fearful that the workers in some institution are not going just as they ought, let him go down on his knees before God and ask Him to give wisdom to those in charge to carry on that work aright. Then let him pray for wisdom that in his own work he may set a right example.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 20*

For Christ's sake, do not put on the cap of criticism, because it will hurt your mind. It will hurt your soul. You will be happier to leave it off. When we go from this place, the Lord would have us, as living missionaries, exert an influence in behalf of courage and faith. Let us all say, God help those who are trying to do their best.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 21*

There is a great work to be done. Some will ask, What can be done to work effectively the city of Nashville? One way to success is to get a place a few miles out of Nashville and there establish a school and a sanitarium and, from these institutions as a working center, begin to work Nashville as we have not worked it yet.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 22*

It takes some planning to work without money. It is hard to make bricks without straw. But may God help us that we may make the most of everything we have, so that the blessing of God may rest upon it. Let us have the prayers of every one of you for the southern field; for if ever there was a field upon earth that needs to be helped, it is the southern field. Why? Because the people have been educated wrongly. They need to be helped. They need the light. They need the grace of God, and we want to help them to come to the light. May every one of us settle it in our minds that we will look upon the best side. Let us determine to talk light and courage and hope.*20LtMs, Ms 2, 1905, par. 23*

Ms 4, 1905

The Prevention of Consumption

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I am afraid that sufficient instruction is not given regarding the necessity of avoiding the causes that produce consumption. Many suffer from pulmonary disease, not because they have inherited it, but because of some carelessness on their own part. If they would live much in the open air, taking full, deep inspirations of fresh air, and if they would dress and eat in accordance with the principles of health, they would soon improve.*20LtMs, Ms 4, 1905, par. 1*

Fashionable dressing is one of the chief causes of coughs and diseased lungs. Those who are threatened with pulmonary diseases should take special care not to allow the extremities of the body to be chilled. The wrists should be covered with warm wristers; for if the hands and arms are chilled, the lungs are injuriously affected.*20LtMs, Ms 4, 1905, par. 2*

During the cold winter months, soft woollen stockings or socks should be worn, and these should be changed often, perhaps two or three times a week. The feet should never be left damp.*20LtMs, Ms 4, 1905, par. 3*

Many mothers show very little wisdom in the way in which they dress their children. They allow the dictates of fashion to rule them, to the great detriment of the health of their children. It would seem almost as if they did not have reasoning powers. They dress their little girls in such a way that the limbs are left unprotected, while those parts of the body nearest the heart, and therefore naturally warmest, are covered with several thicknesses of clothing. Thus the blood is driven from those parts of the body which need it most, because they are the most remote from the heart and they are chilled.*20LtMs, Ms 4, 1905, par. 4*

Often children sit in the school room for hours with chilled arms and feet. The blood is driven from the chilled extremities to the internal organs, and the children become fretful and cross. They do not succeed in their studies as they should, because the brain is surcharged with blood. And the limbs, deprived of needed nourishment, do not develop properly.*20LtMs, Ms 4, 1905, par. 5*

Consumptives are often made at home by improper food and clothing. Parents, if in the care of the children that God has entrusted to you, you do not act in harmony with the principles of health reform, how can you expect them to grow up well and strong, with active bodies and clear minds? Pulmonary disease, or disease of some other part of the body, is the sure result of improper eating and improper dressing.*20LtMs, Ms 4, 1905, par. 6*

If the living machinery were properly cared for, there would not be today one-thousandth part of the suffering that there is. We are God's children, and we are to be apt students in studying the philosophy of health. If we are well, we should learn how to keep well by studying to some purpose the principles of health reform. Seventh-day Adventists should not follow the health-destroying customs of the world because it is the fashion to follow these customs.*20LtMs, Ms 4, 1905, par. 7*

The path of the just is as a shining light. Parents are to gather up the divine rays of light coming to them through the channel of health reform. The warning is given, "Be not envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them." [*Proverbs 24:1.*] To women as well as to men this warning is given, to lead them to avoid the evils of the fashionable world and of fashionable dress. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." [*Psalm 111:10.*]*20LtMs, Ms 4, 1905, par. 8*

I am instructed to say to parents, Do all in your power to help your children to have a pure, clean conscience. Teach them to feed on the Word of God. Teach them that they are the Lord's little children. Do not forget that He has appointed you as their guardians. If you will give them proper food, and dress them healthfully, and if you will diligently teach them the Word of the Lord, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little, with much

prayer to our heavenly Father, your efforts will be richly rewarded.*20LtMs, Ms 4, 1905, par. 9*

Parents, God is in earnest with you. Wake up, and work diligently to prepare your children for the heavenly home. Keep the eye of faith fixed steadfastly upon the Lord, and do not allow yourself to be turned aside from the path of duty.*20LtMs, Ms 4, 1905, par. 10*

Take hold upon the Lord as your helper, and walk in the way of His choosing. Then He will be honored and glorified in your lives. Take up your neglected work, and separate from every sinful practice, and God will help you.*20LtMs, Ms 4, 1905, par. 11*

There is a sacred, solemn work before us. Those who will make God their trust will be enabled to bring their children up in such a way that they will be saved from the disease that is brought on by intemperance in eating and drinking and by wrong habits of dressing. And their children will rise up and call them blessed, because they did not permit them to form wrong habits.*20LtMs, Ms 4, 1905, par. 12*

Many who are threatened with consumption will be healed through faith. Many others will be healed through proper eating and drinking and through living largely in the open air. To those who are suffering from this disease, I would say, Take regular exercise, and keep as cheerful as possible. Keep busy, and live as much as possible out of doors. Keep your heart free from all jealousy and evil surmising, and ask God to help you to improve as fast as possible. Some will overcome the disease; yes, many will, through faith in the mighty Healer. "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me," the Lord says, "and he shall make peace with Me." [*Isaiah 27:5.*]*20LtMs, Ms 4, 1905, par. 13*

Ms 6, 1905

The Nebraska Sanitarium

College View, Nebraska

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During the council at College View, we were well cared for at the Nebraska Sanitarium.*20LtMs, Ms 6, 1905, par. 1*

The sanitarium here is in a good location. It is away from the city with its temptations, and yet is so situated that people will learn of it and the nature of its work. It is surrounded by a good tract of land. Its proximity to the college is a decided advantage; for these two institutions, working together, may be a help one to the other. The college, the sanitarium, and the publishing house at College View are important institutions. We must ever remember that our sanitariums are established to do the highest work that mortals can undertake. A sanitarium, from the highest to the lowest floor, should be provided with every improvement that can be secured for it, so that it may do the very best class of work.*20LtMs, Ms 6, 1905, par. 2*

The rooms assigned to us here are pleasant. The carpets and rugs on the floor are well selected. The chairs and other articles of furniture give the room a comfortable and home-like appearance; but there is nothing in the furniture to indicate an extravagant outlay of means. If all the rooms are as comfortably furnished, the institution will stand as an object lesson of what a sanitarium should be. But not all the facilities have yet been provided that will enable the institution to carry on its work with the highest degree of success. If our brethren in Nebraska will take the correct attitude toward this sanitarium, they can easily place it in a position that will enable it to gather in and help, physically and spiritually, all classes of patients. The Lord desires this sanitarium to be honored and sustained. If our conference brethren will now do with courage what they can to help the sanitarium, its work will move onward and upward.*20LtMs, Ms 6, 1905, par. 3*

Let no one, by showing a spirit of criticism, seek to hinder those who are bearing the responsibilities in this institution from improving its facilities. The rooms from the foundation to the upper story should be so nicely furnished as to indicate faith in the present and the future of our work. The Lord is glorified when the equipment and workings of an institution show good judgment.*20LtMs, Ms 6, 1905, par. 4*

Let our brethren unite in a study as to how improvements may be made, that the sick may be better provided for. The treatment rooms can be made more pleasant and attractive. Skill and workmanship might be profitably expended in improving the appearance of other parts of the building. These improvements may be simple and need not require a large outlay of means. There should be a change in the mattresses on some of the beds. Some of the patients find the hard mattresses very uncomfortable.*20LtMs, Ms 6, 1905, par. 5*

When patients see that everything possible is done for their comfort, they will be more willing to pay for the conveniences afforded. Care in regard to the details will do much to make the guests cheerful and contented.*20LtMs, Ms 6, 1905, par. 6*

Let a united effort be made to build up and sustain this sanitarium, that it may have life and vitality. Our medical institutions are to be as the arm and hand of the message. The Lord desires the efforts put forth for the recovery of the sick to be a means of preparing them to receive the message of mercy. Time is short, and what is done must be done quickly. The Lord would have all use their influence to build up this institution, not to limit its power of doing good. Those who are connected with this branch of the Lord's work should be encouraged and strengthened by their brethren and sisters, that they may efficiently and cheerfully care for the sick and suffering. Every exertion should be put forth to make it possible for the physicians and nurses to do thorough work. The Lord would have His people in the Southwestern Union Conference arouse and put forth a united effort to make the sanitarium in College View a praise in the earth, and a continual blessing to many, that from it there may shine forth the light of truth.*20LtMs, Ms 6, 1905, par. 7*

Let every helper begin to study what can be done in genuine Christian service right in the sanitarium. This will be the best medical missionary work they can possibly do. And the Lord will let His blessing rest upon the helpers if they will set all their powers at work to see how they can improve the condition and the appearance of the institution from the highest story to the lowest story.*20LtMs, Ms 6, 1905, par. 8*

And what is a sanitarium?—It is a place of healing, a place in which reforms are to be wrought out, a place in which young men and women are to receive an education in the use of the facilities that God has given for the benefit of suffering humanity. God has placed us in the world to bless one another, and we desire the sanitarium here to give the students in the school a representation of the highest kind of medical missionary work. God wants the students in the school and the nurses and helpers in the sanitarium to strive for perfection in all that they do. He desires each of us to perfect a Christian character. But in order to do this, we must live and work in the fear and love of God.*20LtMs, Ms 6, 1905, par. 9*

I am glad to see in front of the sanitarium such a beautiful field of greensward. This is attractive to the sick. They can go out of doors, breathe the fresh air, and enjoy the flowers that have been planted. This is well pleasing to God. He looks with pleasure upon the flowers. When Christ was on earth, He picked the flowers and gave them to the children, telling them to study them. “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow;” 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.” [*Matthew 6:28, 29.*] I have seen the water lily growing up through mud and filth, yet putting forth pure, spotless blossoms. One day as my husband and I were on the water, we saw some of these lilies. I said to him, “Reach down, and pull up a root if you can.” This he did, and we saw how the beautiful flower was joined by a channeled stem to the root. This channeled stem struck down through the weeds and rubbish to the pure sands beneath, drawing thence the nourishment that gave life to the blossoms of spotless purity.*20LtMs, Ms 6, 1905, par. 10*

Thus we are to do. We are to separate from our lives all that is evil, that our characters may be pure and spotless. Let the children be

taught these lessons. Let them be taught to refuse the evil and choose the good. They will always remember these lessons.*20LtMs, Ms 6, 1905, par. 11*

Let us consider more diligently and carefully the work of character building. When Jesus was working at the carpenter's bench, some of His associates would sometimes deride Him because He took such pains with every detail. If the parts of what He was making did not fit perfectly, He would put more work on them. Some thought such scrupulous care needless. But thus Christ was teaching us the need of striving for perfection in all that we do. Our work is to be done so carefully that God can say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant." [*Matthew 25:23.*]*20LtMs, Ms 6, 1905, par. 12*

This is a beautiful spot. I thank God that the sanitarium is located in so favorable a situation. Let everything about these institutions at College View be orderly and presentable. And let the neatness and cleanliness of the institutions represent the characters of those who are connected with them.*20LtMs, Ms 6, 1905, par. 13*

Ms 8, 1905

Talk/Growing in Grace

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Talk by Mrs. E. G. White before Sanitarium helpers, College View

I am deeply impressed this morning with the importance of our improving every opportunity to strengthen our souls in the love of God.*20LtMs, Ms 8, 1905, par. 1*

Before man was created, Christ pledged Himself to take upon His own soul the guilt of human beings, should they be led into sin. And the great enemy of righteousness is seeking with all his power to make the transgression of the inhabitants of the earth as heavy as possible. Our work is to resist this tide of evil, to place ourselves in such relation to God that we may receive power from above to withstand satanic agencies.*20LtMs, Ms 8, 1905, par. 2*

We have not a dead Christ, lying in Joseph's tomb. Over the rent sepulcher He has proclaimed, "I am the resurrection and the life." [*John 11:25.*] He is a living Saviour, and He loves us with a love that is infinite.*20LtMs, Ms 8, 1905, par. 3*

Angels of God are watching over us. Upon this earth there are thousands and tens of thousands of heavenly messengers, commissioned by the Father to prevent Satan from obtaining any advantage over those who refuse to walk in the path of evil. And these angels who guard God's children on earth are in communication with the Father in heaven. "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones," Christ said; "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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 8, 1905, par. 4*

We are all to be children of God, members of the royal family. It is our privilege to come to our heavenly Father for help, trusting in His love and mercy. Let us conduct ourselves as God's little children, cultivating affection, kindness, and helpfulness. Our heavenly Father will be to us all that we need. Christ died that we might receive everything necessary to our happiness and our salvation.*20LtMs, Ms 8, 1905, par. 5*

Pray in Faith

“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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 8, 1905, par. 6*

The ear of Christ is open to the prayer of the very weakest of His children. But when you have asked the Lord for anything, do not, as soon as you arise from your knees, forget all about it. Do not return to doubt and unbelief. Say, “I have asked God for His blessing, and He has promised to hear my prayer.” During the day keep in mind the things for which you have asked. You are to be like a waiting, watching child, entirely dependent upon Christ. O how eagerly the Saviour will come to your help! How gladly will He send His blessing in rich currents, if in faith you will present your petitions to the throne of grace.*20LtMs, Ms 8, 1905, par. 7*

We must keep our minds open to conviction, if we would understand the Word of God. We should diligently keep our minds fixed with earnest desire upon those blessings that are promised to us, remembering that He who has promised gave His own life in order to bring these blessings within reach of the human family.*20LtMs, Ms 8, 1905, par. 8*

With the gift of His Son, God gave us all the blessings of heaven. Then why should we speak and act as if we were poor? We are not to be guided by our feelings. We are not to ask ourselves, How do I feel? but, What does the Word of God say?*20LtMs, Ms 8, 1905, par. 9*

Sometimes when we think of our sinfulness and our poverty of soul, it seems hardly possible that we may obtain eternal life. But Christ has paid the price of our redemption, and He desires us to have this life. He desires us, as His little children, to come to Him, asking for His blessing and believing that we shall receive it. He says, "Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." [*Matthew 7:7.*] If we should remain on our knees for hours, we could get no stronger evidence than these words contain. Jesus has given us this promise, and if we have faith in His word, we shall believe that He hears our prayers, that His blessing is upon us, and that we are to walk as those who have received His blessing. This is the privilege of every one of us.*20LtMs, Ms 8, 1905, par. 10*

God's Ownership

"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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 8, 1905, par. 11*

As you learn how to care for the sick, and how to conform to the laws that will preserve the body in health, carry out the instruction you receive. Remember that you are not to yield to the temptations of appetite or in any way defile or mar the body that God desires for a habitation of His Spirit. By a conscientious care of your health, show your appreciation of the price that Christ has paid for you.*20LtMs, Ms 8, 1905, par. 12*

Every day we should make some growth in grace. Keeping Christ before us as our efficiency, we may each day make better progress than we made the day before. He gave His life for us that we might live lives which glorify Him.*20LtMs, Ms 8, 1905, par. 13*

When I consider the wonderful privilege that it is to acknowledge God, I feel like praising the Lord. You are not to live in sadness and gloom, lamenting and weeping because of your hard lot or your trials. By faith you may see the face of Christ; and if you see Him now by faith, you will see Him in reality by and by when He comes.

But in order to meet Him in peace, you must make preparation now. You must allow Him to reveal through you His salvation, that the world may know that God sent His Son into the world to save sinners.*20LMS, Ms 8, 1905, par. 14*

But the world will not be attracted to the Saviour, if you, as Christians, go about with sad, woeful countenances, as if you were forsaken of God. Let your faces be illuminated with the light of heaven that, as you minister to the sick, they may be attracted to the great Physician who longs to restore them to health and to impart to them His peace.*20LMS, Ms 8, 1905, par. 15*

Ms 10, 1905

Nonessential Subjects to be Avoided

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Those who take upon themselves little responsibility as Christians become dwarfed in religious growth, and their spiritual dwarfage, unless checked, results in spiritual death. But workers who perform faithfully the duties given them of God receive more and more grace. From their lives the truth shines forth more and more clearly. They are given power to glorify God.*20LtMs, Ms 10, 1905, par. 1*

All who follow on to know the Lord will have increased knowledge. They will be enabled to help and bless others by setting a Christlike example. The path in which they walk grows brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. Their conversion becomes more and more decided, and they are vessels unto honor. God's purpose for His workers is that they shall grow up unto the full stature of men and women in Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 10, 1905, par. 2*

Avoid Nonessential Subjects

There is to be an avoidance of controversy. We are to speak the truth in love. False doctrines of every kind will be brought in to divert the mind from a plain "Thus saith the Lord." Wherever we go, we shall find men ready with some side issue. While I was at Melrose, a man came with a message that the world is flat. I was instructed to present the commission that Christ gave His disciples just before His ascension, as recorded in *Matthew 28:16-20*. "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 always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” *20LtMs, Ms 10, 1905, par. 3*

We are not to allow our minds to be occupied by subjects such as that presented by this man. In regard to such subjects, God says to every soul, “What is that to thee? Follow thou Me.” [*John 21:22.*] I have given you your commission. Dwell upon the great testing truths for this time, not upon matters that have no bearing upon our work. *20LtMs, Ms 10, 1905, par. 4*

Again and again these nonessential subjects have been agitated, but their discussion has never done a particle of good. We are not to allow our attention to be diverted from the proclamation of the message given us. For years I have been instructed that we are not to give our attention to nonessential questions. There are questions of the highest importance to be considered. “What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?” the lawyer asked Christ. The Saviour answered, “What is written in the law? how readest thou?” “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.*] The questions that Christ considered essential are the questions that we are to urge home today. We are not bidden to enter into discussion regarding unimportant subjects. Our work is to lead minds to the great principles of the law of God. *20LtMs, Ms 10, 1905, par. 5*

The Need of a Thorough Preparation for Ministerial Work

During the night many scenes passed before me, and many questions in reference to the work that we are to do for our Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, have been made plain and clear. Words were spoken by One of authority, and I will try to repeat in finite words the instruction given regarding the work to be done. The heavenly messenger said, “The ministry is becoming greatly enfeebled because men are assuming the responsibility of preaching without gaining the needed preparation for this

work.”*20LtMs, Ms 10, 1905, par. 6*

Those who give themselves to the ministry of the Word of God enter a most important work. The gospel ministry is a high and sacred calling. Properly done, the work of the gospel minister will add many souls to the fold. Many have made a mistake in receiving credentials. They will have to take up work to which they are better adapted than the preaching of the Word. They are being paid from the tithe, but their efforts are feeble. Their efforts are feeble, and they should not continue to be paid from the tithe. In many ways the ministry is losing its sacred character.*20LtMs, Ms 10, 1905, par. 7*

Those who are called and chosen to the ministry of the Word will be true, self-sacrificing workers together with Christ. “All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth,” Christ said. “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” [*Matthew 28:18-20.*] This commission is given to every ordained minister. The minister who is merely a speaker, who does not labor as Christ labored, putting his whole soul intelligently into the work, needs the true conversion.*20LtMs, Ms 10, 1905, par. 8*

Those who preach the gospel without putting the whole being, heart, mind, soul, and strength, into their work, are consumers and not producers. God calls for men who realize that they must put forth earnest action, men who bring thought, zeal, prudence, capability, and the attributes of Christ’s character into their work. The saving of souls is a vast work, which calls for the employment of every talent, every gift of grace. Those engaged in this work should constantly increase in efficiency. They should have an earnest desire to strengthen their powers, realizing that they will be weak without a constantly increasing supply of grace. They should seek to attain larger and still larger results in their work.*20LtMs, Ms 10, 1905, par. 9*

When this is the experience of our workers, fruit will be seen. Many souls will be brought into the truth.*20LtMs, Ms 10, 1905, par. 10*

Our churches are becoming enfeebled by receiving for doctrines the commandments of men. Many are received into the church who are not converted. Men, women, and children are allowed to take part in the solemn rite of baptism without being fully instructed in regard to the meaning of this ordinance. Participation in this ordinance means much, and our ministers should be careful to give each candidate plain instruction in regard to its meaning and its solemnity. *20LtMs, Ms 10, 1905, par. 11*

Our church members see that there are differences of opinion among the leading men, and they themselves enter into controversy regarding the subjects under dispute. Christ calls for unity. But He does not call for us to unify on wrong practices. The God of heaven draws a sharp contrast between pure, elevating, ennobling truth and false, misleading doctrines. He calls sin and impenitence by the right name. He does not gloss over wrongdoing with a coat of untempered mortar. *20LtMs, Ms 10, 1905, par. 12*

I urge our brethren to unify upon a true, scriptural basis. The Lord calls for intelligent, industrious workers, who will do that which needs to be done. Sanitariums are to be established in many places. To the poor and to the rich is to be given the message of healing through Christ. My brethren, work earnestly and seriously. This does not mean that you are not to be cheerful, but that you are to put your whole heart into the work of preparing the way for Christ's coming. He calls for wholehearted, unselfish men to sound the note of warning. *20LtMs, Ms 10, 1905, par. 13*

Ms 12, 1905

Instruction Regarding the Huntsville School

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There must be a change in the work of the Huntsville school. If true zeal and energy are manifested, this school may become a large educational institution for the colored people in the South. We trust there will be no falling off in the attendance. There should be many more students in the Huntsville school than there has been in the past. But it will be a difficult matter to bring the school up to a high standard and to regain that which has been lost in the past.^{20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 1}

The farm should have careful husbandry. We are sorry that Brother Jacobs has been obliged to leave Huntsville. He has left, not because of unfaithfulness or inefficiency, but because of the condition of his health, and the feebleness of Sister Jacobs, brought on by hard work. Brother and Sister Jacobs should have had the help of others who were spiritual minded and intelligent. It may be that if proper facilities are provided to make the labor on the farm less taxing, Brother Jacobs might be encouraged to return and resume his work. If he should return, however, he should have able assistants to work with him.^{20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 2}

The Huntsville school must not be allowed to become a reproach to the cause of God. The workers having talent and ability to help must not all congregate in Graysville and leave Huntsville destitute of suitable workers. It is wrong for one place to become strong by leaving others to become weak. To our people in Graysville I would say, Be careful not to make Graysville a Jerusalem center. Some of the talent now in Graysville is needed in Huntsville.^{20LtMs, Ms 12,}

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“Ye are God’s husbandry; ye are God’s building.” [1 *Corinthians* 3:9.] Those who are wise may develop characters and ability that will enable them to work in the interests of the school, both in teaching the students from books and in working with them on the land. The knowledge of how to develop an upright character is an education that will tell to the saving of souls. *20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 4*

The Huntsville school has been presented to me as being in a very desirable location. It would be difficult to secure another location as promising as the school farm now secured. The buildings and everything connected with the work there should be in harmony with the high and sacred work to be done there. Let there be nothing unsightly connected with the buildings or about the farm, nothing that would indicate slackness. *20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 5*

If the land is well cared for, it will produce abundantly. Let the teachers go out, taking with them small companies of students, and teach these students how properly to work the soil. Let all those connected with the school study to see how they may improve the property. Teach the students to keep the gardens free from weeds. Let each one see that his room is clean and presentable. Let the care and cultivation of the land of the Huntsville school show to unbelievers that Seventh-day Adventists are reliable and that their influence is of value in the community. The sight of a farm, unproductive because of neglect, has a tendency to belittle the influence of the school. *20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 6*

The farm, if worked intelligently, is capable of furnishing fruit and other produce for the school. The teachers, both in their work in the schoolroom and on the farm, should constantly seek to reach a higher standard, that they may be better able to teach the students how to care for the trees, the berries, the vegetables, and the grains that shall be raised. This will be pleasing to God and will bring the approval and respect of those in the community who understand the principles of agriculture. *20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 7*

The youth should be thoroughly educated in all domestic duties. By well-qualified teachers, the young ladies should be given instruction

in cooking, in the care of the house, in gardening, and in the making of clothes.*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 8*

We desire no one to be connected with the Huntsville school who reveals a faithless, unprofitable religion. Whatever a man's profession, unless he daily learns of the great Teacher, he needs to be converted by the grace of Christ. He who is to impart instruction to others must receive from Christ the heavenly wisdom. I raise this note of warning, that those who teach the colored people need to have a heart imbued with the love of Christ, in order to give an example of faithfulness, truthfulness, and righteousness. The world is in need of the light of good and gracious words, coming from a heart illuminated by the light of the Word of God, a heart softened and subdued and sanctified.*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 9*

So much work of a faulty nature has been done in the school at Huntsville that it will now require stern efforts to restore the work to healthfulness, but such efforts should be put forth. Many discouragements have come in; but the Lord will let His blessing rest upon those who will take hold of the work thoroughly and in earnest. There is a special need of intense earnestness. Take hold with heart and mind and strength to redeem the farm, that it may be, as it has been presented to me, a beautiful place, well pleasing to the Lord, a spectacle to angels and to men. We hope that the present sickly appearance may give place to healthful conditions. Careful cultivation will bring good returns, and the sad lack now seen may be overcome by the exercise of intelligence in determining what must be done. Let us remember that the land is God's property to be worked energetically to His glory. The trees and grains and vegetables will yield their fruit in proportion to the labor that is put forth in their care.*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 10*

Let the workers in the school remember: "Ye are God's husbandry; ye are God's building." [*Verse 9.*] Then be careful how you form your characters. Unless these words of the apostle make an impression on our minds, it can never be truthfully said of us, as of the church at Thessalonica, "From you sounded out the word of the Lord; in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak anything." [*1 Thessalonians 1:8.*] We need the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may have a depth of

character that will enable us to do a genuine work in turning from error to the truth.*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 11*

We should never desire it to be said that the truth we profess to believe gives us such characters as are indicated by the neglected appearance of things indoors and about the premises at the present time in the Huntsville school. The temper, the style, and the spirit of those in charge is revealed by the condition of things to be seen about the institution. The present state of neglect would indicate old habits retained, defects of character unimproved, and does not bespeak a perfect character, thorough conversion. There is too much of self and too little of the imprint of the thoroughness of Christ. Too many words are spoken that are not profitable, words that reveal the spirit of the world. The presentation now seen indicates that Christ is not formed within, the hope of glory. The exhortations and admonitions given in the past seem to have fallen powerless on the ears of those to whom they have been sent. Reformation they have neglected so long that some are dead in trespassing and sins.*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 12*

In our work we should show the positive side of conversion. It is a turning away from those things that have ruled the heart and that have engaged the mind and affections. Our desires need to be changed.*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 13*

The talents entrusted to the keeping of those in the school have not been diligently put out to the exchangers. The character of much of the work has left an unfavorable impression upon the minds of unbelievers. It is time now to take up the work in faith and prayer with all the capabilities God has given. Cultivate the land and it will produce its treasures. Turn to God in faith, working as under the eye of the great Searcher of hearts. Let each worker encourage the one next to him, each holding up the hands of each, all yielding obedience to God's requirements.*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 14*

As believers in the greatest truths ever given to mortals, we should put to the highest use the talents that God has entrusted to us. The farm and the school at Huntsville have been placed in our hands as a precious treasure. We cannot express in words all that is involved in the proper cultivation of the land and the education of the

students in domestic duties. If this work is done in the fear of God, souls will be influenced to take their position on the side of an unpopular truth.*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 15*

“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.*] God desires us to be faithful in using our capabilities, that there may be continual improvement. Eternal principles are involved in the management of the schools that we establish. They are to bear fruit unto eternal life. All who in any way bear responsibilities in the school work are to glorify the Redeemer by striving to prepare souls to labor in various lines of the work of the Lord. The teachers need adaptability in order to know how to deal with the minds under their direction. This is a special gift that the Lord imparts to those only who realize their need of being imbued day by day with the Holy Spirit.*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 16*

Let the teachers labor most earnestly for the conversion of every one in the school. The Lord Jesus desires such a work to be done for the students that He can sanctify them through the truth. Through His grace He desires them to form characters that will be acceptable to God.*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 17*

There is no uncertainty about our privilege to be washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb; it is a precious, divine reality. The fragrance of the blood of Christ is the odor of our perfection. Our reliance is to be upon God. The name of Christ is exalted in excellence, and in Him fallen man is also exalted. We are identified with Christ, bound up in Him. All who are thus favored will share His glory, sitting with Him upon His throne.*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 18*

Let none of our schools be conducted in a cheap, careless manner. He that is faithful in that which is least will be faithful also in that which is greater. If little things are left uncorrected, there is danger that larger evils will be regarded indifferently. The faithful steward of the Lord’s treasure will correct at once the small mistakes. Whether his duties are connected with the cultivation of the Lord’s land, or with the buildings that are erected on the land, he will do every stroke well. The Lord will take notice of his faithfulness, and He will

strengthen the ability to plan and execute in temporal matters. And this faithful exactitude is a special necessity where eternal interests are involved.*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 19*

Said the apostle Paul, "I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. The good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us." [2 *Timothy 1:12-14.*]*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 20*

"We then as workers together with Him, beseech you also 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 succored thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.) Giving no offense in anything, that the ministry be not blamed; but 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 fasting; by pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, 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 alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things." [2 *Corinthians 6:1-10.*]*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 21*

We say to the teachers in the Huntsville school, There must in the future be greater diligence and industry manifested than there has been in the past. Time is precious; the moments are golden. There is much to be done both indoors and out of doors. Meet together and counsel together as to how the work may be advanced, and offer up your petitions to God for wisdom. You are all to be producers as well as consumers.*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 22*

Many persons have not been educated to care for the little things. Yet such an education is necessary to success. Those who reach a

high standard must overcome the tendency to slothfulness. A tendency to neglect something that should be done at once grows into a habit of indolence. See that broken plastering, broken furniture, or broken carriages are promptly put in repair. Slothfulness in character is demoralizing.*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 23*

The horses should have the best of care. The vehicles and the harness must be kept in good repair that lives be not imperiled. Keep the harness well oiled.*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 24*

Several acres of land should at the right time be set out to tomatoes. Young plants should be ready to be transplanted as early as possible. Such a crop would be valuable and might be used to good advantage. Let everything reveal religious thrift.*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 25*

There will be disagreeable tasks to be performed. Let no duty be overlooked, with the expectation that some one else will perform it. Let there be no superficial work done in any part of the school. Take hold of the forbidding task, and master it, and thus you will obtain a victory. The putting off even of little duties weakens the habits of promptness that should be encouraged. Cultivate the habit of seeing what ought to be done, and do it promptly. If a board is broken in the walk, do not leave it for some one else to repair. Let each one feel a responsibility for the care of the premises. Overcome natural indolence. Do not neglect the disagreeable things, supposing that they will be attended to by some one else. All these rules are important for the formation of right character.*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 26*

The influence of the teachers is to be an object lesson to the students, that they may become thorough and exact in all thy do. This lesson will be worth more to them in practical efficiency than all the book knowledge they might otherwise gain.*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 27*

A teacher, whether engaged in physical labor or imparting mental instruction, unless he shall overcome his habits of slackness and inefficiency, will impart these same objectionable traits of character to those who are under him, and the essential qualities for success

will be lacking in the students. A superficial character is revealed by habits of slackness and a failure to see and to do promptly whatever needs to be done.*20LtMs, Ms 12, 1905, par. 28*

Ms 14, 1905

Holy and Without Blame

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“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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 14, 1905, par. 1*

“Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.*20LtMs, Ms 14, 1905, par. 2*

“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming, and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” [*Verses 42-51.*]*20LtMs, Ms 14, 1905, par. 3*

In view of these warnings, can anyone seek to quiet the mind with false science regarding what it means to be a follower of Christ? Now is the time to form characters after the divine similitude. If all Seventh-day Adventists were doing this, there would be a decided reformation in our churches. We must arouse and make ready to

meet our Lord. But God has instructed me that many professing Christians are cherishing the thought, “My Lord delayeth His coming.” [*Verse 48.*] They are becoming careless and are eating and drinking with the drunken. They are following worldly policy. Eagerness to buy and sell and get gain is beclouding the spiritual vision of men who know the truth, but are not sanctified through the truth. This is bringing into our churches a spirit which, put into words, would say, “My Lord delayeth His coming.”*20LtMs, Ms 14, 1905, par. 4*

We need now to be diligently searching the book of *Revelation*—the history that Christ revealed to John on the Isle of Patmos, bidding him write it in a book, that the churches might know what was to take place on this earth just before the coming of the Son of man in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*20LtMs, Ms 14, 1905, par. 5*

Those whose work makes it necessary for them to mix and mingle with worldly men in commerce should stand constantly on guard, keeping strict watch over themselves, and praying always, lest Satan take them unawares. To those of His followers who are of necessity obliged to deal with worldlings, God gives grace according to their need. If they stand ever on guard, special wisdom will be given them when they are obliged to be in the company of those who do not respect the Lord Jesus Christ. They are to show their faith by their words and works. Their every transaction is to reveal that they are Christians. They are to speak words in season. They are to maintain true courtesy, and all that they say and do is to reveal that they are under the control and discipline of God, being educated for His kingdom; that they are serving the Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of heaven, and representing the principles of God’s holy law.*20LtMs, Ms 14, 1905, par. 6*

“Ye are the salt of the earth,” Christ declared; “but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden underfoot of men.” [*Matthew 5:13.*]*20LtMs, Ms 14, 1905, par. 7*

Following the instruction of Christ brings the sanctification of the Holy Spirit, and this enables men and women to reveal in spirit and

word and deed the fragrance and the saving grace of the truth. If this transformation is not seen in the life, the words and acts will make of no effect the principles of truth, which, if practiced, exert a saving influence upon unbelievers.*20LtMs, Ms 14, 1905, par. 8*

Those who study the Word of God, and day by day receive instruction from Christ, bear the stamp of the principles of heaven. A high, holy influence goes forth from them. A helpful atmosphere surrounds their souls. The pure, elevated, ennobling principles that they follow enable them to bear a living testimony to the saving fragrance of divine grace. They are to unbelievers as salt that has not lost its savor.*20LtMs, Ms 14, 1905, par. 9*

“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.” [Verses 14, 15.] Fathers and mothers, let the light of Bible truth shine forth in clear, distinct rays from your home. Do not forget that your home is the school in which you and your children are to gain a preparation for the home above. Let your children have the help that comes from the saving qualities of Christian practice. Let your words be kind and helpful. Let your home be imbued with the influence of the Holy Spirit.*20LtMs, Ms 14, 1905, par. 10*

The one who has such a home takes its holy influence with him into the church. But the beginning must be made in the home. Fathers and mothers should learn how to exercise a restraining influence over the mind, the tongue, and the voice. The kindness of a truly converted heart should be revealed in the subdued voice, the wise judgment, and in the respect which those who have bound themselves by a solemn covenant to love, honor, and cherish each other show to one another. The sanctification of the truth, beginning in the lives of the parents, will be seen in the lives of the children.*20LtMs, Ms 14, 1905, par. 11*

Father, mother, stop! Do not utter that hasty word. Do not let anger and sharpness come into your voice. Have you set the children whom you are tempted to scold an example of patience and gentleness? Never show anger when you are correcting your children. Show sorrow and pity, but never hardness of heart. Never

be cruel in your punishment of them. You have the power to do unjust things, but the Lord would have you show true religion in your home. Then you will be able to take your children with you into the fellowship of the church. These children are the Lord's property. Seek to make them kind and gentle and loving. If you follow Christ's directions, you will not find this a hard task. You will have to enjoin and require obedience. But you cannot do this successfully unless you remember that you yourselves are under the discipline of God. If you work with sanctified hearts, you will find it much easier to gain love and respect from your children than if you are harsh and unreasonable and severe in your treatment of them.*20LtMs, Ms 14, 1905, par. 12*

May God help you to take the candle out from under the bushel or the bed and place it where its bright rays will shine forth in pleasant looks and kind, loving words. Praise the children when they do well; for judicious commendation is as great a help to them as it is to those older in years and understanding. Never be cross-grained in the sanctuary of the home. Be kind and tenderhearted, showing Christian politeness, thanking and commending your children for the help they give you.*20LtMs, Ms 14, 1905, par. 13*

Take time to train your children from babyhood to be what God desires them to be. Never neglect this work. And be cheerful and happy as you do it. Much depends on the father and mother. They are to be firm and kind in their discipline, and they are to work most earnestly to have an orderly, correct household, that the heavenly angels may be attracted to it, to impart peace and a fragrant influence. Be very careful how you speak and act in the home and in the church. In the strength of the grace of Christ you may develop characters that will qualify you to become members of the royal family in the heavenly courts.*20LtMs, Ms 14, 1905, par. 14*

Allow nothing like strife or dissension to come into the home. Speak gently. Never raise your voice to harshness. Keep yourselves calm. Put away faultfinding and all untruthfulness. Tell the children that you want to help them to prepare for a holy heaven, where all is peace, where not one jarring note is heard. Be patient with them in their trials, which may look small to you, but which are large to them.*20LtMs, Ms 14, 1905, par. 15*

Carry the saving grace of heaven into the church, and be a blessing there by showing the same Christian spirit that you show in the home. Cheerfulness in the service of God is the richest grace that you can cherish. Teach your children to offer thanksgiving to God. This will be to them an invaluable education. *20LtMs, Ms 14, 1905, par. 16*

Your influence for good is to be far-reaching. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” [*Verse 16.*] We may live lives that will be ever sending forth the fragrance of goodness and righteousness. We may speak words that strengthen and bless, or words that will stir up strife, arousing hatred and dissension. *20LtMs, Ms 14, 1905, par. 17*

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” [*Verse 48.*] Christ will give the grace if you will give the obedience. “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom is his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?” [*Matthew 7:7-11.*] *20LtMs, Ms 14, 1905, par. 18*

Ms 16, 1905

Regarding the Work of Mrs. E. G. White

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Much is being said in regard to my words, spoken in Battle Creek before a large audience, that I do not claim to be a prophetess. My work embraces much more than this name signified. I regard myself as a messenger, entrusted by the Lord with messages to bear to His people. He has given me a work that I cannot say is comprised under the name of prophetess.*20LtMs, Ms 16, 1905, par. 1*

The Lord has given me great light on health reform. In connection with my husband, I was to be a medical missionary worker. I was to take the sick to my house and care for them. This I have done, myself giving the women and children most vigorous treatment. I was also to speak on the subject of Christian temperance, as the Lord's appointed messenger. I have been called to many places to speak on temperance before large assemblies.*20LtMs, Ms 16, 1905, par. 2*

With these different lines of work I have united that of a writer and have published many books, large and small. My work has included so great a variety of lines that I could not claim to be a prophetess.*20LtMs, Ms 16, 1905, par. 3*

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When I was last in Battle Creek, I said before a large congregation that I did not claim to be a prophetess. These words have aroused much wonder, and I wish to write something in explanation of them. Others have called me a prophetess, but I have not been able to

see that it is my duty thus to designate myself. My work is a work that the Lord has given me, weak and feeble though I be; and trusting in Him, I have by His Holy Spirit been furnished with ability to perform this work. Visions have been given me. I have been given a representation of the various ways in which the Lord would use me to carry forward a special work in bearing messages of reproof to correct errors that would seek for entrance among the people of God after the passing of the time in 1844. After the passing of the time, some were in danger of accepting false theories. At this time, though I was then but a girl, I was given a decided message to bear against the false theories that were coming in. I was instructed that these theories, if accepted, would lead to great confusion.*20LtMs, Ms 16, 1905, par. 4*

The message given me was so large and broad and deep that it seemed as if I could not bear it.*20LtMs, Ms 16, 1905, par. 5*

Ms 18, 1905

The Reign of King Solomon

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“And Solomon ruled over all kingdoms, from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt; they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life. ... And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even unto Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon.” [1 *Kings 4:21, 25.*]20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 1

“And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the seashore. And Solomon’s wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men, ... and his fame was in all nations round about. And he spake three thousand proverbs; and his songs were a thousand and five. And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall; he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes. And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.” [Verses 29-34.]20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 2

Never was Israel so greatly honored as during the first part of Solomon’s reign. The righteousness and wisdom revealed by the king bore continual witness to the nations around Israel of the power of Jehovah. For a time the Israel of God shone forth as the light of the world, showing, by their superiority over other nations, the greatness of Jehovah.20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 3

The Building of the Temple

“And Solomon sent unto Hiram, saying, Thou knowest that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the Lord his

God, for the wars which were about him on every side, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet. But now the Lord my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent. And behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord spake unto David, my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto My name.*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 4*

“Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants; and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint; for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians.*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 5*

“And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the Lord this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people. And Hiram sent unto Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for; and I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir. My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea; and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me; and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive them; and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household.” [*1 Kings 5:2-9.*]*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 6*

David had lived in friendship with the people of Tyre and Sidon, who had not in any way molested Israel. Hiram, king of Tyre, acknowledged Jehovah as the true God, and some of the Sidonians were turning from idol worship.*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 7*

Today, in our dealings with our neighbors, we are to be kind and courteous. We are to be as signs in the world, testifying to the power of divine grace to refine and ennoble those who give themselves to God’s service.*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 8*

“And the word of the Lord came to Solomon, saying, Concerning this house which thou art building, if thou wilt walk in My statutes and execute My judgments, and keep all My commandments to walk in them; then will I perform My word with thee, which I spake

unto David thy father; and I will dwell among the children of Israel.”
[1 Kings 6:11-13.]*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 9*

The preparations made for the building of this house for the Lord must be in accordance with the instructions He had given. No pains must be spared in its erection; for in it God was to meet with His people. The building must show forth to the nations of the earth the greatness of Israel’s God. In every part it must represent the perfection of Him whom the Israelites were called upon to honor before all the world.*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 10*

The specifications regarding the building were often repeated. In all the work done, these specifications were to be followed with the utmost exactness. Believers and unbelievers were to learn of the importance of the work from the care shown in its performance.*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 11*

Character Building

The care shown in the building of the temple is a lesson to us regarding the care that we are to show in our character building. No cheap material was to be used. No haphazard work was to be done in matching the different parts. Piece must fit piece perfectly. Just as God’s temple was, so must His church be. Into their character building His people are to bring no worthless timbers, no careless, indifferent work.*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 12*

“Concerning this house which thou art building, if thou wilt walk in My statutes, and execute My judgments, and keep all My commandments, to walk in them, then will I perform My word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father. And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel.” [*Verses 12, 13.*]*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 13*

This word was sent to Solomon while he was engaged in the building of the temple. The Lord assured him that He was taking notice of his efforts and of the efforts of the others engaged on the building. God exercises the same watchcare over His work today. Those who labor with a sincere desire to fulfil the word of the Lord, and to glorify His name, will gain increased knowledge; for the Lord

will co-operate with them. He watches with approval those who keep His glory in view. He will give them skill and understanding and adaptability for their work. Each one who enters the service of God with a determination to do his best will receive a valuable education, if he heeds the instruction given by the Lord and does not follow his own wisdom and his own ideas. All are to be teachable, seeking the Lord with humility and using for Him, with cheerfulness and gratitude, the knowledge gained.*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 14*

God has given instruction as to how every line of work in our churches and institutions should be carried on; and He will co-operate with all who strive to honor Him. Let us remember that we are living at the close of this earth's history and that time is precious. Let those who have a part in God's work labor with honesty, faithfulness, and perseverance, showing unvarying kindness and courtesy to all who are connected with them. Let them not draw one thread of selfishness unto the web. Let them meditate on the Lord, seeking Him for wisdom, making music for Him in their lives. Thus they are drawing nearer and still nearer to the Source of all wisdom and knowledge.*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 15*

All who engage in the work of God should choose as associates those who will help them to keep the way of the Lord and to do justice and judgment. They should ever cherish a spirit of consecration and obedience. Let all, whether teachers, directors, superintendents, apprentices, or helpers in other lines, remember that they are working under the eye of God. Let them labor with fidelity, for God says, "I know thy works." [*Revelation 3:15.*] Let them keep in mind this thought: The Lord sees and knows all my works and ways. I will show forth the lovingkindness of my God. Our work is to be an example of purity and justice.*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 16*

In times of perplexity and distress, when a heavy strain is brought to bear, it will plainly be seen what kind of timbers have been used in the character building.*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 17*

"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.” [2 *Corinthians* 6:16.] The church is to be the temple of the living God. The whole church is addressed in the words: “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 17, 18.] *20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 18*

“We then as workers together with God beseech you that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. ... Giving no offense in anything, that the ministry be not blamed; but 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; by pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, 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, and yet possessing all things.” [Verses 1, 3-10.] *20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 19*

These words show what timbers are to be used in the building of character. As co-workers with Christ we are to heed the instruction given. God has said, “Ye are the temple of the living God.” “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean.” Separate yourselves from the proud and world-loving. God desires His people to stand where He can supply them with the grace that they need in their character building. He calls upon them to come out from among those who are placing unsound timbers in their characters and gives them the promise, “I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters.” [Verses 16-18.] *20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 20*

This precious promise will be abundantly fulfilled to those who comply with the conditions laid down. Those who bring into their character building the material God has provided will be chosen by Him as temples for His indwelling. A church composed of such members meets the divine requirements. *20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par.*

“In Judah is God known; His name is great in Israel. In Salem also is His tabernacle, and His dwelling place in Zion.” “Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary; who is so great a God as our God. Thou art the God that doeth wonders; Thou hast declared Thy strength among the people.” [*Psalm 76:1, 2; 77:13, 14.*]*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 22*

Although God dwells not in temples made with hands, yet He honors with His presence the assemblies of His people. He has promised that when they come together to seek Him, to acknowledge their sins, and to pray for one another, He will meet with them. But as they assemble to worship God, they are to empty their hearts of every evil thing. Unless they can worship God in spirit and truth and in the beauty of holiness, their coming together will be of no avail.*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 23*

If God’s people, when they come together, will let Him speak to them through His appointed agencies, all will be united in heart, speaking the same things. “Give ear, O my people, unto my law; incline your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old; which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength, and the wonderful works that He hath done. For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded to our fathers, that they should make them known to their children; that the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born, who should arise and declare them to their children: that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments; and might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God.” [*Psalm 78:1-8.*]*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 24*

The Danger of Exalting Self

Nothing that God has created is to be given the place that He alone should occupy. Man is not to be placed where God alone should be. Of the danger of doing this, an illustration is given in the experience of Moses when leading the children of Israel through the wilderness. "Furthermore," he said, "the Lord was angry with me for your sakes." [*Deuteronomy 4:21.*] Provoked by the conduct of the people, Moses failed to do expressly as God had commanded. The Lord told him to speak to the rock, and it would give forth water; but instead, Moses struck the rock twice and then brought himself and Aaron into prominence by saying, "Shall we bring you forth water out of this rock?" [*Numbers 20:10.*] Often today a great and good work is spoiled because those connected with it bring self into prominence. *20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 25*

"Furthermore the Lord was angry with me," Moses continues, "and swear that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go into that good land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance. ... Take heed unto thyself, 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. When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of anything, and shall do evil in the sight of the Lord thy God, to provoke Him to anger; I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. And the Lord shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the Lord shall lead you. And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell." *20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 26*

"But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find Him, if thou seek Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto His voice, (for the Lord thy God is a merciful God;) He will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the

covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them.” [*Deuteronomy 4:21, 23-31.*]*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 27*

“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.” [*Verse 40.*]*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 28*

This instruction is as verily given to us, on whom the ends of the world are come, as it was given to ancient Israel. Let us study it diligently, that we may not be ignorant of God’s requirements. Let us review the history of the wanderings of the children of Israel in the wilderness and their sojourn in the land of promise. If we are sincere and truthful in our religious experience, it will be because we have received the encouragement, the warnings, and the admonitions of God’s Word, which point out so plainly the path of obedience. In this Word we are shown the condemnation that those who are favored with great light bring upon themselves when they refuse the wisdom of God. Human wisdom is worthless. But those who walk before God in a perfect way walk securely.*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 29*

Again and again God has declared that obedience to His commandments will bring eternal life. He charged the children of Israel to hearken diligently to His law. And we, too, are bidden to obey this law. On obedience to it depend our physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. In obedience there is life and health, peace and assurance.*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 30*

Let us compare our experience with the instruction given in the Word of God. The Lord has His workers, whom He has ordained to bring the work into straight lines, that all who follow after may make no mistakes. Continually that will be done which will pain the hearts of God’s true and faithful workmen. But they are not to be discouraged. They are to bring from the Word of God the cheering, uplifting promises He has given and walk by faith. It is high time that the people of God educated themselves to walk, not by sight, but by faith, as seeing Him who is invisible, looking constantly to Jesus, the author and finisher of their faith.*20LtMs, Ms 18, 1905, par. 31*

Ms 20, 1905

“Go Ye Into All the World, and Preach the Gospel”

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The truth for this time is to be proclaimed to all peoples, all nations. The question before us is, How shall this work be done? Shall we take hold of it listlessly and indifferently, doing it as a routine, or shall we enter into it with the same spirit into which Christ entered into it, putting into its accomplishment every power of mind and body?*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 1*

If we take up this work as a drudgery, failing to remember that it is the Lord's work, which we are to do to His name's glory, to bring light to those in darkness, we shall not find much satisfaction in the doing of it. Such service is a mere form. The hand and the mind work in a formal way, but the heart is not in it. Such service brings no refreshing to the worker; for he feels no real interest in it.*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 2*

Take up this work as the Lord's work, doing it with thoughtfulness and patience. This is real service, which the Master will approve. Work with a clear sense of the obligation resting upon you, knowing that angels of God are present to set the seal of heaven on faithfulness and to condemn unfaithfulness in any form.*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 3*

Taking hold courageously of the work that needs to be done, and putting the heart into it, makes the work a pleasure and brings success. Thus God is glorified.*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 4*

We each have a work to do. We may be of different nationalities, but we are to be one in Christ. If we allow peculiarities of character and disposition to separate us here, how can we hope to live together in heaven? We are to cherish love and respect for one

another. There is to be among us the unity for which Christ prayed. We have been bought with a price, and we are to glorify God in our bodies and in our spirits.*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 5*

When you are given a duty to perform, do not ask whether it will glorify you or whether it will show your wisdom and judgment to be superior to that of your fellow workers. Take up the duty with an eye single to the glory of God, in living sympathy with the object to be gained. Hold communion with God in Christ, knowing that the work in which you are engaged has been given you by the Master and that by its faithful performance you are to glorify Him.*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 6*

As you faithfully do your work, your mind will be assimilated to the mind of Christ. By prayer and supplication seek for the promised blessing. Ask God to give you a true comprehension of the work to be accomplished. Do not allow yourself to be drawn away or hindered by any counterinfluence. Act faithfully your part in bringing blessing to your fellow men. Praise God for the privilege of co-operating with Him in His work. As you put your whole heart into the work to be done, you will enter into true companionship with your fellow workers. You will see Christ in your brethren.*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 7*

God does not mean you to look upon any work that He has given you as drudgery. Lift your hearts and voices in praise to Him.*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 8*

All duties are irksome into which the heart is not brought. Time is golden. There is a work to be done, and into the doing of this work we are to put our whole hearts. The duties that God places in our way we are to perform, not as a cold, dreary exercise, but as a service of love. Bring into your work your highest powers and sympathies, and you will find that Christ is in it. His presence will make the work light, and your heart will be filled with joy. You will work in harmony with God and in loyalty, love, and fidelity.*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 9*

We are to be sincere, earnest Christians, doing faithfully the duties placed in our hands and looking ever to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Our reward is not dependent upon our seeming

success, but upon the spirit in which our work is done. As canvassers or evangelists, you may not have had the success you prayed for, but remember that you do not know and cannot measure the result of faithful effort.*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 10*

Let the fear of God influence you, not the fear of men. Use all the tact and skill at your command in giving the truth to those who know it not. Remember that all around you there are souls perishing in sin. Be as true as steel to principle, and put your whole heart into the work of winning souls to Christ. Speak and act in such a way that at the last great day Christ can say to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." [*Matthew 25:23.*]*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 11*

An advance work is to be done in our conferences. Our churches are to be aroused to take up aggressive warfare. We are now to offer soul, body, and spirit to God. We are to hunt and fish for souls. We are God's witnesses, and every power of the being is to be put to use in His service. Sing His praises. Pray with and for souls. So order your life and conversation that through association with you, souls will be convicted and converted. Do not forget that every worker needs a daily conversion, a daily fitting up for service. Let Christ dwell in your hearts by faith. Give back to God His treasures. Distribute His bounties. Sow beside all waters. Learn daily of Christ, that your heart may be meek and lowly. Remember that the Lord has rich blessings for all who will lay hold upon Him.*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 12*

"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, and thy neighbor as thyself." [*Luke 10:27.*] The powers of the whole being are to be engaged in unselfish service. Every talent is to be employed. Improve the future better than you have the past. Put your talents out to the exchangers; for Christ is hungry for souls.*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 13*

The Lord's workers are now to exercise every capability in preparing for His coming. The strength of the whole being is required. We are to work while the day lasts; for the night cometh,

in which no man can work. Let every one prepare the King's highway. Take up the stumbling blocks. Show that you are God's property. The heart is to be purified from all dross. The thoughts and affections are to be brought into obedience to His will. The whole being is to be a holy temple for His indwelling.*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 14*

Let all hindrances be cleared away. Offer to God an acceptable sacrifice; for this is your reasonable service.*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 15*

I speak to our church members in every place. You must reach a higher standard of consecration to God. If you will seek the Lord, putting away all evil speaking and all selfishness, and continuing instant in prayer, the Lord will draw nigh to you. It is the power of the Holy Spirit that gives efficacy to your efforts and your appeals. Humble yourselves before God, that in His strength you may rise to a higher standard.*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 16*

We have no time to lose. Every moment is precious. We know not how soon our cases may pass in review before God. Brethren and sisters, for Christ's sake purify your souls by obeying the truth, that you may have clear spiritual discernment. Leave not one duty undone. Arise and move forward on your upward march. Can you afford to be careless and indifferent, at the risk of losing heaven? Wake up, my brethren, wake up. You need keen perceptions, that you may understand how to be laborers together with God. Let there be no uncertainty. Postpone no duty. Work to the point. Error of every species will come in, and unless your mind is clear, unless you know and practice the truth, Satan will take advantage of you, and you will be led away by his sophistries. You must know the meaning of practical godliness. Our only safety is union with Christ. If you are abiding in Him, the fruit you bear will be unto righteousness.*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 17*

There is to be deep searching of heart. Ask yourself, On what foundation am I building? We are to live the life of Christ. Not a thread of selfishness is to be woven into the pattern. Christ is to be our all and in all. By the sanctification that He gives, we are to bear witness to the world that we are children of God.*20LtMs, Ms 20,*

1905, par. 18

Take deep draughts of the water of life. Then you will flourish in the Lord. A great work is to be done in a short time. Arouse the energies of your soul, and work for time and for eternity. Put all you have and are into this glorious enterprise, saying, "This one thing I do; forgetting the things that are behind, ... I press forward toward the mark of the prize of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus." [*Philippians 3:13, 14.*] The increase will be seen in the conversion of souls, if there is a continually increasing love for Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 19*

Lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset, and run with patience the race set before you, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith. Press on toward perfection. Then you will have success in your service. The message that you bear will be a living message, for you will be filled with the earnestness of the Spirit.*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 20*

Ask yourself, Have I life from Christ by union with Him? Are you constantly increasing in love for the Saviour? Is there seen in your life an increasing conformity to the will of God? Are you ready to make any sacrifice to save perishing souls? Are you growing up into Christ, your living head?*20LtMs, Ms 20, 1905, par. 21*

Ms 22, 1905

Christ Our Only Hope

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The message given to John on the Isle of Patmos is to come to the people as it is. The whole of the instruction found in the book of *Revelation* is to be dwelt upon with an intense earnestness that has not yet been seen. There are many who treat this book with as little concern as if it were a sealed book, which contains no light for the present time. But it is not sealed. It was given to John to give to the churches.*20LtMs, Ms 22, 1905, par. 1*

The origin of the book is given in the *first verse of the first chapter*: “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.”*20LtMs, Ms 22, 1905, par. 2*

All the divine revelations given to human beings come through Christ. He is the priest and king of His church, and He unfolds to His people in every place the methods that He will use in His government. He is the first and the last, the Alpha and the Omega, and He makes known that which will be hereafter. He is our Lord and Saviour. He has all light and life in Himself; and as the mediator between God and man, He presents to us that which is made known to Him by the Father. Although endowed with the attributes of God, He receives His instruction from the Father. To those who in faith receive Him as a personal Saviour, He gives power to become the sons of God, members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King. He is their teacher, their guide.*20LtMs, Ms 22, 1905, par. 3*

Christ is declared in the Scriptures to be the Son of God. From all eternity He has sustained this relation to Jehovah. Before the foundations of the world were laid, He, the only begotten Son of

God, pledged Himself to become the Redeemer of the human race should men sin. Adam fell, and He, who was partaker of the Father's glory before the world was, laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown and stepped down from His high authority to become a babe in Bethlehem, that He might redeem fallen human beings by passing over the ground where Adam stumbled and fell. He subjected Himself to the temptations that Satan brings against men and women, and not all the assaults of the enemy could make Him swerve from His loyalty to the Father. By a sinless life, He testified that every son and daughter of Adam can resist the temptations of the one who first brought sin into the world.*20LtMs, Ms 22, 1905, par. 4*

Christ brought men and women power to overcome. He came to this world in human form, to live a man among men. He assumed the liabilities of human nature, to be proved and tried. In His humanity He was a partaker of the divine nature. In His incarnation he gained in a new sense the title of the Son of God. Said the angel to Mary, "The power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing that shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." [*Luke 1:35.*] While the son of a human being, Christ became the Son of God in a new sense. Thus He stood in our world—the Son of God, yet allying Himself by birth to the human race.*20LtMs, Ms 22, 1905, par. 5*

Christ came to our world in human form to show the inhabitants of the unfallen worlds and the inhabitants of the fallen world that ample provision had been made to enable human beings to live in loyalty to their Creator. He endured the temptations that Satan was permitted to bring against Him and resisted all his assaults. He was sorely afflicted, and hard beset, but God did not leave Him without recognition. When He was baptized of John in Jordan, as He came up out of the water, the Spirit of God, like a dove of burnished gold, descended upon Him, and a voice from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." [*Matthew 3:16, 17.*]*20LtMs, Ms 22, 1905, par. 6*

It was directly after this announcement that Christ was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. Mark says, "Immediately the Spirit driveth Him into the wilderness. And He was there in the wilderness forty

days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts.” “And in those days He did eat nothing.” [*Mark 1:12, 13; Luke 4:2.*]20LtMs, Ms 22, 1905, par. 7

When Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted, He was led by the Spirit of God. He did not invite temptation. He went to the wilderness to be alone, to contemplate His mission and work. By fasting and prayer He was to brace Himself for the blood-stained path He was to travel. How should He begin His work of freeing the captives held in torment by the destroyer? The voice of God said, “Meet him.” During His long fast the whole plan of His work as God’s medical missionary was laid out before Him. He must meet the one who was once an honored angel in the heavenly courts.20LtMs, Ms 22, 1905, par. 8

When Jesus entered the wilderness, He was shut in by the Father’s glory. Absorbed in communion with God, He was lifted above human weakness. But the glory departed, and He was left to battle with temptation. It was pressing upon Him every moment. His human nature shrank from the conflict that awaited Him. For forty days He fasted and prayed. Weak and emaciated from hunger, worn and haggard with mental agony, “His visage was so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men.” [*Isaiah 52:14.*] Now was Satan’s opportunity. Now he supposed that he could overcome Christ.20LtMs, Ms 22, 1905, par. 9

There came to the Saviour, as if in answer to His prayers, one in the guise of an angel of light, and this was the message that he bore, “If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.” [*Matthew 4:3.*]20LtMs, Ms 22, 1905, par. 10

Jesus met Satan with the words, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” [*Verse 4.*] In every temptation the weapon of His warfare was the Word of God. Satan demanded of Christ a miracle as a sign of His divinity. But that which is greater than all miracles, a firm reliance upon a “thus saith the Lord,” was a sign that could not be controverted. So long as Christ held to this position, the tempter could gain no advantage.20LtMs, Ms 22, 1905, par. 11

A familiarity with the Word of God is our only hope. Those who

diligently search the Scriptures will not accept Satan's delusions as the truth of God. No one need be overcome by the speculations presented by the enemy of God and Christ. We are not to speculate regarding points upon which the Word of God is silent. All that is necessary for our salvation is given in the Word of God. Day by day we are to make the Bible the man of our counsel.*20LtMs, Ms 22, 1905, par. 12*

From all eternity Christ was united with the Father, and when He took upon Himself human nature, He was still one with God. He is the link that unites God with humanity. "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same." [*Hebrews 2:14.*] Only through Him can we become children of God. To all who believe on Him, He gives power to become the sons of God. Thus, in a scripture sense, the heart becomes the temple of the living God. It is because Christ took human nature that men and women can become partakers of the divine nature. In Him all our hopes of eternal life are centered.*20LtMs, Ms 22, 1905, par. 13*

Ms 24, 1905

A Call to Reach a Higher Standard

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During the past night and the night before, I did not sleep much. My mind and heart are so burdened that I cannot sleep healthfully. *20LtMs, Ms 24, 1905, par. 1*

God sends to His people the message, “Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.” [*Revelation 2:4.*] The love of God has gone out of human hearts. Where His love should reign, tender and warm and true, there is accusing and coldness and distrust. *20LtMs, Ms 24, 1905, par. 2*

“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. ... 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 mist of the paradise of God.” [*Verses 5, 7.*] *20LtMs, Ms 24, 1905, par. 3*

“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 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.” [*Revelation 3:1-3.*] *20LtMs, Ms 24, 1905, par. 4*

These words describe the condition of the church at the present time. “I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.” [*Revelation 2:4.*] This is a spiritual fall. Religiously, those

addressed are in a strange position. They have forgotten the words of warning sent them. I beg those who profess to believe present truth to read and understand these words and to search their own hearts.*20LtMs, Ms 24, 1905, par. 5*

“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. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent.” [*Revelation 3:14-19.*]*20LtMs, Ms 24, 1905, par. 6*

This scripture is presented to me as highly appropriate for our churches to consider at the present time. Now, just now, when men professing godliness are ceasing to be faithful to their God, let us humble our hearts before Him in sincere devotion. Thus victories will be gained. Let the self-centered, boastful, accusing spirit be put away altogether. There are many standing in positions of responsibility whose names Christ cannot present to His Father unless they repent before God, and put away their accusing and faultfinding, and humble themselves before God.*20LtMs, Ms 24, 1905, par. 7*

I am bidden to say that the time has come for a thorough work to be done among Seventh-day Adventists as a people. Come together. Unify. Let all your differences disappear. Let those in every institution seek the Lord while He may be found. God has long borne with and spared those who have cherished hereditary and cultivated tendencies to wrong, but the time is coming when mercy will no longer be granted.*20LtMs, Ms 24, 1905, par. 8*

“God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He has 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 2:4-10.*] Not outside of them, seeking spot and stain in some one else, in order to vindicate one’s own superiority. Those who do this are in need of genuine conversion. They are accusers of the brethren, and unless they are converted, they will never help any one. They have lost their first love; and unless they repent, their candlestick will be moved out of its place. Let them work out their own salvation with fear and trembling, remembering that it is God who works in them, to will and to do of His good pleasure.*20LtMs, Ms 24, 1905, par. 9*

“We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. ... Giving no offense in anything, that the ministry be not blamed. In all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in affliction, in necessities, in distresses.” We shall not always have an easy time. If we obey the truth we shall have the favor of God, but we shall suffer the opposition of the enemy. “In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, 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, and yet possessing all things.” [*2 Corinthians 6:1, 3-10.*]*20LtMs, Ms 24, 1905, par. 10*

Here the way is marked out. I entreat the members of our churches to represent Christ in character. I entreat them to put the powers of the whole being into the effort to answer the prayer of Christ as recorded in the *seventeenth chapter of John*. If the words of this prayer are lived, we shall be so kind, so tender, so loving, so

Christlike, that the world will see that God has indeed sent His Son to save sinners. My brethren and sisters, take yourselves in hand. Correct your thoughts, words, and acts. This God requires of you, that others may take knowledge of you that you have been with Jesus and have learned of Him. If you are doing wrong yourselves, how can you set a right example before others. May God help His people to read and practice His Word and to take self sternly in hand.*20LtMs, Ms 24, 1905, par. 11*

Ms 26, 1905

A Great Work Before Us

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Frequently I receive letters speaking of some large city and asking if the Lord has not some souls in it to be saved, and why a greater effort has not been put forth to proclaim the truth in these places. I reply, There are many souls in our large cities who are living up to the very best light they have. But those who know the truth are not awake to their duties and responsibilities, and needy fields have been neglected. But little work has yet been done in the Lord's great vineyard.*20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 1*

Faultfinding and differences between brethren are robbing many of God's people of spiritual life and of faith. Harsh judgment and criticism provoke retaliation. Those who are most active in finding fault with others have grave faults of their own which they do not discern. They should examine their own hearts. Those who are most blind to their spiritual condition are the very ones who, instead of studying the life and example of Jesus Christ that they may be like Him, are the most ready to discern and condemn the faults of their brethren. Let each one search his own heart as with a lighted candle.*20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 2*

Eat and drink the Word of God. It is spirit and it is life. It will bring comfort and encouragement to every soul who seeks for truth as for hid treasure.*20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 3*

He who is renewed by the Holy Spirit pants after God and His righteousness and is filled with a desire to become a partaker of the divine nature, that he may escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. To practice the virtues of Christ is his highest aim.*20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 4*

Those who receive in their hearts the grace of Christ become laborers together with Him for the salvation of souls. In this work every true follower of Christ will engage, following His example. Those who bring into their efforts the love expressed in the life and labors of Christ will have success in winning souls to Christ; for the Holy Spirit will co-operate with them.*20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 5*

To those whom He calls to the work of the ministry, the Lord will give tact and skill and understanding. If after laboring for twelve months in evangelistic work, a man has not fruit to show for his efforts, if the people for whom he has labored are not benefited, if he has not lifted the standard in new places, and no souls are converted by his labors, that man should humble his heart before God and endeavor to know if he has not mistaken his calling. The wages paid by the conference should be given to those who show fruit for their labor. The work of the one who recognizes God as his efficiency, who has a true conception of the value of souls, whose heart is filled with the love of Christ will be fruitful.*20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 6*

Many express regret that they are not qualified to work for the Master. God has something for every one to do. My brother, my sister, for the sake or your own soul find out what you are fitted to do. To the idlers in the Lord's vineyard the Laodicean message is sent. Let not your thoughts and your plans rest forever in unfruitful musings. You have some place to fill in the Lord's work. Seek for that wisdom which God alone can give. There are needy souls in every place. They may not come to you or be brought to your attention. But you are to search for these souls as the true shepherd searches for lost sheep. Be more diligent in studying the Scriptures. Read the Bible with a desire to understand it for yourself. Bible truth is simple, but it is very important that we conform to its teachings by walking carefully and humbly before God.*20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 7*

There are many who have never had their attention called to our publications. House-to-house labor with our literature and the giving of Bible readings in the family are some of the best methods of giving instruction. Such work has been done by Elder Haskell and his fellow laborers in New York City and in Nashville, but there

should be many companies trained for this work.*20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 8*

One of the simplest yet most effective methods of labor is that of the canvasser evangelist. By courteous behavior and kindness such a worker may open the door of many homes. When he is entertained by strangers he should show himself thoughtful and helpful. Never should he make himself a burden, requiring to be waited upon by those upon whom rest the cares of the household. Should there be sickness in the home while he is there, let him do all he can to help. Sometimes he will find men who say they are too busy to listen to a canvass or a Bible reading. Often he may gain their attention by helping them in their work.*20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 9*

The Covenant with Abraham

With Abraham God made a covenant of promise. "The Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him." [*Genesis 12:1-4.*]*20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 10*

No one can measure the test and trial that this call to leave his home was to Abraham. Nevertheless through the test God was revealing Himself unto Abraham. He had chosen Abraham as a witness to bear a message to many people. Abraham was to be God's chosen representative, to reveal His righteousness. Yet during his lifetime Abraham did not receive the possessions promised to him. He died in faith, looking for a better country, that is, an heavenly.*20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 11*

In our day God will call men of His appointment to go to people who know not God and to reveal in life and character the necessity of obedience to the laws of God.*20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 12*

“He that will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [Mark 8:34.] The Lord Jesus will be with those who follow Him in self-denial and self-sacrificing effort. He will give strength and success to those who do His work in His own appointed way. Like Abraham, they will be blessed, that they may be a blessing to the world. *20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 13*

A Call to Repentance and Steadfastness

We are to heed the messages that God has given in the *Revelation*. This book is the revelation of Jesus Christ given to John and written out by him. It behooves every one to become familiar with the Word of the Spirit given to John and penned by him in the Isle of Patmos. *20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 14*

“Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.” [Revelation 3:11.] There is something to which we must hold with all the tenacity of our being. “Hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.” “For we are made partakers of Christ if we hold fast the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.” [Hebrews 3:6, 14.] Let us hold firmly to the faith, in conformity to the will of God. *20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 15*

“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.] *20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 16*

This exhortation is of the utmost importance. Do not treat it carelessly. It concerns your salvation and is given by Him who died to make possible the salvation of the human family. *20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 17*

There is to be no disregard of the truths we have received and heard. By every device the enemy will seek to draw away your mind from soul-saving truth unto fables. Under his influence, many will lose their spiritual perception and hew out for themselves cisterns,

“broken cisterns that can hold no water.” [*Jeremiah 2:13.*] In his work of deception Satan uses those whose faith he has been able to shake. As in the garden of Eden he spoke through the serpent, so he will speak through men who have not held firmly to the words given by One of undisputed authority. *20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 18*

“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 3:3.*] This is no time to be reckless. We have a character to form after the divine similitude. *20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 19*

“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.*] *20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 20*

This is the reward to be given to those who have obtained a pure and spotless character, who before the world have held fast to the faith. Jesus Christ will confess their names before the Father and before His angels. They have been true and loyal and faithful. Through evil report as well as good report they have practiced and taught the truth. *20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 21*

Workers for Difficult Fields

There are difficult and unpromising fields where faithful cross-bearing is necessary. Some one must take hold and lift in these places, or the work will not be done. The true worker for Christ will be ready to go wherever God may call him. *20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 22*

The workers in these difficult fields must be Bible students. They should be found often in prayer. If, before they go to converse with others, they will seek help from God, they may be assured that angels of God will be with them. At times they will yearn for human sympathy, but they may find comfort and encouragement in their loneliness through communion with God. Let them be cheered by the words of Christ, “Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of

the world.” [*Matthew 28:20.*] From their divine Companion, they will receive instruction in the science of soul-saving.*20LtMs, Ms 26, 1905, par. 23*

Ms 28, 1905

The Result of Repentance

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Repentance is one of the first fruits of saving grace. Our great Teacher, in His lessons to erring, fallen man, presents the life-giving power of His grace, declaring that through this grace men and women may live the new life of holiness and purity. He who lives this life works out the principles of the kingdom of heaven. Taught of God, he leads others in straight paths. He will not lead the lame into paths of uncertainty. The working of the Holy Spirit in his life shows that he is a partaker of the divine nature. Every soul thus worked by the Spirit of Christ receives so abundant a supply of the rich grace that, beholding his good works, the unbelieving world acknowledges that he is controlled and sustained by divine power and is led to glorify God. *20Lts, Ms 28, 1905, par. 1*

There are those who, notwithstanding all the gracious invitations of Christ, continue to reveal ungodliness in their lives. God addresses all such in the words: "How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in scorning? and fools hate knowledge? Turn ye at my reproof, and I will pour out my spirit unto you; I will make known my words unto you." [*Proverbs 1:22, 23.*] *20Lts, Ms 28, 1905, par. 2*

"Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, speak unto the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman; if when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and

taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.*20Lts, Ms 28, 1905, par. 3*

“So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at My mouth, and warn them from Me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.*20Lts, Ms 28, 1905, par. 4*

“Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus shall ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live? Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?*20Lts, Ms 28, 1905, par. 5*

“Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth. When I say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.*20Lts, Ms 28, 1905, par. 6*

“Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; if the wicked

restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him; he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.” [Ezekiel 33:1-16.]20LtMs, Ms 28, 1905, par. 7

“Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal; but as for them, their way is not equal. When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby. But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby. Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his own ways. ... For I will lay the land most desolate, and the pomp of her strength shall cease, and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through. Then shall they know that I am the Lord, when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed.” [Verses 17-20, 28, 29.]20LtMs, Ms 28, 1905, par. 8

“Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people are still talking against thee by the walls, and in the doors of the houses, and speak to one another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what the word is that cometh forth from the Lord.” [Verse 30.]20LtMs, Ms 28, 1905, par. 9

This scripture represented the spiritual condition of many in Battle Creek. They burlesque the messages in mercy sent them by the Lord, to save the erring from their errors.20LtMs, Ms 28, 1905, par. 10

“And they come to thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as My people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. And lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument; for they hear thy words, but they do them not. And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.” [Verses 31-33.]20LtMs, Ms 28, 1905, par. 11

Read and study the *thirty-fourth chapter of Ezekiel*. In it we are

given most precious encouragement. “I will save My flock, and they shall be no more a prey,” the Lord declares, “and I will judge between cattle and cattle. And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even My servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. And I the Lord will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I the Lord have spoken it. And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. And I will make them and the places round about My hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing. And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit; and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in the land, and shall know that I am the Lord, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them. And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid. And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land, neither shall they bear the shame of the heathen any more. Thus shall they know that I the Lord their God am with them, and they, even the house of Israel, are My people, saith the Lord God. And ye are My flock, the flock of My pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord God.” [*Verses 22-31.*]20LtMs, Ms 28, 1905, par. 12

The most striking feature of this covenant of peace is the exceeding richness of the pardoning mercy expressed to the sinner if he repents and turns from his sin. The Holy Spirit describes the gospel as salvation through the tender mercies of our God. “I will be merciful to their unrighteousness,” the Lord declares of those who repent, “and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.” [*Hebrews 8:12.*] Does God turn from justice in showing mercy to the sinner? No; God cannot dishonor His law by suffering it to be transgressed with impunity. Under the new covenant, perfect obedience is the condition of life. If the sinner repents and confesses his sins, he will find pardon. By Christ’s sacrifice in his behalf, forgiveness is secured for him. Christ has satisfied the demands of the law for every repentant, believing sinner. “As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of

God, even to them that believe on His name.” “The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, ... full of grace and truth. ... And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.” [*John 1:12, 14, 16.*]*20LtMs, Ms 28, 1905, par. 13*

The atonement that has been made for us by Christ is wholly and abundantly satisfactory to the Father. God can be just, and yet the justifier of those who believe.*20LtMs, Ms 28, 1905, par. 14*

I am instructed to say the every sinner, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” [*Verse 29.*] We may be renewed in the divine nature. The promise has been made, “I will put My laws in their minds, and in their hearts will I write them.” [*Hebrews 8:10.*] Through disobedience man forfeited holiness, accepting in its place the principles of unrighteousness. But by breaking the yoke that Satan has fastened on him, and taking the yoke of Christ, learning His meekness and lowliness, the sinner is created anew. Christ has promised to write in the heart of every repentant sinner the principles of God’s law, which is holy, just, and good. He promises to renovate the soul, through the medium of truth. He makes no use of the science of sophistry, which would palsy the higher powers of the soul, but diffuses His own life through the entire being. Thus the sinner is born again, and henceforth, in a life of loving service, he is to work out the grand, ennobling principles that he can take with him into the heavenly courts.*20LtMs, Ms 28, 1905, par. 15*

There is placed upon him a new mold of character, which the world knows not, but which all must receive who obtain entrance into the courts above.*20LtMs, Ms 28, 1905, par. 16*

Repentance for sin is the first fruits of the working of the Holy Spirit in the life. It is the only process by which infinite purity reflects the image of Christ in His redeemed subjects. In Christ all fulness dwells. Science that is not in harmony with Him is of no value. He teaches us to count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord. This knowledge is the highest science that any man can reach. It is the sum of all true science. “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.]20LtMs, Ms 28, 1905, par. 17

Ms 30, 1905

A Visit to Redlands

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From San Diego, we returned to Los Angeles, and on Tuesday, December 6, we went to Redlands for a few days' visit. A little way out from Los Angeles, the scenery became very uninteresting. We passed through much barren land. Here and there, the desert, by means of irrigation, had been converted into flourishing orange groves. But for miles and miles at a stretch the land was uncultivated. As we rode along, I remembered scenes presented to me years before of barren land, such as that through which we were passing, being cultivated and improved and, by irrigation, made to yield rich returns. I was instructed that this was an object lesson of the influence that the saving grace of Christ should have upon the hearts and lives of human beings. And had those to whom God has given the riches of the water of life realized the responsibilities resting upon them as stewards of the grace of God, and gone forth as faithful missionaries into all the barren places of the earth, the wilderness would have been made to blossom as the garden of the Lord.*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 1*

The dreary, uninviting appearance of the desert over which we were passing represented only too well the spiritual condition of many cities, towns, and country places—a condition that might have been changed had those who know the truth put forth earnest, self-sacrificing efforts to impart light to others.*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 2*

Places that have not yet been worked should long ago have heard the message. Those who are familiar with the teachings of God's

Word, those who understand the things that Christ has commanded, are required, as stewards of his grace, to perform faithfully their appointed work. The means entrusted to them they are to use in opening new fields, in teaching those who would accept the truth were it presented to them in the way that Christ presented it when He was upon this earth. All who have received the light of truth are held responsible to act their part in enlightening others. *20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 3*

Of the Saviour's work we read, "The people that sat in darkness saw great light, and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up." [*Matthew 4:16.*] *20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 4*

"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." [*Verses 23-25.*] *20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 5*

These words give an illustration of the way in which Jesus cultivated the soil of the heart. They point out clearly the work that we are to do, not in one place merely, but in every place. The light that God has graciously given to us we are to communicate to others. To every nation and kindred and tongue and people the warning message is to be given. *20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 6*

We are to learn from Christ the science of soul-saving. He is the mighty Healer. In our work of preaching the gospel, we are to establish small sanitariums in many places. Sanitarium work is one very successful means of bringing the message of salvation through Christ to the attention of a large class of people who can be reached in no other way. Those from the higher walks of life will come to our sanitariums for treatment, and when they go away, they will tell others of the benefits they have received. Thus others

will be induced to go. It is God's design that our sanitariums shall act an important part in giving the message of Christ's soon coming to those in the highways and byways.*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 7*

As we neared Redlands, the aspect of the country changed entirely. Cultivation and irrigation have transformed the desert into beautiful and fertile orange groves, which, at the time of our visit, were laden with fruit.*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 8*

On reaching Redlands, we went to the home of Brother and Sister E. S. Ballenger, where we were entertained during our stay.*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 9*

In this short sketch I shall not attempt to describe Redlands. One morning we took a long drive over the city. We drove through a beautiful highland park, known as Smiley Heights. This was once barren hills, but it is now covered with orange groves and with a great variety of ornamental trees and shrubs. As we drove higher and higher up the mountainside, which was so beautifully adorned, we were charmed with the scenery. From the top of the hill, we obtained a fine view of the city of Redlands, and as I looked upon it, I realized that just such places had been presented to me in vision as places to which we must give special attention. I had been instructed that in places similar to this, we would have opportunity to establish sanitariums, and that by means of these institutions, men and women would be taught the gospel of the physical and spiritual healing.*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 10*

On Sabbath morning I spoke in the pretty little church building that has recently been erected by our people in Redlands. There was a good attendance, some of the brethren and sisters from San Bernardino being present. The Lord gave me strength to speak for about thirty minutes. I felt so thankful for this; for I was just recovering from a four weeks' sickness.*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 11*

The Lord blessed our meeting. In the evening, another meeting was held, at which Brother Ballenger and W. C. White spoke of the Glendale Sanitarium, and its needs, and invited those present to help in preparing the building for the reception of patients. The church members in Redlands are poor, but they gave liberally in

response to this call.*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 12*

Years ago many places in Southern California were presented to me as very important fields, needing earnest labor. While at Redlands, I recognized it as one of these places. Light was given me that the unworked condition of the cities of Southern California is a dishonor to those who know the truth. Recently Elder Simpson held tent-meetings in Redlands, as a result of which many new members were added to the church. For this we praise the Lord. But there is still much to be done in Redlands. We need now to put forth earnest efforts in the cities of Southern California.*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 13*

On reaching Redlands, we learned that Brother J. A. Bowles had died a few days before. I felt so sorry to think that I could not meet him once more and have prayer with him. As we passed by his flourishing orange grove, we thought of the kindness he has so often shown in sending us presents of oranges. Brother Bowles was a sincere Christian and ever showed a deep interest in the work and cause of God. He rejoiced greatly when he saw souls accepting the truth. He is resting now, till the last trump shall sound and the dead in Christ shall rise to meet their Lord in the air.*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 14*

An appointment had been sent out that on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock I would speak in our church at Riverside. Sister McEnterfer and I drove across with Brother Bowles' son and his wife. On the way we passed through miles and miles of orange groves. A wonderful work has been done in bringing water from the mountains and from wells and irrigating the land so abundantly that it yields rich harvests of beautiful fruit.*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 15*

On reaching the place of meeting, we found that here at Riverside, also, our people had recently built a beautiful house of worship. The church was well filled. Several not of our faith were present. I was able to speak for an hour, and all seemed interested.*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 16*

For a year or two Dr. Leadsworth has been operating treatment rooms in Riverside, and at the close of the meeting, I went there to rest for a little while before taking the train for Redlands. Here we

met Brother and Sister Towle, old friends from Maine.*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 17*

On our way back to Redlands, as our train passed through miles of orange groves, I thought of the efforts that should be made in this beautiful valley to proclaim the truth for this time. I recognized this section of Southern California as one of the places that had been presented to me with the word that it should have a fully equipped sanitarium.*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 18*

Why have such fields as Redlands and Riverside been left almost unworked? As I looked from the car window, and saw the trees laden with fruit, I thought, Would not earnest, Christlike efforts have brought forth just as abundant a harvest in spiritual lines? In a few years these towns have been built up and developed, and as I looked upon their beauty and the fertility of the country surrounding them, there rose before me a vision of what the spiritual harvest might have been had earnest, Christlike efforts been put forth for the salvation of souls.*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 19*

The Lord would have brave, earnest men and women take up His work in these places. The cause of God is to make more rapid advancement in Southern California than it has in the past. Every year thousands of people visit Southern California in search of health, and by various methods we should seek to reach them with the truth. They must hear the warning to prepare for the great day of the Lord, which is right upon us.*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 20*

In His work, Christ met the people where they were. Much of His public labor was done in Capernaum—a great thoroughfare of travel. Peoples from many lands passed through the city or tarried for rest in their journeyings to and fro. Here Jesus could meet all nations and all ranks, the rich and the great as well as the poor and the lowly, and His lessons would be carried to other countries and into many households. Investigation of the prophecies would thus be excited, attention would be directed to the Saviour, and His mission would be brought before the world.*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 21*

We are called upon by God to present the truth for this time to those who, year by year, come to Southern California from all parts of

America. Workers who can speak to the multitudes are to be located where they can meet the people and give them the warning message. Ministers and canvassers should be on the ground, watching their opportunity to present the truth and to hold meetings. Let them be quick to seize opportunities to place the gospel of present truth before those who know it not. Let them give the message with clearness and power, that those who will may hear.*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 22*

I have longed to see men moved by the Holy Spirit meeting those people with the message borne by John the Baptist, “Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” [*Matthew 3:2.*]*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 23*

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.” [*Verse 3.*]*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 24*

“Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan,” went out to hear John the Baptist, “and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.” [*Verses 5, 6.*] Just such a work as this can be done today in Southern California.*20LtMs, Ms 30, 1905, par. 25*

Ms 32, 1905

An Open Letter

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 6, 1905

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Dear Brethren and Sisters,—

There is a great work to be done in many cities. Just now is the time for a deep, earnest effort to be made in Washington, the capital of our nation.*20LtMs, Ms 32, 1905, par. 1*

I feel somewhat disappointed that the gifts that are being made toward the work in Washington do not steadily increase. The remarkable developments in the work in Washington, showing the importance of our moving there, should lead the people of God to make their offerings toward the one-hundred-thousand-dollar fund larger and larger. The present showing should be decidedly different. My brethren and sisters, do not allow the large gifts for the work in Washington to be so few. We thank the givers of the small sums. And we know that there are those who can make larger gifts. The occasion demands that the men of means among us should bestir themselves. Our reputation is at stake. Now is the time for all to act a part.*20LtMs, Ms 32, 1905, par. 2*

Let our ministers arouse and fully realize the importance of the situation. Let the work in Washington become a matter of the first interest. Let every believer in every place feel called upon to help. Let all feel that the work in Washington belongs to them, and let them do their utmost toward its advancement.*20LtMs, Ms 32, 1905, par. 3*

Come to the front, my brethren and sisters, with your gifts and offerings. Awake to the responsibilities of the hour. We plead with the Lord to work upon minds and to lead those who have means to realize that now is their time to help liberally in a most important crisis.*20LtMs, Ms 32, 1905, par. 4*

The Takoma Park Sanitarium

We have purchased land in Takoma Park, not for the purpose of building up commercial enterprises, but for the purpose of establishing institutions in which workers may be prepared to go out into the great harvest field. The school has made a humble beginning. A sanitarium must be established there. The ground is ready for the building. Who will now bring their hundreds and their thousands for the help of this enterprise? And let not those who can afford to give but little withhold the smaller sums.*20LtMs, Ms 32, 1905, par. 5*

Our sanitariums are one of the most successful means of reaching all classes of people. Christ is no longer in this world in person, to go through our cities and towns and villages healing the sick. He has commissioned us to carry forward the medical missionary work that He began; and in this work we are to do our very best. Institutions for the care of the sick are to be established, where men and women may be placed under the care of God-fearing medical missionaries and be treated without drugs. To these institutions will come those who have brought disease on themselves by improper habits of eating and drinking. These are to be taught the principles of healthful living. They are to be taught the value of self-denial and self-restraint. They are to be provided with a simple, wholesome, palatable diet and are to be cared for by wise physicians and nurses.*20LtMs, Ms 32, 1905, par. 6*

Our sanitariums are the right hand of the gospel, opening doors whereby suffering humanity may be reached with the glad tidings of healing through Christ. In these institutions the sick may be taught to commit their cases to the great Physician, who will co-operate with their earnest efforts to regain health, bringing to them healing of soul as well as healing of body.*20LtMs, Ms 32, 1905, par. 7*

There is most precious missionary work to be done in our sanitariums. In them, Christ and the angels work to relieve suffering caused by bodily disease. And the work is by no means to stop there. The prayers offered for the sick, and the opening of the Scriptures to them, give them a knowledge of the great Medical Missionary. Their attention is called to Him as the One who can

heal all disease. They learn about the great gift of eternal life, which the Lord Jesus is longing to bestow on those who receive Him. They learn how to prepare for the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for those that love Him. "If I go away," He said, "I will come again, and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." [John 14:3.] In the Word of God there are gracious promises from which those who are suffering, whether in body or in mind, may receive comfort and hope and encouragement. *20LtMs, Ms 32, 1905, par. 8*

The plan to provide institutions for the proper care of the sick originated with the Lord. He has instructed His people that these institutions should be established. With them are to be connected intelligent, God-fearing physicians, who know how to treat the sick from the standpoint of the skilful Christian physician. These physicians are to be earnest and active, serving the Lord in their activity. They are to remember that they are working in the place and under the oversight of the great Physician. They stand as guardians of the beings that Christ has purchased with His own blood, and it is therefore essential that they be governed by high, noble principles, carrying out the will of the divine Medical Missionary who is ever watching over the sick and suffering. *20LtMs, Ms 32, 1905, par. 9*

He who is set as a guardian of the health of the sick should understand by experience the soothing power of the grace of Christ, so that to those who come to him for treatment, he can impart in words the uplifting, health-giving power of God's own truth. A physician is not fit for medical missionary work until he has gained a knowledge of Him who came to save perishing, sin-sick souls. If Christ is his teacher, if he has an experimental knowledge of the truth, he can hold up the Saviour before the sick and dying. *20LtMs, Ms 32, 1905, par. 10*

The sick note carefully the looks and words and acts of their physician; and as the Christian physician kneels beside the bedside of the sufferer, asking the great Physician to take the case into His own hands, an impression is made upon the mind of the sick one that may result in the saving of his soul. *20LtMs, Ms 32, 1905, par.*

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A sanitarium building is to be erected at Takoma Park, that this work may be carried forward. Will not those who have means feel it a privilege to give something toward this work, that the needed fund may soon be raised? The Lord will certainly bless those who will cheerfully return to Him His own. Doors that were once fast closed are now opening wide for the entrance of our workers. I call upon our people, while the way is open, to do earnest work, to rally round the standard, to answer the call that has been made for the completion of the one-hundred-thousand-dollar fund. Come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. This work is the Lord's, and He calls upon those who have means to place it in the treasury for the advancement of His work. Send in your offerings for the buildings to be erected at Takoma Park. We are praying that the money buried in lands and houses may now be called in, because it is the Lord's money, and He needs it. It is to our honor to send in large and small sums, so that, when the next General Conference shall assemble, we can say that the fund needed has been raised.*20LtMs, Ms 32, 1905, par. 12*

We call upon those who have invested money in worldly interests to withdraw it and place it in the Lord's cause where it is now greatly needed. Show your gratitude to God by the liberality of your offerings. Thus you may give evidence that you appreciate the mercies of the gospel.*20LtMs, Ms 32, 1905, par. 13*

To the workers in Washington, I would say: We have faith, my brethren and sisters, that if you will walk humbly with God, you will see of His salvation. It is the desire of my heart that you shall know the power of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have an all-sufficient Helper. He understands our weakness and our needs. Let there be fasting and prayer. Let self be humbled. Let the heart be cleansed from all impurity. Confess your sins, and plead with God day and night for the victory.*20LtMs, Ms 32, 1905, par. 14*

Ms 34, 1905

A Call to the First Love

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 9, 1905

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I feel intensely anxious that as a people we may stand without fault before the throne of God. God is not pleased with our present condition. It is of the utmost importance that every one of us stand on higher and holier ground. In *Revelation* we have a message to those who have gone out of the way.²⁰*LtMs, Ms 34, 1905, 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 has 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 the candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.” [*Revelation 2:1-5.*]²⁰*LtMs, Ms 34, 1905, par. 2*

God chooses faithful, self-sacrificing men to do a special work for Him. The Lord Jesus imbues them with His light and gives them influence. As His servants they are under His special protection; He will guard them from the fierce attacks of their enemies. But they are to abide in their first love. God’s faithful ministers are of more value to the church than is the sun to the world. They will not lose their luster, so long as they continue to seek their light from Christ. Looking unto Him, they become changed into His image.²⁰*LtMs, Ms 34, 1905, par. 3*

Would that I could show to others, as I have been shown, how the church on earth is to give clear and unmistakable evidence that

God sent His Son into the world, that through Him His people might represent the heavenly family.*20LtMs, Ms 34, 1905, par. 4*

He who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks is closely related to His church and His ministers. His church is His beautiful garden, His choice husbandry. He walks in their midst, observing their order. He is grieved by the course of those, whatever their calling, their education, or their positions of influence, who have lost their first love and who trust their own capabilities as though they were complete in themselves. He is dishonored when the members of His church exalt themselves, draw apart, and do not express the warmth of life in their words and in their relations one to another. He desires them to present to the world a copy of the heavenly pattern.*20LtMs, Ms 34, 1905, par. 5*

But Jesus looks with pleasure upon those who put their dependence upon Him. They will have His joy in their hearts. They will meet experiences that try the soul, but they will not give expression to feelings of annoyance. Their trials will soon pass, and the peace of Christ will fill their hearts. If God sees fit to reprove in them a course of action that He cannot commend, they will be thankful for His correction. The reproofs sent to His servants will be to them a blessing if they will turn from the errors that are pointed out. Jesus beholds each day the work of His ministers, teachers, and medical missionaries.*20LtMs, Ms 34, 1905, par. 6*

“I know thy work, and thy labor,” He says. [*Verse 2.*] He has graven us upon the palms of His hands. Shall we not show ourselves worthy of His commendation? Shall we not love Him and love our ministering brethren?*20LtMs, Ms 34, 1905, par. 7*

Let us press together in unity. Let not coldness or evil surmising come in. Let us heal the wrongs that exist, and give no further place to Satan.*20LtMs, Ms 34, 1905, par. 8*

A decided rebuke is given to the church, “Thou hast left thy first love.” [*Verse 4.*] There are men today who are drifting away from the ark of safety. They are too proud to let others think they need to repent. But unless they heed the message of Christ, their candlestick will be removed out of its place. The *third chapter of Revelation* also contains important messages. “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.” [*Verses 1-3.*]20LtMs, Ms 34, 1905, par. 9

A warning is given of a time when errors would come in as a thief to steal away the faith of God’s people, when they must watch diligently and be constantly guarded against the delusions of the enemy. In Sardis many had been converted through the preaching of the apostles. The truth had been received as a bright and shining light. But some had forgotten the wonderful manner in which they had received the truth, and Jesus found it necessary to send reproof. One after another of the old standard-bearers had fallen, and some had become wearied of the oft-repeated truths. They desired a new phase of doctrine, more pleasing to many minds. They thought they needed a wonderful change and in their spiritual blindness did not discern that their sophistries would uproot all the experiences of the past. But the Lord Jesus could see the end from the beginning. Through John He sent them the warning, “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.” [*Verse 3.*]20LtMs, Ms 34, 1905, par. 10

Ms 36, 1905

Be Not Weary in Welldoing

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Our churches are often appealed to for gifts and offerings to aid missionary enterprises in the home field and to sustain foreign missionary work. Let us not become impatient because we are often asked to give a portion of the means entrusted to us for the upbuilding of the cause. Just now the work in Washington demands our immediate consideration. Recent developments in Washington show that the removal of the General Conference offices to that city was a right move, and a move made none too soon.*20LtMs, Ms 36, 1905, par. 1*

As soon as the sum asked for the work in Washington is made up, other important cities must receive consideration.*20LtMs, Ms 36, 1905, par. 2*

Our churches have shown much liberality, but they have not done all that they are able to do. Some have carried very heavy burdens, but there are others who are not willing to deny self. I appeal to every family of believers in our land to consecrate themselves to the work of soul-saving, pledging themselves to advance the Lord's work by every means within their power. Let the older ones repress the desire to gratify self, and let the children be taught to save their pennies for the Lord. Let parents take up the cross of self-sacrifice, which lies so plainly in the pathway to holiness. Let the young men and young women who are tempted to expend means to gratify self say, "No! I will not rob the cause of God by spending money for that which is useless."*20LtMs, Ms 36, 1905, par. 3*

Let the students in our schools and the children in our Sabbath schools be diligently trained in liberality. Short, interesting articles should be prepared for their study—articles that will arouse in them a desire to give to the cause of God. The habit of liberality should

grow with their growth and strengthen with their strength. They should early be taught to lay by their pennies, so that they will have something to give when God's servants make a call for help. Let them be taught that they can be the helping hand of the Lord by adding their gifts to the means placed in the treasury. The work to be done in our world should be kept before them, and they should be encouraged and helped to prepare themselves for active service. Let them be dedicated to God's service while the dew of youth is yet upon them.*20LtMs, Ms 36, 1905, par. 4*

Let not our church members complain because they are so often called upon to give. What is it that makes the frequent calls a necessity? Is it not the rapid increase of missionary enterprises? Shall we, by refusing to give, retard the growth of these enterprises? Shall we forget that we are laborers together with God? From every church, prayers should ascend to God for an increase of devotion and liberality.*20LtMs, Ms 36, 1905, par. 5*

Those whose hearts are knit together with the heart of Christ will be glad to do what they can to help the cause of God. They will say, "I will do my best. Whatsoever others may do, my duty is clear." They will rejoice in the continual expansion and advancement that means larger and more frequently given offerings.*20LtMs, Ms 36, 1905, par. 6*

My brethren and sisters, do you plead for retrenchment in evangelical work? Read the closing verses of Matthew's gospel, which contains the seal of the worker's 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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 36, 1905, par. 7*

This commission cannot be fulfilled unless workers are educated and sent forth and sustained.*20LtMs, Ms 36, 1905, par. 8*

God's people are to sit together in heavenly places in Christ. So long as there are souls to save, their interest in the work of soul-saving is to know no abating. If we expect to feel in our lives the

moisture and dew of heaven, we must improve every opportunity to strengthen every line of work that will extend the knowledge of God in our world. "Neither pray I for these alone," Christ said, "but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word." [*John 17:20.*] The truth for this time must be carried to those who have never heard it. Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can do the work waiting for them in their own neighborhood. All can give of their means for the carrying forward of foreign missionary work. All can be partakers of the divine nature.*20LtMs, Ms 36, 1905, par. 9*

There is not a Christian in the world but that is the fruit of Christ's death. And He gave Himself, not only for those now united with Him, but for all human beings.*20LtMs, Ms 36, 1905, par. 10*

There are schools and meetinghouses to be built and sanitariums to be established. There are new fields to be entered, and we must have your help. Shall we ignore the commission given us, and thus forfeit the promise accompanying the commission? Shall the people of God become careless and indifferent and refuse to lay by of their means for the advancement of His work? Can they do this without severing their connection with Him? They may think thus to economize, but it is a fearful economy that places them where they are separated from Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 36, 1905, par. 11*

Let God's people pay a faithful tithe, and let them also, from parents to children, lay aside for the Lord the money that is so often spent for self-gratification. Practice self-denial in the home, and then, when calls for help are made, you will have something to give.*20LtMs, Ms 36, 1905, par. 12*

Let those who are poor give what they can. However small the offering may be, the Lord will recognize the self-sacrifice and will bless the giver.*20LtMs, Ms 36, 1905, par. 13*

A sanitarium is greatly needed near the city of Washington. In the providence of God, such an institution will be the means of bringing a knowledge of the truth to those in high places. Sanitariums are the right hand of the gospel. In them the sick are to be taught that sin is the transgression of the law, and that it is this transgression that brings disease and suffering. In our sanitariums, temperance in

all its bearings is to be taught. Those who are suffering as the result of a wrong course of action are to be shown the necessity of reform in their habits of life. They have violated the laws of health. By the eating of flesh meat and of rich, highly spiced food, they have injured the digestive organs; and if they would get well, they must adopt a simple, wholesome diet.*20LtMs, Ms 36, 1905, par. 14*

Those in charge of our sanitariums are to give clear instruction regarding these things. Medical missionaries are to be ministers of the gospel, showing the sick that by violating the laws of life and health, they are deranging the machinery of the body. There are many who do not realize the necessity of carefully guarding the living machinery. Their minds are to be aroused to the harm they are doing themselves by indulging in wrong habits, by intemperance in eating and drinking. They are to be shown the necessity of discarding the use of alcohol and tobacco in every form. Our physicians are to go to the root of the matter, showing that sickness and suffering do not come from God, but are the result of a wrong course of action.*20LtMs, Ms 36, 1905, par. 15*

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I call upon our people, while the way is still open, to do earnest work, to rally round the standard, to answer the call that has been made for the completion of the one-hundred-thousand-dollar fund. Come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. This work is the Lord's, and He calls upon those who have means to bring their gifts to the treasury for the advancement of His work.*20LtMs, Ms 36, 1905, par. 18*

Ms 38, 1905

Be of Good Cheer

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David was a representative man. His history is of interest to every soul who is striving for eternal victories. In his life two powers struggled for the mastery. Unbelief marshalled its forces and tried to eclipse the light shining upon him from the throne of God. Day by day the battle went on in his heart, Satan disputing every step of advance made by the forces of righteousness. David understood what it meant to fight against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world. At times it seemed that the enemy must gain the victory. But in the end, faith conquered, and David rejoiced in the saving power of Jehovah.*20LtMs, Ms 38, 1905, par. 1*

The struggle that David went through every other follower of Christ must go through. Satan has come down with great power, knowing that his time is short. The controversy is being waged in full view of the heavenly universe, and angels stand ready to lift up for God's hard-pressed soldiers a standard against the enemy and to put into their lips songs of victory and rejoicing.*20LtMs, Ms 38, 1905, par. 2*

Go, Preach the Gospel

To all of us have been entrusted weighty responsibilities. The commission that Christ gave to His disciples just before His ascension is given to us also. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth," Christ 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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 38, 1905, par. 3*

When in his expiring moments on the cross Christ exclaimed, “It is finished,” the veil of the temple was rent from top to bottom. [*John 19:30; Matthew 27:50, 51.*] The need for the Jewish system of sacrifices and offerings had ended. Type had met antitype in the death of the One to whom the sacrifices pointed. A new and living way had been opened—a way by which Jew and Gentile, free and bond, could come to God and find pardon and peace.*20LtMs, Ms 38, 1905, par. 4*

Christ is to be uplifted as the redeemer of the world. He is to be proclaimed as the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*20LtMs, Ms 38, 1905, par. 5*

“Ye shall receive power,” the Saviour declared, “after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto Me in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.” [*Acts 1:8.*]*20LtMs, Ms 38, 1905, par. 6*

Christ’s last act before leaving this earth was to commission His ambassadors to go to the world with His truth. His last words were spoken to impress the disciples with the thought that they held in trust the message of heaven for the world. In obedience to the Saviour’s command, the disciples returned to Jerusalem and there waited for the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Heavenly intelligences co-operated with them and gave power to the message that they bore. The Holy Spirit gave efficiency to their missionary efforts, and on one occasion three thousand were converted in a day. Paul, miraculously transformed from a bitter persecutor to a zealous believer, was added to the number of the disciples. To him was entrusted in a special manner the work of giving the message to the Gentiles.*20LtMs, Ms 38, 1905, par. 7*

To John, banished to the Isle of Patmos for his faithfulness in witnessing to Christ, there was given special light to the church. In his exile he beheld his glorified Redeemer and saw more distinctly than ever before what was to be at the close of this earth’s history. He saw the mercy, tenderness, and love of God blending with His holiness, justice, and power. He saw sinners finding a Father in Him

of whom their sins had made them afraid. Mercy and truth met together; righteousness and peace kissed each other. In the place of fleeing from God because of our sins, we flee to His arms for protection and pardon. The throne, terrible to us in our unbelief, becomes in our repentance a place of refuge. *20LtMs, Ms 38, 1905, par. 8*

In the Power of the Spirit

The delegated servants of Christ are to bear their testimony in the power of the Spirit. The yearning desire of the Saviour for the salvation of sinners is to mark all their efforts. The gracious invitation, first given by Christ, is to be taken up by human voices and sounded throughout the world: "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.*] The church is to say, Come. Every power in the church is to be actively engaged on the side of Christ. The followers of Christ are to combine in a strong effort to call the attention of the world to the fast-fulfilling prophecies of the Word of God. Infidelity is gaining a strong hold in the churches. Shall those to whom great light has been given now be cold and faithless? A power from beneath is leading men to war against the truth. Church members have confederated with satanic agencies to make void the law of God. *20LtMs, Ms 38, 1905, par. 9*

At this time—a time of overwhelming iniquity—a new life, coming from the Source of all life, is to take possession of those who have the love of God in their hearts, and they are to go forth to proclaim with power the message of a crucified and risen Saviour. The inhabitants of the world are fast becoming as the inhabitants of the world in Noah's day, who were swept away by the flood, and as the inhabitants of Sodom, who were consumed by fire from heaven. The powers of Satan are at work to keep minds diverted from eternal realities. The enemy has arranged matters to suit his own purposes. Horse-racing, gambling, games of every kind, the fashions of the day—these things occupy the minds of men and women. In the broad road that leads to eternal ruin there walks a long procession. The world, filled with violence, revelling, and drunkenness, is converting the church. The law of God, the divine

standard of righteousness, is declared to be of no consequence.*20LtMs, Ms 38, 1905, par. 10*

Should not this terrible condition of things stir the followers of Christ to put forth earnest, untiring efforts to save souls. Can we not see plainly that the end of all things is at hand? Shall we not realize the importance of the commission given us, and work earnestly for those who are ready to perish? We have not a moment to lose. Our example is to be such that it will have a telling influence for good on those around us. We are to count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord.*20LtMs, Ms 38, 1905, par. 11*

My brother, my sister, now is to time for you to give your property, your time, your strength, your influence unreservedly to the Lord, asking Him to use them all to the saving of souls.*20LtMs, Ms 38, 1905, par. 12*

The Holy Spirit is to be our sanctifier and our efficiency. The assurance of success is ours because of the provision made by the Lord Jesus Christ. We are travelling in the narrow way, and we shall meet with obstacles and difficulties; but as we follow on to know the Lord, we shall know that His going forth is prepared as the morning. Bitter and relentless will be our enemies; nevertheless, we are to do the work given us. Christ's presence is promised us. "Lo," He says, "I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:20.*] In His presence there is fulness of joy, and at His right hand there are pleasures for evermore.*20LtMs, Ms 38, 1905, par. 13*

We must treat the great subjects of eternal interest as all-important. We must urge the truth for this time upon those who know it not, saying, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve" [*Joshua 24:15*], and praying that the Lord will bring conviction to their hearts.*20LtMs, Ms 38, 1905, par. 14*

Oh, how solemn and important is the work entrusted to us. How far-reaching this work is in its results! How are we to obtain the strength and wisdom necessary for its successful accomplishment? As Daniel sought the Lord, so we are to seek Him. Daniel declares, "I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes." [*Daniel 9:3.*]

We are to seek the Lord in humility and contrition, confessing our sins, and coming into close unity with one another. Brethren and sisters, pray, pray for your own sake and for the sake of others. Read and study the *ninth chapter of Daniel*. “O Lord, hear,” the prophet prayed; “O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for Thine own sake, O my God; for Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy name.” [*Verse 19.*] *20LtMs, Ms 38, 1905, par. 15*

We are to come to God in faith, and pour out our supplications before Him, believing that He will work in our behalf, and in the behalf of those who are seeking to save. We are to devote more time to earnest prayer. With the trusting faith of a little child, we are to come to our heavenly Father, telling Him of all our needs. He is always ready to pardon and help. The supply of divine wisdom is inexhaustible, and the Lord encourages us to draw largely from it. The longing that we should have for spiritual blessings is described in the words, “As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God.” [*Psalms 42:1.*] We need a deeper soul hunger for the rich gifts that heaven has to bestow. We are to hunger and thirst after righteousness. *20LtMs, Ms 38, 1905, par. 16*

O that we might have a consuming desire to know God by an experimental knowledge, to come into the audience chamber of the Most High, reaching up the hand of faith and casting out helpless souls upon the One mighty to save. His loving-kindness is better than life. *20LtMs, Ms 38, 1905, par. 17*

Ms 38a, 1905

Sermon/"Who May Abide the Day of His Coming?"

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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 sope: 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.*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 1*

"Then"—after this purging—"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 to you in judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, 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." [*Malachi 3:1-5.*]*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 2*

Those who profess to be sons and daughters of God should represent Him in character. As we read these words of Malachi, calling attention to the judgment work, we are impressed with the truth that there are unseen agencies who faithfully record in the books of heaven all our words and all our actions.*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 3*

Opportunity is now given us to form characters that will fit us for an entrance into the kingdom of heaven. Those who keep the

commandments of God will have a right to the tree of life and enter in through the gates into the city. In love, God has given us a law, that we may know and put away those traits of character that cannot be tolerated in heaven. No one can enter there to whom is charged robbery, adultery, evil speaking, or false dealing; for this would lead to another warfare in heaven. The law of God was given to lead men away from these practices, that their characters might be fashioned after the character of God.*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 4*

To follow the ever-changing fashions of this world is the chief study of many today. Should we not be as diligent to fashion our characters after the pattern given us in the Word of God? Do not think that you can conform to the world now, lay up your treasures here below, and then, merely because you have made a profession of faith, be among those who enter the city of God. We cannot be in harmony with the laws that govern the kingdom of heaven unless we first conform to those laws here below. It is high time for us all to give our hearts unreservedly to God and serve Him intelligently as obedient children. His Holy Spirit can mold and fashion us after the divine similitude.*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 5*

The members of the heavenly family are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ—heirs to the treasures of heaven. They will not follow the ambition and madness of this world, to heap up treasures here below, even at the loss of a Christian character that would insure them a life that measures with the life of God, a life free from sin, sickness, sorrow, and death.*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 6*

Many are today being led away from the simplicity of true religion by the study of so-called science. There is a true science, the science of eternal life. When Jesus came to our world, He might have opened to the minds of men a vast storehouse of scientific knowledge. But He did not do this. He devoted His life to the teaching of those truths that pertain to the salvation of the soul. Much of the so-called science of today is not that sanctified science that will live in the heavenly courts; and many are, at the loss of their souls, devoting their minds to a study of the science of laying up treasures in this world.*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 7*

The most important question before us is, “What shall I do to inherit eternal life?” This question was asked by a lawyer at the instigation of the Pharisees, who hoped that they might entangle the Saviour in His words. But Jesus referred the question back to the lawyer. “What is written in the law? How readest thou?” [*Luke 10:25, 26.*]20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 8

The lawyer was well acquainted with the requirements of the Scriptures, and he replied, “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.” To these words Jesus answered, “Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.” [*Verses 27, 28.*]20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 9

God has claims upon every power of our being. His service demands the action of the whole man—all the heart, all the soul, all the strength, and all the mind. How to render this complete service to God is the only subject of any value in this life.20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 10

God wants us to serve Him intelligently. We should respect the brainpower that He has given to us. The use of liquor or tobacco destroys the sensitive nerves of the brain and benumbs the sensibilities. Under their influence crimes are committed that would have been left undone had the mind been clear and free from the influence of stimulants or narcotics. Sometimes in the courts of justice a man will plead, when accused of some crime, that he was drunk—as though the sin were therefore excusable. Let us never partake of a glass of alcoholic liquor. Let us never touch it. And those who sell the liquor will be held accountable to God for the agony and the suffering that are caused by its use, for the poverty and the wretchedness of the wives and the children of those who are destroyed because of intemperance.20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 11

The Lord has a remedy for every man who is beset by a strong appetite for strong drink or tobacco, or any other hurtful thing which destroys the brainpower and defiles the body. He bids us come out from among them and be separate and touch not the unclean thing. We are to set an example of Christian temperance. We are to do all

in our power by self-denial and self-sacrifice to control the appetite. And having done all, He bids us stand—stand in His strength. He desires us to be victorious in every conflict with the enemy of our souls. He desires us to act understandingly, as wise generals in an army, as men who have perfect control over themselves. *20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 12*

Those who control themselves are fitted to labor for the weak and erring. They will deal with them tenderly and patiently. By their own example, they will show what is right, and then they will seek to place the erring where they will be under good influences. *20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 13*

“Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from Mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?” [*Malachi 3:7.*]*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 14*

If any of you find others who are in uncertainty as to what they should do, you are to show them. Every one should be engaged in the work of soul-saving. Every one should be prepared to give instruction in regard to the science of salvation. *20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 15*

“Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation.” [*Verses 8, 9.*]*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 16*

Think of the thousands and millions of dollars that are invested in drink that will make a man like a brute and destroy his reason. Think of the thousands and millions of dollars that are spent needlessly for dress and trimmings, to follow the vanity and idle fashions of the day. All this money could accomplish untold good if it were used in the support of missions in the dark places of our world. God is being robbed of that which is rightfully His. *20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 17*

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a

blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.” [*Verse 10.*]*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 18*

God enters into contract relation with every one. But the enemy has so taken control of the minds of men that many do not serve and glorify God; they do not fulfil the conditions that would insure them the blessings God has promised.*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 19*

“And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.” [*Verses 11, 12.*]*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 20*

“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?” [*Verses 13, 14.*]*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 21*

Who has told any one to walk mournfully before the Lord of hosts? Those who are connected with the Lord Jesus Christ, who follow a path of obedience, will find that they have chosen a pathway of gladness and cheerfulness. They will eat of the leaves of the tree of life.*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 22*

Those who engage in this conversation with the Lord are those who are trying to work out their own plans and are following a course of their own choosing. They complain because the Lord does not bless them, but they are unwilling to place themselves where the Lord can impart to them of His blessing. They find fault with God and with their brethren. As they see their own wretched condition, they continue their lamentation.*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 23*

“And now we call the proud happy; yea, ... they that tempt God are even delivered.” [*Verse 15.*]*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 24*

“Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought

upon His name. And they shall be Mine saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.” [Verses 16-18.]*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 25*

There is a large amount of money in our world, but it is heaped up. Men in their selfishness have so contrived that but a few are benefitted, while many suffer for food and clothing. The money that is unnecessarily spent might, if properly used, relieve the distress of poverty.*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 26*

Often in the night seasons, as I think of the great work to be done, I am greatly troubled. I plead with God to provide laborers and means. Were it not for my age, and my work of writing, I could not consent to remain here while there are those all around us who have never heard the precious truths for this time.*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 27*

The Lord is ready to work, if we can only arouse our brethren and sisters to do their part. Are there not some here who can fit themselves as evangelists and work in these places where the people know not the truth? You may have to walk by faith, but God has promised you your sustenance, and He will give it to you. If you are hungry in His service, remember that Christ suffered from hunger. He toiled unceasingly; and if our people were to follow His example, the cities would soon be warned, and the gospel would soon be carried to all parts of the world.*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 28*

Appeals for help come from many places. One writes, Can you not send us more laborers? Another pleads for money with which to erect a sanitarium or a school or a meetinghouse. Others are in need of literature and means wherewith to carry on aggressive work. The president of the General Conference writes that they have sent all the money they can raise, and some of them have sent of their own wages to help in the necessities of the destitute fields.*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 29*

Suppose a faithful tithe were paid by all church members. There

would be a constant stream flowing in to the treasury, and God would richly bless those who were faithful to Him. But God calls not only for tithes, but for gifts and offerings, that the work of preparing a people for His coming may be quickly finished. Let not one of us be guilty of robbing God in tithes and offerings.*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 30*

I know that you have responded liberally to the calls that have been made for means to advance various phases of the Lord's work. Some here have given according to their power, and even beyond their power, and the Lord will bless them in it, because there is a necessity. I have so felt the necessity, that I have felt constrained to borrow money and am paying a heavy interest today on money I have borrowed to invest in the work of the Lord. Recently I have helped in the establishment of a sanitarium at San Diego, and I am rejoiced as I hear of the blessings that attend the work of that institution. At Los Angeles also, a sanitarium has been opened, and it is filled with patients. We desire the tourists that flock to these cities to have an opportunity to hear the Word of the Lord. I thank the Lord that these two places have been secured.*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 31*

We are glad that although the calls for means are frequent, our people always respond liberally. We wish to see them continue to respond, that they may receive the blessing of the Lord. Let us all do what we can, remembering that this life is but a preparation for the eternal life in the kingdom of God.*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 32*

I felt constrained to bring these things before you. I had promised the Lord that I would bring you this message, if He would give me strength. Yesterday morning the strength came, and I awoke refreshed, as when I was a young girl. I felt the Spirit of the Lord upon me with healing power, and I am grateful to be able to stand here today and to see so many before me. I will not hold you longer, but I ask you to study carefully the *third chapter of Malachi*. I have presented it to you, not merely that you yourselves may obey the Word of God, but that you may be teachers, to instruct others how they may receive the blessing of God. That is our calling; we are to be educators. And when we all come into harmonious action, we

shall certainly see of the salvation of God. God has promised to bless us financially, and He will bless us spiritually, if we will deal faithfully with Him.*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 33*

Let us keep our eyes fixed firmly upon the Author and Finisher of our faith, that we may finally hear the words spoken to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant: ... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." [*Matthew 25:23.*]*20LtMs, Ms 38a, 1905, par. 34*

Ms 40, 1905

Faithful Stewardship

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I have a decided message to bear at this time. Jesus, the Majesty of heaven, clothed His divinity with humanity and came to our world, that He might, as head of the human family, set an example of perfect obedience to all God's requirements. He was born of humble parents and lived the life of a man among men. For our sakes He became poor, that in His poverty He might be an example to the poor of earth, showing them how to climb the ladder heavenward, and to come into possession of eternal, inexhaustible riches. In every respect He demonstrated what humanity may be by becoming partaker of the divine nature.*20LtMs, Ms 40, 1905, par. 1*

What excuse have those who profess to be followers of Christ, if they copy not the example He has given them? It is possible for us to form our characters in harmony with the character of Christ, our Pattern.*20LtMs, Ms 40, 1905, par. 2*

"And, behold, 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 by One, that is God; but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He said 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.*20LtMs, Ms 40, 1905, par. 3*

"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." [*Matthew 19:16-22.*]*20LtMs, Ms 40, 1905,*

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This man was a ruler in Israel, yet in Christ he recognized a teacher by whom he was willing to be taught. He had observed Jesus' compassion for the poor and ignorant, and he had been touched by His meekness and lowliness of heart. This young man had high motives, but he was not perfect in understanding. The close teaching of Christ meant too much to him, and he went away sorrowful. *20LtMs, Ms 40, 1905, par. 5*

“Then Jesus said 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.”
[*Verses 23, 24.*] *20LtMs, Ms 40, 1905, par. 6*

The possession of riches opens the way to great temptation to become covetous and selfish, to add riches to riches, and to bury in houses and lands the means that should be returned to God. Many use their means to gratify the demands of appetite, to follow the fashions, and to build for themselves grand houses. They do not follow the example of Christ, who gave Himself with all He had for the benefit of the world, to deliver men from the power of Satan. *20LtMs, Ms 40, 1905, par. 7*

But if those who possess means will follow the example of Christ, their hearts will be filled with benevolence, and they may help in the proclamation of the truth in the cities, in the highways and the byways, and in carrying the gospel to all nations. *20LtMs, Ms 40, 1905, par. 8*

Some of the disciples were exceedingly amazed at the words of Christ concerning the rich who use their earthly advantage to exalt and glorify self. They ask the question, “Who then can be saved?” [Verse 25.] If riches are a hindrance to men, what can we say of those who, professing to be followers of Christ, withhold from Him that for which He calls and expend their Lord's goods in self-gratification, in pride, and in display? *20LtMs, Ms 40, 1905, par. 9*

“With men,” Jesus replied, “this is impossible, but with God, all things are possible.” [Verse 26.] He is able to change and subdue

the human heart. Many place themselves where it is impossible to appreciate the heavenly riches. It is difficult for the rich to resist the fatal current of worldliness, and many are carried away to perish. It is difficult for them to use their riches as Christ has given an example. Yet some have done this, and others will do this in the future. Some of the wealthy will become united to Christ and will invest their means in the work of God.*20LtMs, Ms 40, 1905, par. 10*

Peter inquires concerning the reward of those who fulfil the conditions that Christ set before the rich man. "We have forsaken all, and followeth Thee," he says. [*Verse 27.*] They had forsaken their all, but their all had consisted of a few fishing boats and nets. But Christ did not upbraid them because they had forsaken but little. Like the widow's mite, their sacrifice was accepted, because it was all they had and was as dear to them as were the riches of the wealthy. With tenderness and compassion Jesus looked upon His disciples, and said:*20LtMs, Ms 40, 1905, par. 11*

"Verily, 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 hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last first." [*Verses 28-30.*]*20LtMs, Ms 40, 1905, par. 12*

God's work must be sustained by tithes and gifts and offerings. The Lord now calls for the means that He has entrusted to His stewards. There should be a constant stream flowing into the treasury, that the work may not be hindered. To some God has entrusted earthly riches to be held in trust and to be returned to Him as they may be required to carry forward His work in the earth. He requires from His stewards a faithful tithe of all their capital; and in addition to the tithe, He calls for gifts and offerings.*20LtMs, Ms 40, 1905, par. 13*

The Lord Jesus requires nothing more from His followers than He Himself has performed. Those who practice self-denial and self-sacrifice for the cause of God are but following His example. He laid off His royal robe and kingly crown and stepped down from His high

command. He became poor, that through His poverty we might come into possession of the eternal treasures. He gave not only His riches, but His own life in self-denial and self-sacrifice, that He might remove every hindrance from those who seek an entrance into the kingdom of God. Those who are not exposed to the temptations of those who are rich in this world's goods have no reason to complain; for the Prince of life has shared with them a life of poverty. He was tempted in all points like as we are. In our behalf He placed Himself as one with us in poverty, to show us how we may withstand the temptations of satanic agencies. For us He bore the cross, and He says, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*] By sacrificing as Christ sacrificed, we may enlarge our conception of eternal life. *20LtMs, Ms 40, 1905, par. 14*

The Lord Jesus invites us to become laborers together with Him. He is the owner of and has claims upon all that we possess. By our willingness to help in His work, we may now show our love for Him. *20LtMs, Ms 40, 1905, par. 15*

To those who have received a knowledge of the truth, and who profess to believe, we say, "Hold fast the beginning of your confidence firm unto the end." [*Hebrews 3:14.*] "Remember 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 3:3.*]*20LtMs, Ms 40, 1905, par. 16*

Ms 41, 1905

God's Word to Be Our Study

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My heart is filled with thankfulness this morning. I have had a wakeful night, but I am not discouraged. When I am unable to sleep, I send my petitions to the heavenly Father to give me His grace and His Holy Spirit. I must not worry; or that would never do. I must look to God only for help and grace. In my sleep I am laboring with my brethren who cannot see all things clearly. Their course of action is not as God designed it should be; they suppose they know all about their dangers, but they do not see, neither do they understand the perils before them. My prayer is that God will open their blind eyes to spiritual matters, that they may not make grave mistakes.*20LtMs, Ms 41, 1905, par. 1*

I am instructed that we must all move cautiously and wisely. The Lord will place the feet of those who have been in danger in sure paths if they will look to Him for guidance. If they would help Dr. Kellogg to the light, let them understand that they will by no means do this by allowing him to think that his feet are now in sure places.*20LtMs, Ms 41, 1905, par. 2*

The representation that was made in Pennsylvania is not to be copied. It has been plainly opened before me, as have some other moves that have been made in very questionable lines. God forbids such presentations. I have been shown the weak parts of these performances, which consume money that should not be used in any such way. There would be much more gained in humbling the heart before God and seeking most diligently counsel from the Most High.*20LtMs, Ms 41, 1905, par. 3*

The pitiful appeals that are coming in for help to work new fields

cause my heart to ache. Every dollar should be cherished to be used in the work for this time, which needs to be done speedily.*20Lts, Ms 41, 1905, par. 4*

The day before yesterday the burden upon my heart was such that I thought I could not live. My pulse was hardly perceptible. I thought, How pleasant it would be if the Lord would give me rest by allowing me to pass away at this time. I could not make an effort to touch the bell to call assistance. Rest—how pleasant it looked to me—rest, with no more perplexities, no more uncertainties.*20Lts, Ms 41, 1905, par. 5*

A representation then passed before me. I was standing before a large number of people, bearing a message, clear, solemn, and of decidedly urgent importance. I was saying, Will not the considerations presented in the Word of God move upon your hearts, leading you to see and realize your peril. You are called by the name of Christ. But when the solemn conviction of the Spirit of God shall impress your souls, the works done will be of a very different character from what they now are. Testimonies will be borne that will cause unbelievers to tremble, and with painful earnestness to inquire, "What must I do to be saved?" [*Acts 16:30.*] Will not men have less confidence in the words and suggestions of men who are not worked by the Spirit of God? Will they not search the Scriptures with intense earnestness, that they may know what God saith in His Word. The days in which we are living are emphatically the last days of this earth's history. Shall we not, in view of what is written in the inspired Word, decide to work for God and eternity? All around us there are unconverted men and women. Satan is working most zealously to deceive if possible the very elect. There needs to be brought into the life, into the words and deeds of those who are entrusted with responsibilities in the Lord's work, a decided power from above. Many in the world are looking on to see what representation is being made by the people who claim to have advanced truth to proclaim. We are to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. We are to search the Word of God with diligence and earnestness. We are to proclaim the affirmative points of our faith, which have been so repeatedly confirmed by the manifestations of the Holy Spirit.*20Lts, Ms 41, 1905, par. 6*

Witnesses will be raised up to do the very work that is not being done. Tell them—my appointed agencies—that it is no time now to sleep. Cease to put confidence in men who know not what spirit is moving them to action. Go to Christ; lay hold of Christ; trust not in human sophistries; lay hold on the sure word of prophecy, and stand with the gospel armor on. The messengers that God sends forth are to be men of faith, bearing the most solemn message that has ever come to our world.*20LtMs, Ms 41, 1905, par. 7*

The words of the Lord were repeated, “Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments.” [*Revelation 16:15.*] None need give themselves to the searching into science falsely so-called. Had the men who have been doing this been humbling their hearts before God and receiving knowledge from the Most High, they would have been recipients of the grace and truth and power that comes through Christ alone. Let there be more of the Word of God and less of the clatter of the words of men. The Bible, the Word of eternal interest, is to be received and obeyed, not the theories and suppositions of men.*20LtMs, Ms 41, 1905, par. 8*

The Messenger said with earnestness, The Living Witness came to John on the Isle of Patmos and gave him a message to write in a book for the benefit of all who will read and understand. Read and study your Bibles with earnest prayer. The knowledge that you suppose you possess is in need of the divine excellence. Study your Bibles, not the theories of men, which are so faulty, so erroneous, so misleading. Unless those who hold these theories repent and are converted, they will ere long be among the most vigilant workers of the fallen angel. Read the Word. Cut loose from men who are themselves misled, who know not whither their steps are tending. Teach the Bible with an enlightenment that many do not now possess.*20LtMs, Ms 41, 1905, par. 9*

Christ declared, “The words that I have spoken unto you, the same will judge every man in the last great day.” [*John 12:48.*] Happy are those whose faith is founded on the sure Rock, who have riveted their souls to the Rock of Ages. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, those who are found waiting for Him will appear with Him in glory. “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." [1 *John* 3:2.]²⁰*LtMs, Ms 41, 1905, par. 10*

Ms 42, 1905

Not With Outward Show

NP

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I am instructed to say that the work of God may and should be carried forward without display. It is not the Lord's will that a great amount of means should be spent in representing the advantages of health reform or in showing to the world any other line of our work. Wherever the truth is presented, the people are to be taught how to prepare food in a simple yet appetizing way. They are to be shown that a nourishing diet can be provided without the use of flesh meat. But in this work no extravagant display is to be made. The money absorbed in such display is wasted. The expense of one such exhibition would support several laborers for a year in the work of preaching the truth and healing diseased bodies and diseased souls. Large showings of this kind do not accomplish that which must be done in bringing the truth directly before the people. There are exhibitions that will have to be made.*20LtMs, Ms 42, 1905, par. 1*

The use of charts is most effective in explaining the prophecies relating to the past, the present, and the future. But we are to make our work as simple and inexpensive as possible. The truth is to be explained in simplicity. In no case are we to follow the example of outward display set by the world. The Lord's money is to be used in building the houses of worship necessary for the accommodation of those who are brought into the truth and in the erection of institutions that will serve as centers of influence in God's work. It is to be used in sending the message of salvation to those near and afar off who have not heard it.*20LtMs, Ms 42, 1905, par. 2*

Our cities are to be worked, but they are to be worked in a way that is after God's order. The Saviour could have made a great display in His work. He could have called legions of angels to His aid; for

He was the Prince of heaven. But He did not do this. Laying aside His royal robe and kingly crown, He came to this earth in lowliness and humility. He stood in this world as a man among men, subject to the temptations of the enemy, but never swerving from loyalty to His heavenly Father.*20LtMs, Ms 42, 1905, par. 3*

I have been instructed to say that the Lord's money is not to be absorbed in needless display. This is not the way to reach the people, whether they be rich or poor. The laborers are to go forth into the highways and byways and in the name of the Lord call men and women to the supper that God has prepared for everyone who will be His guest.*20LtMs, Ms 42, 1905, par. 4*

The work of God is a work that must be sustained and carried forward by earnest, persevering personal labor. The Lord has given me a message of stern rebuke to bear against His workers' making any display in their work.*20LtMs, Ms 42, 1905, par. 5*

“Behold My Servant, whom I uphold; Mine elect, in whom My soul delighteth: I have put My Spirit upon Him; He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench; He shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail, nor be discouraged, till He have set judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait for His law.*20LtMs, Ms 42, 1905, par. 6*

“Thus saith God the Lord, He that created the heavens, and stretched them out, He that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; He that giveth bread unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. I am the Lord; that is My name; and My glory will I not give to another, neither My praise to graven images. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein;

the isles and the inhabitants thereof. Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit; let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. Let them give glory unto the Lord and declare His praise in the islands.” [*Isaiah 42:1-12.*]*20LtMs, Ms 42, 1905, par. 7*

Let this scripture be diligently studied, and let the human science that confuses and deceives minds no longer be presented as a special treasure of knowledge. Let not the true science of redeeming grace be neglected. It is knowledge that should be treasured above gold and silver. The enemy will bring in false science of every kind, in the hope of turning the truth of God into nothingness. But he will have no power against those who take their stand firmly on the Word of God.*20LtMs, Ms 42, 1905, par. 8*

“The Lord shall go forth as a mighty man, He shall stir up jealousy like a man of war; He shall cry, yea, roar; He shall prevail against His enemies. I have long time holden My peace; I have been still, and refrained Myself; now will I ... destroy and devour at once. I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools. I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that say to the molten images, Ye are our gods.*20LtMs, Ms 42, 1905, par. 9*

“Hear, ye deaf, and look, ye blind, that ye may see. Who is blind, but My servant? or deaf, as My messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the Lord’s servant. Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not.” [*Verses 13-20.*] He does not make use of his ears to hear evil things, or his eyes to see evil things. He does not follow the counsel of the wicked.*20LtMs, Ms 42, 1905, par. 10*

“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.]20LtMs, Ms 42, 1905, par. 11

We are to work in Christ’s lines. Some have made a theatrical display in connection with their meetings. The expense thus incurred would have supported laborers in the field. Such representations must not be allowed in our work. In reaching the people, we are to follow the methods that Christ followed.20LtMs, Ms 42, 1905, par. 12

Let a band of workers go to a city and work earnestly to proclaim the truth in every part of it. Let them counsel together as to the best way of carrying on the work in the most inexpensive manner. They are to do thorough work and are ever to keep the spiritual phase of their effort uppermost. Let the talks given be illustrated by means of charts. Let these charts be such that they will appeal to the understanding of intelligent people. Let a synopsis of the discourses be printed and widely circulated. Money will be needed, but it is to be spent with the thought in mind that there are many other places yet to be worked.20LtMs, Ms 42, 1905, par. 13

In this work, the subject of temperance should be strongly and clearly presented. Let the people be shown what a blessing the practice of health principles will be to them. Let them see what God designed men and women to become. Point to the great sacrifice made for the uplifting and ennobling of the human race. With the Bible in hand, present the requirements of God. Tell the hearers that He expects them to use the powers of mind and body in a way that will honor Him. Show them how the enemy is trying to drag human beings down by leading them to indulge perverted appetite. Clearly, plainly, earnestly tell them how thousands of men and women are using God’s money to corrupt themselves and to make this world a hell. Millions of dollars are spent for that which makes men mad. Present this matter so clearly that its force cannot but be seen. Then tell your hearers of the Saviour, who came to this world to save men and women from all sinful practices. “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.]20LtMs, Ms 42, 1905, par. 14

Ask those who attend the meetings to help you in the work that you are trying to do. Show them how evil habits result in diseased bodies and diseased minds—in wretchedness that no pen can describe. The use of intoxicating liquor is robbing thousands of their reason. And yet the sale of this liquor is legalized. Tell them that they have a heaven to win and a hell to shun. Ask them to sign the pledge. The commission of the great I AM is to be your authority. Have the pledges prepared, and present them at the close of the meeting.*20LtMs, Ms 42, 1905, par. 15*

One man should not try to do this work alone. Let several unite in such an effort. Let them come to the front with a message from heaven, imbued with the power of the Holy Spirit. Let them draw with all their strength, with words made eloquent by the Spirit's efficiency. Let them ask their hearers to assist in the work of warning the cities. Let men and women be shown the evil of spending money in indulgences that destroy the health of mind and soul and body.*20LtMs, Ms 42, 1905, par. 16*

The world is fast becoming as it was before the flood, when God said of it, "The end of all flesh is come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." [*Genesis 6:13.*] God gave the antediluvians a probation of one hundred and twenty years, promising that if they repented and turned to Him, He would pardon their transgressions. But they did not repent, and of the large population then living on the earth, only eight were saved.*20LtMs, Ms 42, 1905, par. 17*

Today the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the world. Let a decided message go forth against the extravagant use of the money that is needed in the proclamation of the truth for this time. Not by outward display, not by worldly patronage is the kingdom of Christ established, but by the implanting of Christ's nature in humanity through the work of the Holy Spirit. "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, but of God." [*John 1:12.*] Here is the only power that can work for the uplifting of humanity. And the human agency for the accomplishment of this work is the teaching and preaching of the Word of God.*20LtMs, Ms 42, 1905, par. 18*

Ms 44, 1905

An Appeal for Faithful Stewardship

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I plead with the members of every church to do their best in carrying forward the work that is so urgent. We are living in a special time, and a special work is now being done in the city of Washington, the capital of our nation. Appropriate buildings are to be erected there, that the work and cause of God may be properly represented in that important place. I pray that the Lord will impress the minds of His people to give liberally of the means that He has entrusted to them, that the work in Washington may speedily be established, and that the truth may go forth from there as a lamp that burneth.*20LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 1*

Men and means are necessary to the carrying forward of the work of proclaiming the gospel message. Let every family restrict its wants, that all may have means with which to help the work of God. Let all take hold in accomplishing the work that must be done. Now is an opportune time to reach the people in our great cities. Let us bring to the Lord our tithes and our gifts and offerings. He keeps a record of all that is brought to Him.*20LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 2*

I am grieved to know that there is a falling off in the tithe among our people in this country. The tithe is the Lord's, reserved by Him for the work of the gospel. Without it how can the work in this country and in foreign fields be carried on? The workers near at hand and afar off are writing urgent letters of appeal to Elder Daniells, telling him of their need of help, as if he could send them means when there is but little in the treasury to send. Elder Daniells is president of the General Conference, but he cannot create money. When there is no means in the treasury, the Lord's work cannot advance. Every church member should pay a faithful tithe, that the workers who are sent to foreign fields may be supported, and that other

workers may be sent out.*20LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 3*

Upon every believer rests the responsibility of giving back to the Lord His own gifts and offerings and in a faithful tithe. My brethren and sisters, do not fall short in these matters. Fulfil the requirements of the Lord. If it is impossible for you to do this at present, tell the proper persons why your tithe is not forthcoming, and tell them that as soon as possible, your debt will be paid.*20LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 4*

Our talents are lent to us; they belong to God. Let those who have become careless and indifferent, and are withholding their tithes and offerings, remember that they are blocking the way so that the truth cannot go forth to the regions beyond. I am bidden to call upon the people of God to redeem their honor by rendering to God a faithful tithe and by sending in their offerings, that the Washington Fund may be closed at the time of the next General Conference. Brethren and sisters, send in your gifts without delay. Use your entrusted talents for the advancement of the Lord's work. By doing your utmost to make up the sum that is required for the erection of the buildings in Washington, you will show your appreciation of the Lord's lent treasures. God's people are to use their talents to bring advantages to His cause in the important work being done in Washington, that facilities may be furnished for the operation of the work in a still larger sphere. The Lord expects every one whom He has blessed with means to help in this work. He calls upon every believer to give of his means for the accomplishment of the work to be done all over our world.*20LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 5*

In no place is money to be used in making a great display. This is not the plan of God. In none of our institutions is money to be spent needlessly. Let those in charge of every institution say, We are not at liberty to invest money in rivalling the display made by the world. Every dollar that comes into our hands is the Lord's and is to be used in His way in the great, grand work of saving souls.*20LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 6*

The dedication of our houses of worship, our school buildings, and our sanitariums should be made special seasons of rejoicing; but in these services no money is to be used for needless display. God's

work is to be carried forward wisely and justly. There is to be equality in the expenditure of means.*20LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 7*

There are institutions to be established in many places, and this will require means. Large sums of money are not to be spent in one place, for this would deprive other places of that which is positively necessary in order to establish the work of fitting up buildings to do that which the Lord has declared must be done in educating people in all lines of Christian efficiency. Sanitariums are to be established, that people may be taught the value of health-reform principles, and that they may be shown how to separate from the habits that destroy the powers of body and mind. It would be setting a wrong example to establish in one place an institution rivalling in size and splendor the institutions of the world. This is not the plan of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 8*

As a people we cannot spend money to make a display, because this is contrary to the example of Christ. He made Himself of no reputation and took upon Him the form of a servant. He might have called to His side the highest of the heavenly angels and bidden him show the importance of His position as Commander of the heavenly hosts. But He did not do this. He came to this work in lowliness and humility. He was born of lowly parentage, and during His sojourn on this earth, He lived the life of a poor man. In a world of His own creating, He had no place that He could call 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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 9*

I ask you, my brethren and sisters, to heed the appeals that have recently appeared in the *Review and Herald* for the work in Washington. Let every one be interested in helping; for this is our day of opportunity. There is being carried on in Washington the very work that should have been done years ago. And there are taking place at the present time the very scenes that I was shown years ago would take place in the efforts made to bring in Sunday legislation. As these scenes are taking place, and as petitions are being sent in for religious instruction in the public schools, there must be men there to hold the fort. When our people act in harmony on the great foundation that God has laid, heavenly angels will work

with power through consecrated human agencies. The men who acted a part in laying the foundation of truth now have an opportunity to act a part in presenting the principles by which the people are to stand. Elder A. T. Jones and Elder E. J. Waggoner are to put forth most earnest efforts, bringing to the foundation not hay, wood, and stubble, but gold, silver, and precious stones.*20LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 10*

A decided influence in favor of the truth is to go forth from the city of Washington. There is a great work to be done in Baltimore, St. Louis, New Orleans, and other large cities of the South. The present issue is not over; Sunday legislation will again be brought to the front. The people must be aroused and the Word of God magnified.*20LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 11*

There is to be vigilant watching and earnest working on the part of the people of God, for we are nearing the most solemn event in the history of this world. Christian character is developed, not by a life of meditative abstraction, but by a life of earnest, unselfish effort. The time in which we are living calls for solid work—for work that is right to the point. We must meet the foe on the right hand and on the left. The lives of the combatants for the truth are not to be filled with bustle and excitement and display to the neglect of personal piety. Vigilant watching is to be combined with earnest working. Every Christian grace is to be incorporated into the character. We are to be “diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.” [*Romans 12:11.*]*20LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 12*

The call to the gospel supper is to be given with decided earnestness. God’s people are to come into oneness in the proclamation of the essential truths that are to be the test of character in these last days. Christians are to work under one divine head. Jesus Christ is our leader. Every one who bears the seal of God will do as his Leader did. He will go about doing good, forgetting self in the effort to help others. The example of the great head of the church is to be followed in every respect.*20LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 13*

All who would gain heaven must follow the example of Him who gave His life to save an apostate race, to ransom men and women

from eternal death. If the medical missionary workers will unite on the platform of truth with those who are carrying responsibilities in the cause of God, they will be gladly welcomed. But on no other platform than that which the Lord has laid can we unite with them. Never could we combine on any other basis. The foundation has been laid; and all who will take their stand upon this platform, uniting wholeheartedly with the Lord's people, will be made welcome with rejoicing. But we cannot unite with those who choose to take their stand upon another foundation. There is no use in talking of harmony while they continue to do this; for harmony could never exist. God forbids it. There is to be a decided change in those who have kept up their warfare against the principles delivered to us by the Lord. Truth is truth, and righteousness is righteousness. To those who have separated in principle from true believers, choosing their own course, the word is spoken, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." [*Verse 2.*] There is to be unity, but it is to be on the right basis. The testimonies that God has given cannot be disannulled. They stand fast in conformity to the Word of the living God.*20LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 14*

Those who unite on the basis of eternal truth will be prospered. But there can be no union between God's people and those who choose to follow the same course of action that some have been following during the past few years. The Lord demands a different showing.*20LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 15*

Some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits. I have been shown the way in which these spirits work, and I have been commissioned to say to those who are departing from the faith that they are acting out the same spiritual deception that we have had to meet at various times during our experience. We cannot harmonize with those who cherish the spirit and sentiments of the enemy of God.*20LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 16*

No science of human invention can find out God. On this subject, silence is eloquence. Those who attempt to study human science apart from the Word of God will be taught by him who, in the garden of Eden, caused the fall of our first parents. O how many there are who fall victims to human science and in their turn become deceivers. Such ones will have the blood of souls upon their

garments. Upon those who have worked out the philosophy of antagonism and apostasy will be pronounced sentence according to their deeds. *20LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 17*

Christ took human nature upon Him and came to our world to represent and establish the truth. Those who depart from the path, cast up for the ransomed of the Lord, will fall under the deceptive reasoning of Satan. He becomes their leader, and under his direction they search for scientific problems and erroneous sentiments. I am instructed to say, Woe be to those who give place to the deceptive, insinuating sentiments of the enemy. They are no longer safe leaders, and they do not realize where they are being led. There is no danger so great as for a man to refuse to confess his errors and to seek to climb to heaven through his study of science. Such a man is not being led by God, but by Satan, who is using deceptive theories to ruin his soul. He who stubbornly refuses to see the light will be given up to his own sophistry and will lose the power to distinguish between truth and error. *20LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 18*

I am instructed to bear a testimony to those who are entertaining erroneous sentiments and to tell them plainly of their danger. But we are in no case to link up with them or to argue with them. Truth is truth, and we are to stand on the affirmative side, presenting the truth and refusing to be drawn into controversy. When Christ was tempted, His weapon was, "It is written." He refused to argue with Satan. "And again the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them; and saith unto Him, All these things will I give Thee if Thou wilt fall down and worship me." The time has come for Christ to bear a positive message. "Get thee hence, Satan," He said; "for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth Him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto Him." [*Matthew 4:8-11.*]*20LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 19*

I am instructed to say that strong temptations will come to every one, but we are to refuse to listen to them. When men expel God from their thoughts, the realm of the mind is taken by Satan. They enshroud themselves in an atmosphere of Satan's creating. *20LtMs,*

Ms 44, 1905, par. 20

For the past fifty years every phase of heresy has been brought to bear upon us, to becloud our minds regarding the teaching of the Word—especially concerning the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary and the message of heaven for these last days, as given by the angels of the *fourteenth chapter of Revelation*. 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 sought out by prayerful study and 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 through the testimony of His Spirit. He calls upon us to hold firmly, with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority.²⁰*LtMs, Ms 44, 1905, par. 21*

Ms 46, 1905

Lessons From Paul's Ministry

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"Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, 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." [*1 Corinthians 1:1-8.*]*20LtMs, Ms 46, 1905, par. 1*

The instruction in this epistle is addressed to the church of God at Corinth and directed to be sent to every place where there were companies of saints who had faith in Jesus Christ. As members of the church of Christ, they are said to be "sanctified in Christ Jesus" and "called to be saints." [*Verse 2.*] By baptism they pledged themselves to a ministry of good works in seeking to save others who knew not the truth.*20LtMs, Ms 46, 1905, par. 2*

The church at Corinth was largely made up of Gentiles. Paul had labored earnestly among them and had brought them to a knowledge of the truth. But after Paul had left them, false teachers had arisen who had questioned the apostleship and ministry of Paul. They spoke contemptuously of him and tried to make comparisons between themselves and him that would belittle him in the eyes of the church.*20LtMs, Ms 46, 1905, par. 3*

Paul did not seek to exalt himself. But when falsehoods threatened to destroy the effects of his ministry, faithfulness to his mission made it necessary for him to honor God by vindicating his character and magnifying his office. He claims to have a divine mission—that he is “called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God.” [*Verse 1.*]20LtMs, Ms 46, 1905, par. 4

Paul had been called to his work by the Prince of life. While Paul had been engaged in the work of cruelly persecuting the followers of Christ, the Saviour had appeared to him and called him to be an apostle to the Gentiles. As an apostle of our Lord, he felt a sacred responsibility for the welfare of the church in Corinth. Under his administration they had not only received, but they had taught the truth to others. They had been so enriched as to come behind in no gift. They had been brought into near and dear relation to Christ.20LtMs, Ms 46, 1905, par. 5

Paul could not, by silence, allow himself to be driven from the field by false teachers—teachers who would introduce false sentiments and theories that might lead honest souls away from the truth. The churches must be guarded and warned against deception. Christ gave Himself for us, to redeem us from all iniquity, that He might purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. His church must be kept free from all false doctrine.20LtMs, Ms 46, 1905, par. 6

All who will enter into intimate relation with Christ will be entrusted with responsibilities. As they prove themselves faithful to their charge, they will never find the Lord Jesus to be unfaithful to His appointed servants. We are assured, and Paul could seek from personal experience, that “God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.” [*Verse 9.*]20LtMs, Ms 46, 1905, par. 7

The apostle continues: “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. For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this

I say, 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? I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name. And I baptized also the house of Stephanus: beside, I know not whether I baptized any other. For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.” [*Verses 10-17.*] *20LtMs, Ms 46, 1905, par. 8*

We shall meet experiences similar to those which Paul met. If in the ministry there is a lack of self-denial and self-sacrifice, the church will surely become leavened with selfishness. Some will be unduly praised, and others will be demerited. *20LtMs, Ms 46, 1905, par. 9*

The unsanctified leaven of selfishness will produce spiritual disease. How thankful we should be that, in this time of atonement, there is cleansing for heart and mind from all unholy leaven. The little period of time still left for the purification of the soul is most precious. *20LtMs, Ms 46, 1905, par. 10*

There is a work to be done for every soul. Let there be earnest zeal to examine self. Humble, earnest prayer is the best remedy for contention and faultfinding and mischief-making. Let there be more of Christ and less of self. *20LtMs, Ms 46, 1905, par. 11*

“Ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but 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 nought 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 26-31.*] *20LtMs, Ms 46, 1905, par. 12*

We are entering upon troublous times, but let us not take our eyes off our Leader. “He that will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [*Mark 8:34.*] “Herein is My

Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples.” [John 15:8.] Let us walk as Christ has given us example. As we see people in the darkness of error, let us seek to draw their minds to Christ. *20LtMs, Ms 46, 1905, par. 13*

In the *second chapter of First Corinthians*, Paul writes of his labors in the ministry: *20LtMs, Ms 46, 1905, par. 14*

“And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.” [Verses 1-5.] *20LtMs, Ms 46, 1905, par. 15*

Paul did not come to the churches as an orator or as a scientific philosopher. He did not seek merely to please the ear by flowery words and phrases. In eloquent simplicity he proclaimed the things that had been revealed to him. He was able to speak with power and authority; for he frequently received instruction from God in vision. He declares: *20LtMs, Ms 46, 1905, par. 16*

“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 nought: but we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden mystery, 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 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.” [Verses 6-10.] *20LtMs, Ms 46, 1905, par. 17*

Ms 48, 1905

Talk/Union With Christ

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Ms 50, 1905

Making Up the One-Hundred-Thousand-Dollar Fund

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Dear Brethren and Sisters,—

I feel somewhat disappointed in regard to the falling off of the gifts that are being made toward the work in Washington. Is it well that the offerings you sent in toward making up the one-hundred-thousand-dollar fund should become smaller and smaller? The showing should be decidedly different. My brethren and sisters, do not allow your gifts for the work in Washington to dwindle down to small amounts. We thank you for the small amounts. But there are those who can make larger gifts. The occasion demands a better showing. Our reputation is at stake. Do not become weary in well-doing. *20LtMs, Ms 50, 1905, par. 1*

Now is the time for a deep, earnest effort to be made in Washington, the capital of our nation. We must exalt the truth. We must magnify the eternal law of Jehovah. Let this matter now become a matter of the first interest. Let ministers realize the importance of the situation. Let every church in every place feel called upon to help. Let all feel that the work in Washington belongs to them, and let them do their utmost toward its advancement. Come to the front, my brethren and sisters, with your gifts and offerings. Awake to the responsibilities resting upon you. We plead with the Lord to work upon minds and to lead those who have means to realize that now is their time to help in a most important crisis. *20LtMs, Ms 50, 1905, par. 2*

The work must be established in Washington. We have purchased land in Takoma Park, not for the purpose of building up commercial

enterprises, but for the purpose of establishing institutions in which workers may be prepared to go out into the harvest field. A sanitarium must be established there. The ground is all ready for the building. Who will now bring their hundreds, or larger sums, for the help of this enterprise? And let not those who can afford to give but little withhold the smaller sums.*20LtMs, Ms 50, 1905, par. 3*

Our sanitariums are one of the most successful means of reaching all classes of people. Christ is no longer in this world in person, to go through our cities and towns and villages healing the sick. He has commissioned us to carry forward the medical missionary work that He began; and in this work we are to do our very best. Institutions for the care of the sick are to be established where those who are suffering from disease may be placed under the care of God-fearing medical missionaries and be treated without drugs. To these institutions there will come those who have brought disease upon themselves by improper habits of eating and drinking; and a simple, wholesome, palatable diet is to be provided. There is to be no starvation diet. Wholesome articles of food are to be combined in such a way as to make appetizing dishes.*20LtMs, Ms 50, 1905, par. 4*

Our sanitariums are the right hand of the gospel, opening doors whereby suffering humanity may be reached with the glad tidings of health through Christ. In these institutions the suffering sick may be taught to commit their cases to the great Physician who will co-operate with their earnest efforts to regain health, bringing to them healing of soul as well as healing of body. But they have a part to act in discarding every article that would mar the delicate working of God's machinery.*20LtMs, Ms 50, 1905, par. 5*

There is most precious missionary work to be done in our sanitariums. In them Christ and the angels work to relieve the suffering cause by bodily disease. And the work is by no means to stop there. The prayers offered for the sick, and the opening of the Scriptures to them, give them a knowledge of the great Medical Missionary. Their attention is called to Him as the One who can heal all disease. They learn about the great gift of eternal life, which the Lord Jesus is longing to bestow on those who receive Him. They learn how to prepare for the mansions that Christ has gone to

prepare for those that love Him. "If I go away," He said, "I will come again, and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." [*John 14:3.*] In the Word of God there are gracious promises from which those who are suffering, whether in body or in mind, may receive comfort and hope and encouragement.*20Lts, Ms 50, 1905, par. 6*

The effort to provide institutions for the proper care of the sick originated with the Lord. He has instructed His people that these institutions should be established. With them are to be connected intelligent, God-fearing physicians who know how to treat the sick from the standpoint of medical missionary work. These physicians are to be earnest and active, serving the Lord with their God-given capabilities. They are to remember that they are working in the place and under the oversight of the great Physician. They stand as guardians of the beings that Christ has purchased with His own blood, and it is therefore essential that they be governed by high, noble principles, carrying out the will of the divine Medical Missionary who is ever watching over the sick and suffering.*20Lts, Ms 50, 1905, par. 7*

He who is set as a guardian of the health of the body should understand by experience that the soothing power of the grace of Christ in the heart brings health and peace and fulness of joy. Then to those who come to him for treatment he can impart in words the health-giving power of God's own truth. No physician is fit for medical missionary work until he has gained a knowledge of Him who came to save perishing, sin-sick souls. If Christ is his teacher, if he has an experimental knowledge of the truth, he can hold up the Saviour before the sick and dying.*20Lts, Ms 50, 1905, par. 8*

The sick note carefully the looks and words and acts of their physician; and as the Christian physician kneels beside the bedside of the sufferer, asking the great Physician to take case in His own hands, an impression will be made upon the mind of the sick one that may result in the saving of his soul. And even though his physical strength may be very low, and he may seem to be in his last hours, the hope inspired in his heart by the knowledge that Christ is his Saviour may bring him back to life and health.*20Lts, Ms 50, 1905, par. 9*

A sanitarium building is to be erected at Takoma Park, that this work may be carried forward. Will not those who have means feel it a privilege to give something toward this work, that the needed fund may soon be raised? The Lord will certainly bless those who will cheerfully return to Him His own. Doors that were once fast closed are now open for the entrance of our workers. I call upon our people, while the way is open, to do earnest work, to rally round the standard, to answer the call that has been made for the completion of the one-hundred-thousand-dollar fund. Come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Send in your offerings. This work is the Lord's, and He calls upon those who have means to place it in the treasury for the advancement of this work. Send in your offerings for the buildings to be erected at Takoma Park. We are praying that the money buried in lands and houses may now be called in because it is the Lord's money, and He needs it. It is to our honor to send in large and small sums; and when the next General Conference shall assemble, we can say that the fund needed has been raised.*20LtMs, Ms 50, 1905, par. 10*

We call upon those who have invested money in worldly interests to withdraw it and place it in the Lord's cause where it is now greatly needed. Show your gratitude to God by the liberality of your offerings. Thus you may give evidence that you appreciate the mercies of the gospel.*20LtMs, Ms 50, 1905, par. 11*

To the workers in Washington, I would say, We have faith, my brethren and sisters, that if you walk humbly with God, you will see of His salvation. It is the desire of my heart that you shall know the power of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. He understands the situation of those who are not commandment keepers. Let there be fasting and prayer. Let self be humbled. Let the heart be cleansed from all impurity. Confess your sins, and plead with God day and night for the victory.*20LtMs, Ms 50, 1905, par. 12*

Ms 52, 1905

Talk/The Need of Confession and Repentance

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Remarks by Mrs. E. G. White

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In Tent at 1905 General Conference Session

I want to say a few words at the beginning of this Conference. I feel a deep and intense desire that those who have come to this meeting shall not occupy their minds in investigating other souls. The work resting upon us as individuals should be taken up at this meeting. We are living in the great day of atonement, when every person should confess his sins, that the conviction of the Spirit of God may come to his heart. If you think that there is something standing between you and God, go to Him and ask Him to help you to make the confession necessary in order that the wrong, whatever may be its character, may be taken out of the way. And ask Him to help you not to repeat the wrong.*20LtMs, Ms 52, 1905, par. 1*

It was a question with me whether I should venture to attend this meeting because of the condition of my health. I decided that I would make no promises; I would wait and see what the will of the Lord was in the matter. Night after night I seemed to be bearing this testimony: that there are those in our churches who need at this time the deep movings of the Spirit of God upon their hearts; and I decided to come to Conference.*20LtMs, Ms 52, 1905, par. 2*

Some pass over their wrongdoings, or, if they have confessions to make, they think they will not confess, because to do this would

remove the confidence that their brethren have in them. God wants us to look to Him, and to Him alone, and have everything straight between our souls and God, and to right every wrong that we are guilty of toward any believer or unbeliever. We need to seek the Lord with all our hearts, that we may find Him; we need to come into close relation with the cross of Calvary. We need to see Christ hanging upon the cross, making an atonement for our sins. When we see and understand our relation to Calvary, we shall know for ourselves something of the grief which, because of sin, Christ knew for us.*20LtMs, Ms 52, 1905, par. 3*

How can we do this? “Repent and be converted.” [*Acts 3:19.*] This is our only hope of salvation. We are to stand in a repentant attitude, and then joy will fill our hearts.*20LtMs, Ms 52, 1905, par. 4*

Just as soon as you are impressed that there is something standing between you and God, or between you and your brethren, leave your gift before the altar of prayer, and do that which Christ has said you must do in order for the wrong to be taken out of the way. This is the first work that is to be done in this Conference, if we expect the blood of Jesus Christ to be efficacious in our behalf. If we confess and forsake our sins, we shall come into that close relation to Jesus to which reference is made in the *seventeenth chapter of John*. We shall be one with Christ. This is the evidence that we are to give to the world, that God sent His Son to save sinners. This is the result of the influence of the grace of God upon human hearts; and when the conviction of sin comes, then the light of the glory of God will be revealed. If we have a living union with God, we shall hate the sin that separates the soul from God.*20LtMs, Ms 52, 1905, par. 5*

The Lord does not want us to bring a sorrowful tone into our meetings. He desires praise. “Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me,” He declares. [*Psalms 50:23.*] We are to be always praising God. We need in our hearts the light of Christ. We need to know the joy of pardoned transgression and forgiven sin. If that joy is in us, we shall not be able to keep our lips closed during this Conference, because we shall realize the greatness of the sacrifice made for us upon the cross. We shall realize that Christ bore our sins in His body upon the tree. He was mocked and derided by those who ought to have

received Him. As He hung upon the cross, the leaders and rulers of the Jewish nation cried out, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him." [*Matthew 27:42.*] *20LtMs, Ms 52, 1905, par. 6*

When there are set before us things that are a cross for us to take up, we can never be one with Christ until we have lifted the cross. It may be the cross of confession, the cross of repentance, the cross of humiliation; but whatever it may be, let us remember that in lifting it, the cross lifts us. We are one with Christ, for He pardons every penitent soul; and forgiven, we are partakers of the divine nature. He suffered the agony, He endured the reproach, and He cried out, "My God, My God, why has Thou forsaken Me?" [*Verse 46.*] It was because of our sins—because of your sins and mine—that He was thus afflicted. *20LtMs, Ms 52, 1905, par. 7*

When those in our churches commit sins, they should repent of them before God; and they should also repent of them before their brethren, asking the pardon that they will be willing to give. Then the light that shines from the face of Christ will shine upon them. Let us clear the King's highway; let us plead with God until we know that we have received pardon and forgiveness. He will give it to us. But if you cover up your sins, you will have less and less of a sense of its sinfulness, and you will go on in the same line. God will receive every one who will confess and forsake his sins, crucifying self by departing from iniquity. *20LtMs, Ms 52, 1905, par. 8*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ has been promised to all who will come to Him in faith. You may say, I do confess my sins; but I do not feel any better. What has feeling to do with it? If you have confessed your sins, if you have planted your feet on vantage ground and are sorry for your sins, so sorry that you will not repeat them, you will receive pardon. Remember that when you sin, you wound afresh the One who gave His life for you, putting Him to open shame. The world looks on and says, "Ah, they are the ones who profess to believe that Christ is coming and who profess to believe that the Lord forgives their sins; but do you see their conniving, their dishonesty, their sinfulness?" Christ is humiliated in the person of His saints. Let us not take that position. Let us

consider that it is a noble thing to confess our faults and to forsake them.*20LtMs, Ms 52, 1905, par. 9*

We expect to see the salvation of God in this meeting; but it will never come to those who cover up their wrongs—those who, catching, perhaps, a glimpse of light, think that it is all right and they have nothing more to do. You can never stand on vantage ground by taking that attitude. It is through the rectitude, the grace revealed by the disciples of Christ, that the world is led to believe Him. This is to be a convincing power. In this our day of confession, this last great day of atonement before the books shall be opened and every man shall be judged by the things written in the books, are we considering how we shall stand in the judgment, in that day when every deed is to be tried, and every act is to be brought into review before the heavenly universe? Let us not make play-work of our religious life. Is it not time that we believed that Christ died on Calvary, that He might forgive our sins and pardon our transgressions?*20LtMs, Ms 52, 1905, par. 10*

All through this meeting we want to hear voices saying, “He has pardoned my transgressions, He has forgiven my sins, and I am looking unto Him, beholding Him who is the author and finisher of our faith.” We must stand where we will not dare to take up a report against our brethren. Go right to the one you think has erred, and tell him his fault between you and him alone. Let this work be carried on, that there may be a coming closer and closer to God. Then you can speak of His pardon and tell of His goodness and glory; and every voice can proclaim, “He has pardoned my transgressions, He has forgiven my sins, and I will praise Him with heart and soul and voice. I will magnify the Lord.”*20LtMs, Ms 52, 1905, par. 11*

All heaven is looking upon this company. All the heavenly angels are watching those assembled here. We greatly desire that the deep movings of the Spirit of God shall be felt upon human hearts. Last night I lay awake for hours, saying these very things. I could not keep them out of my mind. I was repeating the very words that I am speaking to you this morning. Clear the King’s highway; take out the stumbling blocks; remove the rubbish; clear away the stones, that the Spirit of God may go through your midst, and that ye may

see the salvation of God go forth as a lamp that burneth.*20LtMs, Ms 52, 1905, par. 12*

This is a grand and noble work. It is what we need. We cannot afford to cover up one sin, for it is at the risk of our own souls' salvation. We want the richest blessings here; for trouble is coming upon the whole world. Only a little while, only a short time, and every one will be severely tried. But God is our Strength, our Deliverer. We want the daily renewal of the grace of God in our hearts, that we may climb the ladder of perfection of character step by step, rising higher and higher in the way that leads to heaven, to holiness, and to God.*20LtMs, Ms 52, 1905, par. 13*

May the Spirit of God come into our meetings. May we see of His salvation, and may His glory be revealed here. Let every voice be raised to glorify God. Let not your voice be heard in picking flaws in others. It is an individual work that we are to do. When this work is done we shall hear the high praises of God in our midst, and in the sermon will be power that will convince unbelievers. The fervent amen will not disturb the preacher at all, because the truth makes its application to the heart, to the mind, and to the conscience; and you will know that the word being spoken is inspired by the Spirit of God. Let everyone take a firm hold upon God and depart from all iniquity, and the Lord will make your feet to stand upon high and holy ground.*20LtMs, Ms 52, 1905, par. 14*

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During the past night representations have been made to me that this Conference means much to all who are assembled. The time is very precious. The enemy delights to see those who claim to be walking in the light, thinking that they see very distinctly faults in others. He delights to see them not backward to make these faults a subject of conversation contrary to the special directions given by Christ Himself. *20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 1*

The disciples came to Christ with the question, "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. And whoso shall receive one such little child in My name receiveth Me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offenses! for it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh." [*Matthew 18:1-7.*]*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 2*

"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.” [*Verses 15-17.*]20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 3

“Then came Peter to Him, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but, Until seventy times seven.” [*Verse 21.*]20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 4

Here is our instruction, given by Christ the great Teacher. The grace of God will be decidedly revealed in this Conference if men and women will humble their own hearts before God. If you would reflect the image of Christ, then confess your sins, repent before God, and do not investigate your brother’s faults. You have not been told to do this. God would have you deal with your own personal defects and errors, your own mistakes. He would have you repent and be converted, putting away your unchristlike traits of character. True repentance will always bring confession.20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 5

No one can afford to continue sinning and agreeing with the tempter, allowing Satan to make him a channel through whom to work out his scientific problems. I heard the heavenly Messenger saying with decided earnestness, “Confess your sins with sorrow of heart. Clear the rubbish from your souls, that your thoughts and the powers of mind and heart and strength may be sacredly consecrated to the honor and glory of God.”20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 6

Our Divine Example

In describing His earthly mission, Jesus declared, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.” [*Luke 4:18, 19.*]20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 7

Are we so closely assimilated to Christ that we can represent His

work and follow His example? His work gave character to His mission, showing that it was of divine appointment. In His every word and act were revealed tender compassion, love, and mercy. The poorest and humblest were not afraid to approach Him. He always noticed the little children, and they were attracted to Him.*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 8*

Our Saviour's words were plain and decided. He did not suppress one word of truth, but spoke the truth with convincing earnestness. And as He spoke, the desponding drew nearer and were filled with hope and courage. He was the Prince of heaven. He never spoke a word to give needless pain to any trembling, sensitive soul. He looked with sorrow upon those who rejected Him and made light of His words, and said, "Ye will not come unto Me, that ye might have life." [*John 5:40.*]*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 9*

Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. His life on this earth was one of self-denial. He comforted and encouraged every one who came to Him for relief; for they were all precious in His eyes. He ever bore Himself with divine dignity, yet He bowed Himself with tender regard to every member of the Lord's family. He came to stand at the head of humanity, to give to all who believe on Him power to become the sons and daughters of God.*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 10*

Such is the example we are to follow. If it were followed, the enemy would not receive so large a share of attention and honor as he now receives from those who profess to be followers of Christ, but who in reality are following satanic wiles. God sent His Son into the world that those who believe on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. His followers are to show the strictest honesty, justice, and integrity in their every transaction.*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 11*

Let the work begin sincerely through reconversion and transformation of character. God forbid that the truth should lose its sacred influence upon minds, and that believers should see among Seventh-day Adventists a representation of infidel sentiments. God forbid that the dishonest, scheming practices which have been crowding in among those who should stand as true as steel to

principle should continue to be followed. If they are, Christ will certainly be ignored where He should be manifested in compassion, in truth, in righteousness. *20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 12*

The Situation at Battle Creek

As a people, we are greatly humbled as we behold the situation at Battle Creek. Notwithstanding all the light that God has been pleased to give in testimonies, Dr. Kellogg has not confessed his sins and mistakes. He has not placed himself on vantage ground, and I am instructed to say to our brethren: If you encourage and sustain and trust him, it will be at his peril and at your own peril. He told me that he had surrendered. I have been waiting to see what he meant by these words. We dare not have him connect with the work in Washington, because the light given me by the Lord is that an altogether different condition of things should exist in Washington. Infidelity, a disbelief in the Word of God, has come in through satanic agencies' working on the doctor's heart. He acts as if it were not possible for him to break the force of evil with which he has joined himself. He has become so deceived that he cannot discern between truth and the falsehoods of the enemy. *20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 13*

As a witness for God, I am to declare that faith is a grand, sacred, holy element which works by love and purifies the soul. I do not hesitate to say that Dr. Kellogg's position is not in harmony with the Bible. He has run his course so strongly that without a reconversion, the new birth of which Christ spoke to Nicodemus, he cannot see the kingdom of heaven. *20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 14*

The New Birth

“There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; the same 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. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born again when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and

be born? Jesus answered, 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. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof; but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is everyone that is born of the Spirit.*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 15*

“Nicodemus answered and said unto Him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master in Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?”
[*John 3:1-12.*]*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 16*

“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth 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 made manifest. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.” [Verses 14-21.]*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 17*

“He that cometh from above is above all; he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth; He that cometh from heaven is above all. And what He hath seen and heard, that He testifieth; and no man receiveth His testimony. He that hath received His testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. For He whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God; for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto Him. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all

things into His hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; but he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” [Verses 31-36.]*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 18*

Dr. Kellogg, every verse of this chapter means much to you. I am instructed to say that if ever a man needed to understand the Bible just as it reads, it is you. You have taken your case out of the hands of Christ into your own supervision, and your words and acts are of such a character that I am forbidden to trust you. The enemy has free access to your mind, and you are not led or taught of God. Those you have beguiled in turn beguile you. What can break the spell? You can come into line if you will repent, believe, and be reconverted.*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 19*

The Power of Genuine Faith

A real, genuine faith will be followed by experience. Those who truly believe Christ will know Him in whom they believe. Were you walking in the light, following on to know more and more of Christ, your experience would be different from what it is. Your past years of searching into science have left you with such an indistinct sense of the power and preciousness and fellowship of Christ that you have lost faith in Him. Those who have genuine faith in Christ will become mighty through the mysterious principles which unite finite human beings to the Infinite One. Those who seek for a knowledge of true science, distinct from the false science of satanic agencies, will be fully qualified, through the grace given, to be master of themselves. Faith is the mighty principle that makes man, through the grace of Christ, a partaker of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Such a man sees that the Lord is gracious, and he strives with all his power to reveal in his life the character of Christ. He works with an eye single to the glory of God.*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 20*

Dr. Kellogg, even you, through the transformation of character, through following an entirely different policy, may become so humble, that believing, you will taste and see that the Lord is good. With your powers refined and purified, you may become a co-laborers with Christ. But you have not been humble. Your

associates have not been men who would tell [you] the plain Bible truth. God calls them unfaithful stewards. When they see things as they are, as I hope they will before it is everlastingly too late, they will see their own need of thorough conversion. Then, standing in a repentant attitude, they will not consent to be bound up with fallacies and suppositions. They will not search diligently for that which in their blinded understanding they will present as contradictions in the testimonies God has given. They will not strive to make of no effect the warnings that they have refused to hear and obey.*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 21*

God's eye has been upon all their working. When there is an actual fellowship between them and their Mediator, they will discern that they were unfitted for any official position in the great, grand work before us. Those who have chosen to follow their own course of action have met with great loss; nevertheless, they can still stand on vantage ground if they will repent and be converted.*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 22*

There is soon to be a tremendous crisis. It is making its way with mighty strides, while the men who ought to be catching the life-giving message from the Word of life and sounding the last warning to a fallen world have put out their spiritual eyesight.*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 23*

“After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power, and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.” [*Revelation 18:1-4.*]*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 24*

The whole of the *eighteenth* and *nineteenth chapters of Revelation* will surely be fulfilled. The Bible, the precious Bible, has become to some a cunningly devised fable. There are those who have so long

resisted the counsel of God that the Lord will soon give them up to cunningly devised fables. They will proclaim these fables with all their fraudulent influences.*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 25*

Powerful Witnesses

The truth that we are to proclaim is 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. This truth is to be developed in the closing scenes of this earth's history—that the Crucified One, though unto the Jews a stumbling block and unto the supposedly wise men foolishness, is nevertheless the power of God and the wisdom of God. Those who receive Christ as a personal Saviour will stand the test of trial in these last days. Strengthened by unquestioning faith in Christ, even the illiterate disciple will be able to withstand the doubts and questions that infidelity can produce and put to blush the sophistries of scorners. The Lord Jesus will give the disciples a tongue and wisdom that their adversaries can neither gainsay nor resist. Those who could not by reasoning overcome satanic delusions will bear an affirmative testimony that will baffle supposedly learned men. Words will come from the lips of the unlearned with such convincing power and wisdom that conversions will be made to the truth. Thousands will be converted.*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 26*

Why should the illiterate man have this power, which the learned man has not? The illiterate one, through faith in Christ, has come into the atmosphere of pure, clear truth, while the learned man has turned away from the truth. The poor man is Christ's witness. He cannot appeal to histories or to so-called science, but he gathers from the Word of God powerful evidence. The truth that he speaks under the inspiration of the Spirit is so pure and remarkable, and carries with it a power so indisputable, that his testimony cannot be gainsaid. His faith in Christ is his anchor, holding him to the Rock of Ages. He can say, "I know in whom I have believed; and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." [2 *Timothy 1:12.*] Yes, Jesus is able to keep that which is committed to Him against the day when He will be glorified and admired in all who believe.*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 27*

The Captain of our salvation strengthens His followers, not with scientific falsehoods, but with genuine faith in the Word of a personal God. This Word is repeated over and over and over again with deeper affirmative power. Satan brings all his powers to the assault in close conflict, and the endurance of the follower of Christ is taxed to the utmost. At times it seems that he must yield. But a word of prayer to the Lord Jesus goes like an arrow to the throne of God, and angels of God are sent to the field of battle. The tide is turned. The wondrous light that shines in the face of Jesus Christ has stopped the mouth of the cavilling opponents. Under the power of the spell that is upon them, their lips are closed, and the oppressed are delivered. The believing, harassed souls are borne up as on eagles' wings, and the victory is gained. *20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 28*

God calls upon His people to prepare themselves for scenes of severe conflict. Take up your duties in a meek and lowly spirit. Ever face your enemies in the strength of Jesus. Discharge with faithfulness every duty. Realize that you must now obtain, by daily conversion and humility, an unquestioning trust in the One who has all power and who will not leave you to be destroyed. You may know Christ by personal experience. The working of the Holy Spirit upon mind and heart and character brings the sanctification of the Spirit. In the trials of these last days, Christ will be made unto His people wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Christ is to be formed in His people, the hope of glory. They are to develop an experience that will be a convincing power in the world. *20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 29*

Wickedness is filling the world as it did in the days of Noah. Men are using their physical, mental, and spiritual powers to counterwork God and make of no effect His holy law. The Lord's commandment-keeping people are not to be passive, doing nothing. They are to be wide-awake and are to stand clothed with the whole armor as workers together with God. The witness who has a daily living experience in the things of God will have a decided message to bear. *20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 30*

I am instructed that the soil of the heart must be prepared to receive the instruction given by God. Every man is engaged in a warfare

with the world, the flesh, and the devil. He must combat Satan, not in his own strength, but in the strength and grace of the Redeemer. Christ never failed a true Christian in his hour of conflict and trial. If any one is overthrown, it is because he has not stood faithfully on guard. He has not kept his soul in strict integrity, but in his business transactions he has carried out his own plans and schemes. He has left Christ out of his business, and for a time the deceiver gives him apparent success. Thus many poor souls are deluded.*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 31*

Let us meet difficulties without murmuring or complaining, bearing in mind that there is a connection between experience and knowledge. If we take everything to God in prayer and faith, we shall master our difficulties in the strength coming from Jesus. Kneel before Him who has said, "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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 32*

What wonderful lessons we shall learn as the result of depending constantly on the sufficiency of Christ. He who is learning these lessons need not depend on another's experience. He has the witness in himself, and his experience is the actual knowledge that Christ is all-sufficient, faithful, and powerful. He has the realization of the promise, "My grace is sufficient for thee." [*2 Corinthians 12:9.*] "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able." [*1 Corinthians 10:13.*]*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 33*

"Wherefore 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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 53, 1905, par. 34*

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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 likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.” [*Philippians 2:1, 2*].*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 1*

I address those who have the light of the knowledge of Bible truth. Are you obeying the instruction given in the words I have read? Are you of one mind and one heart in Christ?*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 2*

There are many points that might be dwelt upon, but there is one that I wish to speak about especially. It is regarding the necessity of our working together in unity. One year ago I visited this ground. It was then a wilderness. You can all see what God has enabled the workers to accomplish because they were of one mind. Every one has done all in his power to lift. And our people in the different states have sent in their gifts for the establishment of the work in Washington.*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 3*

I well remember how, when we were living in Carroll house, near the water tower, the young men working on the school land would meet together in a large room in this house at half-past five every morning for family worship. As we worshiped God together, we knew that the Holy Spirit was among us. We sought the Lord with the whole heart, and He came very near to us. We presented 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*]. Is not

this assurance strong enough? We took this promise with us into the place of prayer, asking the Lord to lead and direct in the work to be done here. Only one year has passed since then, and much has been accomplished.*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 4*

If there are any of you who have weak faith, remember that it is because you do not work on the affirmative side. It is of no use for us to think that we can carry forward the glorious work of God without strong, unfaltering faith. The world is fast becoming as it was in the days of Noah. Satan is working with intensity of effort, knowing that he has but a short time. Wickedness prevails to an appalling extent. God's people are but a handful, compared with the ungodly; and we can gain success only as we co-operate with the heavenly angels, who will go before all who press forward to do that which God has said should be done.*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 5*

I thank the Lord for the privilege of speaking to so many at this meeting. When I think of all that God has done for us, I say, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." As the work is opened up in the various places, may we ever remember that we are to draw in even cords. Those who have educated themselves to stand on the negative side should without delay repent and be converted. Let this conversion take place right on this ground. Remember that when you stand on the negative side, accusing and condemning, you make room for the agencies of the power of darkness. Precious time has to be spent in waging war against these agencies, because there were those who refused to stand on the affirmative side.*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 6*

Is it not best to be in harmony with the God of heaven? When you see your brethren striving to press the battle to the gates, is it not best to say, "Advance, advance. Carry the work forward with greater power than ever before"?*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 7*

"Let nothing be done through strife and vainglory." [*Philippians 2:3.*] Satan is behind all strife and vainglory. Let us get out of his company and stand with those who say, "Victory is for us, and we will cling to the arm of infinite power."*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 8*

"In lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." [*Verse 3.*] If we would obey these words, we should find our work

easier. We should find that we could accomplish very much more than we can when hindered by strife and discord.*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 9*

“Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.” [*Verse 4.*] Do not try to gain every advantage for yourself. I thank God for the evidence that our people are unselfishly trying to help in the establishment of the work in Washington. I am thankful that the school buildings are so nearly completed, and that we now have an institution in this place in which students may be trained for service. I pray that from this school your men and young women may be prepared to go forth into the world as successful, consecrated missionaries.*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 10*

“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.” [*Verses 5-8.*]*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 11*

Laying aside His royal robe and kingly crown, Christ clothed His divinity with humanity, that human beings might be raised from their degradation and placed on vantage ground. Christ could not have come to this earth with the glory that He had in the heavenly courts. Sinful human beings could not have borne the sight. He veiled His humanity with the garb of humanity; He did not part with His divinity. A divine-human Saviour, He came to stand at the head of the fallen race, to share in their experience from childhood to manhood. That human beings might be partakers of the divine nature, He came to this earth and lived a life of perfect obedience.*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 12*

There is no need for the world to be as it is today—filled with war and bloodshed, violence and crime. Christ has made provision for the salvation of every soul. He gave His life for the life of the world, and John declares, “As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God.” [*John 1:12.*] This is the gift of

heaven to all who truly believe. In view of these things, how can men and women choose to receive the father of lies and cherish his spirit?*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 13*

It is because human beings have chosen to listen to the tempter that we see men and women partaking of that which robs them of their reason. In our large cities there are saloons on the right hand and on the left, tempting passers-by to indulge an appetite which, once established, is exceedingly hard to overcome. The youth should be trained never to touch tobacco or alcoholic drink. Alcohol robs men of their reasoning powers. Watch that man entering the saloon. His eye is bright and his step steady. Watch him as he comes out. The brightness has gone from his eye, and as he walks he staggers from side to side. He is drunk—a specimen of the work done by the saloon.*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 14*

The home of a drunkard tells the sad story of the evil wrought by the use of strong drink. Wretchedness and destitution reign, and often the wife and children suffer from cold and hunger. And yet the liquor traffic is legalized. Heaven sees it all. God keeps a record of the men robbed of their reason and the homes made wretched by the use of alcohol. In that great day when every man will be judged according to the deeds done in the body, what will those who have legalized the liquor traffic say in excuse for allowing these places of death to be kept open?*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 15*

God grant that we may be wide-awake to this awful evil. May He help us to labor with all our power to save men and women and youth from this effort of the enemy to ensnare them. We do not take into the church those who use liquor or tobacco. We cannot admit such ones. But we can try to help them to overcome. We can tell them that by giving up these harmful practices, they will make their families and themselves happier. Those whose hearts are filled with the Spirit of God will feel no need for stimulants. “He is high, and lifted up, and His train fills the heavens.” [See *Isaiah 6:1*.] Those who are overcomers here will one day see Him as He is; for we read, “We know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.” [1 *John 3:2*.] They will sing the song of redemption in the heavenly courts.*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 16*

Here in this world we are to gain a preparation for the life in the kingdom of God. Our youth must be trained to habits of strict temperance and self-denial. May God help us to stand in unity, warring against the powers of darkness that are pressing in on every side.*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 17*

Christ has done everything in His power to redeem human beings. In our behalf He made an infinite sacrifice. For our sake He became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich. Enduring riches, an eternal weight of glory, is the boon He offers to those who will accept Him. Is it not a sufficient inducement? Will man strive against his Maker?*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 18*

May God help us at this meeting to be converted. You may say, If we are church members, that does not belong to us. But does it not? What are you doing to lift up those who are fallen? There ought to be a thousand where now there is but one trying to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight in the desert a highway for our God. We have great light. "Ye are the light of the world," Christ declared. [*Matthew 5:14.*] It is by letting our light shine that we are to glorify God. Clear and distinct, the light of present truth is to shine forth from God's people, piercing the darkness that envelopes the world.*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 19*

It is that light may shine forth that we are establishing institutions here. The school buildings are almost finished, and soon a sanitarium must be erected, to which we may bring the sick and afflicted and tell them of Christ and His power to save. We should every one stand where we can uplift and bless. We are to speak words that will comfort and encourage. Brethren and sisters, train yourselves to speak in pleasant, agreeable tones. It does no harm, but good, to speak kindly; but to speak discourteously and roughly drives the holy angels away in sadness.*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 20*

May God help us all to take a right position. May He help us not to spoil our lives and the lives of others by being unconsecrated. May He help us to conquer the inclination to follow the impulses of the unsanctified heart. We cannot afford to follow these impulses. We are to be judged according to the deeds done in the body.*20LtMs,*

Ms 54, 1905, par. 21

Being found in fashion as a man, Christ “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 that 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 2:8-11.*]20*LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 22*

We are to confess Christ before the world because He gave His life for us. He died that we might receive strength to stand against the temptations by which we shall be beset. Those who receive Christ are made heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ to an immortal inheritance.20*LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 23*

We have only a little while in which to prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have not a moment to lose. We need to begin at once to gain a preparation to enter the courts above. God will help all who will help themselves. But if you sit down under Satan’s shadow, and let him tempt you to look on the objectionable side, and to weaken the hands of those who are trying to carry forward the work of the Lord, how can you hope to gain the victory over temptation? You cannot be a joint-heir with Christ unless you have His Spirit and are determined to gain heaven at any cost. Those who, regardless of all else, place themselves in God’s hands, to be and do all that He would have them, will see the King in His beauty. They will behold His matchless charms; and touching their golden harps, they will fill all heaven with songs to the Lamb.20*LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 24*

I am glad to hear the musical instruments that you have here. God wants us to have them. He wants us to praise Him with heart and soul and voice, magnifying His name before the world.20*LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 25*

I thank God that there are those here who have had an experience in self-denial and sacrifice. They know what it means to be counted fools for Christ’s sake. But in heaven their names are recorded as those who love God and keep His commandments.20*LtMs, Ms 54,*

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“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 God that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain.” [Verses 12-16.]*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 27*

God would have us help one another to be of good cheer. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus. By beholding, you will be changed into the same likeness, from character to character.*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 28*

“Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy and rejoice with you all. For the same cause also do ye joy and rejoice with me.” [Verses 17, 18.]*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 29*

God wants you to praise Him far more than you do. Read the Psalms, and you will see that by offering praise you glorify God. Educate the voice to offer Him thanksgiving. Thus you will bring strength and courage to those around you. I pray that at the very beginning of this meeting the salvation of God may be revealed. Brethren and sisters, open the door of the heart and let the Saviour in. Then you will praise God with heart and soul and voice.*20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 30*

I thank God that it is our privilege to use our voices in His service, to speak words in season to those that are weary. While on my way to this meeting, I had the privilege of speaking to some of the Saviour’s love. I asked one young man to give up the use of tobacco. “I cannot,” he said; “it is so soothing.” “But,” I said, “it is robbing you of your sense of right and wrong. You say that you are teaching in a Sunday school. What influence do you think your example of smoking has on the members of your class?” Before we left the car, he came to me and told me that I must not be surprised to hear that he had given up the use of tobacco.*20LtMs, Ms 54,*

1905, par. 31

I gave this young man a copy of *Steps to Christ*, and he seemed much pleased with it. *20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 32*

God wants us to work for humanity. We have an onward work to do. Let us put on the whole armor of righteousness, revealing Christ in thought, word, and deed. Let us remember that we are laborers together with God. Brethren and sisters, let self be crucified, and let Christ live in you, the hope of glory. Keep reaching forward. Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The work of righteousness is to be wrought in you through the mighty power that God has given. When in weakness and feebleness you say, "Lord, I lay hold upon Thee," power from above will be given you. *20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 33*

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." [*Colossians 3:1.*] What were the words spoken as you took part in the solemn rite of baptism?—"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." [*Matthew 28:19.*] You were buried with Christ in baptism and raised to newness of life. And the three great powers of heaven pledged themselves to co-operate with you in your efforts to live the new life in Christ. Then should we not praise Him with every breath. *20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 34*

Let us cast aside all murmuring and repining and be filled with the spirit of praise. Let us draw in even cords with Christ. He is coming soon, and we must be ready to meet Him in peace. Let us repent and be converted. Let us place ourselves on the altar of service. I beg of you, my brethren and sisters, to bring Christ into your hearts and into these meetings. Then there will be rejoicing such as you have never before heard, and you will be gaining a fitness for the heavenly home, where God's redeemed ones will sing the song of victory. *20LtMs, Ms 54, 1905, par. 35*

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“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.” [*1 John 1:1-3.*]*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 2*

There are those who are always seeking for something new. If they understood aright, they would realize that the newness that they need is that which comes from a daily growth in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let us keep firm and unshaken our faith in the message that God has given us for these last days. The world is fast becoming as it was in the days of Noah. Christ declared that this would be the sign of the end—men would be eating and drinking, planting and building, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day of the coming of the Son of man. His words mean far more than we have yet seen. Do not the events that have taken place show this?*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 3*

“And truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.” [*Verse 3.*] All through the Scriptures, the Father and the Son are spoken of as two distinct personages. You will hear men

endeavoring to make the Son of God a nonentity. He and the Father are one, but they are two personages. Wrong sentiments regarding this are coming in, and we shall all have to meet them.*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 4*

“And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.” [Verse 4.] If we would apply the precious truth of God to our own individual cases, we would find such blessing, such consolation, that we would be ashamed to murmur and complain. Some have educated their tongues to utter complaints, and they lose many precious blessings that come with the exercise of patience.*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 5*

“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.” [Verse 5.] “God is light.” How are His disciples to declare it? Not with their lips merely, but in their lives. They themselves are to be “the light of the world.” “Let your light so shine before men,” Christ said, “that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” [*Matthew 5:14, 16.*]*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 6*

“If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.” [*1 John 1:6.*] Every church member is to walk worthily of the high calling to which he has been chosen, having gained a living experience in the things of God. There is no need for us always to be babies in religious things. We are to grow up to the full stature of men and women in Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 7*

“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.” [Verses 7, 8.]*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 8*

We may pray for sanctification, but whether or not we get it depends on whether we walk in the light, reflecting light to those around us. My brethren and sisters, the salvation of your souls depends upon the course that you pursue. If you fail of gaining eternal life, it will be because you have failed to keep the commandments of God. From the Word of God there shines light sufficient to guide us along every step of the way to heaven, and

those who lose the way will be without excuse.*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 9*

“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 9, 10.*]*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 10*

In this world we are exposed to the temptations of the enemy, and because we do not depend on God as we should, we are continually sinning. There are those who, when they make mistakes, stand out in stubbornness, saying that they have not sinned, and refusing to confess. Those who say, “I never confess,” will never see the kingdom of heaven unless they do confess. Read the prayer of confession that Daniel offered. He was called a man greatly beloved of God, and yet he confessed that he as well as the people had sinned.*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 11*

Those who make no acknowledgment of sin, those who refuse to confess because they think it would hurt their position and influence, will never be cleansed from unrighteousness unless they make a decided change in their attitude. We need the spirit of confession right here in this meeting. It would be surprising if none of those present had anything to confess. Brethren and sisters, will you not take the stumbling blocks out of the way, and clear the King’s highway, that he may enter in among us? Then we shall see the salvation of God, and the glory of the Lord will be revealed.*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 12*

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. 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.” [*1 John 2:1, 2.*] “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.*] When we thus unite with Christ, we are gaining an experience that will be of more value to us than gold or silver or precious stones.*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 13*

“And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His

commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth His word, in him verily is the love of God perfected; hereby know we that we are in Him. He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked.” [1 *John 2:3-6.*]20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 14

We are to lift the cross, and follow the steps of Christ. Those who lift the cross will find that as they do this, the cross will lift them, giving them fortitude and courage, and pointing them to the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 15

“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.” [*Verses 7, 8.*]20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 16

We can have something fresh to think of all the time. We have held communion with God as we have tried to understand the high privilege of being one with Christ. I am so thankful for the Word of God. I thank the Lord with heart and soul and voice. We have no need to be led astray. We have no need to seek for something new and strange from the lips of human beings. We have a science that is above all human science. Many will grasp false science, teaching it as truth. But we need not be led astray. God wants us to cherish the truth in the simplicity in which we have received it from Christ. “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 knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.” [*Verses 9-11.*]20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 17

We are not to watch for an opportunity to find fault if a brother does not speak exactly as we wish him to speak. Perhaps God does not want him to speak as you want him to. His words may cut you to the quick, but even then you are not at liberty to find fault. The talent of speech was given to us that we might speak, not words of

faultfinding, but words of counsel, words of encouragement, words of reproof. Because we are not to find fault, this does not mean that we are to pass by things that are wrong, without saying a word. If you see one doing wrong, go right to him, and tell him his fault in the way outlined in the Scriptures. In the meekness of Christ, tell him the truth, and you may save his soul from death. But if you gloss over mistakes, leaving those who have made them to think they have done nothing wrong, you must share in the punishment, because you were unfaithful to your trust.*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 18*

If we desire to see the King in His beauty, we must behave worthily. We must outgrow our childishness. When provocation comes, let us be silent. There are times when silence is eloquence. We are to reveal the patience and kindness and forbearance that will make us worthy to be called sons and daughters of God. We are to trust and believe Him and rely upon Him. We are to follow in Christ's steps. "If any man will come after Me," He says, "Let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*] "So shall he be My disciple." [See *John 15:8.*] It may be a heavy cross to keep silent when you ought to. It may be a painful discipline; but let me assure you that silence does much more to overcome evil than a storm of angry words.*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 19*

Here in this world we are to learn what we must be in order to have a place in the heavenly courts. We are to learn the lessons that Christ desires to teach us, that we may be prepared to be taken to the higher school in the courts above, where the Saviour will lead us by the river of life, explaining to us many things that here we could not comprehend, and teaching us of the mysteries of God. There we shall see the glory of God as we have never seen it here. We get but a glimpse of the glory now because we do not follow on to know the Lord.*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 20*

John writes, "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." [*Revelation 22:1, 2.*]*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 21*

Talk it, pray it, sing it, and remember that you must eat of the leaves of the tree of life here in this world, if you would know the healing power of the grace of God. When words are spoken that tempt you to feel provoked, ask the Lord Jesus to give you a taste of the healing brought by the tree of life. Get your mind on some subject of eternal interest, and it will be easy for you to keep still when you ought to keep still and to speak when you ought to speak.*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 22*

“I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name’s sake. I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known Him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one.” [1 *John 2:12, 13.*] Are you not glad, young men, that this word of encouragement has been spoken to you? Oh, what a grand work is this—to overcome the folly and wickedness that prevails in our world. Young men, God will watch over you, and will give you strength, if you will put on every piece of the armor and be ready to resist the tempter when he seeks to lead you astray. We are striving for heaven, for a life that measures with the life of God. Keep your eyes fixed on the author and finisher of our faith.*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 23*

“I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.” [*Verse 14.*]*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 24*

“Because ye are strong.” [*Verse 14.*] Do not spend your time reading magazines and novels. Read your Bible. You have many temptations to meet and overcome. You have a great truth to proclaim. Only by a constant study of the Word of God can you gain the strength needed for this work. Put novel-reading out of your lives. You have none too much time in which to gain an understanding of what saith the Scriptures. The Lord wants the young men in His cause to stand where they are worthy of being trusted with sacred responsibilities.*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 25*

Do not encourage any appetite for stimulants. Eat only plain, simple, wholesome food, and thank God constantly for the principles of health reform. In all things be true and upright, and you will gain precious victories.*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 26*

Remember that you cannot overcome the wicked one unless you have on every piece of the armor. Do not be turned away from the truth by supposition or sophistry. If you once allow Satan to tamper with your mind, you will find that it is not an easy matter to break away from him. But if you confess your sins before God, and take hold of Him power, sophistry will have no power over you.*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 27*

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” [*Verse 15.*] There is a great work before us. There are cities to be warned. If you go forth into the work accompanied by the grace of God, success will attend your efforts. The power of heaven will be with you. The righteousness of Christ will go before you, and the glory of God will be your rearward. Let us thank God that provision has been [made] for every emergency. We can take hold of Christ’s righteousness, pleading with Him to cleanse us from all iniquity.*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 28*

“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.” [*Verses 16, 17.*] He has carried on a faithful warfare against the enemy. He has built himself up in “the most holy faith.” [*Jude 20.*]*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 29*

“Little children, it is the last time; and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us; but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.” [*1 John 2:18, 19.*]*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 30*

Brethren and sisters, at all hazards we must hold fast to the truth. I am so glad that it is not yet too late for wrongs to be righted. I am so grateful for all the precious promises given us, that we may have courage and hope, and that we may stand firm on the platform of eternal truth.*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 31*

There is one thing that I want to ask those assembled at this

conference to do: pray earnestly for the blessing of the Lord. I am glad to know that you are having early morning meetings. These meetings are of the highest value. Every time you come together at one of these meetings, lay your hearts open before God, and do not be afraid that your experience will be spoiled if you make confession. Take the stumbling blocks out of the way. May God give us light that will clear away everything which would prevent us from having that love for one another which we should have.*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 32*

I want you to pray that God will give me strength; for I have received instruction from the Lord, and I want to give it to you. And pray also for yourselves. We want to see the glory of God at this meeting. May He help you to press to the light.*20LtMs, Ms 56, 1905, par. 33*

Ms 58, 1905

Talk/The Work in Washington

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The Work in Washington (Second Surprise Party)

Friday, May 19, 1905, at 10 a.m.

A talk by Mrs. E. G. White

We feel very grateful to our heavenly Father because He has moved by His Holy Spirit upon the minds of His people to give so liberally for the establishment of the work here in Washington. Every dollar of the money that has been sent in is needed. If God's people knew as I do the necessities of the cause in different parts of the great harvest field, and if they felt as they should the urgency of the work, they would not permit of delay. I have seen workers on their knees, pleading with God to open the way for the truth to be proclaimed in places where souls, unwarned and unsaved, are perishing in their sins. There are houses of worship to be built, and in some places it is necessary that there be erected small sanitariums, that the higher classes may be reached.*20LtMs, Ms 58, 1905, par. 1*

There are those in the world upon whose hearts God is moving, and if they but knew principles of present truth, they would heed the message for this time and would go forth to give it to others.*20LtMs, Ms 58, 1905, par. 2*

The money that has been sent in for the work here is the Lord's. The gold and silver are Mine, He declares, and the cattle upon a

thousand hills. [*Haggai 2:8; Psalm 50:10.*] God bids us deny ourselves in the expenditure of means and put into His treasury the money thus saved.*20LtMs, Ms 58, 1905, par. 3*

I thank the Lord for these gifts. Those who sent them are in so doing fastening themselves to God's work. As they give of their means, their interest in the cause of God's work is deepened, and the act of giving thus becomes a double blessing. I feel so grateful for what has been done, because in figures and representations, I have seen the necessity of help in foreign fields, and also in the southern field; and I know that the Lord will move upon hearts in the large cities that have not yet been worked. We must not leave these cities unworked; but the very first necessity is right here in Washington. The work in this important point must be established. A publishing house must be established here. God directed that the publishing work should be transferred from Battle Creek to this place. He will place His approval upon the efforts made to carry forward His work on the lines that He has marked out.*20LtMs, Ms 58, 1905, par. 4*

The establishment of the work here in Washington is creating a wide-spread interest in other places. Tracts and pamphlets have been widely circulated, and when we begin to work in other cities, we shall find those who have been studying this literature. We shall find that they are not utterly ignorant of our truth, but that they have been studying the facts regarding the establishment of our work here. As people read of what has been done, they say, "That means work, and we must learn more of what this people is doing."*20LtMs, Ms 58, 1905, par. 5*

The work that has been done here would never have been accomplished had there not been a determined effort to press the battle to the gates.*20LtMs, Ms 58, 1905, par. 6*

I am thankful that the Lord has not left us in ignorance of how to gain His blessing. Read the *eighth* and *ninth chapters of Second Corinthians*, and you will find the whole matter outlined in a few words. Read how the believers came to the apostles and laid their offerings at their feet, praying with much entreaty that they would receive the gift. When God by His Spirit stirs the hearts of His

people, leading them to see the necessities of this work, there will be a denying of self, and gifts will flow into the treasury for the proclamation of the message for this time.*20LtMs, Ms 58, 1905, par. 7*

If there are those who think they are making large sacrifices for the work, let them consider the sacrifice that Christ made in their behalf. The human race was under sentence of death, but the Son of God clothed His divinity with humanity and came to this world to live and die in our behalf. He came to stand against the host of fallen angels. We must have a Defender, and when our Defender came, He was clothed with humanity; for He must be subject to the temptations wherewith man is beset, that He might understand how to deliver the godly out of temptation. He took His stand at the head of the fallen race, that men and women might be enabled to stand on vantage ground.*20LtMs, Ms 58, 1905, par. 8*

Christ did not come to this world with a legion of angels. Laying aside His royal robes and kingly crown, He stepped down from His high command, and for our sake became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich. This was the plan laid in the heavenly courts. The Redeemer of mankind was to be born in poverty, and He was to be a worker with His hands. He labored with His father at the carpenter's trade, and into all that He did He brought perfection. His companions sometimes found fault with Him because He was so thorough. What is the use of being so particular? they said. But He would work till He had brought what He was doing as near perfection as He could, and then He would look up with the light of heaven shining from His face, and those who had criticized Him would turn away ashamed of themselves. Instead of retaliating when found fault with, He would begin to sing one of the psalms, and before those who had found fault with Him realized it, they, too, were singing.*20LtMs, Ms 58, 1905, par. 9*

Never should botch work of any kind be allowed in our institutions. Every student should be taught that in order to pertain to perfection in character building, he must be faithful in the smallest duties appointed him. "Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building" [*1 Corinthians 3:9*], and your work is to be done as in the sight of a holy God. Do your best, and holy angels will help you to carry your

work on to perfection.*20LtMs, Ms 58, 1905, par. 10*

Who was He who came to our world to redeem the fallen race? Isaiah tells us, “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, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” [*isaiah 9:6.*]*20LtMs, Ms 58, 1905, par. 11*

Let us make it known that provision has been made for our redemption. Christ left the heavenly courts and came to this world to make an atonement for us. All who come to Him in living faith will be enabled to stand on vantage ground.*20LtMs, Ms 58, 1905, par. 12*

As God’s servants proclaim these things, Satan steps up to some of those who have itching minds and presents his scientific problems. Men will be tempted to place science above God. But who by searching can find God? Men may put their own interpretation upon God, but no human mind can comprehend Him. This problem has not been given us to solve. Let not finite man attempt to interpret Jehovah. Let none indulge in speculation regarding His nature. Here silence is eloquence. The Omniscient One is above discussion.*20LtMs, Ms 58, 1905, par. 13*

Christ is one with the Father, but God and Christ are two distinct personages. Read the prayer of Christ in the *seventeenth chapter of John*, and you will find this point clearly brought out. How earnestly the Saviour prayed that His disciples might be one with Him as He was one with the Father. But the unity that is to exist between Christ and His followers does not destroy the personality of either. They are to be one with Him as He is one with the Father. By this unity they are to make it plain to the world that God sent His Son to save sinners. The oneness of Christ’s followers with Him is to be the great, unmistakable proof that God did indeed send His Son into the world to save sinners. But a loose, lax religion leaves the world confused and bewildered.*20LtMs, Ms 58, 1905, par. 14*

My brethren and sisters, take your stand on an elevated platform, and work to the point to be one with Christ. 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 with 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.*20LtMs, Ms 58, 1905, par. 15*

In view of all that Christ has suffered for us, should we complain when we are called to endure self-denial and suffering? Would not this make God ashamed of us? Let us rejoice that it is our privilege to be partakers in the sufferings of Christ; for thus only can we be fitted to be partakers of His glory.*20LtMs, Ms 58, 1905, par. 16*

I thank God in behalf of those who have sent in their offerings to the work in Washington. I thank Him for the privilege and satisfaction of knowing that there are hearts which are alive to the needs of the work of God and are influenced by the Holy Spirit to give of their means for the advancement of this work. I thank God with heart, and soul, and voice. The work in this place is to be carried forward solidly. In the buildings that are to be put up, there is to be no extravagance, but the representation is to be such that those in the world will see that we understand what propriety is. Brethren and sisters, let us have characters so pure and holy that Christ can with joy present us to the Father. Let us be filled with the living principles of the truth for this time. Let us live lives that will lead sinners to the Saviour. Christ carried His humanity with Him into the heavenly courts, and all humanity can claim Him as their representative. We may be made complete in Him. How?—By becoming partakers of the divine nature. To be partakers of this nature means more than many of us realize. It means giving up one's own way and following the path that Christ has marked out. As we become partakers of the divine nature, we escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.*20LtMs, Ms 58, 1905, par. 17*

Ms 59, 1905

Diary/The Sabbath Truth in the Sentinel

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The Sabbath Truth in the *Sentinel* and Elder Ballenger's Views

I am not able to sleep past one o'clock. I was aroused to write out some things that have been impressed on my mind. Not long ago I met Elder Ballenger in the hall of the building in which we have rooms. As I spoke to him, it came vividly to my mind that this was the man whom I had seen in an assembly bringing before those present certain subjects, and placing upon passages in the Word of God a construction that could not be maintained as truth. He was gathering together a mass of scriptures such as would confuse minds because of his assertions and his misapplication of these scriptures, for the application was misleading and had not the bearing upon the subject at all which he claimed justified his position. Anyone can do this, and will follow his example to testify to a false position, but it was his own. I said to him, You are the one whom the Lord presented before me in Salamanca as standing with a party who were urging that if the Sabbath truth were left out of the *Sentinel*, the circulation of that paper would be largely increased. You were the one that wept and confessed your mistakes, and we had the power of the Holy Spirit in that early morning meeting.*20LtMs, Ms 59, 1905, par. 1*

I had been very sick, and yet had tried to speak to the people, and the Lord had strengthened me greatly. I had not knowledge of my words. The Lord spoke indeed through me. After I had given my last talk, my sufferings were so severe as to become almost unendurable.*20LtMs, Ms 59, 1905, par. 2*

A list of appointments had been sent out for me to fill on my way from Salamanca to Battle Creek. It seemed impossible for me to fill these appointments. I went to my room and bowed in prayer. I had not been able to utter a word of prayer before the room was lighted up with the glory of God and scenes passed before me. I saw an assembly in a room in Battle Creek, and one standing up held up the *Sentinel* and said, "The Sabbath question must be cut out of this paper; then the circulation will be largely increased and the truth will come before thousands." *20LtMs, Ms 59, 1905, par. 3*

One of authority came forward and said solemnly, "Bind up the testimony and seal the law among my disciples." [*Isaiah 8:16.*] Then came the reproof, decided, firm, and cutting: "The Sabbath truth is to be proclaimed. It is the truth for these last days." The words found in (*Exodus 31:12-18*) were repeated with great solemnity. *20LtMs, Ms 59, 1905, par. 4*

I cannot now repeat all the things connected with the meeting, but I know that the steps which had been anticipated were not taken. The working of the Spirit of God was in that meeting. *20LtMs, Ms 59, 1905, par. 5*

That night was a most solemn one for me. There came to my mind the truth that we have been proclaiming since the passing of the time in 1844, when the message came to us regarding the mistake we were making in keeping the first day of the week. We had Bible evidence and the testimony of the Spirit of the Lord that we were keeping a day that bore no sanctity, and that in so doing we were transgressing the law of God. This message we have borne ever since; and I solemnly asked, Are our people now to cut out the Sabbath message from the *Sentinel* and heed the advice and counsel of worldly men, keeping the *Sentinel* from carrying this most important truth to the world? *20LtMs, Ms 59, 1905, par. 6*

I could not sleep much that night. The next morning we started for Washington. I was taken very ill, and it was thought best for Sara and me to return to Battle Creek and not attend the meetings that were laid out for me on my journey. *20LtMs, Ms 59, 1905, par. 7*

When I arrived at Battle Creek, I learned that our leading brethren had asked the Lord in prayer to send me direct to Battle Creek.

Meetings were being held in the various rooms of the Tabernacle. One morning I was awakened before daylight. It was as if a voice spoke to me, Attend the morning meeting. I arose and dressed, and walked across the road to the meeting. As I went into the room, the brethren were in prayer. I united my prayer with those of the rest, praying with great earnestness. The Spirit of the Lord was in the meeting and my soul was deeply stirred. After the season of prayer, I arose to speak and bore a decided testimony with the Spirit and power of God, relating my experience in Salamanca and telling them what the Lord had revealed to me in the vision of the night.*20LtMs, Ms 59, 1905, par. 8*

After I had borne a decided testimony, Brother Ballenger arose, all brokenhearted and weeping, and said, "I receive this testimony as from the Lord. I was in that meeting last night, and I was on the wrong side."*20LtMs, Ms 59, 1905, par. 9*

What was my surprise to learn that the light I had in Salamanca was given me some time before this meeting was held. The Lord had prepared the way for me to return to Battle Creek and bear my message in the early morning meeting, directly after the evening meeting. I had been shown that steps would be taken to have the Sentinel no longer speak boldly upon the question of the true Sabbath of the Lord. The circumstances were such that on this occasion the excuse could not possibly be used, "Somebody has told her." No one had an opportunity to see me or speak with me between the evening meeting and the morning meeting that I attended.*20LtMs, Ms 59, 1905, par. 10*

I bore the message that the Lord gave me, and some made confessions with broken hearts and contrite spirits.*20LtMs, Ms 59, 1905, par. 11*

And now again our Brother Ballenger is presenting theories that cannot be substantiated by the Word of God. It will be one of the great evils that will come to our people to have the Scriptures taken out of their true place and so interpreted as to substantiate error that contradicts the light and the testimonies that God has been given us for the past half century. I declare in the name of the Lord that the most dangerous heresies are seeking to find entrance

among us as a people, and Elder Ballenger is making spoil of his own soul. The Lord has strengthened me to come the long journey to Washington to this meeting to bear my testimony in vindication of the truth of God's Word and the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in confirmation of Bible truth. The Word is sure and steadfast, and will stand the test. Human investigations will be brought in, but the Lord lives and He will bring to naught these inventions. We are to proclaim the full truth of the Word of God with decision and unalterable firmness. There is not truth in the explanations of Scripture that Elder Ballenger and those associated with him are presenting. The words are right but misapplied to vindicate error. We must not give countenance to his reasoning. He is not led of God. Our work is to bind up the Testimonies God has given and seal the law among His disciples. *20LtMs, Ms 59, 1905, par. 12*

The time is worse than lost in spinning out theories that are not sustained in the Bible to vindicate such errors. I am instructed to say to Elder Ballenger, Your theories, which have multitudes of fine threads and need so many explanations, are not truth, and are not to be brought to the flock of God. The good that you and your associates might have received at this meeting, you have not received. God forbids your course of action—making the blessed Scriptures, by grouping them in your way, to testify to build up a falsehood. *20LtMs, Ms 59, 1905, par. 13*

Let us all cling to the established truth of the sanctuary. Those who are so shortsighted that they will begin to do the work that some others have been doing, in advocating the sentiments contained in *Living Temple*, are departing from the living God in spiritualistic, satanic experiences that will not do the souls who receive them any good. They are departing from the faith, seeking to tear down the foundation of truth. The men who have lost their hold on the truths of the sanctuary question, as they have been presented by men who have been under the Holy Spirit's guidance, had better pray more and talk less. I testify in the name of the Lord that Elder Ballenger is led by satanic agencies and spiritualistic, invisible leaders. Those who have the guidance of the Holy Spirit will turn away from these seducing spirits. *20LtMs, Ms 59, 1905, par. 14*

Ms 60, 1905

A Message of Warning

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I have been able to sleep only a very little during the past night. Last evening I consented to meet the ministers and the medical missionary workers this morning and give them some instruction that I had written out. But in the night season light came to me that God had not laid this burden upon me at this meeting.*20LtMs, Ms 60, 1905, par. 1*

The Lord has a message for me to bear to those who have been given message after message, but have not profited thereby. From time to time strange things will be brought in as special light, which are not light, but confusion and darkness. God would have us as a people go forward and not backward. We are now to do quickly all in our power to proclaim the truth; for the time is at hand when we shall see wickedness increasing daily. The Spirit of the Lord has been gradually withdrawing from the earth, and the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand.*20LtMs, Ms 60, 1905, par. 2*

I have been given instruction that I am not to take on the burden that I carried at the General Conference of 1901 or the burden of the work given me at the Oakland Conference or at the Berrien Springs meeting. This great and taxing labor is no longer given me to do. The message came, calling for reform and conversion. If the rays of light had been thankfully gathered up, the souls out of the way would have come into the straight path, placing their feet on the true foundation. But not all have done this. Some have refused to heed the instruction given them. More light from God would only

arouse more resistance and obstinacy. There are some who have turned from the light who will never again see the light clearly, unless they gather up and cherish that which they have repeatedly refused to accept.*20LtMs, Ms 60, 1905, par. 3*

Some to whom God has given large talents have misused these talents and have pleased the enemy by making sport of the servants of God, the men whom he has chosen to do His sacred work. This exhibition of the squandering of God-given powers of intellect and influence has been a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men.*20LtMs, Ms 60, 1905, par. 4*

A continuance in this way will bring only sorrow. The associates of those who have chosen to do this unprofitable work might, if obedient to God, have been men of clear discernment and power.*20LtMs, Ms 60, 1905, par. 5*

There has been a desire to accomplish certain things formulated in the mind. But there has been a change, a fatal change, in the objects and purposes that have called into strong exercise the powers of the mind. If these powers had been turned to the acquiring of a clear understanding, of pure, undefiled principles, heavenly treasure would have been gained. A precious capital of power and influence would have been accumulated. There would have been a coveting of holy things rather than the pursuit of notoriety, which prostitutes and enfeebles the faculties of the mind.*20LtMs, Ms 60, 1905, par. 6*

In an effort to make a wonderful advance in science, the mind becomes filled with false sentiments; and there is a false, presumptuous grasping of that which spoils the nobility of the soul. It would have been better, far better, to have had less notoriety in the minds of worldlings and to have perfected an understanding of the grand truths that are immortal.*20LtMs, Ms 60, 1905, par. 7*

We are not to seek to extenuate the consequences of the original apostasy. It is not possible to overstate the degree of alienation from truth and righteousness entered into by those whose souls revolt from God. Satan will present everything possible in a perverted light, to make of no effect the warnings that should be heeded by the people of God.*20LtMs, Ms 60, 1905, par. 8*

For years message after message has been borne to some who are turning away from Bible truth to fables. The man who allows his mind to be so perverted that he will present sentiments that are contrary to the light which God has given by His Holy Spirit shows that he is worked by another spirit.*20LtMs, Ms 60, 1905, par. 9*

We are not to suppose that since the transgression of Adam, God has given to human beings a new order of energies and passions; for then it would appear that God had interfered to implant in the human race sinful propensities. Christ began His work of conversion as soon as man transgressed, that, through obedience to the law of God and faith in Christ, they might regain the lost image of God.*20LtMs, Ms 60, 1905, par. 10*

Through the cultivation of righteous principles, man may gain the victory over the bias to evil. If he is obedient to the law of God, the senses are no longer warped and twisted; the faculties are no longer perverted and wasted by being exercised on objects that are of a character to lead away from God. In and through the grace bestowed by heaven, the words, the thoughts, and the energies may be purified; a new character may be formed and the debasement of sin overcome.*20LtMs, Ms 60, 1905, par. 11*

Ms 62, 1905

A Warning Against False Theories

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I am bidden to bear a message to our people. In the name of the Lord I am bidden to warn our ministers not to mingle erroneous theories with the truth of God. Pure Bible truth is to stand forth in its nobility and sanctity. It is not to be classified and adjusted according to man's wisdom. The ministers of the gospel are to present truth in its simplicity through the blessing of God making the Scriptures profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. "Rightly dividing the word of truth"—this is the word that should be spoken of all our ministers. [2 *Timothy 2:15*.] But far, far from this, many of the ministers have departed from Christ's plans. The praise of men is coveted, and they strain every faculty in an effort to hunt out and present wonderful things. The Lord bids me counsel them to walk humbly and prayerfully with Him.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 1*

Our message does not need that which Brother Ballenger is trying to draw into the web. He draws out certain passages so fine that they lose their force. Let our ministers be content to take the Word as Christ has given it. Of Him it is written that the common people heard Him gladly. The truth that He presented was to them as the bread of heaven.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 2*

In clear, plain language I am to say to those in attendance at this conference that Brother Ballenger has been allowing his mind to receive and believe specious error. He has been misinterpreting and misapplying the Scriptures upon which he has fastened his mind. He is building up theories that are not founded in truth. A

warning is now to come to him and to the people; for God has not indited the message that he is bearing. This message, if accepted, would undermine the pillars of our faith.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 3*

Brother Ballenger does not discern what he is doing any more than Dr. Kellogg discerned that the book *Living Temple* contained some of the most dangerous errors that could be presented to the people of God. The most specious errors lie concealed in these theories and suppositions, which, if received, would leave the people of God in a labyrinth of error. Those who cherish these theories are building upon the sand; and when the storm and tempest shall come, the structure will be swept away.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 4*

Study the words of Christ in the *seventh chapter of Matthew*. The whole chapter should be carefully considered. It contains warnings for God's people in these last days.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 5*

“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, 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.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 6*

“Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 7*

“Therefore 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. And every one that heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand; and the rain descended, and the floods

came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell; and great was the fall of it.” [Verses 15-27.] *20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 8*

Our only safety is in walking circumspectly before God. Perilous times are before us. We are to make every effort to stand in the counsel of God, and not in our own wisdom. Let the simple doctrines of the Word shine forth in their true bearings, and let them be urged home according to their relative importance. Let us teach only the truth of heavenly origin. Things new and old are connected through the Holy Spirit’s guidance, when the truth is taught as it is in Jesus, without obscurity, without compromise, without fear, without losing sight of the cross as the great center of all truth. A sanctified presentation of the message for this time, the Holy Spirit will make effective unto the saving of the souls of the hearers. *20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 9*

Take heed how you mystify the gospel. The plain “Thus saith the Lord” rebukes worldliness, dispels difficulties, enlarges the understanding, and answers the question, “What must I do that I may inherit eternal life?” [Mark 10:17.] The Lord calls upon His ministers to reveal a greater intelligence regarding the Holy Spirit’s work of grace. He desires them to show, in their sermons and in their prayers, that they know the work of grace. Jesus Christ, our divine example, is the Lord our righteousness. *20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 10*

A stronger determination to know nothing among men but Christ and Him crucified would have given a different character to the work of Brother Ballenger on this ground. By this he would have been saved from spending his time in presenting as truth that which, if received, would undermine the mighty truths that have been established for ages. He who claims that his teachings are sound, while at the same time he is working away from the Lord’s truth, has come to the place where he needs to be converted. A rich and inexhaustible storehouse of truth is open to all who walk humbly with God. The ideas of those whose hearts are fully in the work of God are clearly and plainly expressed, and they have no lack of variety; for there is every before them a rich cabinet of jewels. Those who are striving for originality will overlook the precious

jewels in God's cabinet in an effort to get something new.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 11*

Let not any man enter upon the work of tearing down the foundations of the truth that has made us what we are. God has led His people forward step by step, though there were pitfalls of error on every side. Under the wonderful guidance of a plain "Thus saith the Lord," a truth has been established that has stood the test of trial. When men arise and attempt to draw away disciples after them, meet them with the truths that have been tried as by fire.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 12*

"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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 13*

Those who seek to remove the old landmarks are not holding fast; they are not remembering how they have received and heard. Those who try to bring in theories that would remove the pillars of our faith concerning the sanctuary, or concerning the personality of God or of Christ, are working as blind men. They are seeking to bring in uncertainties and to set the people of God adrift, without an anchor.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 14*

Those who claim to be identified with the message that God has given us should have keen, clear spiritual perceptions, that they may distinguish truth from error. The word spoken by the messenger of God is "Wake up the watchmen." If men will discern the spirit of the messages given, and strive to find out from what source they come, the Lord God of Israel will guard them from being led astray. But God is not to be trifled with.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 15*

The messages that we have received from heaven are true and faithful. When one man strives to bring in new theories, which are

not the truth, the ministers of God should bear clear warning against these theories, pointing out where, if received, they would lead the people of God. Those who have received the light of present truth should not be easily deceived and readily led from the true path into strange paths. The watchmen are to be wide-awake to discern the outcome of all specious reasoning; for serious errors will be brought in to lead the people of God astray.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 16*

If the theories that Brother Ballenger presents were received, they would lead many to depart from the faith. They would counterwork the truths upon which the people of God have stood for the past fifty years. I am bidden to say in the name of the Lord that Elder Ballenger is following a false light. The Lord has not given him the message that he is bearing regarding the sanctuary service.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 17*

Our Instructor spoke words to Brother Ballenger: “You are bringing in confusion and perplexity by your interpretation of the Scriptures. You think that you have been given new light, but your light will become darkness to those who receive it.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 18*

“Walk in Christ’s footsteps, and hold fast that which you have received and heard, and put away any exposition of Scripture which means, ‘My Lord delayeth His coming.’ [*Matthew 24:48.*] In such a day as ye think not the Son of man cometh, and then how will it be with you and those whose minds you have confused? Stop right where you are; for God has not given you this message to bear to the people. Those who receive your interpretation of Scripture regarding the sanctuary service are receiving error and following in false paths. The enemy will work the minds of those who are eager for something new, preparing them to receive false theories and false expositions of the Scripture.”*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 19*

When men come in who would move one pin or pillar from the foundation which God has established by His Holy Spirit, let the aged men who were pioneers in our work speak plainly, and let those who are dead speak also by reprinting of their articles in our periodicals. Gather up the rays of divine light that God has given as He has led His people on step by step in the way of truth. This truth

will stand the test of time and trial.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 20*

Christ is called the minister of the true tabernacle. He is the head of His church on earth. He declares, "All power is given unto Me, in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:18-20.*] He is the minister of the true tabernacle, and He is constantly sending messages to His people. The rich nutriment of sound doctrine will be given to all true laborers. Christ's faithful ambassadors will be taught of God in every sermon that speaks truth to the heart. Christ is indeed the minister of holy things in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 21*

There is a great work to be done in the proclamation of the gospel. God will call men from the plow and from the vineyard, and will send them forth into His service, even as Christ called fishermen from their daily occupation. As the first disciples, in obedience to the call of Christ, left their nets and followed Him, so will men in humble walks of life go forth today with the message for this time. These devoted servants of Christ will not seek the highest seat, but will follow Christ in the path of self-denial and sacrifice, and they will win souls to the Saviour.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 22*

There are thousands of souls willing to work for the Master who have not had the privilege of hearing the truth as some have heard it, but they have been faithful readers of the Word of God, and they will be blessed in their humble efforts to impart light to others. Let such ones keep a diary, and when the Lord gives them an interesting experience, let them write it down, as Samuel did when the armies of Israel won a victory over the Philistines. He set up a monument of thankfulness, saying, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." [*1 Samuel 7:12.*] Brethren, where are the monuments by which you keep in view the love and goodness of God? Strive to keep fresh in your minds the help that the Lord has given you in your efforts to help others. Let not your actions show one trace of selfishness. Every tear that the Lord has helped you to wipe from sorrowful eyes, every fear that has been expelled, every mercy

shown—trace a record of it in your diary. “As thy days, so shall thy strength be.” [*Deuteronomy 33:25.*] Be willing to be little men handling great subjects.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 23*

I have a warning for those who suppose that they have been given the work of revealing Scripture in a new light. This work means substituting human interpretation for the interpretation that God has given. Thus did the heavenly messengers pronounce upon the effort into which Brother Ballenger has entered.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 24*

My brother, you are in the presence of Him who has never failed to accomplish His work or to fulfil His Word. Bear not this message that you think means so much. In one way, it does mean much. It means the uprooting of faith in God and the making of infidels. Cease from all such work; for it will open the door for many to depart from the faith once delivered to the saints and to give heed to seducing spirits.*20LtMs, Ms 62, 1905, par. 25*

Ms 64, 1905

A Message Regarding One Claiming to Have Visions

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A question has been brought to me concerning the attitude that we should take toward the work of a sister in Germany who claims to have visions.*20LtMs, Ms 64, 1905, par. 1*

The word given me by the Lord during the past night is that God does not direct his people to look to this sister for counsel. If we should encourage this sister in the work she thinks she is called to do and in the messages she bears, much confusion would be caused. The Lord has not given her the work of saying what this one shall do and what that one shall do. He says to His people, "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.*] "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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 64, 1905, par. 2*

Teach the people to seek God individually for guidance, to study the Scriptures, and to counsel together, humbly, prayerfully, and with living faith. But do not encourage this sister to think that the Lord has given her messages for the people. The light given me regarding this case is that should this sister be encouraged to think that she has been given messages for others, the result would be

disastrous, and the sister would be in danger of losing her own soul.*20LtMs, Ms 64, 1905, par. 3*

My message to the sister is, Walk humbly with God, and look to Him for yourself. God has not given you the work of pointing out the duty of others; but you can be a helper if you are a sincere Christian, seeking to encourage others, and not claiming supernatural revelations.*20LtMs, Ms 64, 1905, par. 4*

Ms 66, 1905

Talk/The Need of Home Religion

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“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.” [1 *John 3:1-6*.] It is impossible for us to have Christ abiding in our hearts unless we constantly behold Him.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 1*

“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. Whosoever is born of God cannot commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.” [Verses 7-9.]*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 2*

In the second chapter of his epistle, John says, “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.” [1 *John 2:1, 2*.]*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905,*

par. 3

This means that we have a world on our hands. It is of no use for us to think that we can follow our preferences or natural tendencies. We have a world on our hands, and we are to make known the saving principles of our Lord Jesus Christ—the principles that have been committed to us to impart to the world. God wants us to be faithful stewards of the grace of Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 4*

“Therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not.” [*1 John 3:1.*] It does not understand the principles that underlie our course of action. We must stand before God with a conscience void of offense. There are wonderful privileges for every one of us. God never places before us a requirement without giving us the power to perform it. He never asks us to take one step in advance of Him. He leads the way, and we are to follow after. Following Him, we are in no danger of going astray. Thus only can we perfect a Christian character as stewards of the grace of God.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 5*

To us have been entrusted the truths of the gospel for this time. It is a wonderful, wonderful treasure, and the Lord desires us to have our eyes enlightened and our hearts quickened. He desires us to be nerved and strengthened by the power that He will give us if we will only be true to Him. He desires every one of us to perfect a character after the divine similitude. The Christian who does not do this casts reflection on God. He dishonors his Saviour. Those who have access to the words written in the Scripture are without excuse if they do not apply these words to themselves, if they do not thus cleanse their hearts from sin. By the lights shining from the throne of God upon our pathway, we shall be judged at the last great day.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 6*

“Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida!” Christ said; “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.” [*Matthew 11:21, 22.*]*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 7*

To have light shining upon the pathway in the clearness of the

gospel of Christ, as it has shone upon our pathway, is a fearful responsibility. We are to follow on step by step, with our eyes fixed upon our Leader. He will not lead us one step out of the right way.*20Lts, Ms 66, 1905, par. 8*

God gave Christ to our world to save us from eternal death. Behold Him, behold Him! Keep looking upon Him till you reflect His image. Do not accept the words of any man, unless you can see that he is conformed to the divine image, because if you do, you sustain him in doing wrong; you sustain him by asking his counsel and following his directions. What we need is the word "pure" from the Holy Bible. Christ has bidden us conform our lives to His life. We are to know what it means to keep the commandments of God in truth and righteousness. The love that was in the heart of Christ is to be in our hearts, that we may reveal it to those around us. We need to be daily strengthened by the deep love of God and to let this love shine forth to those around us.*20Lts, Ms 66, 1905, par. 9*

Brethren and sisters, you are to reveal this love from the very beginning of the married life. It is to be the guiding principle in the family. Let your children see that you are controlled by the Spirit of God. Every member of the family is to be brought under subjection to the will and way of God.*20Lts, Ms 66, 1905, par. 10*

I want you to think of the education that is to be given in the home. This education begins with the parents. They are to build the home after the pattern that Christ has given them. They are to teach what Christ taught, to bless what Christ blessed, and to correct what Christ corrected. Sin is not to dwell in the mortal bodies of those who have committed themselves, body and soul, to Christ.*20Lts, Ms 66, 1905, par. 11*

There is no middle ground presented before us. The cross of Calvary is the great center of the plan of salvation; and we are to begin to crucify self at once, that we may be preparing for a place in the redeemed family in the heavenly courts. What we need is the saving power of the grace of Christ day by day. This saving grace is to begin its work in our homes. Not an angry word is to fall from the lips of parents. They are to be constantly under the influence of the Holy Spirit. They are to realize that they are the teachers of their

children and that they are to reveal the kindness, tenderness, and love of Christ. And yet they are not to overlook the faults of their children. They are not to gratify their wishes simply because they desire gratification. This is not the way to train children for God. Children are made happy by being brought under right control. The most unhappy children I have ever seen were those who had never been brought under control.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 12*

You may talk to your children about bringing them under the control of God, but it will not have any influence on them unless you first teach them to obey you, and unless they can see that you yourselves are under the control of God.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 13*

Parents, you have a church in your home, and God demands that you bring into this church the grace of heaven, which is beyond computation, and the power of heaven, which is without measure. You can have this grace and this power if you will. But you must educate yourselves in accordance with your baptismal vows. When you took these vows, you pledged yourself, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, that you would live unto God, and you have no right to break this pledge. The help of the three great powers is placed at your disposal. When in the name of Christ you ask for grace to overcome, it will be given unto you; for the promise is, "Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." [*Matthew 7:7.*] Yes, seek God for aid. If you are in perplexity, do not go to your neighbors. Learn to carry your troubles to God. If you seek, you will find; if you knock, it shall be opened unto you. But this means faith, faith, faith. Exercise living faith in Christ, and do not, I beg of you, step aside out of the right way.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 14*

Your home is to be an example of what a Christian home should be. You are to bring your children up in the nature and admonition of the Lord. You are to overcome the faults which wrestle for the victory, and which, unless overcome, will separate you from God.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 15*

The father and mother are to be respected in the Christian home. The father is the priest and house-band of the home. The mother is

the teacher of the little ones from their babyhood and the queen of the household. Never is she to be slighted. Never are careless, indifferent words to be spoken to her before the children. She is their teacher. In thought and word and deed the father is to reveal the religion of Christ, that his children may see plainly that he has a knowledge of what it means to be a Christian.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 16*

Brethren and sisters, are you doing your God-given work in the home? Are you allowing your sons and daughters to shun the responsibilities that properly belong to them? Does your daughter sit at a musical instrument while the mother does the cooking? Do the little ones go to the mother for everything when the older ones ought to be taught to share the burden of caring for them? that the mother may have time to rest? Many mothers die years before their time because they have had to carry the burdens that ought to have been willingly borne by younger shoulders.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 17*

Children are to be educated to deny themselves. At one time, when I was speaking in Nashville, the Lord gave me light on this matter. It flashed upon me with great force that in every home there should be a self-denial box, and that into this box the children should be taught to put the pennies they would otherwise spend for candy and other unnecessary things. They are to be taught that there is a great work to be done for a needy, suffering people, even the colored people of the southern states. To them we should present the truth for this time. We are to take up intelligently the work of helping them. A good work has already been done with these self-denial boxes, and let no one lift a finger to hinder this work. Let no one speak a discouraging word in regard to it; for it is God's plan, and thus He has said that help should be sent to the work for the colored people.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 18*

You will find that as the children place their pennies in these boxes, they will gain a great blessing. They will tell the children of neighboring families what they are doing, and the way will open for these boxes to be placed in other homes. We are not to do anything to discourage this work. Every member of the family, from the oldest to the youngest, should practice self-denial.*20LtMs, Ms 66,*

1905, par. 19

As the children of such families grow up, they understand something about mission work, because they are taught what it means to deny self in order that souls may be brought into the truth. They are taught that the money which they save by denying themselves goes to relieve a race whom the great majority of people in this country seem largely to have forgotten. The colored people need help and education and training, and we are going to work to the point until a great work is accomplished. So long as God gives me breath, I shall bear my testimony regarding this matter. I thank God that He has ways and means by which self-denial can be taught in the family. Thus His people are to be taught how to do missionary work, how to go out, and in simplicity open the Word of God to others. When questioned about their faith, they will be able to state plainly and clearly the reasons of their faith. Such families bring into the church the influence of their home training.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 20*

What we need is home religion—the sanctification of the truth in the home life. We know in whom we have believed, but we do not half express it; and when we fail to give expression to our faith, we lose half the sense of what it means to give ourselves to God. To live for Him means sacrifice at every step. It means self-denial in the matter of dress. Much money is spent in the adornment of the person that ought to be devoted to the proclamation of the truth for this time. A world had been committed to us, and in the name of Christ Jesus, I ask you, my sisters, to dress plainly and neatly, but not for display. Do not try to follow every fashion. Get a good fashion, and keep it. Let all see that you have a nobler aim in life than following the ever-changing fashions of the world, that you are preparing for the higher life in the kingdom of God.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 21*

My brethren, build plainly and solidly the houses that you put up. We have no fault to find with the buildings here. Our institutions are to be a representation of the characters that we are to form. Everything about them is to be solid. God will help us as we try to carry out His will in our character building.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 22*

Christ came to our world without display. But today great displays are made every now and then. Thousands of dollars are expended right among our own people in such displays, and this God forbids. That is not the way to get the truth before the people. Christ could have come to this world accompanied by thousands of angels, but He did not do this. He stepped down from His high command, and laying aside His royal robe and kingly crown, He came to this world in the garb of humanity, to live a life of perfect obedience, that human beings, receiving Him as their Redeemer, might become partakers of the divine nature, and at last stand before God without spot or stain of sin. He died for us that we might be made worthy to enter through the gates of the holy city and hear the welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." [Matthew 25:23.] *20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 23*

In our work we are not to strive to make an appearance. We are to look upon Christ, beholding what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. And what a joy, what a power will be with us as we do this! It will not be merely the excitement of feeling, but a deep abiding joy. We are to present the solid truths of the Word of God, that these truths may be impressed on the hearts of the people, and that men and women may be led to walk in the footsteps of the Redeemer. *20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 24*

When the Pharisees complained because Christ and His disciples ate with publicans and sinners, the Saviour said, I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. [Mark 2:17.] He accepted the invitations given Him to attend different gatherings, and every time He went to one of these places, He spoke words that reached forth to rescue the lost sheep. *20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 25*

May God help us so to act that His converting power may be seen amongst us. Parents and children are to act as if they were under God's discipline. In the home, under the direction of the great Counselor, they are to carry out the principles of heaven. God will be with them in their work, giving them victory after victory, if they will follow in the way of truth and righteousness. *20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 26*

Oh, how my soul longs after God—to see Him with His people, to see His power revealed in the heart, in the character, and in the home.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 27*

We need true religion in the church. It is God's purpose that we shall show that we are born again and that we are working out in our lives the great, heaven-born principles of truth. Thus only can we gain eternal life in the kingdom of glory. But there are so few who are going out to proclaim the wonderful truth that we have received. Why do you not go out? Why do you not enter the different places that have not yet heard the truth? Do you say, I do not know how I should be supported? Christ told His disciples how they would be supported. He told them to go right into the homes of the people and eat at their tables. He wants His workers today to come so close to the people that those for whom they are working will be bound to the one who speaks to them the word of life. There might be a thousand more laborers than there are now if God's people would deny themselves, and take up the cross, and follow Jesus. What we need is the sanctification of the Holy Spirit, and we need it every day. What we need is men of prayer, men who in quietness and humility, without any display or excitement, are overcoming self.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 28*

What we need at this meeting is to settle in to the living principles of present truth. Satan is creeping in with his sophistry to undermine the principles of our faith. You remember how when Paul and Silas were teaching in a certain place, a woman met them and cried, saying, "These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation." [*Acts 16:17.*] This woman was possessed with a spirit of divination and by soothsaying brought her masters much gain. Her influence had helped to strengthen idolatry.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 29*

"But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out that same hour." [*Verse 18.*]*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 30*

But, you say, she spoke good words, and why should Paul rebuke her? It was Satan speaking through her, hoping to mingle his sophistry with the truths taught by those who were proclaiming the

Word of God.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 31*

The same danger exists today. The enemy is trying to bring in his sophistry through those who ought to be on their knees before God, praying for an understanding of what saith the Scriptures, that they may stand against the evil influences that fill the world. God desires scientific sophistry to be purged from every heart. He desires us to rebuke every evil devising, every evil work. If we allow such devising to go unrebuked, we shall have to suffer the consequences.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 32*

After the woman had been freed from the evil spirit, she became a follower of Christ. Her masters saw that their hope of gain was gone, and taking Paul and Silas, they brought them before the rulers, charging them with troubling the city. This caused an uproar. The multitude rose against the disciples, and the magistrates commanded that the prisoners should be beaten. They were then taken to prison, and their feet were placed in the stocks.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 33*

Things looked very discouraging for the disciples, but angels of God were with them, and they sang the praises of God in the prison. Could we have sung under such circumstances? They did. While they were singing, “suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one’s bands were loosed.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 34*

“And the keeper of the prison, awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm; for we are all here.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 35*

“And he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto Him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 36*

“And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes, and was baptized, he and all his straightway. And when he had brought them into the house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.” [*Verses 26-34.*] It looked as if their effort had been a failure, when they were in jail, with their feet in the stocks. But their effort resulted in the conversion of the jailer and all his household.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 37*

What we need is to hold fast to the living principles of the truth, whatever may be the consequences to us. We are not to accept one thread of sophistry from any doctor or minister or any one else. God is our teacher. And yet we are bound to unify. Christ has declared that we are to be one, even as He is one with the Father. But we are not to pick up sophistry from men whose lives are full of failures and mistakes and underhand working. God wants us to go to Him for light and to carry His presence with us wherever we go.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 38*

May the Lord impress His people that there is good religion in good management in the home. When this is done, we shall have men and women who understand the meaning of good management in the church. We shall have those who will stand as firm as a rock to principle. They will not try to gain all the advantages for a certain place, because they have an interest in that place. What God wants is men who are as true as steel to principle. Unless we have such men, we shall not know when the devising of the enemy comes. We shall not know when Satan speaks as he spoke through the woman in Paul's day.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 39*

We are to bring sound principles into the home and into the church. Every member of the family is to exert a right influence in the home, in the church, and in the world. Parents, I ask you, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, to begin to work in God's lines in your home. We desire to see the salvation of the Lord revealed in every home. I desire your homes to be such that angels of God can enter them and work with you and your children. But if by harsh words and angry words you are constantly sinning against God, the angels cannot enter your home. Sadly they turn away, grieved that those for whom Christ has done so much should thus dishonor their

Redeemer.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 40*

If parents have not a reformation to make in their homes, God has never spoken by me. They need to be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 41*

This is the last Sabbath that we shall be here together, and I want to know how many in this congregation are ready to take hold of the work of the Lord in advance lines, ready to spend their time hunting and fishing for souls. Christ did not place His fishermen-disciples in a school to be educated for His work. He took them to Himself, bidding them follow Him. They asked no questions, but followed Him. Today men will go straight from our churches to work in the harvest field. They may never have had laid on them the hands of ordination, but they will do a work for God, and none are to forbid them.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 42*

The time has come when the Jews are to be given light. The Lord wants us to encourage and sustain men who shall labor in right lines for this people; for there are to be a multitude convinced of the truth, who will take their position for God. The time is coming when there will be as many converted in a day as there were on the day of Pentecost, after the disciples had received the Holy Spirit.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 43*

The Jews are to be a power to labor for the Jews; and we are to see the salvation of God. We are altogether too narrow. We need to be broader-minded. God wants us to carry out the principles of truth and righteousness. His work is to go forward in cities and towns and villages.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 44*

I wish to ask how many are willing to reconsecrate their hearts to God today. How many are willing to take the stand that they will no longer be lukewarm in their religious experience? Christ wants you to be where the virtue of His life is taken into your life. How many during this meeting have been impressed by the truth and are determined to obey it?*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 45*

(The entire congregation arose.)*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 46*

Will you in the name of the Lord take steps upward? Christ has placed one end of the ladder firmly on the earth. The ladder reaches to heaven, and you may climb round by round until at last you step off the topmost round into the kingdom of God.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 47*

I want you to remember that you have today pledged yourselves to live wholly for God. You have declared your determination to serve Him. Let your lives be so pure and holy that Christ will not be ashamed to call you brethren. In such a day as ye think not, the Son of man cometh. Get ready to meet Him in peace. Theories are being presented that say, My Lord delayeth His coming. But look at the world, at its wickedness. The life of no one is safe, except for God's protection. The world is fast becoming as Sodom and Gomorrah. It is fast becoming as it was in the days of Noah. We are to be as wholly consecrated to Christ and His service as the world is wholly given over to evil. The enemy will present his sophistries, with little fibers that would take hold of your experience and undermine your faith. I pray that your eyes may be anointed with the heavenly eyesalve, that you may discern what is truth and what is error. We need to put on the white garments of Christ's righteousness. We need to walk and talk with God.*20LtMs, Ms 66, 1905, par. 48*

Ms 68, 1905

Talk/The Ladder of Progress

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I know of nothing better to present to teachers and students than the instruction found in the *first chapter of Second Peter*. *20LtMs, Ms 68, 1905, par. 1*

“Simon Peter, a servant and 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 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 called us to glory and virtue; whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” [*Verses 1-4.*] *20LtMs, Ms 68, 1905, par. 2*

Let the young men and young women that come to our schools, and those who have been set as guardians over them, remember that God calls them to move steadily forward, to advance step by step, because Christ is their Saviour. The youth are to be taught to consecrate themselves, body and soul, to the service of Christ. While in school they are to impart as well as to receive. They will find that by imparting truth, they will increase in a knowledge of Christ. They can be channels of light. Said Christ, “Ye are the light of the world.” [*Matthew 5:14.*] When you get a fresh thought from the Word of God, or from your other studies, do not keep it to yourself. Give to some one else that which has helped you. Remember that as surely as you live out the principles of truth, you will help yourself; and in helping yourself to climb the ladder of progress, you will show others the way. *20LtMs, Ms 68, 1905, par. 3*

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue.” [2

Peter 1:5.] Your faith is worthless without the virtue. Faith of the right kind brings virtue that is more valuable than gold, or silver, or precious stones.*20Lts, Ms 68, 1905, par. 4*

“And to virtue knowledge.” [*Verse 5.*] We have some knowledge of God, but not a hundredth part of what it is our privilege to have, because we do not walk in the light that day by day God is giving us.*20Lts, Ms 68, 1905, par. 5*

You are to work on the plan of addition, and as you do this, the promise will be fulfilled, “Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.” [*Verse 2.*] As you live on the plan of addition, constantly adding to your fund of knowledge, and seeking to carry out the instruction you receive, you will gain strength to overcome temptation and will be enabled to stand on vantage ground. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh unto you. He will lift up for you a standard against the enemy.*20Lts, Ms 68, 1905, par. 6*

“And to knowledge temperance.” [*Verse 6.*] Each one must settle for himself the question of temperance. You are to put nothing into your lips that will overtax the digestive organs. This is necessary if you would have a clear mind. Those who eat improper food are hindering themselves from making the advance steps that Christ expects them to make. And let not those who are older in years tempt the youth to eat anything but plain, simple food. When a great variety of rich food is eaten, a disturbance is created in the stomach, the thoughts are disturbed, and the intellect dulled. It is to be our study to make our eating and drinking such that we will be able to offer to God the highest service.*20Lts, Ms 68, 1905, par. 7*

“And to temperance patience.” [*Verse 6.*] Temperance always leads to patience. Students, if you will take yourselves in hand, if you will practice temperance in all things, you will find wonderful help in Christ. You will watch well your words. Speech is a precious talent. You can speak fretfully, or you can speak pleasantly. Remember that it will not hurt your influence to speak pleasantly, but it will sweeten your influence. If provoking words are spoken to you, do not utter a word. The best rebuke you can give the one who has uttered the provoking word is to keep silent until you can speak in a

calm, pleasant voice. Try to gain control over yourself. This will help you to stand on vantage ground. Constantly keep God and His promises before your mind. Brace your self to habits of self-control.*20LtMs, Ms 68, 1905, par. 8*

“And to godliness brotherly kindness.” [Verse 7.] O how much we need to cultivate brotherly kindness.*20LtMs, Ms 68, 1905, par. 9*

“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 and Saviour Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things in blind, and cannot see afar off and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.” [Verses 7-9.] He cannot see the influence of his harsh, angry words and his unchristlike course of action.*20LtMs, Ms 68, 1905, par. 10*

If students would read the Word of God more, and pray over it, the light of heaven would shine upon them. The Lord does not want them to go around with long faces, unable to speak pleasant words. He wants them to be full of pleasantness. The youth and those who have charge of them need to have such a power of self-control that they will exert a cheerful, uplifting influence upon all those with whom they come in contact. Then the angels of God can give them success in their work.*20LtMs, Ms 68, 1905, par. 11*

There are those whose characters are so frivolous that it seems impossible for them to keep their tongues from running in the wrong direction; but not withstanding this, maintain your self-control, and then wherever you are, those who have charge over you will not have to control you, for you will control yourselves. Climb steadily upward on the ladder of progress, round by round, and at last you will step off the topmost round into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 68, 1905, par. 12*

“Wherefore the rather, brethren, given diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.” [Verse 10.] Our eternal life insurance policy is found right in these words, and we want you to study them carefully. “Ye shall never fall.” Ought we not then to work right to the point?*20LtMs, Ms 68, 1905, par. 13*

“For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” [Verse 11.] Will you not pledge yourselves to God to serve Him and Him alone? I do not ask you to pledge yourselves to one another. Pledge yourselves to God. Let Him be the one who will hear your promise that you will press steadily forward in the way to heaven. Holy angels will watch over you, and the golden oil, which the two olive branches empty through the two golden pipes, for the perfection of God’s people, will be imparted to you. *20LtMs, Ms 68, 1905, par. 14*

Those who have the guardianship of the youth need to cling to the mighty One. Those who will continue in the faith will obtain the eternal life insurance policy, which will give them the right to enter in through the gates into the city of God and a right to eat of the fruit of the tree of life. Let us hold fast to God. Let us consecrate ourselves to the service of Christ. He will give us power to overcome. Of yourselves you cannot create this power. Place yourselves as humble seekers at the feet of Jesus, and He will give you the strength you need. *20LtMs, Ms 68, 1905, par. 15*

I feel so glad that we could hold our meetings at a place where there are so many quiet retreats to pray. Oh, I have longed for this when I have been on camp-grounds where there was no such opportunity. Get together in companies of two or three, and go off into some quiet place to seek the Lord. His promise is that where two or three are agreed together as touching anything, their prayer will be answered. Our God is close beside us. “Lo,” He declares, “I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” [Matthew 28:20.] Yoke up with Christ. Do not yoke up with human beings and then think that because they are not perfect you need not be. Link up with the One who is perfect and who has power to sanctify you and give you a fitness to receive the life that measures with the life of God. *20LtMs, Ms 68, 1905, par. 16*

“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 the tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our

Lord Jesus Christ hath showed me. Moreover, I will endeavor that ye may be able after my decrease to have these things 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, 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.” [2 *Peter 1:12-18.*] Today the voice of heaven will come to souls who are striving for the victory over sin.*20LtMs, Ms 68, 1905, par. 17*

“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.” [*Verse 19.*] God would have us take hold of the rich promises of His Word. Come to His feet, and plead with Him for power.*20LtMs, Ms 68, 1905, par. 18*

A school has been established here at Takoma Park. The students who come to us are to receive a preparation for service that will be full of marrow and fatness. Angels of God will help every one who endeavors to conform his life to the life of Christ. Just as surely as the students grasp the hand of infinite power, that hand will lift them up.*20LtMs, Ms 68, 1905, par. 19*

We all seem to gain greater victories than we have yet gained, and we will do this if we reach high enough and cling close enough. You may say, “I do not feel as if God is blessing me.” But what have your feelings to do with it? You have the promise. Move steadily forward, believing that God has heard your prayer and that He will fulfil His Word. Be determined that you will overcome, that you will not fail or be discouraged. Do not depend on feeling, but on God. Cast your helpless souls on Christ. Praise God with heart and voice, and glorify His name day by day.*20LtMs, Ms 68, 1905, par. 20*

Ms 70, 1905

Talk/A Message of Warning

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I desire that all should understand matters in the right light. The messages given at the Conference of 1901 and since that time, that our sanitariums should not be linked up with the Medical Missionary Association at Battle Creek, were plain enough to be understood by all our medical workers. Had our physicians, whom God has greatly honored by giving them light and encouragement, listened to the counsels and warnings then given them, they should have saved themselves and our people generally from many perplexities and temptations. The Lord designed that these men should be His physicians, light-bearers to the world; but they have misappropriated the words of warning, and the enemy has been permitted to work a strange work among those who should have stood as standard-bearers of the truth.*20LtMs, Ms 70, 1905, par. 1*

The book *Living Temple* contains specious, deceptive sentiments regarding the personality of God and of Christ. The Lord opened before me the true meaning of these sentiments, showing me that unless they were steadfastly repudiated, they would deceive the very elect. Precious truth and beautiful sentiments were woven in with false, misleading theories. The precious representations of God are so misconstrued as to appear to uphold falsehoods originated by the great apostate. Sentiments that belong to the revealings of God are mingled with specious, deceptive theories of Satan's agencies.*20LtMs, Ms 70, 1905, par. 2*

In the controversy over these theories, it has been asserted that I believed and taught the same things that I have been instructed to

condemn in the book *Living Temple*. This I deny. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I say that this is not so. *20LtMs, Ms 70, 1905, par. 3*

Bible truths are being used to serve the purpose of upholding theories that I have repeatedly condemned. There are those who persist in taking precious representations given me by God, regarding God in nature and weaving them in with sentiments that God never designed should be presented to His people. I protest against this use of my writings, and I am forced to speak to this Conference, saying, Be not deceived; God is not mocked. He who misplaces and misapplies the precious things of God is sinning against heaven. *20LtMs, Ms 70, 1905, par. 4*

I had hoped that these matters would be straightened out at this Conference. I hoped that, after the many decided warnings that have been sent to our medical workers at Battle Creek, they would take a stand for the right and remove the stumbling blocks out of the way. But another opportunity has passed by unimproved, and I cannot and will not keep silent. The flock of God must not be deceived; the truth of God must not be imperilled. The students who have gone to Battle Creek to obtain an education in medical missionary lines are in danger of receiving specious errors. In the name of the Lord, I say to our people, Let your children receive an education in medical missionary lines from those who are true and loyal to the faith which has been delivered to the people of God under the ministrations of the Spirit of God. Amidst the perils of these last days, the truth is to shine forth in clear, distinct rays. *20LtMs, Ms 70, 1905, par. 5*

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

scientific errors with the instruction that he gives. It is not right to allow this seductive influence to be breathed by men and women who are training to be Christian missionaries; for thus they will be deceived and led away from the truths that Christ gave John to give to the churches.*20LtMs, Ms 70, 1905, par. 6*

It has been presented to me that in view of Dr. Kellogg's course of action at the Berrien Springs' meeting, we are not to treat him as a man led of the Lord, who should be invited to attend our general meetings as a teacher and leader.*20LtMs, Ms 70, 1905, par. 7*

(Speaking) This subject has been kept before me for the past twenty years, yea, for more than twenty years. Before my husband's death, Dr. Kellogg came to my room to tell me that he had great light. He sat down and told me what it was. It was similar to some of the views that he has presented in *Living Temple*. I said, "Those theories are wrong. I have met them before. I had to meet them when I first began to travel. I met them in Vermont, in New Hampshire; I saw the curse of their influence in Massachusetts. The testimonies given me against them were right to the point. I was bidden to declare that we were to allow nothing of this kind to be taught in the churches."*20LtMs, Ms 70, 1905, par. 8*

Ministers and people were deceived by these sophistries. They lead to making God a nonentity and Christ a nonentity. We are to rebuke these theories in the name of the Lord.*20LtMs, Ms 70, 1905, par. 9*

As I talked about these things, laying the whole matter before Dr. Kellogg and showing him what the outcome of receiving these theories would be, he seemed to be dazed. I said, "never teach such theories in our institutions; do not present them to the people." We knelt down and pleaded with God for His Spirit, and His blessing came upon me.*20LtMs, Ms 70, 1905, par. 10*

All the way through my experience, I have had these erroneous sentiments to meet. And there is only one man who will not take warning by this history, and that is Dr. Kellogg. If he once gets his mind set, there is apparently no power or influence that will turn him from his course. That is the most discouraging feature in his case. The only way in which I can stand right before this people is by presenting to our physicians and ministers that which I have written

to guard and encourage and warn Dr. Kellogg, showing how God has been speaking to him to keep him from the position which, unless he changes his course, will result in the loss of his soul.*20LtMs, Ms 70, 1905, par. 11*

The strange part of it all is that the physicians associated with Dr. Kellogg act as if they were paralyzed, as if they did not dare to tell the doctor that he is following a wrong track. They seem to be afraid to speak the words of warning that they know are needed. But in the name of the Lord I tell you that unless we stand firm to the principles of truth that God has given us, we shall be ensnared by the delusions of these last days.*20LtMs, Ms 70, 1905, par. 12*

There are those who have known of the wrong work that was going on, but they have not put their hands on it.*20LtMs, Ms 70, 1905, par. 13*

I hope the denunciation, "Woe unto you, lawyers," will not come to any one who is professedly a believer in the truth. [*Luke 11:52.*] If our lawyers permit things to come in that will undermine in any way the trust of God's people in the medical missionary work or the ministry, so surely will God take them in hand. It is a perilous work.*20LtMs, Ms 70, 1905, par. 14*

We might take our perplexities to lawyers outside of our faith, (for in the world there are straightforward lawyers), and put our affairs in their hands. But we do not wish to do this. Do we want to expose the controversies that have taken place? We desire that the breach shall be healed. But let every man take heed where he is going. We do not want Dr. Kellogg to destroy himself, and we do not want any of those associated with him to destroy themselves. His mind has been unbalanced for a long time upon these subjects, and we do not want his associate physicians to help him to take steps in the wrong direction.*20LtMs, Ms 70, 1905, par. 15*

The light given me was that the controversy was come to a point where it seemed as if the battle was lost, and as if the enemy would gain the victory, but that God would sway it back. Then it would come again and again to a position that seemed to mean defeat; but there was deliverance. Three times, I think, this was repeated. We had to press against an influence that was satanic in its

tendency.*20LtMs, Ms 70, 1905, par. 16*

Mothers have come to me, saying, “Cannot you do something to break the spell that is upon my children? They say, I did believe in the Bible and in the testimonies, and I was happy because we had such an assurance. But of late my confidence is unsettled. Words of doubt are spoken here and there. This has uprooted my confidence, and what shall I do?”*20LtMs, Ms 70, 1905, par. 17*

I am terrified for our people—terrified to think that they act so much like blind men, terrified because they do not call wrong wrong and right right. For your own souls’ sake, my brethren and sisters, put on the whole armor of God. Why did Paul give this exhortation? He knew that the followers of Christ would have to meet principalities and powers and spiritual wickedness in high places, and he called upon them to put on the whole armor of God.*20LtMs, Ms 70, 1905, par. 18*

We need men who will work as if they had eyes to see and hearts to understand. In every part of our work we need honesty and fidelity. These are essential. May God grant that nothing will be done which will bring in dishonesty and fraud. May God help us to come right to the point, is my prayer.*20LtMs, Ms 70, 1905, par. 19*

Ms 70a, 1905

Remarks of Mrs. E. G. White to the Delegates of the Thirty-sixth session of the General Conference

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I was requested to read a few pages that have been written. *20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 1*

I desire that all should understand matters in the right light. The messages given at the Conference in 1901 and since that time, that our Sanitariums should not be linked up with the Medical Missionary association at Battle Creek, were plain enough to be understood by all our medical workers. Had our physicians, whom God has greatly honored by giving them light and encouragement, listened to the counsels and warnings that have been given them, they would have saved themselves and our people generally from many perplexities and temptations. The Lord designed that these men should be his physicians—light-bearers to the world—but they have misappropriated the words of warning, and the enemy has been permitted to work a strange work among those who should have stood as standard bearers of the truth. *20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 2*

The book “The Living Temple” contains specious, deceptive sentiments regarding the personality of God and of Christ. The Lord opened before me the true meaning of these sentiments, showing men that, unless they were steadfastly repudiated, they would deceive, if possible, the very elect. Precious truths and beautiful sentiments were woven in with dangerous errors. The precious representations of God that have been given me are so misconstrued as to appear to uphold and sustain falsehood originated by the great apostate. Sentiments that belong to the revealing's of God are mingled with specious, deceptive theories of satanic agencies. In the controversy over these theories, it has been asserted that I believed and taught the same things that I have been instructed to condemn in the book “The Living Temple.”

This I positively deny. In the name of Jesus Christ on Nazareth I say that this is not so. Truths are being used to serve the purpose of upholding theories that I have repeatedly condemned. There are those who persist in taking precious representations given me of God, and weaving them in sentiments that God never designed should be presented to his people.*20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 3*

You bear that in mind. They take the sentiments of error, and then they remove the beautiful things which the Lord has presented to me to clothe the truth, and to make the truth attractive. They have taken those, and planted them right in the midst of their errors, as if to strengthen their position by this course. Now they have stolen the beautiful light of heaven to carry out their false sentiments, and I cannot but deny it.*20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 4*

Weaving these sentiments that God never designed should be presented to his people into a connection which they present. I protest against this use of my writings; and I am forced to speak to this conference, saying, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked." [*Galatians 6:7.*]*20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 5*

He who misplaces and misapplies the precious things of God is sinning against heaven. I had hoped that these matters would be straightened out at this Conference. I had hoped that, after the many decided warnings that have been sent to our medical workers at Battle Creek, they would take a stand for the right and for truth, and remove the stumbling-blocks out of the way. But another opportunity has passed by unimproved; and I cannot, and will not, keep silent. The truth of God is imperiled.*20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 6*

The students who have gone to Battle Creek to obtain an education in medical missionary lines are in danger of receiving specious errors. In the name of the Lord, I say to our people, Let you children receive instruction in medical missionary lines from those who are true and loyal to the faith of the truth which the Lord has been laying out before us for nearly a half a century, or I might say quite a half a century. Those who are true and loyal to the faith which has been delivered to the people of God under the ministrations of the Holy Spirit: It stands in truth and righteousness.*20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905,*

par. 7

Amidst the perils of these last days this truth is to shine forth as a lamp that burneth.*20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 8*

When Dr. Kellogg receives the messages of warning given during the past twenty years; when he is sincerely converted; when he acts as a consistent, level-headed Christian worker; when his energies are devoted to carrying forward medical missionary work in right lines; when he bears a testimony that has in it no signs of double meaning or of misconstruction of the light God has given, then we may have confidence that he is seeking to follow the light; but until then we have no right, any of us, to regard him as a safe leader or teacher in the interpretation of the scriptures. He will confuse minds, and will mingle specious, scientific errors with the instruction that he gives. It is not right to allow the seductive influence to be breathed by men and women who are training to be Christian missionaries, for thus they will be deceived and led away from the truths that Christ gave to John to give to the churches.*20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 9*

It has been presented to me, that, in view of Dr. Kellogg's course of action at the Berrien Springs meeting, and at Oakland, we are not to treat him as a man led and instructed and taught of God, who should be invited to attend our general meetings as a teacher and leader.*20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 10*

Now this subject has been kept before me for more than twenty years. My husband has been dead twenty years, and before he died, things came in. Dr. Kellogg came into my room; I was occupying one of the large rooms at the office as my home. I had two or three rooms there, and he got a great light; and he sat down and told what his light was: it is just the same theories or errors, the same sophistries, that he is presenting, and did present in "Living Temple." I said, "Dr. Kellogg, I have met that." I met it when I first started out to travel. I met it in the North; I met it in New Hampshire. I saw the curse of its influence in Massachusetts, and the testimonies that were given to me were right to the point that we were not to have anything of this kind to be taught in our churches. And I talked with him. I gave the history—I have not time to give it to

you here. I gave him the history of how that was treated by the Spirit of God, and how we as a people must escape the sophistries and delusions. And it was ministers that were deceiving the people with these sophistries. I will not tell you what they led to—it may have to come; but I will not tell you now what they led to; but I will tell you what this sophistry leads to: It leads to the nonentity of Christ, to the nonentity of God, his personality, and brings in,—what shall I call it?—a sort of manufactured theory of God and Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 11*

Now, we are to repudiate that in the name of the Lord. And I talked with him. “Why,” said I, “do you know where that leads?” I was instructed, and they took the instructions down just as they were given, as they came from the lips while I was in vision—they took it right down. And said I, “Read the dangers of these things.” I had to command people, and I had to tell them about the matter—only I was—well I was young, quite young—before I was married. These things I laid out before him, and what the outcome is. I laid that out before him. He seemed to be dazed—dazed. Said I, “Don't you ever attempt in this institution to ever teach that theory, or to bring out any of these sophistries before the people. Don't you ever attempt it.” Said I, “Let us pray.” We knelt down, and we pleaded with God, and the Spirit of God came into the room, and I talked with him and labored with him on that point.*20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 12*

Now it is no use to go into the history; but I have had that history to meet,—the very same sentiments all the way through my experience. One after another would come up with their wonderful, wonderful theories. Snook and Brinkerhoff came up with their sentiments, and we tried to convince them it was wrong. But they said, “We are going to take it before the people.” One of them said he would talk a half an hour, my husband a half an hour, and I to talk a half an hour. That was at Pilot Grove (Iowa). And we talked this matter over, and we had a complete victory. These men came to Battle Creek, and everything they could pervert they perverted. And so they told all around that Elder White came into the pitched tent there with his arm right around a woman, and led her the whole length of the tent and seated her there. He told that, and they spread it all around, that Elder White was not a safe man. Well, my husband in his speech, said he, “I own to doing that very thing. I put

my arm around a woman, and led her the whole length of the tent to the front seat and gave her an easy seat; and it was my good old mother, in whose lap I have sat, and whose arms encircled me in my babyhood.” Now there was a laugh at such sophistry as that. It was truth, don't you see? It was truth. But there are just such things as that. The truth is taken and so mixed up and mixed up with the carnality of man that it seems that it would deceive, if possible, the very elect.*20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 13*

We took every point away from these men. After we had got home from the meeting there came up an awful thunderstorm. We were in Brother Nicola's house, where we made it our home—Father Nicola, that we are all well acquainted with—his labors in Battle Creek and other places—there was our home. And while we were sitting there, this awful thunderstorms came; and soon—the next morning it was—these men came; said they, “I have come with a flag of truce.” But they wanted to know first what you are going to do. “We want to know if you are going to trust us, and send us into the field again; if you are, we would come along.” We told them we had nothing to do with that at all. We told them if they had anything to say in the line of confession to say it, and we would respect what they said. We respect your flag of truce, and we want you to work on a high and elevated platform. Then they began to confess and confess themselves all out, and said, “We want it published in the paper.” That is what they ordered to be done. And we published it; but it was not but a few months, or a short time, before they were all adrift again. It was not in the heart. I will tell you what frightened them: While they were at Brother Adams's, just a short way from Brother Nicola's, there was that awful thunderstorm came, and awful lightning, and the men were so scared. The lightning struck the very spot where they had been; and they ran into the house and jumped into the bed. And one got on one side, and the other crawled over him onto the other side, and there they groaned and prayed and confessed right there. But what about that thunderbolt? It came on the very spot where they had taken their feet off of, and that scared them. It plowed a hole right in the ground. If there are any of that family of Adams and Nicolas, they know all about it, and about what took place.*20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 14*

(Elders D. T. Shireman and R. M. Kilgore said they were there at

the time, and remembered about the circumstances just related.)*20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 15*

We have only told you a little page of the history. We had history after history of the same thing; and I want to say that everybody and anybody would take that history but one man, and that is Dr. Kellogg. If he gets his mind made up and set, there is no power of influence apparently that will turn him from the position that he takes. That is the most discouraging feature in his case.*20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 16*

Now, the only way that I can stand correct before this people and before this body is to take the history that I have written to guard and to encourage him all the way back, and to show how God has been speaking to him to keep him from the very position now that he is going into the most terrible position, that will indeed prove to the loss of his soul unless he shall be interrupted in the course.*20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 17*

But the strangest part of it is that his associates, the physicians right around him seem to act as though they were paralyzed as though they did not know enough to tell him, "You are on the wrong track." They are afraid to do it. And I want to tell you in the name of the Lord, if we do not stand up to the standard God has given us, everyone will be in that position. Fastened amid the delusions of these last days are the associates, plastering things all over, just as though he was saint, when the works have been going on, and they have known it, but they would not put their hand upon it.*20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 18*

I hope the "woe unto you lawyers!" [*Luke 11:52*] will not come upon anyone that has professedly unbelief of the truth; for if these lawyers will permit the things to be woven in that will undermine in any way the truths of God's people in the medical missionary work or in the ministry, just as surely will God take them in hand. It is a perilous work. We may go to lawyers entirely outside of our people—there are lawyers that are straightforward—and put the whole thing right into their hands; but do you think we want to do that? Do you think we want to expose a great bundle of forgeries and one thing and another that have taken place. No; we do not want to do

it. We do not want to do it. We want that the thing should be healed, if possible. But let every man that has mind and brains see where he is going. That is what we want. We do not want Dr. Kellogg to destroy himself; nor we do not want any of those that are associated with him, because he has been an unbalanced man for a long time upon these subjects,—and we do not want that they should help him down to the last step in his ruin. I have told him the truth, and I have written page after page, and page after page, warning, entreating, and imploring him. But he came to the position where he said he would surrender, and sent a letter at Melrose. I took it to Brother Nicola. Said I, “Brother Nicola, what shall I do with this? Here Dr. Kellogg said he would surrender; but he has not written a single scratch what he will surrender. I do not know what he surrenders.” He said, “I have surrendered.” He made a confession before the students, and before the nurses I think it was, in the gymnasium hall, and he told them that he has been wrong, etc. But he kept right on in the same course. He did not change. I wanted to know how he was changed. Some say he is an entirely changed man. I would like to have them tell me where. The light that God has given me, it is no such thing. It is a false testimony; and in the name of the Lord, I want, if you can save the man, to save him. But do not justify him in the course of underhand grasping that has been carried on for years, that this should have to appear before the world. We do not want it to appear; but we want that everyone should come to the position that they will stand by the truth, that they will advocate the truth, and stand as men of war. The light that was given me was that the battle would come to the point where it seemed as though that the devil would have the victory, and then God would work and sway it back. Then it would come again, and it was three times I think that the battle came in that way, and we had to press and press against an influence that was satanic in its tendency. And it is time for me to call things by their right names.*20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 19*

When they have come to me and plead with me, and entreated me—mothers—“Can't you do something for me, Sister White? Can't you do something to break this spell that is upon my children?” “Why,” said they, “our children say, ‘I did believe Sister White's testimony, and it made me very happy because I thought we had such an assurance; but of late my confidence is all unsettled. It is a

word spoken here, and a word spoken there, and it is uprooting my confidence and what shall I do?" *20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 20*

There is a case at College View. He would not come out to the meetings, and he is a man grown, and has children; but he says, "I have lost all hope of my soul. Oh," said he, "I did have hope; I did have courage, but they have taken it all away from me when they tore away the foundation of the testimonies. It was point by point, and point by point; and now I am adrift, and I feel that I am a lost soul." *20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 21*

But I will not hold you here any longer; but there is enough of this that we might understand, and I am terrified for our people, to think that they act like blind men, as though they could not call wrong, wrong, and righteousness, righteousness. *20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 22*

But I have had an experience in these things ever since I was sixteen years old. Then I said, Why is it laid upon me, why is it laid upon me, that I have got to get right up before these congregations, and point out the sins? Well, the men said, that lived in the place, "I can tell you, Sister White: If one of us should present one of those things before these men and those women that are bringing in these love-sick sentimentalism and that line of error, just as soon as we did, we would find our place in jail. They have got lawyers, and they would go right to the lawyers, and they would try it, and they would shut us up in prison, some of us; but they would find out how the things went, and let us out." *20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 23*

Now these things have been acted over, and when I tell them, "It is just what I have seen, just what I understand," they could scarcely believe it, that it could be acted over again; but it is right in our midst. It was right in "Living Temple," to be accepted. But now I will not say any more. *20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 24*

For Christ's sake, put on the armor and stand, having on the whole armor. What do you mean? What did he mean?—Why, here they were to meet principalities and powers and spiritual wickedness in high places; therefore they were to put on the whole armor of God, and having done all, to stand. We want somebody that has done all. We want men that will work as though they had not their eyes blind;

we want them to arise like men; and we must have in every part of our work honesty and fidelity, and we will have it. God grant that we shall have it, that there shall not be a particle of work that shall be touched that will bring in dishonesty and fraud and all these things. Brethren, we need to be alarmed. May God help us that we may come to the right position is my prayer. *20LtMs, Ms 70a, 1905, par. 25*

Ms 72, 1905

Talk/The Boulder Sanitarium

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We all have great reason to praise the Lord. He has wrought wondrously for us in the transferring of the publishing work from Battle Creek to Washington, and in the establishment of a school here, that His purposes should be fulfilled. When we were first brought face to face with this matter, it looked like an impossibility; but at every step of our advance, it has seemed that angels of God were at our side, leading, protecting, and helping. And those gathered at this meeting can see that the Lord has wrought upon minds, so that the funds necessary for the prosecution of the work are freely coming in. We thank the Lord for the liberality of His people. When the Lord graciously reveals Himself to us, we ought to praise Him. *20LtMs, Ms 72, 1905, par. 1*

Difficulties may appear in our way. We may wonder how we are to accomplish this and that and the other thing. At times the future may look very dark. But in many of these cases, it is our privilege to wait for the difficulties till they appear. Perhaps they will not appear at all, because the Lord is hearing and answering prayer. We need to pray much more than we do. We need to bring the promises of the Lord to Him and thank and praise Him for what He has promised to give us if we will follow on to know Him. Then we shall know that His going forth is prepared as the morning. The path is prepared, the way before us is prepared; and when we stand where the Lord can open the way before us, He will do it and will strengthen us for the duty of the hour. *20LtMs, Ms 72, 1905, par. 2*

Recently a clipping from a daily paper regarding the future of the

Boulder Sanitarium was placed in my heads. What shall we do with this institution? The light given me has been that the plans followed in the building up of the Boulder Sanitarium were not altogether in accordance with the mind and will of God. Too much money was invested in the building. But after the investment has been made, the buildings erected, and our workers have gone in there and wrestled and wrestled to make the work a success, and the sanitarium has accomplished much good, shall we turn over the place to private parties? After the workers have wrestled all these years, shall those now connected with it give it up and say they are beaten? We cannot have it so. God does not want it so. No such representation of our work is to be made before the world. Every soul connected with that sanitarium is to realize that the institution is to be made a success; and it will be a success if there is shown that faith in God which will enable the workers to take hold of His promises.*20LtMs, Ms 72, 1905, par. 3*

The Boulder Sanitarium is not to go into the hands of unbelievers. It is not to be made into a hotel. It has cost altogether too much money and too much aching of heart to be lightly given up. At times, when God has revealed Himself, it has brought too much gladness for it to be given up for any worldly purpose.*20LtMs, Ms 72, 1905, par. 4*

God wants this institution to stand as an educating power in the medical missionary work, and He desires that those who have been struggling with all their might to make it a success shall not have labored in vain. He desires that they shall rely wholly upon Him and go forward to success and victory. He desires them to have faith in Him. Divine power stands behind all who are earnestly seeking to glorify God, and the Lord would be much better pleased if He should hear from your lips more words of encouragement and a determination to make a success wherever you have put your hands to establish the work.*20LtMs, Ms 72, 1905, par. 5*

The Lord is very gracious to us. He is very loving in His dealing with us, and He does not want us to be discouraged, so that we dare not keep hold of any enterprise for fear that failure will overtake it.*20LtMs, Ms 72, 1905, par. 6*

The light given me is that we should not rest until the Boulder Sanitarium is a decided success; and it will be a success. What we need is to gird on the armor and advance in unity.*20LtMs, Ms 72, 1905, par. 7*

It was not in the order of God that another medical institution was started at Boulder. God did not send this second sanitarium to Boulder. There are places enough in the world where the physician could have gone without establishing himself beside an institution which had cost our people so much and which needed all the influence and patronage it could secure. It has been presented to me that God wants the one institution to stand there, and He wants it to make progress. The establishment of another institution so near left a sadness, a discouragement, and a gloom on the minds of those connected with the Boulder Sanitarium. It brought burden of heart to those who were struggling hard to do their very best.*20LtMs, Ms 72, 1905, par. 8*

The blessing of God will attend every worker who is governed by unselfish motives. The Lord will crown their efforts with success. Those connected with the Boulder Sanitarium may say, "Sister White says, God will crown our efforts with success; but how can the institution be a financial success when another sanitarium is established close beside us?" But who led to the establishment of that institution so close to our sanitarium? It was the plan of a counterworker, not a plan born of God. Shall this counterworking be encouraged? Shall there be a backing out on our part regarding an institution established by our people at great expense?*20LtMs, Ms 72, 1905, par. 9*

It is true that more money was used in the erection of the Boulder Sanitarium than ought to have been used. If men had moved in the order of God, the institution would not have absorbed so large an amount of money, and we should not now have such a heavy burden of interest-bearing debts. Money was expended lavishly, in a way not in the order of God. And because of this, those who have come in to take charge of the institution have had to bear a severe test and trial. But when the burden and the test come, it is for us to ask what God means by the burden and what He means by the test. There certainly is a work to be done by the Boulder Sanitarium

and a broad work to be done in the vicinity of this sanitarium. Laborers should be working all through that section of the country. There are souls there to be brought to a knowledge of the truth.*20LtMs, Ms 72, 1905, par. 10*

God wants us never to do such a thing as to part with the Boulder Sanitarium. This institution will yet do its work and will do it well.*20LtMs, Ms 72, 1905, par. 11*

When discouragement comes, remember that the Lord's hosts are back of us. Remember that your strength is not found in words of discouragement. Remember that heaven is not lessened of any of its angels. These angels are just as ready to come to the help of God's people today as in the days of ancient Israel.*20LtMs, Ms 72, 1905, par. 12*

On one occasion, when the armies of Israel were to go up to battle, the Lord commanded that they take with them singers and instruments of music. They went into the battle singing the high praises of God. When their enemies heard this music, the Lord caused fear to fill their hearts, and they fled. We need to have more music and less groaning. May God help us to put faith into our work, remembering that if trial comes, it will be because we need it.*20LtMs, Ms 72, 1905, par. 13*

God will be our helper and our strength. He will be our frontguard and our rearguard. We may lean upon an arm that is almighty. With a sympathetic Saviour looking upon us, and pleading in our behalf, how can we lose faith? I ask you to pledge yourselves before God that you will not talk discouragement. Be determined never to go back on anything that you have tried to carry forward in the fear of God.*20LtMs, Ms 72, 1905, par. 14*

May the Lord help you to carry the work forward in the name of the Lord God of Israel, saying, "We shall triumph in the name of God." When you have faith, it pleases God. "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.*] Truth and light will shine into the hearts

of those who say, "We will triumph in the God of our salvation, and He will give us the victory." *20LtMs, Ms 72, 1905, par. 15*

Ms 74, 1905

Talk/Our Duty Toward the Jews

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There is a mighty work to be done in our world. The Lord has declared that the Gentiles shall be gathered in, and not the Gentiles only, but the Jews. There are among the Jews many who will be converted, and we shall see the salvation of God going forth as a lamp that burneth. *20LtMs, Ms 74, 1905, par. 1*

There are Jews everywhere, and to them the light of present truth is to be brought, that they may have an opportunity to accept it. There are among the Jews many who will come to the light and who will proclaim the immutability of the law of God with wonderful power. The Lord God will work. He will do wonderful things in righteousness. *20LtMs, Ms 74, 1905, par. 2*

“And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling block, and a recompense unto them; let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back away. I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid; but rather through the fall salvation is come to the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? For I speak to you Gentiles, I magnify mine office; if by any means I might provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be but life from the dead? For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root be holy, so are the branches. *20LtMs, Ms 74, 1905, par. 3*

“And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive; boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear.” [*Romans 11:9-20.*] Do not despise the Jews; for among them the Lord has mighty men, who will proclaim the truth with power.*20LtMs, Ms 74, 1905, par. 4*

“For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest He also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God; on them which fell severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in His goodness; otherwise thou also will be cut off. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in; for God is able to graff them in again.*20LtMs, Ms 74, 1905, par. 5*

“For if thou wert cut out of the olive which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree; how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?*20LtMs, Ms 74, 1905, par. 6*

“For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved; as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob; for this is My covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes; but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.” [*Verses 21-29.*]*20LtMs, Ms 74, 1905, par. 7*

What we need is the understanding of the Word of God. We need to keep the principles of this work in mind, that we may proclaim the truth in its purity and harmony, as it is given in the Scriptures.*20LtMs, Ms 74, 1905, par. 8*

Let not those who have not engaged in personal, evangelistic work feel that every one should look at things as they do. Let God work in His own way, and keep your hands off those whom He is using in

the cities. He has men of special talents and gifts whom He will use to proclaim the truth in the cities.*20LtMs, Ms 74, 1905, par. 9*

There ought to be thousands at work in the cities, laboring intelligently. Not all these workers should look to the conference for support. They should seek to make their work self-supporting. A great many can do self-supporting work, but some cannot.*20LtMs, Ms 74, 1905, par. 10*

We must get away from our smallness and make larger plans. There must be a wider reaching forth. We must work for those who are near and those who are afar off.*20LtMs, Ms 74, 1905, par. 11*

Ms 75, 1905

Building the Waste Places

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I will not now try to describe the experience through which I passed during the night. I slept, and many things were represented to me. The instruction given me I wrote out in the night season while others were sleeping. I have much more to say, which will be said to our people with pen and voice.*20LtMs, Ms 75, 1905, par. 1*

We are to give special attention to the conversion of sinners. Now is the time for every soul to test his own case. It is the prevailing custom to look to human agencies for sympathy. There is called for a much stronger element of moral power. God's people are to live in the clear sense that they have a God to whom they are to go with all their troubles. "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 of 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*.]*20LtMs, Ms 75, 1905, par. 2*

We need to walk humbly before the Lord. His truth is to be substantiated and magnified. We are warned that heresy of every kind will be brought in among the people of God in these last days. One heresy leads to many other heresies in the explanation of the Word of God. Let our meetings in this Conference be times for the investigation and building up of the waste places. "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." [Isaiah 58:12-14.] *20LtMs, Ms 75, 1905, par. 3*

The Lord would have us at this time bring in the testimony written by those who are now dead, to speak in behalf of heavenly things. The Holy Spirit has given instruction for us in these last days. We are to repeat the testimonies that God has given His people, the testimonies that present clear conceptions of the truths of the sanctuary and that show the relation of Christ to the truths of the sanctuary so clearly brought to view. *20LtMs, Ms 75, 1905, par. 4*

If we are the Lord's appointed messengers, we shall not spring up with new ideas and theories to contradict the message that God has given through His servants since 1844. At that time many sought the Lord with heart and soul and voice. The men whom God raised up were diligent searchers of the Scriptures. And those who today claim to have light, and who contradict the teaching of God's ordained messengers, who were working under the Holy Spirit's guidance, those who get up new theories, which remove the pillars of our faith, are not doing the will of God, but are bringing in fallacies of their own invention, which, if received, will cut the church away from the anchorage of truth and set them drifting, drifting, to where they will receive any sophistries that may arise. *20LtMs, Ms 75, 1905, par. 5*

Our work is to bring forth the strong reasons of our faith, because there are men who, never established in the truth, will bring in fallacies which would tear away the anchorage of our faith. God sends no man with a message that leads souls to depart from the faith that has been our stronghold. We are to substantiate this faith rather than tear down the foundation upon which it rests. *20LtMs, Ms 75, 1905, par. 6*

There will be many converted from among the Jews, and these converts will aid in preparing the way of the Lord and making straight in the desert a highway for our God. Converted Jews are to have an important part to act in the great preparations to be made in the future to receive Christ, our Prince. A nation shall be born in a day. How? By men whom God has appointed being converted to the truth. There will be seen "First the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear." [*Mark 4:28.*] The predictions of prophecy will be fulfilled. The day of the Lord will come suddenly, unexpectedly. *20LtMs, Ms 75, 1905, par. 7*

Ms 76, 1905

The Work in Melbourne

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The Lord has given me a message for some of our brethren and sisters in Melbourne who are acting out, in words and works, the same objectionable things that have been acted out by some of our people in Battle Creek. Had our brethren in Battle Creek followed the Lord wisely, the large sanitarium would not have been rebuilt in the same place. Smaller plants would have been made in different places, out of the cities.*20LtMs, Ms 76, 1905, par. 1*

The movements made by many in Battle Creek to counterwork the effort to transfer the publishing house to another place, as the Lord directed, will reveal their results. It will be seen what it means to work contrary to the purposes of God. But I have been shown that the results of this opposition will not be fully known until the books of heaven shall be opened, and every man shall be judged according to the deeds done in the body.*20LtMs, Ms 76, 1905, par. 2*

Again and again we have seen the results of working directly against the plan of God. We have seen how great a mistake it is for men to use their influence to turn aside the counsel of God in order to bring in human devising. Men have been held in Battle Creek who ought long ago to have been out in the fields that are destitute of workers. Shall I not judge for this thing, saith the Lord? Human wisdom has urged the advantage of remaining in Battle Creek, when the Lord had said, Go; make plants in various places near to, but outside the large cities.*20LtMs, Ms 76, 1905, par. 3*

Let not the history of Battle Creek be repeated in Melbourne. Let

the light be carried to other places. I thank God that there is a little time left in which to work in the cities. They must be worked faithfully. But what has been done in the other cities of Australia in comparison with what has been done in Melbourne? Melbourne has had the precious truth for a long time. Let other places be given the message.*20LtMs, Ms 76, 1905, par. 4*

Not all the business of the Echo Company can be moved from Melbourne at once; but do not allow the excuse of carrying on mercantile business lead to increasing the number of youth who shall be exposed to the temptation of city life. Light has been given that the large cities are to become as Sodom and Gomorrah. They are even now hotbeds of vice. Parents should be studying the Word of God for themselves and for their families. But instead of this, many children are left to grow up untaught, unmanaged, unrestrained. Parents should now do everything in their power to redeem their neglect and place their children where they will be under the very best influences.*20LtMs, Ms 76, 1905, par. 5*

Let centers be no longer made in the cities. Let children no longer be exposed to the temptations of the cities that are ripe for destruction. The Lord has sent us warning and counsel to get out of the cities. Then let us make no more investments in the cities. Fathers and mothers, how do you regard the souls of your children? Are you preparing the members of your families for translation into the heavenly courts? Are you preparing them to become members of the royal family? children of the heavenly King? What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? How will ease, comfort, convenience compare with the value of the souls of your children?*20LtMs, Ms 76, 1905, par. 6*

There is not one family in a hundred who will be improved physically, mentally, or spiritually by residing in the city. Faith, hope, love, happiness can far better be gained in retired places where there are fields and hills and trees. Take your children away from the sights and sounds of the city, away from the rattle and din of street cars and teams, and their minds will become more healthy. It will be found easier to bring home to their hearts the truth of the Word of God.*20LtMs, Ms 76, 1905, par. 7*

The Lord would have the believers in Melbourne consider the example set by Battle Creek, and not pattern after it. God has sent warning after warning that our schools and publishing houses and sanitariums are to be established out of the city, in places where the youth may be taught most effectively what is truth. Let no one attempt to use the testimonies to vindicate the establishment of large business interests in the cities. Do not make of no effect the light that has been given upon this subject.*20LtMs, Ms 76, 1905, par. 8*

Men will arise speaking perverse things, to counterwork the very movements that the Lord is leading His servants to make. But it is time that men and women reasoned from cause to effect. It is too late, too late to establish large business firms in the cities—too late to call young men and women from the country to the city. Conditions are arising in the cities that will make it very hard for those of our faith to remain in them. It would therefore be a great mistake to invest money in the establishment of business interests in the cities.*20LtMs, Ms 76, 1905, par. 9*

“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 shall thy people be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.” [*Daniel 12:1.*]*20LtMs, Ms 76, 1905, par. 10*

This scripture is to be studied. The cities will become worse and worse. In them will be strife and bloodshed, and at last they will be visited by earthquakes. Buildings will be thrown down and will be consumed by fire from heaven.*20LtMs, Ms 76, 1905, par. 11*

“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.” “And I heard, and I understood not: Then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And He said, Go thy way, Daniel; for the words are closed up and sealed to the time of the end. 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.” [Verses 2, 3, 8-10.]*20LtMs, Ms 76, 1905, par. 12*

Will our brethren and sisters in Melbourne move without the counsel of God? Will they make large plants in Melbourne, when the world is growing worse and worse, when the cities are becoming as Sodom and Gomorrah? Will they put out the eyes of the people, that they shall not discern the signs of the times?*20LtMs, Ms 76, 1905, par. 13*

The cities must be worked. Those who are living in them must be warned of what is before us. Let time and means be wisely spent. See if you cannot do something in the highways and byways of the cities to proclaim the message of present truth. But do not locate your families in the city, and do not establish business interests there. If you do this, you will in the future be expected to conform to the observance of various holidays. Watchers will be set to seek occasion of complaint against the commandment-keeping people of God. Satan will exercise his power and enmity, and oppression will be the result. The larger the city, the greater will be the oppression. At such a time as this, shall we invest our money and our time in business enterprise in the cities, when they are so much needed to advance the work of [God] in new fields? Let those who can teach the truth go forth into the highways and hedges and compel men and women to come in, that God’s house may be full.*20LtMs, Ms 76, 1905, par. 14*

“Come, let us return unto the Lord; for He hath torn, and He will heal us; He hath smitten and He will bind us up. After two days will He receive us; in the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.” [*Hosea 6:1-3.*]*20LtMs, Ms 76, 1905, par. 15*

Though stormy times are before us, much missionary work still remains to be done in the cities. This work can be done better now than at any other time in the future. But this does not require the establishment of large business enterprises. Let us not move

according to human ambition. We are living in too solemn a time to move impulsively. While missionary work is to be done in the cities and out of the cities, God does not desire His people to invest their means in large commercial interests in the cities. My brethren and sisters, if you have physical force, if you have money, invest them in the work of enlightening men, women, warning them to prepare for what is coming upon the earth.*20LtMs, Ms 76, 1905, par. 16*

Ms 77, 1905

The Graysville Sanitarium

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During the night impressions have been made upon my mind. The physician working at the Graysville Sanitarium needs words of encouragement. Last night I had the impression that I must see him and talk with him. His countenance is that of a strong man; and if he has a favorable opportunity, and true, faithful helpers, he will stand on vantage ground and will be a physician of the right kind. There was a yearning appeal in his face and in the face of his wife. She is not in her right place. I said, I will inquire of my son in regard to this case. I have learned some things and will encourage the man and his wife. They must not be left to become discouraged. They both need help. They need to be more favorably situated.*20LtMs, Ms 77, 1905, par. 1*

Scenes passed before me, showing that transactions had taken place that were not calculated to be a blessing to them. I say to these two souls, The law of the divine economy is that "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted, and he that exalteth himself shall be abased." [*Luke 14:11.*] The Lord will not trust with success those who would take the credit to themselves. They will gain success if they will not allow the attitude of human beings to discourage them. These physicians are not to stop at their present point of usefulness.*20LtMs, Ms 77, 1905, par. 2*

Of those with whom the doctor has been associated, the Lord would have me say, They need to reveal in their lives much more of the beauty of holiness. They need to work with tenderness and carefulness so as not to hurt the oil and the wine. We are all of us probationers, on test and trial for our lives. It does not become any

of those engaged in the Lord's service to lose sight of the tenderness and love and humility and grace which should accompany their every word, their every act. They are to walk circumspectly, not pharisaically, but in humbleness of mind, each esteeming the other better than himself.*20LtMs, Ms 77, 1905, par. 3*

Self-exaltation is to be strictly guarded against. Movements have been made, in connection with the education and training of nurses for the work, that have not been in accordance with the will of the Lord. And those who have left Graysville would do well to examine themselves, to see whether they be in the love of God. It is not enough to hope that we love God, to suppose that our faith is fixed on Christ. We do not thus give evidence that we have the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. We may go through certain religious exercises in a formal way, but is this revealing the faith that brings to the heart trust and peace and hope and daily refreshing? The heart may say yearningly, "Lord, send us a blessing;" but is there a grasping of the promise that He will do as He has said? Do we show Christlike sympathy for those with whom we associate? There is need of close self-examination.*20LtMs, Ms 77, 1905, par. 4*

When by work or act you bring discouragement upon your fellow workers, you are neglecting a Bible duty unless you go to them and do all in your power to remove the misunderstanding that has arisen. May God help us to spring into life and to be sure that our own souls are bright and hopeful and full of a desire to help others.*20LtMs, Ms 77, 1905, par. 5*

Ms 78, 1905

A Message to Believers

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“Except a man be born again, he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.” [*John 3:3, 5.*] Those who are born again have a spiritual force and a spiritual knowledge that develops in the character the attributes of the divine nature. The life that they live is a new life, a life conformed to the will of God. Into all the business transactions into which the Christian enters, he is to bring the mind and spirit of Christ. He is to exert a saving influence. He is not to be deceived when men who walk crookedly talk of principle. These men exert a strange, misleading influence, an influence that will ruin anyone who will yield to it.*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 1*

Every step, thank God, may be taken with positive certainty. Christ will abide with His believing people. “Every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth.” [*Matthew 7:8.*] Christ does not leave His church to be a strange, undenominated power in the world. He states plainly, “By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.” [*John 13:35.*] You are God’s denominated people.*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 2*

There can be no connection between those who receive and practice the truth and the subjects of Satan’s kingdom. Knowing that we have the whole army of satanic agencies to war against, Christ presents to the subjects of His kingdom the principles upon which His government is founded. He makes the matter plain to us that we have needs which must be supplied, and that there must be a close connection between the giver and the receiver. The Holy Spirit will be given to every soul who seeks for a living connection between the human and the divine. All who seek for the gift of the Holy Spirit will understand that when they cast their helpless souls upon Jesus Christ, confessing their sins, and praying for one

another, He will come near to bless them.*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 3*

The Sovereign of heaven is working upon the hearts of His human agents, giving them blessings that exceed all their expectations. The Lord Jesus places Himself in the channel where His human subjects may approach Him. And He permits even the touch of faith for a stolen blessing. But He made known to the one who had been healed that He recognized the touch of faith, even though the people were pressing close upon Him. "If I can but touch the hem of His garment," the woman said, "I shall be made whole." [*Matthew 9:20, 21.*] She worked her way through the multitude until she saw her opportunity. That touch of faith brought healing.*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 4*

There was in her experience a lesson of too much value to be passed over. The faith of this suffering, longing soul must be recognized. Turning round, Christ said, "Who touched Me?" "Thou seest the multitude thronging Thee," the disciples said, "and sayest Thou, Who touched Me?" [*Luke 8:45; Mark 5:31.*] But Christ replied, "Somebody has touched Me, for I perceive that virtue has gone out of Me." [*Luke 8:46.*] Then the woman, grateful and penitent, told her pitiful story. "I but touched the hem of Thy garment," she said, "And I was made whole."*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 5*

In His dealing with this woman, Christ asserted and magnified the royalty of His grace by exerting his healing power as the great Medical Missionary upon a subject apparently the most unpromising. And God was glorified. This circumstance was an inspiration to many hearts. Praise and glory ascended from that dense, crowded company. Many needy applicants for the Holy Spirit were made better acquainted with Christ and His merciful, compassionate love.*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 6*

The trouble with the church today is that they have lost their faith. The Lord calls for the simple, childlike faith that trusts without questioning. Christ is the fountain of life, constantly receiving to communicate. Does not the record of the day of Pentecost testify to His abundant grace? Throughout our world channels have been opened through which God works to refresh and strengthen His

church. He will keep his people constantly supplied with grace if they will connect and co-operate with the one great source of power. Every day the church might be receiving grace from the heavenly supply. What an influence this would have on the world. Why do we not realize our privileges?*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 7*

The rite of baptism is administered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. These three great powers of heaven pledge themselves to be the efficiency of all who submit to this ordinance and who faithfully keep the vow they then make. "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." [*Colossians 2:6-8.*] It is here that the great danger comes in. A worldly spirit and worldly practices have taken the place that Christ should have in the life. "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. ... 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 9, 10, 12.*]*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 8*

"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. ... 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." [*Colossians 3:1-4, 12-15.*]*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 9*

God has opened the way for us to receive help from the source of all power. He has accepted His people in the Beloved. Those who thus unite with the church by baptism are sealed as men and

women who have been born again of water and of the Spirit. They have entered upon a new life. They are to be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world through lust. They are to keep themselves free from every dishonest practice. Their example is to be a continual witness to the power of heavenly grace. The Spirit of truth is to control them. *20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 10*

We are to be consecrated channels through which the heavenly life is to flow to others. The Holy Spirit is to animate and pervade the whole church, purifying and cementing hearts. Those who have been buried with Christ in baptism are to rise to newness of life, giving a living representation of the life of Christ. The commission has been given to us. Upon us is laid a sacred charge. "Go then," Christ says to them. "Make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded, and baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." "And lo," He declared, "I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:19, 20.*] You are dedicated to the work of making known the gospel of salvation. Heaven's perfection is to be your power. As God's followers, by converted lives, make known the power of His grace, a clear distinction is drawn between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not. *20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 11*

Since my recent sickness, my mind has been deeply stirred. In the night season I have been bearing to the church messages of a most solemn, earnest character, urging believers to prepare the way of the Lord. God calls upon His people to repent of their sins and be converted. They cannot afford to defile their souls by transgression. In the church here below, we are to prepare to unite with the church above. Every advance that we make in this life toward Christian perfection is a message to the world. Christ's teaching is the only teaching to which the members of the church should lend their ears. His grace is to be above every other attraction. Christ has very much to give to His waiting people, much to say to those who are willing to hear. And those to whom He speaks are to give to others the invitation to come to the marriage supper of the Lamb. *20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 12*

Satan's Rebellion

Angelic agencies, both good and evil, are striving for the mastery, and every influence that is now exerted is to be closely investigated. Not all the members of the church are asleep, and some have a full sense of the perils of the hour. But there are many who are careless and indifferent. There are church members who are using Satan's methods to deceive those around them. *20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 13*

The Lord would have our minds aroused regarding the influence of evil angels. Christ does not tell us of the danger threatening us from the attacks of the apostate foe without furnishing us with power to resist every attack. Having assumed the rightful heirship to the world, He is fully able to lead His army on triumphantly in the warfare with spiritual foes. The seat or throne of Satan is in this world, and students of prophecy are to be fully awake regarding the powers they are to meet. Those who have not a firm hold on our leader Christ Jesus, those who are careless and indifferent will find themselves bound by the power of evil. Those who are careless in regard to their religious standing are building on the sand. *20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 14*

There are those who greatly desire power and who will use inventions that Satan places in their hands to gain power. The evil has acquired wonderful power, and this power will be manifested as apparently a most wonderful blessing to the race. Speaking of Satan, our Lord declared that he abode not in the truth. He was an exalted leader in the heavenly courts. But a desire for supremacy entered his heart. He wanted to be as God. He began to stir up rebellion, using underhand methods, winning a few at a time to his side. There followed that which had never before been seen in heaven. Satan began to place his thoughts in the minds of the angels. When he supposed that his suggestions and misrepresentations of God were entertained, he presented those whom he had deceived as originating these suggestions. He presented the suggestions as something that must be investigated. He easily gathered large numbers to listen to his specious devisings and thus, without compromising himself, succeeded in causing the minds of many to become disaffected. The unsuspecting were

ensnared and taken.*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 15*

This is the snare that Satan will lay for souls today. Once he was loyal, but the inspired statement is that he abode not in the truth. With his deceptive influence, he has been at work in our churches, bringing in one error after another to bewilder minds. Those who have been willing to listen to the fascinating delusion, “Ye shall be as gods” [*Genesis 3:5*], have entered upon a course of action under his guidance, thinking to accomplish some great thing.*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 16*

In the night season I am presenting these matters to our churches, giving the warning that all who give heed to the sophistries and doctrines of the enemy will be filled with a wonderful zeal in some lines and will deceive, if possible, the very elect.*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 17*

When Satan rebelled, there was war in heaven; and he, with all his sympathizers, was cast out. He had held a high office in heaven, possessing a throne radiant with light. But he swerved from his allegiance to the blessed and only Potentate and fell from his first estate. All who sympathized with him were driven from the presence of God, doomed to be no more acknowledged in the heavenly courts as having a right there. Satan became the avowed antagonist of Christ. On the earth he planted the standard of rebellion, and round it his sympathizers rallied.*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 18*

In the kingdom of evil, Satan makes familiar intercourse with his associates a strength of influence to help in extending the power of selfishness. God calls upon every believer to unite with Him in His work, showing the power of the principles of heaven to sanctify the life and multiplying their qualifications by doing good.*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 19*

Those to whom the Lord spoke anciently were in possession of the knowledge of the true God. Their message to the world was the existence of a personal God and the unity between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in carrying forward the great work of redemption in every soul that is emptied of self.*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 20*

The Sun of righteousness came to our world to work for the uplifting of humanity. He came in humiliation and poverty, born of humble parentage, and in an obscure village. When He was thirty years of age, His public ministry began; and then the obscurity vanished, as He worked with divine power to release the souls that were controlled by demons. The power of the Lord Jesus is the only power that can cope with the fallen spirits who have taken possession of the souls of human beings. The Saviour came to our world to reveal Himself as the light and life of men.*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 21*

If we follow the path of self-sacrifice followed by Christ, we shall have power to overcome. But let us not forget that half-way work is of no benefit to any soul. Profession without practical work is of no avail. The Lord calls to action every one upon whom the light of truth is shining. Christ has given an example of the way in which we are to work. Every believer is to co-operate with Christ, heeding the words, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*]*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 22*

God's Purpose for His Church

The church is to be a channel of light. The members are to bring their plans of life into harmony with Christ's plans. Their hearts are to be purified from the dross of selfishness. A power is to be set in operation that will purify, bless, and ennoble. Into every office of publication there are to be brought the attributes of Christ—a tender pity for the erring and for the fatherless and motherless. Those who do wrong are to be earnestly labored for. Let those who have had great light remember this and be tenderhearted and pitiful. Let them not be harsh and unkind, lest God treat them in the same way in which they have chosen to treat others.*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 23*

God calls for penitence and reformation. That there have been in our publishing houses wrongs to be dealt with is certain. Let every man and woman now put off the old man with his deeds. Crooked, worldly, selfish plans are not to be brought into our institutions. The influence of Christ's life is to be the prevailing power. The world's

plans, the world's policy, are to find no foothold in our sanitariums, printing offices, or schools.*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 24*

A deep and thorough work of reform is needed in the Seventh-day Adventist church. The world is not to be allowed to corrupt the principles of God's commandment-keeping people. Believers are to exert an influence that bears witness to the power of heavenly principles. Those who unite with the church must give evidence of a change of principle. Unless this is done, unless the line of demarcation between the church and the world is carefully preserved, assimilation to the world will be the result. Our message to the church and to our institutions is: "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." [*Matthew 3:2.*] The attributes of Christ's character are to be cherished, and these are to become a power in the lives of God's people. "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." [*John 17:15-18.*] What a statement is this! Who believes that those who profess to believe present truth are sent into the world as Christ was sent into the world by His Father? What a work Christ did! To expel the powers of darkness, to give health and strength to those who receive Him, this was His work. "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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 78, 1905, par. 25*

Ms 80, 1905

Arise and Trim Your Lamps

Melrose, Massachusetts

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I am awakened at two o'clock to write out a message that I am to bear to the men in positions of responsibility who have assembled at Melrose and to those who shall attend camp-meetings and councils in other places.*20LtMs, Ms 80, 1905, par. 1*

Arise, and trim your lamps; for your lights are going out. The experiences of the past year have been of a character to destroy the faith of the people of God in the third angel's message. Now is the time for all to arouse from slumber and see if there is oil in their vessels with their lamps.*20LtMs, Ms 80, 1905, par. 2*

At this time strong camp-meetings should be held near our large cities. Satan is making every effort to bring in spiritualistic sophistries, to throw his deceptions over minds. Now is the time for every follower of Christ to be clothed with the whole armor of God and to fight manfully against the encroachments of the power of darkness. Let not our soldiers be found asleep at their post. The world is to be warned. If ever there was a time when a strong spiritual influence should be exerted in our camp-meetings, it is now.*20LtMs, Ms 80, 1905, par. 3*

There are strong men, precious in the sight of God, who are under a spell. They do not realize that they are represented by the foolish virgins. Scientific, spiritualistic philosophy has taken the minds of some from the message to be proclaimed at this time. There are those who live merely to criticize. They have been associating with those who have learned from the great deceiver. Their hearts bear the sting of the serpent, and they are prepared to enter upon a campaign of unbelief.*20LtMs, Ms 80, 1905, par. 4*

Those who have fallen asleep at their post are now to awake and

trim their lamps. They are not to entertain one vestige of doubt as to the truth for this time. The hypnotism of Satan must be shown in its true bearing. We are not to turn our steps toward Egypt, but toward Canaan, the land of promise.*20LtMs, Ms 80, 1905, par. 5*

The Lord says to me, I have strengthened you to bear a message for this time. Wake up the men who have been receiving sophistries. They are asleep as to the great importance of the present time and the dangers of the future. Some who in the past have had a genuine experience will awake, because their lives have not been a continual contradiction of truth. They have oil in their vessels with their lamps. Not one of them should be asleep.*20LtMs, Ms 80, 1905, par. 6*

All are to be aroused. The sophistry to which men have consented to listen is of Satan's devising, presented to start on a false track those who are waiting for Christ's coming. We to live only for the glory of God. Self and selfishness must die.*20LtMs, Ms 80, 1905, par. 7*

The cheap experience that many have leaves them subject to Satan's temptations. We all need to obtain a deeper experience. This we must do if we are ready to meet the Bridegroom. We must now put on every piece of the Christian armor and stand ready to fulfil the high purpose that God has for us. Our thoughts, motives, and desires are to be brought into obedience to the will of God. They are to be inspired and controlled by Him. We are to ask ourselves, Am I exerting all my capabilities to keep my lamp filled with oil, and carefully trimmed, that from it may shine, brightly and clearly, the light of present truth? Am I awakening the world to its danger? Am I leading perishing souls to Christ? Am I arousing men to see that the end of all things is at hand?*20LtMs, Ms 80, 1905, par. 8*

I am instructed to ask our people, Are you exercising your stewardship in thorough consecration? Are you employing your God-given powers to spread the knowledge of the truth? Does the light of the Holy Spirit shine through you to interest and captivate the world? Is self so lost, so forgotten, that God is magnified? Is God all and in all, and above all, in your lives? The light that has

been given us on the prophecies is not to become dim, but is to shine brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. We have no time to trifle away in useless controversies, because the coming of the Lord is near.*20LtMs, Ms 80, 1905, par. 9*

Those who are represented by the wise virgins, those who in the past have had a precious experience in the truth, are now to arouse and trim their lamps. Let those who have listened to sophistry now cut out every vestige of this out of their experience. Do not allow your time to be taken up in discussion regarding these sophistries. Do not remain in the fog of skepticism until it is too late for you to find your bearings. Entire consecration to God puts to an end all vain, foolish suppositions and imaginations.*20LtMs, Ms 80, 1905, par. 10*

Wake up the mighty men. Tell them to put on the whole armor of God and engage in the warfare. "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." [*Ephesians 6:12, 13.*]*20LtMs, Ms 80, 1905, par. 11*

Ms 82, 1905

A Change of Heart Needed

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“There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. The same 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. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born again when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born? Jesus answered, 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. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, or whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*20LtMs, Ms 82, 1905, par. 1*

“Nicodemus answered and said unto Him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?”
[*John 3:1-12.*]*20LtMs, Ms 82, 1905, par. 2*

The ruler was trying to draw Christ into a discussion regarding the evidence of the divinity of His mission, but Christ refused to enter into controversy. He desired Nicodemus to understand that it was not reasoning which was needed, but the facts of faith. It is not a new revelation that you need, He said, but a new heart. When your heart is changed, all things will appear new.*20LtMs, Ms 82, 1905,*

par. 3

“And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven,” the Saviour continued, “even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” *20LtMs, Ms 82, 1905, par. 4*

“He that believeth 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 reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.” [*Verses 13-21.*] *20LtMs, Ms 82, 1905, par. 5*

The Lord will work by His Holy Spirit all who will be worked. Many who profess to be Christians are such only in name. Every day their words and works testify of them, that they are following a leader whose plans are opposed to the plans of God. The words spoken to Nicodemus are spoken to them also, “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” [*Verse 3.*] This is the message that comes from the great Medical Missionary to many who profess to be His followers. Some who are physicians need to be cleansed from the leprosy of sin. They do much harm, because they are not converted. They need to be healed of moral leprosy. I testify that which I know as a messenger sent of God. *20LtMs, Ms 82, 1905, par. 6*

The character of Christianity is intensely practical. The kingdom of God comes not with multitudinous devisings of human invention, which bear not the credentials of God. *20LtMs, Ms 82, 1905, par. 7*

A Solemn Message

“To 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 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.” Hold fast the knowledge that you have received from God, and repent because you have departed from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits. “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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 82, 1905, par. 8*

“I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.” [*Verse 1.*] There are many today to whom this word applies. They have grown cold and indifferent in their religious life and do not seem to realize that God is calling upon them to arouse from their insensibility and hold fast the things that they have heard. A message is sent to arouse them. “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.” [*Verse 3.*]*20LtMs, Ms 82, 1905, par. 9*

“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 raiments, 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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 82, 1905, par. 10*

I address those who occupy important positions in the cause of God. Do not look to any human being for light. “Remember therefore how thou hast received, and heard, and hold fast, and repent.” [*Verse 3.*] Go back to your first experience, and bow before God in repentance for departing from Him. Will those to whom these words apply put off the humbling of the soul before, God till mercy’s sweet voice no longer invites them to receive the truth? Will they wait until it is too late before they confess and forsake their sins? There are those who are not willing to confess a wrong, to repent of an unchristlike action. They evade the admission of their sins, which are not a few. The blood of souls is on their garments. Through their deceptive words, they have led men astray to perish,

and guilt is upon them. God calls upon them to cease this work, to add no more guilt to their souls.*20LtMs, Ms 82, 1905, par. 11*

Ms 84, 1905

That Your Joy May Be Full

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If you would know the virtue of the sacrifice that has been made that you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust, study the teachings of Christ. Every word of this instruction is divine truth, and those who disregard it forfeit the favor of God. These truths are to be woven into every line of our business, lest we set an example that shall lead others astray.*20LtMs, Ms 84, 1905, par. 1*

“All things are yours, ... and ye are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s.” [*Corinthians 3:21-23*.] Not only has the Son of God been given as a sacrifice for the guilty, as a Redeemer for the lost, but through Him all things are ours. Those who have faith in Christ, those who are obedient to His instruction will know by experience the boundlessness of the power that gives us constant witness that we are Christ’s and that Christ is ours. The Saviour has given us the charter of our inheritance, and we stand in vantage ground, because we have chosen Christ as our portion.*20LtMs, Ms 84, 1905, par. 2*

Those who are obedient to His Word can receive this evidence—the assurance of the truth as it is in Jesus. If we will accustom our minds to dwell upon the facts of faith that have been given us, we may endure the seeing of Him who is invisible. Those who walk with Jesus may rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. “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; 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.” [*John 15:7-10*.]*20LtMs, Ms 84, 1905, par. 3*

Is not this language plain enough to be easily understood? Is there the least excuse for misinterpreting or misunderstanding these simply stated words? An abiding faith, a constant obedience is essential to a continuance in His love. Our souls need not be surrounded by a fitful, changeable atmosphere. We are to live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the truth as it is in Jesus, the truth that is exemplified in His character, will be expressed in our lives, in our spirit, our words, our temper. Truth will be the law of the mind. Christ will be formed within, the hope of glory.*20LtMs, Ms 84, 1905, par. 4*

There is a peculiarly close union between the transformed soul and God. It is impossible to find words to describe this union. It is a treasure worth infinitely more to the true believer than gold and silver.*20LtMs, Ms 84, 1905, par. 5*

The Christian sees the Saviour ever before him; and by beholding, he becomes changed into the same image, from glory to glory. He bears the signature of God. Shall we give this up for the science of sophistry? Never! Truth is full of godlike richness. He who is partaker of the divine nature will hold firm to the truth. He will never let go; for the truth holds him.*20LtMs, Ms 84, 1905, par. 6*

Let us never forget that by the characters which we are forming day by day, we are deciding our future destiny. Those whose hearts are filled with the love of Christ will find in the heavenly courts a glad reception. Are our hearts purified from all defilement? Let us awake to the solemn reality that happiness and heaven are for those only who are obedient to all God's commandments. Those only who have brought their will into constant conformity to the will of God will receive the commendation: "Well done, good and faithful servant; ... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." [*Matthew 25:23.*]*20LtMs, Ms 84, 1905, par. 7*

It is the spirituality of the children of God that is their glory in His eyes. This is the distinguishing mark that separates them from the world. As children of God, we cannot open our eyes to the vanities of the world. We must not leave our souls unfortified against perverting influences; for thus we would be guilty of treason against our King. We need to pray much that the image of the earthly may

be effaced by the impress of the heavenly. And not only are we to pray. We are to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that it is God which worketh in us, both to will and to do of His good pleasure. We are to hunger and thirst after righteousness, that we may represent Christ to the world. If His love abides in our hearts, it will be distinctly revealed. We shall be lights in the world. Christ calls upon every follower of His to reveal His virtues of character, to represent Him in word and deed, to make known His love. *20LtMs, Ms 84, 1905, par. 8*

We all need to behold constantly Him in whom we are made complete; for He is altogether lovely. He came to this world as the great Medical Missionary. His heart, full of love and sympathy, was open to all kinds of suffering. His field was the world, but He did not place Himself where the tempter could take advantage of Him. The prince of this world came and could find nothing in Him—nothing that would serve his purposes of destruction. The truth as it is in Jesus not only brings health to soul and body, but improves and beautifies all with which it comes into contact. This truth is to be woven into all that we do. *20LtMs, Ms 84, 1905, par. 9*

When we are weary and heavy laden, we are to come to Jesus just as we are for support and sympathy. The Lord will graciously reward His faithful burden-bearers and will help them. “I will give you rest,” He says. “Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.” [*Matthew 11:28, 29.*] Praise the Lord for this assurance, and take from it comfort and strength. Praise God that you have found Christ’s yoke easy and His burden light. Thanksgiving and praise are due to our heavenly Father from human beings for all His favors. Look to Him, and praise Him for His many favors. *20LtMs, Ms 84, 1905, par. 10*

The more you offer praise to God because He is God, the more clearly you will understand the meaning of the great sacrifice made by the Son of God that man might inherit eternal life. When the greatness of this theme is more fully realized, much more kindness and courtesy will be shown by human beings to one another; for we shall realize that we have been bought with a price and that a wonderful price has been paid for every son and daughter of Adam.

We shall remember that we have been redeemed by the suffering and death of the only begotten Son of God, and that every soul is precious in His sight.*20LtMs, Ms 84, 1905, par. 11*

The Lord desires us to study and obey the instruction given to Moses to give to the children of Israel. At the time when this instruction was given, God was preparing the Israelites for entrance into the promised land. As they travelled through the wilderness, He trained and educated them, teaching them line upon line, precept upon precept, showing them the traits of character that they should form. He permitted trials to come upon them, that they might learn how to conduct themselves under difficulties. Christ was their Leader and Commander, and it was their privilege to learn through Moses the will of God concerning them and to gather strength for each successive march.*20LtMs, Ms 84, 1905, par. 12*

The history of their experience has been recorded for the benefit of those who today are journeying heavenward. Not only for the Israelites were the principles of truth given, but for those who should live in future generations. We are living in the last days of this earth's history, and we are to study the instruction given to the children of Israel as they journeyed from Egypt to Canaan. The importance of this instruction is to be discerned, acknowledged, and appreciated.*20LtMs, Ms 84, 1905, par. 13*

At this time, when we are so near the end, shall we become so like the world in practice that men may look in vain to find God's denominated people? Shall any man sell our peculiar characteristics as God's chosen people for any advantage the world has to give? Shall the favor of those who transgress the law of God be looked upon as of great value? Shall those whom the Lord has named His people suppose that there is any power higher than the great I AM? Shall we endeavor to blot out the distinguishing points of faith that have made us Seventh-day Adventists? Our only safety is in standing constantly in the light of God's countenance.*20LtMs, Ms 84, 1905, par. 14*

Ms 86, 1905

The Washington Sanitarium

St. Helena, California

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To the Officers of the General Conference and the Managing Boards of the Washington Sanitarium and the Training College,
—*20LtMs, Ms 86, 1905, par. 1*

From the light that God has given me, I know that the sanitarium building should be the next one erected on the school and sanitarium property. As quickly as possible this institution should be built and put in running order. Let no excuses be made as to why this should not be done. The matter was presented to me in this way: The school buildings were to be erected and the school put in running order, but we were not to wait until everything was done that could be done before work on the sanitarium should be begun.*20LtMs, Ms 86, 1905, par. 2*

This is in accordance with the statements which I have made before our people, that the school buildings should be put in order to do acceptable work, and that there should be no delay in hastening forward the sanitarium building as the next essential improvement to be made on the ground.*20LtMs, Ms 86, 1905, par. 3*

I do not feel at liberty to state all the reasons why this should be done, but I know that the work on the sanitarium building should be begun as soon as satisfactory designs can be secured. Let the students help to put up the buildings. Obtain the necessary workers, and let the work be started as soon [as] consistent. The school buildings were needed, and it was right that they should receive the first attention; but all that it is necessary to do on these buildings need not be done now, before work on the sanitarium building is begun.*20LtMs, Ms 86, 1905, par. 4*

The putting up of the sanitarium building is the work that should now receive attention. The school buildings were erected in order that the youth who were to take part in building the sanitarium might be properly cared for while they were gaining an education. The one who has charge of these youth is to learn daily from the great Teacher. Sanctified wisdom is needed by the workers. There is need of men of capability. Many youth may take part in various lines of work if they will wear the yoke of Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 86, 1905, par. 5*

We have seen the school buildings; they are an object lesson of how our work should be done. Now we must advance another step by putting up the main building of the sanitarium. This institution will be needed in connection with the school in the education of students. It would be a great mistake to leave the sanitarium till the last. Let a strong force be organized and put to work in the erection of the sanitarium. Let the best designs be followed, and make everything as complete as possible with the means allotted to the work. It will be for the best interest of the sanitarium to plan for the erection, later on, of several small cottages. These cottages will be a great blessing in many respects. Patients will come who will need greater quiet than can be obtained in a large building. Those who are too sick to go up and down stairs, even in an elevator, and who cannot bear the opening and shutting of doors will gain a great blessing from the quiet of these cottages.*20LtMs, Ms 86, 1905, par. 6*

The school and the sanitarium should be closely united in their work. The one aim of the work done in both institutions should be the saving of souls. What is truth, Bible truth? What does it comprehend? In our institutions these questions are to be answered. "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*] This is the true higher education. The students are to be taught to carry a burden for the souls for whom Christ has given His life. The teachers in the college should be prepared to give health talks before the students.*20LtMs, Ms 86, 1905, par. 7*

We are to be on guard against Satan's deceptive arts. He will take possession of human bodies and make men and women sick. Then

he will suddenly cease to exercise his evil power, and it will be proclaimed that a miracle has been wrought. We need now to have a true understanding of the power of Jesus Christ to save to the uttermost all who come unto Him. How did Christ answer the lawyer's question, "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." [*Luke 10:25-27.*]20LtMs, Ms 86, 1905, par. 8

"When ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the Lord thy God. Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another." [*Leviticus 19:9-11.*] "All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." [*Revelation 21:8.*]20LtMs, Ms 86, 1905, par. 9

"Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbor, neither rob him; the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning. Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shalt fear thy God; I am the Lord. Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment; thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty; but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbor.20LtMs, Ms 86, 1905, par. 10

"Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people; neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbor: I am the Lord. Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart; thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. I am the Lord. ...20LtMs, Ms 86, 1905, par. 11

"Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man; I am the Lord. And if a stranger sojourn with thee, thou shalt not vex him. But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as

thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord thy God.*20LtMs, Ms 86, 1905, par. 12*

“Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt. Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: I am the Lord.”
[*Leviticus 19:13-18, 32-37.*]*20LtMs, Ms 86, 1905, par. 13*

How explicitly the Lord has laid down the directions that are to guide us in our associations with one another! There is no excuse for any one to misrepresent the character of God. Those who come to our schools to receive an education are to be taught to obey the charge, “Ye shall therefore keep all My statutes, and all My judgments, and do them; that the land whither I bring you to dwell therein spew you not out. And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nations which I cast out before you; for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them. But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit this land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey. I am the Lord your God, which have separated you from other people. ... And ye shall be holy unto Me; for I the Lord am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be Mine.” [*Leviticus 20:22-24, 26.*]*20LtMs, Ms 86, 1905, par. 14*

Men and women are not to study the science of how to take captive the minds of those who associate with them. This is the science that Satan teaches. We are to resist everything of the kind. We are not to tamper with mesmerism and hypnotism—the science of the one lost his first estate, and was cast out of the heavenly courts.*20LtMs, Ms 86, 1905, par. 15*

The science of a pure, wholesome, consistent Christian life is obtained by studying the Word of the Lord. This is the highest education that any earthly being can obtain. These are the lessons that the students in our schools are to be taught, that they may come forth with pure thoughts and clean minds and hearts, prepared to ascend the ladder of progress, and to practice the Christian virtues. This is why we wish our schools connected with

our sanitariums and our sanitariums with our schools. These institutions are to be conducted in the simplicity of the gospel given in the Old Testament and in the New. *20LtMs, Ms 86, 1905, par. 16*

By Him who suffered on the cross of Calvary the invitation is given, "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.*] We are to live on the plan of addition, as presented in the *first chapter of Second Peter*. A study of this chapter will bring help and strength and blessing. As we follow on to know the Lord, we shall know that His goings forth are prepared as the morning. We shall be strengthened to meet the foe and to resist his insinuations. There is no eloquence more powerful than the eloquence of the meek, lowly life of the true Christian. *20LtMs, Ms 86, 1905, par. 17*

Ms 88, 1905

“One, Even as We Are One”

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The intercessory prayer of Christ for His disciples as recorded in the *17th chapter of John* contains important lessons for every Christian. This prayer is written for our instruction. “Neither pray I for these alone.” Christ says, “but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word.” [*Verse 20.*] Thank the Lord! Every one who believes in Jesus Christ is embraced in this petition.*20LtMs, Ms 88, 1905, par. 1*

Of His disciples Jesus says, “They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth.” [*Verses 16, 17.*] Those who obey the Word of God will not be conformed to the sentiments and practices of the world. However great may be the pressure of adverse circumstances, however severe the trial, they are held fast by faith in Christ, and they hold firmly their confidence and love for the truth. Yet they may be misunderstood by the world; for the world seeth not God, neither knoweth Him.*20LtMs, Ms 88, 1905, par. 2*

Christ was soon to leave this world, but His disciples were to be left. He prayed not that they might be taken out of the world, but that they might be kept from the evil that is in the world. He sent them forth as sheep among wolves. “In the world, ye shall meet tribulation,” He told them. [*John 16:33.*] “The servant is not greater than his Lord. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.” [*John 15:20.*] But He promised them that when they should be brought in test and trial, He would bring all things to their remembrance.*20LtMs, Ms 88, 1905, par. 3*

In our world there are millions of souls who are destitute of the knowledge of God. They are walking in darkness and in the shadow of death. Our duty to them is made plain in the prayer of Christ: “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.” [*John 17:18, 19.*]*20LtMs, Ms 88, 1905, par. 4*

I pray for them, Christ continues, “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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 88, 1905, par. 5*

The most convincing argument we can give to the world of Christ’s mission is to be found in perfect unity. Such oneness as exists between the Father and the Son is to be manifest among all who believe the truth. Those who are thus united in implicit obedience to the Word of God will be filled with power.*20LtMs, Ms 88, 1905, par. 6*

If all would completely consecrate themselves to the Lord, and through the sanctification of the truth live in perfect unity, what a convincing power would attend the proclamation of the truth! How sad that so many churches misrepresent the sanctifying influence of the truth, because they do not manifest the saving grace that would make them one with Christ, even as Christ is one with the Father! If all would reveal the unity and love that should exist among brethren, the power of the Holy Spirit would be manifest in its saving influence. In proportion to our unity with Christ will be our power to save souls.*20LtMs, Ms 88, 1905, par. 7*

We must watch for souls, as they that must give an account to God. This is our great work, and we are to seek earnestly that we may have wisdom from above to know how this can be most successfully accomplished. Our work is most effective when we act in perfect harmony under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Then let no separations occur that would weaken the cause of God.*20LtMs, Ms 88, 1905, par. 8*

“And the glory which Thou hast given 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.*] Can human minds comprehend the Father’s

love sufficiently to lead them to act in accordance with statements so broad and so full?*20LtMs, Ms 88, 1905, par. 9*

“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 them, may be in them, and I in them.”
[Verses 24-26.]20LtMs, Ms 88, 1905, par. 10

Ms 88a, 1905

An Appeal in Behalf of the Work in Nashville

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I have an earnest appeal to make in behalf of the work in Nashville. Our workers there have labored long and earnestly to proclaim the truth. Their way has been beset by difficulties, and many times they have become almost discouraged. But they have not given up and God has blessed them.*20LtMs, Ms 88a, 1905, par. 1*

Recently in the providence of God, an opportunity came to them to purchase a good house of worship for five thousand dollars. They took advantage of the opportunity, for they were greatly in need of a meetinghouse. The price asked for this church was five thousand dollars, and the brethren will soon need the money to pay for it. I ask you, my brethren and sisters, to help Brethren Butler and Haskell all you can, and give them all the encouragement possible. Do not let these servants of God be put to confusion. The house of worship that has been purchased was greatly needed. For a long time the believers in Nashville have been meeting for worship in a room in the Office. Who will now enter heartily into the work of helping to pay for this church?*20LtMs, Ms 88a, 1905, par. 2*

I am instructed that there is a great work to be done in a short time. The work in the southern field is not advancing as fast as it should. There are many cities that need to be worked. Personal efforts must be made by men and women who are wholly consecrated to God. The souls that Satan has hypnotized are to be aroused. The spell that he has cast over them is to be broken.*20LtMs, Ms 88a, 1905, par. 3*

Our church members need to arouse and work for God, studying His Word and praying earnestly for guidance. As they do this, God will give them light. My brethren and sisters, you have a voice, you have reason, you have capabilities, in a greater or lesser degree;

and the Lord calls upon you to work for those in darkness. Visit your neighbors and show an interest in the salvation of their souls. Arouse every spiritual energy to action. Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord Jesus will open the door of their hearts and will make upon their minds lasting impressions.*20Lts, Ms 88a, 1905, par. 4*

Keep up the work. Be laborers together with God. Go forth two and two into the harvest field. Let not church members be so busy about their own affairs that they have no time to work for the Lord. Let not our sisters spend precious hours adorning their own and their children's clothing. How much more pleasing to God it would be were that time spent in opening the Word of God to those who know it not.*20Lts, Ms 88a, 1905, par. 5*

In your work you may find some who are sick. Do what you can do relieve them. As you minister to their physical needs, and at the same time break to them the bread of life, your efforts in their behalf will make more impression upon them than many ordinary sermons would. In your ministry for these sin-sick souls, apply the remedy found in your Bible. When opportunity offers, describe the willingness of Christ to hear the prayers offered to Him in sincerity and faith. It may be that your efforts will gain a soul for Christ.*20Lts, Ms 88a, 1905, par. 6*

Strive to arouse men and women from their spiritual insensibility. Tell them how you found the Lord Jesus and how blessed you have been since you gained an experience in His service. Tell them what blessing comes to you as you sit at the feet of Jesus and learn precious lessons from His Word. Tell them of the gladness and joy that there is in the Christian faith. Your warm, fervent words will convince them that you have found the pearl of great price. Let your cheerful, encouraging words show them that you have certainly found the higher way. This is genuine missionary work, and as it is done many will awake as from a dream.*20Lts, Ms 88a, 1905, par. 7*

Church members, let the light shine forth. Let your voices be heard in witness against the amusements of the world and in the proclamation of the truth for this time.*20Lts, Ms 88a, 1905, par. 8*

The money that you have invested in worldly business is now to be invested in the work of God. Money is a talent, entrusted to men to be used for God. Will you allow the tempter to lead you to invest your money in worldly enterprises, while God is asking you to use it in advancing the work of soul-saving?*20LtMs, Ms 88a, 1905, par. 9*

Your voice, your influence, your time—all these are gifts from God to be used in winning souls to Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 88a, 1905, par. 10*

My sisters, do not dress fashionably. Christ is your Pattern. He could have come to our world clothed in His royal robes, but He came in poverty and humiliation. Do not try to make a display in dress. “If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [*Matthew 16:24.*] “So shall he be My disciple.” [See *John 15:8.*] Self-indulgence and conformity to the world are always at variance with the principles of the gospel of Christ. Save your pennies, and your dimes, and you will have something to give to the Lord. Do not spend money to make a display in dress; for it is needed in the Lord’s work.*20LtMs, Ms 88a, 1905, par. 11*

“Whose adorning,” Peter writes, “let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.” [*1 Peter 3:3, 4.*]*20LtMs, Ms 88a, 1905, par. 12*

Our work has been outlined. Over and over again we are to repeat the words 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.*] This commission is never to lose its force upon the minds of the believing people of God. Into the darkness of sin the light of truth is to shine forth, that the darkness may be expelled. Those who reflect light will receive more light to reflect. New power will be brought into the church.*20LtMs, Ms 88a, 1905, par. 13*

God’s people are to be light-bearers to those in darkness. Let

companies of Christian workers unite to help the needy and to proclaim the truth for this time. As they labor with self-sacrifice for the sake of others, denying themselves that which heretofore they have indulged but have not really needed, they are God's helping hand.*20LtMs, Ms 88a, 1905, par. 14*

The Lord calls upon His people to arouse out of sleep. The end of all things is at hand. When those who know the truth will be laborers together with God, the fruits of righteousness will appear. By the revelation of the love of God in missionary efforts, many will be awakened to see the sinfulness of their own course of action. They will see that in the past their selfishness has disqualified them to be laborers together with God. The exhibition of the love of God, as seen in unselfish ministry for others, will be the means of leading many souls to believe the Word of God just as it reads.*20LtMs, Ms 88a, 1905, par. 15*

God desires to refresh His people by the gift of the Holy Spirit, baptizing them anew in His love. There is no need for a dearth of the Holy Spirit in the church. After Christ's ascension, the Holy Spirit came upon the waiting, praying, believing disciples with a fullness and power that reached every heart. In the future, the earth is to be lightened with the glory of God. A divine influence is to go forth to the world from those who are sanctified through the truth. The earth is to be encircled with an atmosphere of grace. The Holy Spirit is to work on human hearts, taking the things of God and showing them unto men.*20LtMs, Ms 88a, 1905, par. 16*

Christ came to this earth, His divinity clothed with humanity, that humanity might touch humanity, and divinity lay hold upon the throne of God. In our behalf He become subject to all the temptations of Satan, and placed Himself in the power of those who clamored for His life and crucified Him as a malefactor. His death on the cross was an exhibition of the unselfishness of God. Infinite benevolence poured out all heaven's treasures in this one gift to rescue man from Satan's power. Through the revelation of the love of God on the cross of Calvary, the real character of the work of Satan and his agencies was demonstrated. It was shown what power would have ruled the world had not God interposed in our behalf, and, by the sacrifice of His only begotten Son, rescued

human beings from the power of the enemy.*20LtMs, Ms 88a, 1905, par. 17*

This great sacrifice was made to save the world. The message of salvation is not to be proclaimed in a few places only. Throughout the earth it is to be sounded forth. Those who know not the gospel are in the darkness of unbelief. They know not God. Why is the church so indolent, so selfish, so weak? Why do the members not make earnest efforts to proclaim the message of mercy, that others may know the joy of salvation through Christ?*20LtMs, Ms 88a, 1905, par. 18*

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Ms 96, 1905

Words of Counsel Regarding the Health Food Work

Glendale, California

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Many years ago the Lord gave us light regarding health reform. This light was designed to be a blessing to those in need of physical help and to open doors for the proclamation of the truth. The light upon health reform should be better understood. As further light is revealed to God's people, they are to communicate the truth to others.*20LtMs, Ms 96, 1905, par. 1*

I am instructed to say that the health food work is not at present being conducted as to greatly advance the work of God. The Lord has presented before me many dangers that threaten the management of this business. The Lord never designed that the manufacture and sale of health foods should become such a commercial [business] as it now is. This is not to become a speculative business in which a few shall receive large personal profits. To many minds God has given wisdom to devise healthful food preparations.*20LtMs, Ms 96, 1905, par. 2*

The Lord would have a knowledge of diet reform imparted to the people of God. It is an essential part of the education to be given in our schools. As the truth is presented in new places, lessons should be given in hygienic cookery. Teach the people how they may live without the use of flesh meats. Teach them the simplicity of living.*20LtMs, Ms 96, 1905, par. 3*

The Lord has been working and is still working to lead men to prepare from fruits and grains foods more simple and less expensive than many of those that can now be obtained. Many cannot obtain these expensive food preparations, yet they need not

necessarily live upon an impoverished diet. The same God who fed the thousands in the wilderness with bread from heaven will give to His people today a knowledge of how to provide food in a simple manner.*20LtMs, Ms 96, 1905, par. 4*

I have a testimony to bear regarding the work of our restaurants. These institutions have absorbed much of the talent which could be used in evangelical work. In this enterprise many are employed who, with Bible in hand, should be teaching in new places, flashing the light of truth into the mist and fog of error. Thus much talent and capability are absorbed in a work which, as now conducted, reveals but small results in the salvation of souls. The restaurants are carrying a burden which God has not laid upon them. The preparations of food are so expensive that the poorer class of people are unable to use them. There should be greater simplicity in the preparation of foods.*20LtMs, Ms 96, 1905, par. 5*

As a people we stand reprov'd of God because so much talent is absorbed in mere commercial interests, while the all-important work of soul saving is left to languish. Such an intensity of effort should not be given to the manufacture and merchandise of food products, while souls are left to starve for the bread of life. God never designed that the manufacture of foods should be a snare to His people, as it certainly has been. The Lord gave this work to be a blessing to His people, but selfishness and greed and dishonesty have made it productive of great evil. That which God designed to be a blessing has absorbed and diverted from His work valuable talents.*20LtMs, Ms 96, 1905, par. 6*

The health food work is not to be conducted as a selfish monopoly in which a few shall gather to themselves large profits, while others, equally capable, are excluded as those having no rights. The Lord forbids anyone to force his brethren to sign contracts whereby he may appropriate to himself the benefit of the knowledge which has come from other minds.*20LtMs, Ms 96, 1905, par. 7*

As God's peculiar people, we must stand free from every fraudulent transaction. Let not one thread of selfishness be drawn into the pattern. No cheap or unwholesome articles are to be placed before the public. Nothing should be represented as being pure and first-

class when it is really of inferior quality.*20LtMs, Ms 96, 1905, par. 8*

Care must be taken lest we communicate to unscrupulous men a knowledge that will enable them to utilize as a source of income for themselves the light that God has given to be a blessing to His people. In the manufacture of so-called health foods, unprincipled men would introduce adulterations that would be injurious.*20LtMs, Ms 96, 1905, par. 9*

Let every business transaction be done in righteousness, remembering that we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give an account of himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, That no man put a stumbling block, or an occasion to fall in his brothers way. ... Let not then your good be evil spoken of: for the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." [*Romans 14:11-13, 16, 17.*]*20LtMs, Ms 96, 1905, par. 10*

We need to cut away from our lives everything that would absorb the mind and dull our sensibilities in the perception of the future eternal riches of glory. We should bring into our daily experience those things only which will enable us to strengthen and perfect our character, that we may reflect to others the light of heavenly things.*20LtMs, Ms 96, 1905, par. 11*

There is a world to be warned. We are nearing the close of time. The Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the world. The Lord is calling us out of sleep. We have lost many precious opportunities, but let us lose no more time. The sunlight of truth is to shine forth to the world. Cast off the works of darkness and uncertainty.*20LtMs, Ms 96, 1905, par. 12*

It is time that those who have had the light of present truth should arouse to a sense of their duty. 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 ye not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.” [*Romans 13:11-14.*]*20LtMs, Ms 96, 1905, par. 13*

The Word of God is given to us that we may not walk in darkness but have the light of life. Nothing relating to our duty to God or to one another is left in uncertainty. It is the work of Satan, through unsanctified hands, to bring in deceptive human inventions, to turn the truth of God into a lie.*20LtMs, Ms 96, 1905, par. 14*

Did our great Example ever speak an idle word? Was He not diligent in warning the people of danger and pointing out the sure and safe path that leads to life eternal? “I must work the works of Him that sent Me,” He declared, “while it is day; for the night cometh, wherein no man can work.” [*John 9:4.*]*20LtMs, Ms 96, 1905, par. 15*

To all that profess to be children of God He has given a work. In proportion to the light we have received are our responsibilities. With greater opportunities and advantages our obligations increase. We are now called upon to redeem the time. “To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin.” [*James 4:17.*]*20LtMs, Ms 96, 1905, par. 16*

Our capabilities are to be employed in the performance of good works. We are to give to others the light given to us. We are to be instruments through whom Christ works to reach souls that are ready to perish. The greatest work we can do is to reveal the Saviour to those who are in darkness.*20LtMs, Ms 96, 1905, par. 17*

Shall we not clothe ourselves with the garments of Christ's righteousness? Let us not sleep as do others, lest the light so graciously given us becomes darkness. Let us, without delay, place ourselves in right relation to Jesus Christ, that we may represent Him to those who know Him not.*20LtMs, Ms 96, 1905, par. 18*

Ms 98, 1905

A Message of Warning.

St. Helena, California

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I have a warning for our people in all our churches. For years messages have been coming to the leader of our medical missionary work, telling him that he was not carrying that work forward in straight lines. He mingles with it his own spirit and brings in ingenious inventions to do a work that God has forbidden His denominated people to do. There is a work being carried on through lawyers that is not after the divine similitude. This is manifest in efforts to get possession of property that he does not and should not control.*20LtMs, Ms 98, 1905, par. 1*

For years the testimonies of warning and correction that God has sent have been neglected. Because of the wrong representations given of matters, the people are in danger of being deceived. For years the Lord has looked with displeasure upon this course of action.*20LtMs, Ms 98, 1905, par. 2*

I have done all that I could in trying to encourage the doctor to turn to the Lord with full purpose of heart, but he has gone on in his own way, regardless of the light given him. I wish all to understand in regard to this, and to know that brethren of experience should deal faithfully and truly with him, whatever course he may pursue in return. They are not to appear to sustain him. And they should know that through the science that he has been studying for years, Satan has worked as a wise and intelligent scientist to draw him away from God.*20LtMs, Ms 98, 1905, par. 3*

Notwithstanding all the warnings that have been given, the doctor has not changed in principle. His heart is deceptive, and he deceives others. Had he stood by the principles given by the Holy Spirit, he would have been preserved from all this deception and trouble. He has had to suffer the consequences of his own

doings.20LtMs, Ms 98, 1905, par. 4

Ms 98a, 1905

“Ask, And Ye Shall Receive.”

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Christ has given us the gracious invitation and the assurance: “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” [*Matthew 7:7.*]20LtMs, Ms 98a, 1905, par. 1

This assurance is made doubly sure by repetition: “For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” [*Verse 8.*]20LtMs, Ms 98a, 1905, par. 2

That we may better realize our privilege in coming to Him in prayer, the Saviour continues: “Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him!” [*Verses 9-11.*]20LtMs, Ms 98a, 1905, par. 3

What a lesson is this for all the members of the family circle! Claiming this promise, all may come to the Lord in faith and present their petitions in humility.20LtMs, Ms 98a, 1905, par. 4

Are these words of our Lord to be treated with indifference? Why wait for further evidence? Why not honor Him by believing His words? Why should anyone send letters to another who is far away, seeking for advice and counsel, when the mighty Counselor declares that “He that asketh receiveth”? [*Verse 8.*]20LtMs, Ms 98a, 1905, par. 5

Of the faithfulness of Christ’s promises, Paul declares, “The Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, ... was not yea and nay, but in Him was yea. For all the promises of God in

Him are yea, and in Him amen, unto the glory of God by us.” [2
Corinthians 1:19, 20.]20LtMs, Ms 98a, 1905, par. 6

The words of Christ mean exactly what they say, “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” [*Matthew 7:7.*] Let us not insult our Redeemer by doubting or disbelieving His positive assurances. Because of our fearfulness to trust God, we have failed to reveal to the world a perfect faith. If we carry to others our burdens and complaints, we ourselves receive no help, and their peace of mind is often destroyed. Shall we now turn over a new page in our experience, and work and rejoice as true Christians?20LtMs, Ms 98a, 1905, par. 7

God’s Purpose for Israel

From Sinai, in awful grandeur and majesty, God proclaimed to the hosts of Israel His law. It was His purpose that by obedience to His commandments, Israel would stand before all the nations of the world as exemplifying the principles of true righteousness. They were to be as a model of what His church should be.20LtMs, Ms 98a, 1905, par. 8

Through Israel also, God desired to demonstrate the advantages to be received in conforming to the principles that govern the hosts of heaven. He was to be to them a Physician of soul and body. He would bestow upon them health and prosperity, and they were to be honored and exalted above all other nations.20LtMs, Ms 98a, 1905, par. 9

The inhabitants of this world are now on trial. Everyone will be tested in his allegiance to the Lord God. Those only who obey the laws of heaven will receive the welcome awaiting the loyal and true, who by a life of obedience exalt the law and make it honorable. These will have an abundant entrance into the future, immortal inheritance, and the eternal weight of glory.20LtMs, Ms 98a, 1905, par. 10

The Mission of Christ

“Behold, My servant, whom I uphold; Mine elect, in whom My soul delighteth: I have put My Spirit upon Him: He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench: He shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged till He have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for His law.*20LtMs, Ms 98a, 1905, par. 11*

“Thus saith God the Lord, He that created the heavens, and stretched them out; He that spreadeth forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it: He that giveth bread unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: I the Lord have called Thee in righteousness, and will hold Thine hand, and will keep Thee, and give Thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. I am the Lord; that is My name: and My glory will I not give to another, neither My praise to graven images.” [*Isaiah 42:1-8.*]*20LtMs, Ms 98a, 1905, par. 12*

Christ Jesus came to our world as the great Physician to bring to those under the curse of transgression the needful restoration of soul and body. At infinite sacrifice, He came to help us in our weakness.*20LtMs, Ms 98a, 1905, par. 13*

Had Christ come to this world in all the glory of His divinity, man could not have endured the sight. But He veiled His glory, and assumed the nature of man. From childhood to manhood He successfully withstood every temptation of Satan. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. Thus He demonstrated that man need not perish in sin and transgression.*20LtMs, Ms 98a, 1905, par. 14*

“O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid: say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold the Lord God will come with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.” [*Isaiah 40:9, 10.*]*20LtMs, Ms 98a, 1905, par.*

With the majesty of an Omnipotent King, our Saviour unites the gentleness and tender care of a shepherd. "He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; He shall gather the lambs in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young." [*Verse 11.*]20LtMs, Ms 98a, 1905, par. 16

Of the attributes of His character, the prophet declares: "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.*]20LtMs, Ms 98a, 1905, par. 17

We have every reason to look unto Jesus in confidence, to have an increase of faith in the word of Him who has purchased us with His own blood.20LtMs, Ms 98a, 1905, par. 18

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A Solemn Warning

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I wish to sound a note of warning to our people nigh and afar off. An effort is being made by those at the head of the medical work in Battle Creek to get control of property over which, in the sight of the heavenly courts, they have no rightful control. I write now to guard ministers and lay members from being misled by those who are making these efforts. There is a deceptive working going on to obtain property in an underhand way. This is condemned by the law of God. I will mention no names. But there are doctors and ministers who have been influenced by the hypnotism exercised by the father of lies. Notwithstanding the warnings given, Satan's sophistries are being accepted now just as they were accepted in the heavenly courts. The science by which our first parents were deceived is deceiving men today. Ministers and physicians are being drawn into the snare.*20LtMs, Ms 100, 1905, par. 1*

I have sent warnings to many physicians and ministers, and now I must warn all our churches to beware of men who are being sent out to do the work of spies in our conferences and churches—a work instigated by the father of falsehood and deception. Let every church member stand true to principle. We have been told what would come, and it has come. The enemy has been working under a species of scientific devising, even as he worked in Eden. I cannot specify all now, but I say to our churches, Beware of the representations coming from Battle Creek that would lead you to disregard the warnings given by the Lord about the effort to make that a great educational center. Let not your sons and daughters be gathered there to receive their education. Powerful agencies have been stealthily working there to sow the seeds of evil.*20LtMs, Ms 100, 1905, par. 2*

I must speak plainly. It is presented to me that the condition of

things is just what we were warned that it would be unless the messages of heaven were received by the leaders of the medical work in Battle Creek. But notwithstanding the warnings given, some to whom they have been sent stand up in self-confidence, as if they knew all that it was needful for them to know. They claim they are right in the sight of God, while they disregard the very warnings God has given and deny every danger. Thus they show their need of turning away from the seductive spirit that is working to destroy faith in the messages of warning given in the past.*20LtMs, Ms 100, 1905, par. 3*

Very adroitly some have been working to make of no effect the testimonies of warning and reproof that have stood the test for half a century. At the same time, they deny doing any such thing.*20LtMs, Ms 100, 1905, par. 4*

One says, "Sister White, I have surrendered." I have waited long to see wherein the surrender was manifested, but there has been a deeper working of the spirit of division than ever before, and a greater determination to do those things that will separate souls from righteousness and judgment and verity.*20LtMs, Ms 100, 1905, par. 5*

Again, I say to all, Keep your families away from Battle Creek. Those who have so often opposed the efforts to remove from Battle Creek will some of them be seduced from the truth. The warnings that have come were none too soon. The Lord will again visit Battle Creek in judgment. Those who wish to train their families to be workers in the cause of the Lord cannot afford to place them under the seducing influences that will tend to spoil their faith and lead them to become infidels. I warn those who have acted and are acting a part in this seductive work, to break the spell that is upon them.*20LtMs, Ms 100, 1905, par. 6*

Warnings have been sent to many. Let our church members beware how they allow the influence of those who have turned away from these warnings to extend from church to church and to other states.*20LtMs, Ms 100, 1905, par. 7*

Ms 101, 1905

Instruction To Be Repeated

St. Helena, California

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During the past night we were in a council meeting, trying to decide what we were going to do. One of authority stood up and said, "Everything that has been given to ministers, to men in responsible positions, to teachers, to managers, to the different conferences, is to be repeated and repeated, because Satan is now doing a special work to make of no effect the testimonies that come from God. We must work earnestly to bring this instruction before the people." *20LtMs, Ms 101, 1905, par. 1*

I was pointed to the work that Moses did just before his death. Calling the children of Israel together, he rehearsed to them their past experience, their trials, their failures, and the warnings that had been given them. And Joshua, when the time came for him to lay down his work, called the tribes together and recounted to Israel their history since they were called out as the people of God. *20LtMs, Ms 101, 1905, par. 2*

Today we must rehearse the instruction that God has given to us as a people. The warfare between the forces of light and darkness is going on. Those who think that the powers of evil are asleep are very much mistaken. The enemy is constantly seeking to bring in things that will unsettle the confidence of God's people. These things may appear very inoffensive, but they contain grave errors and dangers which must be met. We must take our stand firmly in defense of the truth given us after the passing of the time. The Holy Spirit gave us an understanding of these truths. *20LtMs, Ms 101, 1905, par. 3*

Ms 102, 1905

Cooperation Between Schools and Sanitariums

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I have been instructed that there are decided advantages to be gained by the establishment of a school and a sanitarium in close proximity, that they may be a help one to the other. Instruction regarding this was given to me while we were making decisions about the location of our buildings in Takoma Park. Whenever it is possible to have a school [and a sanitarium] near enough together for helpful cooperation between the two institutions, and yet separated sufficiently to prevent one interfering with the work of the other, let them be so located as to carry on their work in conjunction. One institution will give influence and strength to the other; and, too, many can be saved by both institutions, because each can share the advantages of the other.*20LtMs, Ms 102, 1905, par. 1*

In connection with our larger schools there should be provided facilities for giving many students thorough instruction regarding gospel medical missionary work. This line of work is to be brought into our colleges and training schools as part of the regular instruction. This will make it unnecessary for our youth from all parts of the land to go to Battle Creek, or to any other one or two places, to obtain a thorough and satisfactory education and training.*20LtMs, Ms 102, 1905, par. 2*

Those in training to be nurses and physicians should daily be given instruction that will develop the highest motives for advancement. They should attend our colleges and training schools, and the teachers in these institutions of learning should realize their

responsibility to work with and to pray with their students. In these schools students should learn to be true medical missionaries, firmly bound up with the gospel ministry. *20LtMs, Ms 102, 1905, par. 3*

Our people who have a deep interest in the children and youth, and in the training of laborers to carry forward the work essential for this time, need not be left in perplexity and uncertainty about the steps to be taken for the training of their youth as medical missionaries. God will open ways before all who humbly seek Him for wisdom in the perfecting of Christian character. He will have places ready for them in which to begin to do genuine missionary work. It is to prepare laborers for this work that our schools and sanitariums are established. *20LtMs, Ms 102, 1905, par. 4*

For the strengthening of this line of effort, counsel has been given that in connection with our larger schools there should be established small sanitariums. Whenever a well-equipped sanitarium is located near a school, it may add greatly to the strength of the medical missionary course in the school if perfect cooperation is established by the [managers] between the two institutions. The teachers in the school can help the workers in the sanitarium by their advice and counsel, and by sometimes speaking to the patients. And in return those in charge of the sanitarium can assist in training the students who are desirous of becoming medical missionaries for field service. Circumstances, of course, must determine the details of the arrangements that it will be best to make. As the workers in each institution plan unselfishly to help one another, the blessing of the Lord will surely rest upon both institutions. *20LtMs, Ms 102, 1905, par. 5*

No one man, whether a teacher, a physician, or a minister, can ever hope to be a complete whole. God has given to every man certain gifts and has ordained that man be associated in His service in order that the varied talents of many minds be blended. The contact of mind with mind tends to quicken thought and increase the capabilities. The deficiencies of one laborer are often made up by the special gifts of another. And as physicians and teachers thus associated unite in imparting their knowledge, the youth under their training will receive a symmetrical, well-balanced education for

service.*20LtMs, Ms 102, 1905, par. 6*

In all these efforts there will come many opportunities for manifesting gentlemanly courtesy. The Christian is always courteous. And by close association with his fellow workers, he becomes more and more refined. He learns to overlook little points of difference regarding questions that are of no vital consequence. Such a man, when in charge of one of the Lord's institutions, is willing to deny self and yield his personal opinions on matters of minor importance, in order that, which all brotherly-kindness, he may cooperate heartily with the managers of another institution nearby. He will not hesitate to speak plainly and firmly when occasion demands; but his every word and act will be mingled with a courtesy so kindly, so Christlike, that no offense can be taken. Powerful is the influence for good that is exercised by a consecrated, active Christian gentleman. And when the managers of our institutions in close proximity learn to unite their forces, and to labor unselfishly and untiringly for the upbuilding of one another's work, the results for good are far reaching.*20LtMs, Ms 102, 1905, par. 7*

The benefits of hearty cooperation extend beyond physicians and teachers, students and sanitarium helpers. When a sanitarium is built near a school, those in charge of the educational institution have a grand opportunity of setting a right example before those who all through their life have been easy-going idlers, and who have come to the sanitarium for treatment. The patients will see the contrast between the idle, self-indulgent lives that they have lived and the lives of self-denial and service lived by Christ's followers. They will learn that the object of medical missionary work is to restore, to correct wrongs, to show human beings how to avoid the self-indulgence that brings disease and death.*20LtMs, Ms 102, 1905, par. 8*

The words and actions of the workers in the sanitariums and in the schools should plainly reveal that life is an intensely solemn thing in view of the account which all must render to God. Each one should now put his talents out to the exchangers, adding to the Master's gift, blessing others with the blessings given him. At the day of judgment, the lifework of each one is investigated, and each one

receives a reward proportionate to his efforts.*20LtMs, Ms 102, 1905, par. 9*

That the best results may be secured by the establishment of a sanitarium by a school, there needs to be perfect harmony between the workers in both institutions. This is something difficult to secure, especially when physicians and teachers are self-centered, each considering as the greatest importance the work with which he is most closely connected. When men who are self-confident are in charge of institutions in close proximity, great annoyance might result were each determined to carry out his own plans, refusing to make concessions to others. Both those at the head of the sanitarium and those at the head of the school will need to guard against clinging tenaciously to their own ideas concerning things that are really nonessentials.*20LtMs, Ms 102, 1905, par. 10*

There is a great work to be done by our sanitariums and schools. Time is short. What is done must be done quickly. Let those who are connected with these important instrumentalities be wholly converted. Let them not live for self, for worldly purposes, withholding themselves from full consecration to God's service. Let them give themselves, body, soul, mind, and spirit to God, to be used by Him in saving souls. They are not at liberty to do with themselves as they please; they belong to God; for He has bought them with the lifeblood of His only begotten Son. And as they learn to abide in Christ, there will remain in the heart no room for selfishness. In His service they will find the fullest satisfaction.*20LtMs, Ms 102, 1905, par. 11*

Let this be taught and lived by medical missionary workers. Let these laborers tell those with whom they come in contact that the life that men and women now live will one day be examined by a just God, and that each one must now do his best, offering to God consecrated service. Those in charge of the school are to teach the students to use for the highest, holiest purpose the talents that God has given them, that they may accomplish the greatest good in this world. Students need to learn what it means to have a real aim in life and to obtain an exalted understanding of what true education means. They need to learn what it means to be true gospel medical missionaries—missionaries who can go forth to labor with the

ministers of the Word in needy fields.*20LtMs, Ms 102, 1905, par. 12*

Wherever there is a favorable opportunity, let our sanitariums and our schools plan to be a help and strength to each other. The Lord would have His work move forward solidly. Let light shine forth as God designed that it should from His institutions, and let God be glorified and honored. This is the purpose and plan of heaven in the establishment of these institutions. Let physicians and nurses and teachers and students walk humbly before God, trusting in Him as the only one who can make their work a success.*20LtMs, Ms 102, 1905, par. 13*

Ms 104, 1905

A Message to Our Physicians

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I have a message to our physicians. Some of you have lost your bearings under the influence of the false impressions made upon your minds. You flatter yourselves that you are moving under the inspiration of divine advancement, but some are following the false inspiration that deceived the angels in the heavenly courts. Men who have been plainly warned are drinking in delusive sentiments, supposing that they are under the inspiration of truth and righteousness. They are greatly deceived in regard to the ground on which they are standing and of the self-confidence that they are imbibing. These men have been warned, but they do not believe the warning. The word has been sent them, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked," but they are drinking in the sophistry of satanic devising. [*Galatians 6:7.*]*20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 1*

Should God deal with men as some who have had great light are dealing with their brethren, they would long since have been in that place where hope is unknown.*20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 2*

Ponder well this statement. The hatred of some of the ministers of the gospel is very manifest. They have been caricatured and placed in a ridiculous light, because they would not be persuaded to do the things that the angel of God by their side impressed them not to do. The hatred manifested to them is recorded in the books of heaven as shown to God, not to man; for God by His Holy Spirit was influencing His servants not to be led to yield to the plans urged upon them.*20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 3*

God calls upon all His ministers and all His medical workers to be

on guard. Those who are following the devising and the plans and the subterfuges of the one so determined to have his own way are misrepresenting their heavenly Father; for God is not instructing him. Evil angels are leading him on to do a work similar to that which was begun in heaven.*20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 4*

I am awakened in the night season and am given the message that was given to Isaiah: "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.*] Let every man stand in the counsel of God and not in the counsel of those who have received the seducing sophistry of the science that of late has sought such a prominent place in our work.*20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 5*

I present the word of the Lord: Let every soul aim at perfection of character in all the works and walks of life. This will cost us something that we may not have anticipated. It may empty our purse, but it will keep the soul fortified with clean principles. Our financial resources may be seriously affected, but it will enlarge our Christian experience and place us on vantage ground with the faithful of all ages. We shall be in fellowship with God and with those who in body, soul, and spirit are serving Him. Is not this worth everything to us?*20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 6*

Is it not of the highest value to have the power to discern between righteousness and unrighteousness, between truth and error? Would that every man who claims to be doing God service would now realize his responsibility and maintain that sanctified dignity conferred upon us, by our being chosen as God's representatives in this evil, selfish generation.*20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 7*

To all who serve the Lord in truth and holiness, the heavenly current of grace comes in rich profusion. This grace we are to impart to others. Ever are we to keep the standard uplifted higher and still higher. Do we realize what it means to carry out the principles of truth and righteousness, what it means to repudiate every sentiment leading to highhanded injustice in dealing with God's servants? Men may mistakenly call these sentiments justice, but there is no justice in carrying out the purposes of the adversary. Does not the Lord Jesus call upon us to perfect Christlike character, to be perfect, as

our Father in heaven is perfect? What does this mean? It means keeping the heart and soul and mind and strength in conformity to the will of God. It means obeying the principles of righteousness in this life, keeping the commandments of God.*20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 8*

I am bidden to say to the church and to the whole world that unprincipled devising is being carried on. Robbery is being committed, and men say, I was given authority to do this thing. Who gave you this authority? and who urged you on in the course that for years you have been pursuing? It was the father of rebellion that the cause of God should stand before the world imposed upon and plundered by unprincipled, designing actions.*20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 9*

The time has come when things are to be called by their right name. Sin is sin. The Lord Jesus Christ calls upon the human agencies for whom He has given His life to come to Him in humility and contrition. His blood will cleanse them from all sin and every glossed-over iniquity. Some eyes will be opened. But I no longer appeal privately as heretofore to the individuals who have been cautioned and warned, and yet though disobeying, stand forth in their apparent power and dignity, and claim to be doing the will of heaven, when they are departing from the plain principles of heaven, as given in the Word of God. Could their eyes be opened, they would see that their feet are standing on the very brink of ruin. Let every soul bow himself under the weight of the truth of the law proclaimed from Sinai's mount.*20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 10*

Those who, when reprov'd by God, stop to reason in regard to the possible humiliation to result from confession and repentance will never, never travel the narrow path or enter the strait gate. These words were spoken by the messenger of God: Every human agency, man, woman, and child, must be in that spiritual condition that will enable him fully and unreservedly to acknowledge the power and authority of the truth of the words of God, which all must eat and drink in order to have eternal life. The words of God are the bread of heaven. If we would be saved, we must make them a part of the daily life.*20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 11*

Those who justify their course of action in going to law, and that with their brethren in the church, are acting out the spirit that developed in rebellion in heaven. God calls upon those who have light and are followers of Jesus to represent the perfect model upon which every character should be formed. But men have misrepresented God's character by adopting in their life practice a course of action militating against the truth, while at the same time claiming to be loyal. Some are loyal to the enemy of righteousness, but not to the God of truth.*20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 12*

I have seen the caricaturing of men bearing burdens in the cause of God, and that before ministers of the gospel and those who pass under the name of medical missionaries. I have seen the satanic mimicking of God's servants. The actions of the one who did this showed him to be an accuser and an opposer of the servants of God, and yet those present did not reprove or rebuke him, but by their silence justified the wicked ridiculing of the ministers of God, men who believe in God and are acknowledged by Him as His sons. This sacrilegious misrepresentation is an offense to God, which, if not repented of, will exclude the actors in it from the society of the redeemed in the heavenly courts; for they have perverted the way of the Lord.*20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 13*

Those who claim to be children of God are to place themselves under the discipline of the Holy Spirit. Thus only can they become His representatives, His children by spiritual regeneration. They are required to be conformed and assimilated to His character. His utterances of truth are to be their utterances and His ways their ways. They are to be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 14*

We need to study the message given to the church at Sardis. "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.*] Dead, and having the name of being alive.

What a terrible condition!*20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 15*

God cannot put His stamp upon the work that for years Dr. Kellogg has been carrying on. Of the one who has been working with intensity of effort to keep up a name, God says, "I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead." [*Verse 1.*] He has been so occupied with keeping up a name that he has neglected responsibilities of a most solemn character. God looks upon the name as dead so far as correct influence is concerned. Those who follow in his tread will be dead, destroyed by false representations. There is nothing more dangerous to a professing Christian than to have merely "a name."*20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 16*

If any man in the service of God is devoting brain, bone, and muscle to the getting of a name, the enemy will step in and will lead him to swell to such proportions that he is useless in the service of God. He may be an excellent evangelist, a gifted teacher, an attractive writer, a man of eloquent prayer, but the enemy takes advantage of his desire for self-exaltation and leads him to make shipwreck of faith.*20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 17*

An entire transformation is needed in the lives of those who have been in sympathy with the ones who have been and are still striving for a name, and to do those things that God has never appointed them as ministers of the gospel or medical missionary workers to do.*20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 18*

A man standing in the high position of a leader, and yet setting an example of wrongdoing, advancing principles that God repudiates, will be taken in the snare of Satan. He may say wonderful things. He may visit the sick, help the poor, and go through the entire list of activities, and yet never bring honor to God.*20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 19*

When the ambitious leader empties himself of self-glory, when he repents and confesses his sins, when he brings himself into subordination, then there will be hope of him. Until he gains this experience, the Lord has no use for him. Self must die. The character that he has been forming for years must be changed; for his own purpose has been to gain his own way and carry out his

own purposes. *20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 20*

It is a miserable delusion to have a name and yet be without a connection with God, without spiritual life, without Christ, without a sense of God's presence in the soul. "Thou has a name that thou livest, and art dead." [*Verse 1.*] *20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 21*

To him whose ambitions have reached to the end of the earth, whose activities have followed these ambitions, whose commercial enterprises have been so numerous, I must speak. To those who have for years sustained a course of action that God forbids, I would say, It is time for you to repent before God. Unless you do repent, whatever may be your calling, you will never see the kingdom of heaven. "Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." [*Matthew 24:42.*] *20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 22*

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of." [*Verses 45-50.*] *20LtMs, Ms 104, 1905, par. 23*

Ms 106, 1905

A Plea for Loyalty

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Now, if ever, is the time when the church needs divine wisdom, that it may be seen that God is with us, as a people. In the future we shall have grave difficulties to meet. In view of the conflict before us, we need now to state plainly the evidences of the truth for this time.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 1*

The students in our schools and all our youth should be given an education that will strengthen them in the faith.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 2*

Heaven is filled with blessings for those who through the truth are sanctified, body, soul, and spirit. As individuals we have before us a great and grand work, that of overcoming every evil propensity. This experience of perfect conformity to the Word of God Christ has characterized as eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 3*

Jesus had fed with five loaves of bread and two small fishes a multitude. “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. When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take Him by force, to make Him a king, He departed again into a mountain Himself alone.” [*John 6:14, 15.*]*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 4*

Had the purposes of the multitude been carried out, violence and insurrection would have followed, and the work of the spiritual kingdom of Christ would have been hindered. His work would have been interrupted before it was completed. Therefore He sent His disciples away, and He Himself departed alone into a

mountain.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 5*

“And when even was now come His disciples went down unto the sea, and entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. And the sea arose, by reason of a great wind that blew.”
[*Verses 16-18.*]*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 6*

The disciples gave themselves up for lost. But Jesus had not forgotten them. At the moment when they believed themselves to be lost, a gleam of light revealed a mysterious figure approaching them upon the water. Terror overpowered them, and they cried out in their fear. But the voice of their beloved Master came to them, “It is I, be not afraid. Then they willingly received Him into the ship, and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.”
[*Verses 20, 21.*] This incident served to reassure the disciples that though He had refused the honor of an earthly kingdom, yet Jesus was indeed the Son of God.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 7*

In the morning the people sought to find Jesus. They came to the place where He had taught them, and when they “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. Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for Him hath God the Father sealed. Then said they unto Him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent.” [Verses 24-29.]*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 8*

The price of heaven for every soul is the Messiah. The way to heaven is through faith in the “Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” [John 1:29.] He asks us first to believe, then to obey His commandments. “This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent.” [John 6:29.]*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 9*

Then “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. For the bread of God is He which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.” [*Verses 30-33.*]20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 10

In the time of Moses the children had received bread from heaven. For forty years they had received a daily supply of manna in their wilderness wanderings. Christ had miraculously fed the multitude the day previous, and, thinking of temporal food, His hearers exclaimed, “Lord, evermore give us this bread.” [*Verse 34.*]20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 11

“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. 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.20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 12

“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 said, 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.” [*Verses 35-44.*]20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 13

Jesus seeks to explain the difficulty of their receiving the truth. A man must be taught of God in order to understand deep spiritual

truths. Without the wisdom that comes from God, men are led into error through wrong interpretations of His Word. The Lord is our Teacher. He, the sent of God, declares: "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." [*Verses 45-47.*] This is the highest science that any human being can study.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 14*

"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.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 15*

"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.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 16*

"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. These things said He in the synagogue, as He taught in Capernaum.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 17*

"Many therefore of His disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying, who can hear it? When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples murmured at it, He said unto them, Doth this offend you?" [*Verses 48-61.*]*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 18*

They had not expressed their doubts, but Jesus sensibly felt their unbelief, and His soul was grieved; for they were His blood-bought heritage. The value of a human soul no one can estimate. The

salvation of one soul is of more value than all the advantages this world can bestow.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 19*

“When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples murmured at it, He said unto them, Doth this offend you? What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where He was before?” [*Verses 61, 62.*]*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 20*

This privilege was granted to His constant and true disciples. While His hands were outstretched in blessing them, He was withdrawn from the earth to be escorted with songs of triumph and of victory to the heavenly courts as the Prince.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 21*

“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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 22*

They were not literally to eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God, but Christ was to be to them their spiritual food and drink. Eating His flesh and drinking His blood meant believing on Him as their Redeemer. Through His words they were to receive spiritual life and nourishment. If they would faithfully practice His teachings, they would be sanctified through obedience and become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 23*

“The flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life.” [*Verse 63.*] Those who thus accept the words of Christ will represent His character. The world will see in them a character fashioned after the divine similitude.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 24*

Christ does not accept a man merely because he professes to be a Christian. His spirit and conduct must be such as to reveal that he is worthy to be acknowledged as a loyal subject of the kingdom of God.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 25*

“From that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom 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 not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon; for he it was that should betray Him, being one of the twelve.” [*Verses 66-71.*] *20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 26*

Now is our testing time. Our eternal destiny is at stake. Those who practice deception in order to gain some advantage in this life forfeit their right to live with Christ throughout eternity. If in this life we do not receive His Word, we shall in the day of judgment be found lacking in the qualifications of character that would fit us to partake of the bread of heaven. Many of our brethren are inclined to present for truth something mysterious. Satan has ever sought to infatuate the minds of men with subtle mysteries. Thus he beguiled Eve, and thus he seeks to seduce men today. Those who misquote the Word of God in an effort to substantiate error are following the example of him who beguiled Eve and who tempted Christ in the wilderness. The enemy substituted for the Word of God his own misleading statements. *20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 27*

The same deceptive agency that seduced the angels in heaven is working in like manner upon human minds today. By means of his seducing statements, he won the confidence of many of the angels, and there was a great war in heaven. Michael and His angels fought against Satan and his deceived followers. *20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 28*

The Lord now calls upon every soul to be wide-awake. We need not be deceived. Christ in His humanity was able to withstand the wily foe. We cannot remain passive and leave the flock of God to be led astray by the great enemy of souls. *20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 29*

Those who understand and believe the truth are to be faithful guardians. When they see the Lord’s people exposed to temptations, they are to lift their voice in warning. *20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 30*

Some who have received warning and instruction from God had deliberately turned from the messages sent to them. They have as it were walked blindfolded into Satan’s prepared snares. Satan is playing the game of life for their souls. And some who might be in a

position to help these ensnared souls have themselves become ensnared as captives to the archdeceiver.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 31*

God's love for His church is infinite. He has made every provision for its growth and enlargement. His care over His people is unceasing. He has given instruction regarding the dangers of false theories and subtle reasonings of the archdeceiver. He has sent warnings, reproofs, and messages to save His people. But some, like many of Christ's disciples, are offended, because they have misinterpreted the messages sent by God.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 32*

When it is essential for the purification of the church, trials are permitted. Under these trials some regard themselves as abused; and instead of humbling their hearts, they rise up in indignation. Satan watches his opportunity to present some pleasing sophistry that will captivate the minds of the tempted ones and will lead them to accept his fables. Those who are thus deceived become channels through which other minds are seduced by delusive sentiments.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 33*

I am instructed to say that we must do all we possibly can for these deceived ones. Their minds must be freed from the delusions of the enemy; and if we fail in our efforts to save these erring ones, we must "come out from among them" and be separate. [*2 Corinthians 6:17.*]*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 34*

The time has come for the enlargement and growth of God's people. For years the backward tendencies of many have greatly hindered the work of God.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 35*

Now, just now, the Lord's people are to show their loyalty. The time has come when the Lord would have all who will honor Him take their stand firmly on the side of truth and righteousness. No longer are we to be a mixed multitude. Those who profess to be followers of God's Word must be straightforward, pure, and holy.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 36*

"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, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 37*

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. 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 that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” [*Isaiah 55:6-11.*]*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 38*

I am instructed to say that the Lord will give grace to all who will turn from their unrighteousness, and break with the wily tempter, who has led them captive. The blessings of heaven cannot be bought with merchandise. All who will lay down the weapons of their warfare, and come into harmony with the truth of Jesus Christ, surrendering soul, body, and spirit, to Him who has bought them with the price of His own blood, need not despair of God’s mercy.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 39*

We cannot afford to trifle with our soul’s salvation. All who choose to mark out a path for themselves, supposing that they will be saved by their own righteousness, will be destroyed suddenly and that without remedy. God now graciously calls to those, whose souls are lifted up unto vanity, to come to Him. No longer are they to act as a stumbling block to hinder the work of the Lord. Unless they change their attitude, the Lord will remove them; for His work is to be delayed no longer.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 40*

God has no pleasure in the death of the unrighteous. He has borne long with stubborn, obdurate hearts. He who gave Christ to the world has sent messages of warning, but many have refused to heed. Long has He borne with men who have not glorified His name. He now calls upon His people to make a thorough work and remove every stumbling block. Let us clear the highway for our God.*20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 41*

November 20, 1905

Sanitarium, California

I am instructed to say to those who edit our denominational papers that they are to print all the matter possible dealing with the affirmative side of Bible truth. They are to give the trumpet a certain sound. Let every article that is printed in the *Review and Herald* be of a character that will reflect light amid the moral darkness of this world. Every column is to be filled with the precious truth. *20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 42*

Let not our brethren make use of the precious space in our denominational paper, to record incidents connected with the life of President Roosevelt, or his daughter, or any other members of his family. Such items of news will enlighten no one in regard to the truth. *20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 43*

Some of the articles, even those treating upon Bible subjects, should be made shorter. *20LtMs, Ms 106, 1905, par. 44*

Ms 108, 1905

A Warning and an Appeal

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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To the Battle Creek Church,—

I have words to speak to the church in Battle Creek. My brethren and sisters, you have need now to consider carefully your course of action. Where will those be found who continue in a course of rebellion against God? I am bidden to repeat to you this message: “Hear [ye, O mountains, the Lord's] controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with His people, and He will plead with Israel. O My people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against Me.” [*Micah 6:2, 3.*]*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 1*

And again, “Hear O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but Israel doth not know, My people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil doers, children that are corrupters; they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.” [*Isaiah 1:2-4.*]*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 2*

“Why should ye be stricken any more? Ye will revolt more and more; the whole head is sick, the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises, and putrefying sores; they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire. ...*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 3*

“Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before Mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land; but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.”
[Verses 5-7, 16-20.]20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 4

“Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times, and the turtle, and the crane, and the swallow observeth the time of their coming, but My people know not the judgment of the Lord.”
[Jeremiah 8:7.]20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 5

How true is the solemn statement, “My people know not the judgment of the Lord.” [Verse 7.] Has not this been repeatedly demonstrated in Battle Creek? Have not men stood up in public assemblies and ridiculed the idea that the burning of our two largest institutions was a reproof and a judgment from God? Could they have seen the presentation given me of what will be in the future, their ridicule would suddenly have turned to mourning.20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 6

The burning of these two institutions was verily a judgment from God. And yet men who have been given wonderful advantages and opportunities, and who are capable of understanding the dealings of God with His people of old, have stood up to defy, as it were, the Holy One of Israel, and to make of none effect the working of God’s providence in His dealings with His people. Such ones should remember that an unerring record is kept of such utterances, and that they are written in the books. Some are filled with a wicked spirit of resistance and opposition, and this spirit they will continue to cherish till the bitter, bitter end. Unless those who have dared to brave God’s will fully repent and turn to Him in humility and contrition, they will perish with all who do evil and who stand in the way of the work of God. They have chosen the power of worldly law, but they will one day feel the power of a higher law, from which they have departed, but which it is impossible to evade or escape.20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 7

What wonderful truths fell from the lips of Christ when He called His disciples to consider the fowls of the air and the flowers of the field, which obey the orders of God's will. These come to us as lessons of admonition and reproof for our ingratitude and lack of faith. Gifted with higher, nobler powers than the lower orders of creation, man has nevertheless chosen to disobey his Creator.*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 8*

Christ Himself, the Son of the infinite God, clothed His divinity with humanity and came to this world to show human beings what they may become by obeying the principles of heaven. Through His grace they may become partakers of the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world through lust. Clearly God makes known His will to men and women. Evidence after evidence is given of His unwillingness that any should perish. It is His desire that all, through believing and obeying His Word, shall have eternal life. The Saviour's reference to the flowers and the birds is a rebuke to human beings who depart from the plan of God in their behalf and lower themselves to do acts that dishonor their Maker and Him who came to teach men and women how to practice the virtues that will give them a welcome into the heavenly courts.*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 9*

In His lessons Christ shows us how we may reveal the pure, unselfish love and the unquestioning faith that He manifested in coming from heaven to become one with humanity, that human beings, by living pure, holy lives, might become one with Him and thus one with God. Keenly does He rebuke all distrust and every phase of unbelief. He invites us to learn to cast all our care upon Him; for without help from Him we cannot carry aright the heavy burdens of life.*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 10*

Unbelief has led many in Battle Creek to the doing of evil works and to the carrying out of wrong principles. It has led them to strengthen themselves in a wrong course.*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 11*

"Consider the lilies of the field," said Christ, "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 clothed 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 after all these things do the Gentiles seek." [*Matthew 6:28-32.*]*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 12*

What a rebuke to a life of self-serving in the part of those who claim to be disciples of Christ. Are those who claim to be followers of Christ showing anxious care about the things of this life, are they giving first consideration to houses and lands and business interests? Are they showing the greed, the selfishness, the sinfulness of sharp practices? In the past this was done in our institutions in Battle Creek, and it placed them where the rebuke of God fell on their unrighteousness. His judgments came upon the two largest of our institutions. Before all the world, His displeasure was shown by stern judgments. And yet, there are those who, since these terrible experiences, have refused correction and have followed a course of determined obstinacy. Some seem determined to continue doing those things that brought the expression of the displeasure of God upon those who would not heed admonitions and warnings. They have kept up a continual defiance against God and warfare against the testimonies of reproof that He has sent.*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 13*

Much has been done to hinder the advancement of the great work that God has committed to His people—the proclamation of the last gospel message to all nations and kindreds and tongues and peoples. Some who have houses and other property in Battle Creek have shown themselves very much opposed to heeding the warnings that God in mercy has given them to remove from Battle Creek to places where their influence would be of far greater account. But the time is drawing nigh when the judgments of God will be more signally seen in Battle Creek. Many claiming to be believers have dishonored the truth of God. They have diverted His money into wrong channels, to carry out worldly plans. But because of the righteous who are among them the Lord has waited and shown patience. The cause of God has suffered great hindrance because the talents entrusted to His people have not been used in the work of proclaiming the truth, and on every hand we see unworked fields. Saith the Lord, When I visit them for their iniquity, I

will punish them for all their greed, and their worldliness, as the Gentiles. I will not spare, unless they repent.*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 14*

The sentiments of unbelief that were expressed after the judgments of God had come showed that some would keep up their rebellion until the hour of God's patience is exhausted. Those who have acted as the Gentiles act will be punished as the Gentiles, only with as much greater severity as the abundance of light given them makes their sin against God the greater. He will not spare, neither will He have mercy, unless there is a thorough conversion of soul, and that repentance which needeth not to be repented of.*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 15*

What will the believers in Battle Creek do now is the question? Christ has given me a message to give to them. "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." [*Romans 13:11, 12.*] "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." [*Ephesians 5:16.*]*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 16*

There is presented before me the work which has not been done, but which might have been done had those professing to be Christians been Christlike in character. I am bidden to say that all boasting is evidence that Christ's invitation, "Come unto Me, and I will give you rest," has not been heeded. [*Matthew 11:28.*] Those who boast show that they are not wearing His yoke, or learning of Him His meekness and lowliness. All pretense is self-deception. When Christlikeness is not revealed in the life, it shows that the Saviour has been excluded from the soul.*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 17*

Many will never, never have eternal life unless they see the sinfulness of their course of action and realize how greatly it has dishonored God. They are not servants of Christ, because they do not do His works. The Lord says, Proclaim My message; say to those who have professed to be followers of Jesus, but have dishonored their profession by making false paths for their feet and

the feet of others, Repent; for your souls' sake, repent and be converted. You have been going on and on for years against light, against knowledge, until the Laodicean message applies to your case. Many have become corrupted in faith, corrupted in principle. Many have dishonored God, and sold themselves to sin, and in word and deed have helped others on in the strange paths they have chosen, until they do not know what pure religion is. They have sacrificed faith for worldly favor and are leavened with that which is opposed to righteousness. At first they felt some compunction of conscience, but they refused to turn back, and now hardness of heart is preparing them for hopeless apostasy and the judgments of God. The appeals of their Saviour have been resisted, His mercy abused, His provisions of redeeming love, made by infinite sacrifice, rejected. His heart yearns over them, His hand has been outstretched to save, but they turned away, slighting His invitations of mercy. And yet His hand is stretched out still, for our Saviour made provision that all who receive Him shall be given power to become the sons of God.*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 18*

Infinite treasure has been richly and freely bestowed upon God's people. Says the apostle: "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. And besides all 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. 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. 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 1:2-12.*]20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 19

Again we read that “Of His fulness have we received, and grace for grace.” [*John 1:16.*] And again, “My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” [2 *Corinthians 12:9.*]20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 20

Says the Saviour: “All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them into 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.*]20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 21

Shall this wealth of grace and power for service continue to be unappreciated and turned from without relish or appetite? Shall we not heed the words of our great Leader, “If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [*Matthew 16:24.*] “So shall he be My disciple.” [See *John 15:8.*] The privilege of becoming one with Christ is worth more than the treasures of the whole world. God calls upon His subjects to give the world evidence of their thorough loyalty to Him.20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 22

In the camp there have been many traitors in disguise, and Christ knows every one of them. God has been dishonored by disloyal subjects, who, were Christ on the earth today in human form, would cry, “Crucify Him, crucify Him.” [*Luke 23:21.*]20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 23

How will it be with the unrepentant sinner hereafter? The higher the position and the greater the light accorded to the man who has become disloyal, and has denied his Saviour, the greater will be his punishment.20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 24

To those abiding in Battle Creek, I say, “For your souls’ sake, let as many as can get away from its strife and its perils.” Some have solemn responsibilities there, and they may have to abide there, even until near the time of the destruction from the Lord; but God will recognize and save every true soul. To those who are seeking

their own convenience and pleasure, instead of the service and honor of their Saviour, my message is, “Repent, repent, repent, and be converted. Confess your sins, that they may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.” [See *Acts 3:19.*] *20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 25*

There is a great overturning and overturning to take place in Battle Creek. That which has been done there since the General Conference held at Oakland in 1903 will result in the loss of many souls. Men who might have stood in clear light doing valiant service as ministers of the gospel and medical missionaries have been accepting false theories and sophistries, which organized with the father of lies, and yet they do not realize that they have changed. *20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 26*

“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 beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell; and great was the fall of it.” [Matthew 7:24-27.] *20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 27*

I am bidden to give this message to you at Battle Creek. Now is your time and opportunity to do the will of God from a sincere, devoted heart. Now, just now, take your stand against the power of darkness which has come in and has led many souls captive. *20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 28*

The work of the medical missionary is not to deny God, but he who has stood at the head of the medical missionary work has been accepting theories that do away with God. At times he has felt where he was going and has feared to advance. But again the tempter would place his brilliant representations before him, and he would neglect to flee to the stronghold that is his only safety. *20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 29*

To those medical missionaries and ministers who have been drinking in the scientific sophistries and bewitching fables against

which you have been warned, I would say, Your souls are in peril. The world must know where you are standing and where Seventh-day Adventists are standing. God calls for all who have accepted these soul-destroying delusions no longer to halt between two opinions. If the Lord be God, follow Him.*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 30*

Satan with all his host is on the battle field. Christ's soldiers are now to rally round the blood-stained banner of Emmanuel. In the name of the Lord, leave the black banner of the prince of darkness, and take your position with the Prince of heaven.*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 31*

“He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.” [*Matthew 11:15.*] Read your Bibles. From higher ground, under the instruction given me of God, I present these things before you. The time is near when the deceptive powers of satanic agencies will be fully developed. On one side is Christ, who has been given all power in heaven and earth. On the other side is Satan, continually exercising his power to allure, to deceive with strong, spiritualistic sophistries, to remove God out of the place that He should occupy in the minds of men.*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 32*

Satan is striving continually to bring in fanciful suppositions in regard to the sanctuary, degrading the wonderful representations of God and the ministry of Christ for our salvation into something that suits the carnal mind. He removes its presiding power from the hearts of believers and supplies its place with fantastic theories, invented to make void the truths of the atonement and destroy our confidence in the doctrines which we have held sacred since the third angel's messages was first given. Thus he would rob us of our faith in the very message that has made us a separate people and has given character and power to our work.*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 33*

In the Word of God warnings regarding this are plainly given, yet fanciful representations and interpretations of truth have been stealing in step by step, unperceived by men who ought, through a clear understanding of the Scriptures, to be prepared to see the danger and sound a note of warning.*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 34*

In this our day there is need of clear spiritual discernment. Let all who fear God in Battle Creek say, Who is sufficient for these things? for blindness hath happened unto Israel, unto teachers and unto those who are taught.*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 35*

The message given me for the believers in Battle Creek is, Why do you take counsel with men who have not been walking in the counsel of the Lord? Much of the work that is being carried forward in Battle Creek in medical missionary lines is not acceptable to God, because a man stands at the head who is continually filling his mind with sophistries and deceptions. The Lord's voice crieth in the city, "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee but to deal justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 36*

"The Lord's voice crieth unto the city, and the men of wisdom shall see Thy name; hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it. Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure that is abominable? Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights? For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth. Therefore also will I make thee sick in smiting thee, in making thee desolate because of thy sins." [*Micah 6:8-13.*]*20LtMs, Ms 108, 1905, par. 37*

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“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*.]20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 1

For this coming, we, as Seventh-day Adventists, are now waiting. We are known by the name “Seventh-day Adventists” because we keep the Sabbath-day that our Lord gave to the children of Israel—the day of which He has declared, “It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever” [*Exodus 31:17*]; and because we are watching and waiting for the second coming of our Lord, with power and great glory, in the clouds of heaven.20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 2

“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. Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.” [*John 14:4-6*.]20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 3

How encouraging are these words! Those who by experimental faith know Christ, know the Father also.20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 4

“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.” [Verses 7-9.] Christ was “the express image” of His Father’s person. [Hebrews 1:3.] *20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 5*

“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.” [John 14:10.] *20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 6*

Christ was the Sent of God. Before sin entered our world, even before man was created, Christ covenanted with His Father that if the human family should transgress the divine law, He would take upon His own divine soul the penalty of transgression. Man fell; and in the fulness of time, in order to reveal to fallen humanity the character of the Father, Christ laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown, clothed His divinity with humanity, and came to this earth, here to live a sinless life. For our sakes He became poor. Through His poverty we may come into possession of eternal riches. As He ascended to His Father, He promised to come again in like manner—surrounded with clouds of angels. We long for His second appearing. *20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 7*

And while our Lord delays His coming, we are to learn more and more of the character that through His grace we must form in order to come into possession of the heavenly treasure—a life that measures with the life of God. Those who in their earthly life honor their Saviour, and welcome His Spirit within their hearts will, in the world to come, enjoy his presence throughout the ages. He has taken His place at the head of humanity and is ready to save all who choose to follow in His footsteps. *20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 8*

“To 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.] This privilege is ours. We may present our petitions to One who hears, One whose ear is ever open to the prayer of faith. *20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 9*

It means much to be children of God. It means that we shall

become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King. If in this life we reveal the character of Christ, we may become kings and priests unto God.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 10*

Christ revealed His Father's character not only during His public ministry, but during the much longer period spent at His home in Nazareth of Galilee. For many years He accepted the lot of a humble carpenter. Though He was the Son of the highest, He was obedient to His earthly parents. And His was a life free from sin. We may be like Him in word and deed; for to us God is ready to impart grace sufficient for every need.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 11*

How many will think of the charms of Christ Jesus? How many will remember that the whole life can be lighted up with the brilliancy of the beauty and the glory of the Christ-life?*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 12*

Teach these things to your children. Teach them that there is happiness in religion. Christ desires that His joy may be in us, and that our joy may be full.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 13*

Fathers, when weary and worn you cross the threshold at the close of the day's work, remember that you will find the sweetest rest by bringing happiness into the household. How refreshing to your children and to the tired mother are kind, thoughtful, cheering words. The gift of speech has been entrusted to us in order that we may glorify God. Let us cultivate the tones of our voice and learn to speak as Jesus would have us speak. Let us determine to make the most of our opportunities here, knowing that Christ who has ascended above is still more interested in humanity than we can be in ourselves. He is bound to us by the ties of humanity. For us He died on Calvary's cross. Buried, indeed, He was; but it was not for Him to remain in the grave. On the third day of His burial, an angel, parting the darkness from his track, descended to the earth direct from heaven and came to where the Saviour was entombed. As the burning glory of the light surrounding the angel fell upon the Roman guards, they dropped as dead men to the earth; but first they saw the beautiful angel roll back, as if it had been a pebble, the great rock placed before the sepulcher and take his seat upon the rock.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 14*

Then Christ came forth from the grave and proclaimed over the rent sepulcher of Joseph, "I am the resurrection and the life." [*John 11:25.*] To us this means that if we die in Christ Jesus, having lived in obedience to His commandments—a life reflecting honor to the Creator—He will be faithful in raising us to immortality at the last day, when He shall come to call His own unto Himself. We are to honor the Lord upon the earth with every capability of the brain. We cannot be content with a low standard. We are to live in such a way that we can carry the gospel to those who are in darkness. Of us Christ says; "Ye are the light of the world." And He adds: "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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 15*

The Lord is not pleased to have us dwell at great length upon the wickedness, the corruption, the crime that is in the world. He desires us to think of that which we can do to live in accordance with His requirements. Some may feel that they cannot do much to stay the tide of evil now sweeping over the world. But each one can begin where he is and do the best he can. Parents can begin in the home. The home is God's little church. The father is the priest, the head of the household; the mother is the queen of the home. The children are to be taught to carry all the responsibility they possibly can in the home life. Let them lift the little burdens and do the errands that some one must do. In helping father and mother, they will be made happy themselves. The parents, in return, should always express appreciation for the help given them by the children. Many times I have been really hindered in my work by trying to teach my children to help me do the work; but always in answer to their eager query, "Mother, do we really help you?" I would say, "Indeed you do, my children. I see that you are training yourselves to be useful. Your hands are becoming more and more skilful. This is pleasing to Jesus and brings me so much satisfaction that I should not complain if I had to do the work over and over again."*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 16*

O that I could speak with words that would reach the ears of every parent! Fathers, mothers, lead your children to Christ! Lead them gently, tenderly, lovingly. Never let a cross or impatient word escape your lips.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 17*

May God help these little children that are here today. Christ blessed little children, and He wants every one of you to be His little children. He is ready to bless every little one who is in the congregation before me. He wants you to pray to Him and to ask Him to keep you from all evil. And He wants you, too, to try to keep yourselves from speaking hastily and from doing any wicked thing. Children, you are fitting up for a beautiful heaven above. Live as God would have you live.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 18*

Parents can be a great blessing to their older children by teaching them how to care for the younger members of the family. Thus the mother is relieved of much responsibility, and the children are gaining an experience that will be a help to them throughout life. Faithfulness in the fulfilment of home duties and the blessing of God are so closely associated as to be almost inseparable.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 19*

Every home should be a little heaven here below. In the little home church the children are given a preparation for the duties of church relationship as they grow older. Even in tender years the youth, if properly trained, are sometimes ready for baptism and for their names to be registered on the church books.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 20*

We have come here to Washington to do what we can to assist our brethren in opening up this new field. We desire to establish an educational institution where we can tell young men and young women about the Lord Jesus Christ and teach them the Bible, which is the Word of God. Christ has said that if we eat His flesh and drink His blood, we have eternal life. Speaking further of this, He has made plain that He refers to an appropriation of the Scriptures to the individual heart. Constant feeding upon the Word will give us a character that will enable us to appropriate the blessings of heaven and to labor successfully for others.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 21*

Children are to be educated and trained in such a way that the faculties of the mind shall be strengthened and that no evil habits and practices shall be given a place in their daily conduct. We are preparing for a home in heaven. I want that every one present shall

be saved. We are waiting for the coming of the Son of man in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. When He comes, He will know those who are reflecting His image in this world. No matter where His children have lived, whether in humble dwellings or in palaces, He understands all about them; He knows them by name. To overcomers, those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, will be given a welcome into the kingdom of glory. The pearly gates of the city of God will be swung back on their glittering hinges, and the nations that have kept the truth shall enter in.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 22*

It is of no use to think that those who never cease to transgress all the principles of righteousness will be permitted to enter the heavenly city; for this would make possible another terrible rebellion in heaven, the result of which would be the expulsion of the transgressors. No, we must prepare in this life for the future immortal life. Many are the dark providences through which the Lord's children are sometimes called to pass; but in the New Earth the Saviour will lead us beside the living waters and tell us the meaning of these things.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 23*

In Revelation we read: "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." [*Revelation 22:1.*] When my son told me of the clear waters of the Sligo Creek flowing through this tract of land that we have secured for sanitarium and school grounds, I told him that the value of a beautiful flowing stream on sanitarium grounds is beyond estimate. In the New Jerusalem there will proceed direct from the throne of God a living stream, clear as crystal. "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." [*Verse 2.*] Thank God.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 24*

As we pass through this life, and come in living connection with Christ, He gives us the leaves of the tree of life. Some may ask, What are these leaves of the tree of life? They are the words of the living God. Christ walks and talks with us. Some may not have had the educational advantages that others have had; but to all is granted the privilege of communion with Christ, the Life-giver.

Thank God with heart and soul and voice!*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 25*

Listen to the words that follow in this prophecy of the Revelator: “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.” [*Verses 3, 4.*] Elsewhere we read that no man shall see His face and live; but the redeemed shall have the privilege of beholding His face. O I wake up in the night, sometimes, burdened and distressed; and then this verse comes to my mind so forcibly that I cannot help praising God. The tears flow unbidden, and I feel as if nothing in this life were so heavy but that it could be borne cheerfully, in view of the privileges granted us in the future, immortal life.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 26*

The prophet continues: “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.*] What a prospect! To us is given the promise of a life in the kingdom of glory, without any curse, without anything to cause tears, and this life is to extend throughout the ages.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 27*

“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.” It seems a long time to us; but I do not pray for the time to be shortened, so long as there is an opportunity to save sinners for Jesus. “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 seen and heard, 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 fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book; worship God.” [*Verses 6-9.*]*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 28*

Let us not forget to worship God. We ought to worship Him every day, in our character-building, and by standing before the world as representatives of what it means to be a Christian whose life is hid with Christ in God. Let us worship Him by showing the difference

between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 29*

“And he said unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book; for the time is at hand.” [*Verse 10.*] Shall we, then, treat this prophecy as if it were sealed? Let us search it carefully, to learn what it says about the very last scenes of this earth’s history.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 30*

“Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be.” [*Verse 12.*] Every one is to be given his reward in accordance with his lifework. Let us, then, crowd into the life all the good works possible; let us so live that the character attained will be of influence in the world; let us seek for the peace that is granted to every true child of God. To every one is given the privilege of being an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ Jesus to an immortal inheritance, an eternal substance that no fire can destroy, and that can in no wise pass away. The faithful will have the joy of viewing the beauty and the glory of the earth made new.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 31*

Many gain the idea that in heaven we shall live a life of inactivity. This is not a correct idea. There we shall plant and build; there we shall ever be learning; there we shall worship God, delighting to sing His praises and to speak of His infinite mercy and love. To every overcomer will be given a golden harp; and the music of heaven will be far richer than the sweetest music of this earth.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 32*

“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 13, 14.*] Those who keep God’s commandments are the ones who will be given an entrance into the heavenly city. “Without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. 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.” [Verses 15-17.]*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 33*

This reveals clearly the necessity of carrying God’s work beyond the limits of our home churches. We have a message to bear to the world. A living church, a church that has in it the renovating power of Christ, is a working church. Those who go to work for the Master find that all their hopes and powers are renewed and strengthened; their countenances are lighted up with joy as they present Jesus the Crucified and thus win souls to their Saviour.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 34*

And it is to help our fellow men that we have come to Washington. It was because of our desire to spread a knowledge of God’s truth that we consented to go to Australia, where we remained ten years, establishing a training school, church schools, sanitariums and treatment rooms, strengthening the publishing work, organizing new churches, and building meetinghouses. God was with us. Those whose hearts are filled with His love and a desire to make known to others His loving kindness cannot be made unhappy.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 35*

I may never meet you again in this life, but I desire to tell you that there is a heaven above, where I hope to see your faces. Think of what I have told you. Study your Bibles; find in them the precious words given by the Saviour for our encouragement; appropriate His promises, and thereby gain strength to overcome the temptations that are growing stronger and more subtle as the end draws near. Christ is ready to impart to you the divine nature He came to bestow upon sinful humanity; and, by partaking of His divine nature, you may be overcomers, and see His face, and sit with Him on His throne.*20LtMs, Ms 110, 1905, par. 36*

Ms 111, 1905

Standing in the Way of God's Messages

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One thing it is certain is soon to be realized—the great apostasy, which is developing and increasing and waxing stronger, and will continue to do so until the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout. We are to hold fast the first principles of our denominated faith and go forward from strength to increased faith. Ever we are to keep the faith that has been substantiated by the Holy Spirit of God from the earlier events of our experience until the present time. We need now larger breadth, and deeper, more earnest, unwavering faith in the leadings of the Holy Spirit. If we needed the manifest proof of the Holy Spirit's power to confirm truth in the beginning, after the passing of the time, we need today all the evidence in the confirmation of the truth, when souls are departing from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. There must not be any languishing of soul now. *20LtMs, Ms 111, 1905, par. 1*

If ever there was a period of time when we needed the Holy Spirit's power in our discourses, in our prayers, in every action proposed, it is now. We are not to stop at the first experience, but while we bear the same message to the people, this message is to be strengthened and enlarged. We are to see and realize the importance of the message, made certain by its divine origin. We are to follow on to know the Lord, that we may know that His going forth is prepared as the morning. *20LtMs, Ms 111, 1905, par. 2*

Our souls need the quickening from the Source of all power. We may be strengthened and confirmed in the past experience that holds us to the essential points of truth which have made us what we are—Seventh-day Adventists. *20LtMs, Ms 111, 1905, par. 3*

The past fifty years have not dimmed one jot or principle of our faith

as we received the great and wonderful evidences that were made certain to us in 1844, after the passing of the time. The languishing souls are to be confirmed and quickened according to His Word. And many of the ministers of the gospel and the Lord's physicians will have their languishing souls quickened according to the Word. Not a word is changed or denied. That which the Holy Spirit testified to as truth after the passing of the time, in our great disappointment, is the solid foundation of truth. Pillars of truth were revealed, and we accepted the foundation principles that have made us what we are—Seventh-day Adventists, keeping the commandments of God and having the faith of Jesus.*20LtMs, Ms 111, 1905, par. 4*

Have not the hearts of Christ's disciples burned within them as He has talked with us by the way and opened to us the Scriptures? Has not the Lord Jesus opened to us the Scriptures and presented to us things kept secret from the foundation of the world? Some have heard the reading of the evidence of the binding claims of the law of God, and the enjoined obedience to His commandments, and have felt their characters to be in such contrast to the requirements that, had they been placed in circumstances similar to Jehoiakim, king of Judah, they would have done as he did. A special message was sent to him to be read in his hearing, but after listening to three or four pages, he cut it out with a penknife and cast it into the fire. But this could not destroy the message; for the Word of God will never return unto Him void. The same Holy Spirit who had given the first testimony, which was refused and burned, came to the servant of God, who caused the first to be written in the roll, and repeated the very message that had been rejected, caused the latter to be written, and added a great deal more to it.*20LtMs, Ms 111, 1905, par. 5*

Those who are willing to have the straight, plain messages of God consumed, to get them out of their sight, will only give increased publicity to, and confirmation of, the messages that they dismissed and repulsed. When the Lord sends a message to any man or woman, and they refuse to be corrected, refuse to receive it, that is not the end of the message by any means. All the transaction is recorded; and those who took part in it, by their refusal to be corrected, pronounce their own sentence against themselves.*20LtMs, Ms 111, 1905, par. 6*

When God sends a message to any person, minister or doctor; if men pursue a course to make of no effect the message sent, a course that destroys the influence of the message that God designed should make a change in the principles of the one corrected and turn his heart to repentance, it would be better for these men if they had never been born. Wickedness and deceit remain in the one to whom the Lord in mercy sent His message; but they, through Satan's devising, took it upon themselves to justify and vindicate the one whom God had corrected; and he took it upon himself to refuse the message given and went on, sustained by men who claimed to be the ministers and doctors of the Lord. The one who should have realized his sin and corrected his evil was presumptuous and turned from the message of God to follow his own course, until sin—in deception, in falsehood, in unprincipled working, in underhand dealing—became current. Whether there is any hope of a change, we know not. But all who have built that man up in his crooked course of action, which they know was not justice and righteousness, will suffer with the transgressor, unless they shall humble themselves before God and show that repentance that needeth not to be repented of.*20LtMs, Ms 111, 1905, par. 7*

Thus saith the Lord, I am the high and holy One who inhabiteth eternity. The Lord God will be vindicated in the interest He has taken to bring men to repentance, that they should see their crooked ways and turn and be converted. But ministers and doctors have stepped in between God and men reprov'd and have made of no effect the reproofs He has sent, notwithstanding that the warning was to save erring men and turn them from their wrong course of action, that their usefulness should not be destroyed, that they should repent and be converted, and their sins, which are now registered in the books of heaven, be blotted out.*20LtMs, Ms 111, 1905, par. 8*

The Spirit who asked Zechariah, "What seest thou?" to which he answered, "I see a flying roll," also caused an angel to 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 (let no glory be given to erring, sinful men); for the hour of His judgment is come." [*Zechariah 5:2; Revelation 14:6, 7.*] Many

indeed will not understand, but will stumble at the words contained in the roll. *20LtMs, Ms 111, 1905, par. 9*

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Testimonies Regarding the Youth Going to Battle Creek

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A few weeks ago while I was attending the camp-meeting at San Jose, some of our brethren presented before me what they considered wonderful opportunities to invest means in mining and railroad stock that would bring large returns. They seemed confident of success and spoke of the good they would do with the profits they expected to receive.*20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 1*

Others were present and seemed interested to see how I would receive their proposition. I told them that such investments were very uncertain. They could not be sure that these enterprises would succeed. I spoke to them of the everlasting reward that is assured to those who lay up their treasures in heaven; but in these uncertain ventures, I begged them, for Christ's sake, to stop right where they were.*20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 2*

In the night season I was instructed to tell God's people that it is not according to His will that those who believe in His near coming should invest their means in mining stock. This would be burying our Lord's talent in the earth. Much was presented, but I will say only a few words at this time. I will read a copy of a letter I wrote to one of the brethren I have mentioned:*20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 3*

July 2, 1905

San Jose, California

Dear Brother,—

You have presented before me a proposition to invest in mining stock. You feel confident that such an investment would prove successful, and you think that in this way you will be able greatly to help the cause of God.*20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 4*

The Lord has given me instruction that at meetings I would attend I would find men encouraging our people to invest their money to work mines. I am bidden to say that this is a device of the enemy to consume or to tie up means that is greatly needed to carry on the work of God. It is a snare of the last days to involve God's people in loss of their Lord's entrusted capital that should be used wisely in the work of winning souls. Because so much money is invested in these very uncertain enterprises, the work of God is sadly crippled for lack of the talent that will win souls to Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 5*

"The kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered to them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.*20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 6*

"Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made him other five talents. ... But he that received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.*20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 7*

"After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents; behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, 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. ...*20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 8*

"Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strewn: and I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.*20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 9*

“His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not and gather where I have not strawed: thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received my own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.” [*Matthew 25:14-16, 18-21, 24-29.*] *20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 10*

Our Lord’s entrusted talents are to be invested wisely in giving the warning message both in this country and in other countries. Many of the cities in this country have not yet been warned. What is the reason? O it requires money to carry the message of warning to the cities. It is sometimes necessary to hire at large expense the most popular halls, in order that we may call the people out. Then we can give them Bible evidence of the truth. *20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 11*

All around us there are souls to save. There is a work to be done by every man or woman who hears the truth to enlighten some other one. To every one is given some responsibility in the Lord’s work. As these responsibilities are assumed, there will be an increase of strength and power to win souls. *20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 12*

A great work is before us. We must watch and work for souls in this time of waiting for our Lord. Cultivate personal piety. Every precaution must be taken to prevent spiritual declension, lest the day of the Lord come upon us as a snare. To be good and to do good should be the study of every human being. There is, my brother, great need that your spiritual eyesight be enlightened. “Take heed to thyself and to the doctrine.” [*1 Timothy 4:16.*] Keep the channel of your mind clear, that you may understand how to use the Lord’s entrusted capital. If there are those who have means that they can possibly spare, it is their duty to use it to advance the cause of God. *20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 13*

Last night in vision I was raising my voice in warning against worldly speculations. I said, “I invite you to take shares in the greatest mine that has ever been worked.” *20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 14*

“The kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hid in a field; the

which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth the field.” [Matthew 13:44.]20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 15

“Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not?” [Isaiah 55:1, 2.]20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 16

If we will invest in God’s mining stock, the return is sure. He says, “Hearken diligently unto Me, and eat that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto Me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.” [Verses 2, 3.] Please read this whole chapter.20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 17

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman seeking goodly pearls: who, when had found one pearl of great price went and sold all that he had and bought it.” [Matthew 13:45, 46.]20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 18

My brother, will you make an investment to secure the heavenly pearl of great price?20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 19

“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, of father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.” [Matthew 19:27-29.]20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 20

This is mining stock in which you may invest without running a risk of disappointment. But, my dear friend, we have not a dollar of the Lord’s money to invest in mining enterprises in this world.20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 21

I am exceedingly sorry that any of our people have made the mistake of burying their God-given capital in mining stock, thinking thereby to increase their revenue. The prospect may seem flattering, but many will be sadly disappointed. *20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 22*

I recall the case of a brother who was once interested in the work and cause of God. Some years ago, when I was in Australia, this brother wrote to me, saying that he had purchased a mine from which he expected to receive great profits. He said that he would give me a portion of what he would receive. I dared not even answer his letter, for fear that it might be said that I was giving the least encouragement to such investments. For some years he continued to follow this business. Occasionally he would write to me, saying, "Now the prospects are good. Soon we shall receive returns." But the returns did not materialize; and after sinking many thousands of dollars, his ventures proved to be an entire loss. *20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 23*

This is one of many similar cases that have come to my attention. Many have expressed to me their sorrow that they had ever encouraged any one to invest their means in mining stock. If there is one here who has received money from a brother or sister for any such investment, it is his duty to return it, if the one who gave it so desires. *20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 24*

I warn you to be careful what you do with your Lord's goods. By placing it in God's treasury you may insure for yourselves a revenue from the inexhaustible treasures of His kingdom. *20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 25*

The people of God have been too easily satisfied with mere surface truths. We should search diligently for the deep, eternal far-reaching truths of God's Word. Having found them, we shall joyfully sell all, that we may buy the field. *20LtMs, Ms 114, 1905, par. 26*

Ms 115, 1905

Diary

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Last evening I was deeply exercised. I felt a longing desire to see souls freely converted and their hearts changed by the Holy Spirit.*20LtMs, Ms 115, 1905, par. 1*

In the night season I was in a council meeting. Elders Prescott, Daniells, and Washburn, and a large number of others, were present. The brethren named were on the platform. A representation was made of all the discouraging liabilities that we must meet. The most objectionable features were presented, and possibilities of a discouraging nature were presented. This was greatly displeasing to God. Those who spoke of these things could not see the end from the beginning. It is not the Lord's design that they should. And yet the Lord had not disappointed them. All that had been asked for had been given, and more. And yet those who ought to have been praising the Lord were murmuring over some future possibility of disappointment. Every voice should have been full of gladness and of the praise of God.*20LtMs, Ms 115, 1905, par. 2*

The God of all grace had been with them, helping them in every time of need, guiding them to their present location, placing underneath them His everlasting arms, shedding upon them the light of His countenance, in time of trouble strengthening and encouraging them with words of assurance and comfort, communicating to them the joy of His salvation, aiding them in ways beyond their thought or expectation. What should have been the language of their thoughts?*20LtMs, Ms 115, 1905, par. 3*

One of dignity and authority stood before those present, and said, "Your principles are to be tried and proved. You are to reveal Christ more clearly than in the past. You are to serve God more perfectly. I have not found thy ways perfect before God. There is need of trustful, unwavering faith and joy in the Lord.*20LtMs, Ms 115, 1905, par. 4*

"When will the Lord's ministers and physicians learn to be submissive followers of Jesus Christ? You have, after being greatly blessed, expressed your dissatisfaction, because a small portion of your blessing is, through the wisdom of God, to be appropriated to a field that has been sadly in need of some of the favors that have overflowed to you in donations. Were you placed where these workers are placed, how would you have felt had you been deprived of the donation so greatly needed? Your part of the field has been amply supplied with the Lord's entrusted means; and yet, because a small part of the money that has come to you in gifts is to be given to a most needy field, your hearts are made sad, your hope is shaken, and you are unreconciled.*20LtMs, Ms 115, 1905, par. 5*

"This experience was needed that you might see yourselves as you are, to show you that you have not loved your neighbor as yourselves, and have not the full assurance of faith. God would have you show more self-denial. That five thousand dollars of the overflow fund belongs just where it has been sent. God sees that something must be done for the cleansing of heart and mind. His grace must be received and must do its work before He can give you greater evidence of His favor. No selfish act can be done without loss and without displeasing the Lord. All ye are brethren, and the work in other places must be built up."*20LtMs, Ms 115, 1905, par. 6*

"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 do we 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. 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.” [1 John 2:1-11.]20LtMs, Ms 115, 1905, par. 7

There is need of most earnest work being done for our individual selves. We are to be constantly growing in the Lord. We have lessons to learn that we many times neglect to learn at the right time. We allow selfishness to have an influence upon our experience, and this mars the character. The hardest lesson of all to learn is to yield self to Christ, and yet this lesson must be learned. Self has twisted human nature, until an entire transformation of character is necessary before we can enter the holy city, to live the life that measures with the life of God. Without perfect self-surrender we can never see the kingdom of God.20LtMs, Ms 115, 1905, par. 8

Read and obey the principles laid down in the *seventh chapter of Matthew*, if you would have the life to come. Be a true, humble learner at the feet of Christ, beseeching Him to cleanse your heart from all defilement, to rid your character of all deformity. Christ expects you to live lives that will lead others to Him.20LtMs, Ms 115, 1905, par. 9

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; for he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him.” [Verses 7-11.]20LtMs, Ms 115, 1905, par. 10

This wonderful representation should be a keen rebuke to the weak, uncertain faith of those who profess to believe in Christ. That the Lord should be so dishonored by those for whom He has done so much grieves my soul. There is not a clear manifestation of the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. O brethren, we need the simplicity of unfaltering trust. We need the faith that God can honor. God has a storehouse filled with every good thing for those who walk uprightly. Have faith in Him.*20LtMs, Ms 115, 1905, par. 11*

“Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.” [Verse 12.] “When ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger; I am the Lord your God. Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another. And ye shall not swear by My name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God; I am the Lord. Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbor, neither rob him; the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning. Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shalt fear thy God; I am the Lord. Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment; thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty; but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbor.” [Leviticus 19:9-15.]*20LtMs, Ms 115, 1905, par. 12*

“Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary; I am the Lord. ... Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man, and fear thy God; I am the Lord. And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him. But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thy self; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord thy God. Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have; I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt. Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them, I am the Lord.” [Verses 30, 32-37.]*20LtMs, Ms 115, 1905, par. 13*

Ms 116, 1905

An Entire Consecration

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This morning I cannot sleep after two o'clock, for my mind is troubled regarding our people. We see that the enemy has been making every effort to obtain the victory over them and lead them to continue to do the very things that the Lord has forbidden them to do.*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 1*

The year 1905 has nearly expired, and the remnant of time will soon pass away. Will every soul before the old year closes put off the old man with his deeds and put on the new man Christ Jesus? Let there be no great ambitious stress to buy presents for Christmas and New Year. Little presents for the children may not be amiss; but the Lord's people should not spend His money in buying costly presents.*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 2*

Christ calls for the greatest of all gifts—the gift of the heart, the mind, the soul, the strength. A lawyer came to Jesus with the question, “What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?” He had been studying the question and was perplexed over the matter. The scribes and Pharisees had urged him to present the question to Christ, as something He would not care to explain. They hoped to find in His answer something by which they might condemn Him. Christ read their purpose like an open book and laid upon the lawyer the burden of answering his own question, saying, “What is written in the law? how readest thou?” [*Luke 10:25, 26.*]*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 3*

“And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.” And Christ said to him, “Thou hast answered right; this do, and thou shalt live.” [*Verses 27, 28.*]*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 4*

But he, willing to justify himself, said to Christ, "And who is my neighbor?" [*Verse 29.*]20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 5

"And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee." [*Verses 30-35.*]20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 6

After relating this incident, the circumstances of which were familiar to many present, Christ asked, "Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that showed mercy on him." [*Verses 36, 37.*] Other voices united with the lawyer's in this acclamation.20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 7

"Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise." [*Verse 37.*]20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 8

Christ's enemies could get no hold upon Him, for He presented facts—facts that condemned their neglect of duty. In His divine wisdom, Christ turned the minds of those present from the object they had in view. Those who came to catechize, hoping to hear from the Saviour's lips some word they might use against Him, heard from their own spokesman the terms of eternal life. The man who came to catechize Christ found that he himself was catechized. The Saviour did not, in order to obtain favor, leave him in uncertainty. "It is written," is to be the continual, everlasting terms of salvation for all who will inherit the kingdom of God.20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 9

We all have opportunity to obtain eternal life through the light reflected on this occasion. God requires the service of the whole heart. Those who place themselves in right relation to God will stand the test of the judgment. If the heart, mind, soul, and strength are looked upon as the Lord's blood-bought heritage, He will use them in His service. Those who obtain eternal life must give evidence to the world that they love God with all the capabilities that He has given them. They are to obey the two supreme commands, which embody all the whole law, acknowledging by their course of action that they are doers of the law.*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 10*

The question asked by the lawyer is just as vital today as it was then. "This do, and thou shalt live." [*Verse 28.*] What are we to do? "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 love is to be brought into the daily practice. [*Verse 27.*] We are to do our duty to every man, as we would like to have others do to us under like circumstances. Only those who have brought into their lives the strictest integrity can enter through the gates into the holy city of God. Those who at the day of judgment are found to be standing under the rebuke of God, for unfair dealing, for covetous practices, for their multitude of deceptions and lies, will never pass the portals of the holy city.*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 11*

The whole world will pass in review, yes, is passing in review before One who never makes a mistake. All underhand schemes to obtain advantage are recorded in the books of heaven, which will be opened in the day when every man's case is decided.*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 12*

We hear men talk of principle, and God looks with contempt upon the principles of some who talk thus. A man must love God with all the heart, feeling under the most solemn obligations to give God his entire service. Men and women have the advantage of an open door into the heavenly courts if they will comply with the conditions laid down for securing the advantages spoken of in the *first chapter of Second Peter*. Read from the first verse to the close of the chapter, and learn how much is to be obtained if you secure your life insurance policy.*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 13*

“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.*] Without obedience to the righteous law, without following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, working out through His grace a character worthy to stand before the heavenly universe, we cannot have part in the reward offered.*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 14*

“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. (There are the two personalities, but God and Christ are one in perfection of character.)*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 15*

“According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue; whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” [*Verses 2-4.*]*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 16*

The apostle Peter was moved by the Holy Spirit to write the things to the church, the elect according to the foreknowledge of God, those who have obtained the precious faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. This faith is precious and valuable. It is not the faith of a heretic, not the pretentious faith of a hypocrite, not the unsatisfactory faith of the formal professor. It is the faith of God’s elect—true, saving faith. The just shall live by faith. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. True faith unites the weakest and apparently least efficient with Jesus Christ and, united with His efficiency, the weak become strong. Faith is the gift of God to the humble, contrite soul.*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 17*

He who is self-exalted, full of schemes and plans that the Lord has not directed him to engage in, endangers his spirituality. The Lord sees that he is in danger of getting beyond his depth and that he will make shipwreck of his faith. He sees that he is becoming desperate, because everyone does not help him draw the load. Let every man walk humbly with God. He who gives strict obedience to

the commandments will not be an accuser of the brethren, but will heed the words of Christ in His prayer to the Father that the believers may be one as He is one with the Father.*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 18*

The apparently weak soul who, with a contrite, trusting spirit takes God at His word and, with a sense of his unworthiness, asks for help, will be given grace to win victory after victory and to gain the eternal weight of glory in the future life. The Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, is truly God in infinity, but not in personality. He has wrought out the righteousness that enables human beings to overcome every assault of Satan. He will impute His righteousness to the believing saint who walks as He walked when on earth.*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 19*

The Prince of heaven, Christ, became a servant, and He accepts human beings to be laborers together with Him. He declares, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:20.*] No one will fail who walks in all humility of mind, learning of Christ the lessons He has given all to learn. We are safe while we strive for the mastery as an overcomer with deep, earnest love for God and for one another.*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 20*

God gives us assurance that we may escape the corruption that is in the world through lust by being partakers of the divine nature, having through faith, watchfulness, and prayer realized the promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [*Verse 20.*] Less talk, brethren, and an increase of faith will be a stronghold. Less talk and more communion with God will make you giants in His work.*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 21*

"And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue." [*2 Peter 1:5.*] This comprehends much. It means, Do not talk or work lies, do not weave them into anything with which you have to do. Speak the truth at all times. "And to virtue knowledge." [*Verse 5.*] Be not ignorant of Satan's devices. You need to interpret his sophistries and his wonderful representations of God as being in the leaf, and in the tree, and in everything that grows. These soft words and fair speeches are designed to mislead. God through Christ created our world and all that is therein, but this did not

destroy the identity of Christ. Knowledge from God is supreme, not foolish, but sound and explainable, according to the light given of God.*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 22*

“And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.” [*Verses 6, 7.*] It is not that charity which covers a multitude of sins, unrepented of and unforgiven for lack of true repentance and confession. Those who flatter and deceive poor souls in their sins will themselves become sinners. Sinner added to sinner by a wrong course of action makes a company of unbelievers, who do great dishonor to God.*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 23*

God calls upon His people to meet a high standard. Ever bear in mind that not a thread of dishonesty or conniving with Satan and his devices is to be woven into the pattern of the web. God will not accept one figure into which the threads of selfishness have been woven.*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 24*

The Lord would have every soul who believes in Christ forming a character that will give him a fitness for the mansions which Christ has gone to prepare for those who in this life keep God’s commandments. The world has been cursed with sin, which has been growing in extent in proportion to the intensity with which it has been practiced. The primal beauty of the earth is gone. Since Adam’s sin, every species of crime and dishonesty has increased, till the world has become filled with iniquity. But a better kingdom is being prepared for all who are faithful, tried, and sanctified—those who are living constantly on the plan of addition, adding virtue to virtue and grace to grace.*20LtMs, Ms 116, 1905, par. 25*

Ms 118, 1905

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Ms 120, 1905

The Result of a Failure to Heed God's Warnings

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We have now come to a period in our history when there is great necessity of more than human wisdom. I carry a burden night and day. I dare not move by impulse. I dare not remain passive and do nothing. Yet I am forbidden to engage in controversy with men whom the Lord has distinctly represented to me as being in great danger of misinterpreting their own spiritual condition. They are spiritually blind—as verily blind as were the men who in Christ's day claimed to be able to see, but who could not discern their true condition. Many are being led astray. The blind are leaders of the blind. And unless these deluded souls, both the leaders and their followers, are converted and transformed, they will not, cannot be laborers together with God.*20LtMs, Ms 120, 1905, par. 1*

We are now in a perilous position. Our only hope is to follow on earnestly, determinedly and to leave the events for the Lord to manage. I tremble for the men who have not walked in the footsteps of the self-denying, self-sacrificing Redeemer. I greatly fear that they will become lost in the fog and the quicksands and never be overcomers. I cannot endure the thought of their remaining deceived. And although they have greatly erred by not following in the footsteps of our heavenly Leader Christ Jesus, some refuse to confess their errors. They persist in trying to make it appear as if they have made no mistakes, and have not been led by seducing spirits, when I know that they have; for thus saith the One who is Truth, and no lie is of the truth.*20LtMs, Ms 120, 1905, par. 2*

The ways and works that have been developed in Battle Creek

since the General Conference of 1901 cause me to tremble for those who are there; for many have been acting as if blinded by satanic agencies. Little do these men know of the bearing that their leading position of influence has had on the minds of men who should never have had a trace of the experience and the example that they have had with the one who has long stood in the position of physician-in-chief. No dependence can be placed in a man whose words and actions reveal that he is spiritually blind. The leading physician of our medical work maintains that he has never departed from the truth, and yet the testimonies state that he is not familiar with the Bible foundation of truth. What can be said regarding a man who claims to have walked in the path of righteousness, in accordance with the Lord's guidance, ever since he has been old enough to understand God's will, and yet who in his life-practice disregards a plain "Thus saith the Lord"? He has a bewildered mind, an uncertain experience.*20LtMs, Ms 120, 1905, par. 3*

Encouragement has often been given him—a word here and a word there—to show him a way of escape from his peril. He has been represented as one who is slipping over a precipice, and the hand of Christ is the only one outstretched to save. Notwithstanding these plain warnings of danger, he sees not his peril. He does not realize his condition. But God knows all things; He is infinite in knowledge and in all wisdom concerning the real condition of every man. Our thoughts are open before Him. And as God knows all things, He knows the mind of every man that He has created. We are the work of His own mind, through Christ Jesus.*20LtMs, Ms 120, 1905, par. 4*

Man's mind, although divinely created, may be worked by another power, as was the mind of Adam, a man who had walked and talked with God. He who foresees all things could, in His providence, have kept and directed Adam and Eve, if they had heeded the warning against evil. But they allowed themselves to be allured by the seductive influence of Satan's voice. The enemy, speaking through the serpent, lied against God and bore false witness of the Creator. Satan exalted himself in preference to God. The sinless pair were beguiled and believed the false statements made regarding God. So fully were they seduced, that they could

not discern the power that was leading them into apostasy. *20LtMs, Ms 120, 1905, par. 5*

And thus it has been in the case of the one who has long stood at the head of our medical work. He often declares that he has always believed the messages God has given through Sister White; and yet he has done very much to undermine confidence in the validity of the testimonies. Many have accepted so fully his version of plain messages, that the testimonies have come to have no effect on them. As a result, not a few have gone into infidelity. O how many he has influenced to view things as he has viewed them! How often he has led others to think, "Somebody has told Sister White!" *20LtMs, Ms 120, 1905, par. 6*

I leave this matter as it now stands; for I am pained beyond measure because our brother's spiritual views are not founded on a solid basis. The man can never be relied upon in the future unless heart and soul, mind and strength are entirely changed, revamped. As matters now stand, I cannot see how there can be Christian unity between the medical missionary work, as led by those in error, and the gospel ministry. There can be no unity without a decided change in the one who has stood as leader of our medical work. If he yields fully, and is born again through the agency of the Holy Spirit, he may have imputed to him the character of Christ. But I cannot see any safety in his continuing to bear the responsibilities he has borne, in the supposition that all his ideas are sound, when I know for a certainty that the conditions now existing reveal another state of affairs. *20LtMs, Ms 120, 1905, par. 7*

O how much I desire to see the one who has been looked upon as the leader of our medical work saved, if possible! He is one that must be born again. He must be reconverted in speech and in spirit and pass through a transformation that will enable him to discern between light and darkness. At the present time, if his ministering brethren differ with him in judgment, and work contrary to his plans, he often has no use for them. Thus it has been for years, and message after message has the Lord sent in warning; but the one to whom they have been sent has refused to hear. And even when these ministers are doing the very work that God has assigned them, still by his words and representations he has often placed

them before others as men who are not true. Thus differences of opinion, cherished and dwelt upon, are implanted in the minds of many.*20LtMs, Ms 120, 1905, par. 8*

The Lord cannot with impunity allow men to carry on a work that creates variance and unbelief. But these evils will be repeated, unless the one who for years has been bearing the responsible position of physician-in-chief in our medical work becomes a new man in Christ Jesus. God has given him many, many words of encouragement, as well as words of reproof; but the encouragement has all been given on condition that the man occupying so responsible a position as he has occupied be changed in mind and judgment, becoming a Bible Christian in purpose and character. So long as he remains unconverted, there cannot be brought about a blending of the missionary work, of which he has been looked upon as the leader, with the gospel ministry. For years the Lord has instructed me that so long as his associates accept as genuine his representations, the medical missionary work will stand in need of a physician.*20LtMs, Ms 120, 1905, par. 9*

The spirit of contention that some have revealed has greatly retarded the progress of the Lord's work. We are all to unify on the proper basis of unity. God has pointed out the results of certain actions that can never be sanctioned by His servants; and notwithstanding these plain messages of warning and entreaty, the same acts of wrongdoing have been persistently repeated. This course cannot long be passed over in silence; for I have been instructed by the Lord that the people have a right to know and understand that for the past twenty years God in His mercy has been giving to our physician-in-chief light that has never been given to the churches. This light has shone upon our brother's pathway, in order that he might be prevented from pursuing a course that God could not approve and bless.*20LtMs, Ms 120, 1905, par. 10*

Notwithstanding this light, the human agent has permitted the enemy to implant in his heart a spirit of self-exaltation. He has borne many heavy and varied responsibilities that no one man is able or fitted to carry. And in all this he has allowed others to gain the impression that his course has constantly been justified by the

witness of the light given him through the testimonies; whereas, many of these messages were reproofs. Many details of past experiences could be outlined, if this were necessary. It seems as if our brother will not understand or see the part he has acted in these matters. But everything is thoroughly known to God.*20LtMs, Ms 120, 1905, par. 11*

The vast fabric that has been woven by our medical missionary leaders into the web of God's cause for these last days bears not in many respects the decided marks of God's direction. The pattern is positively forbidding; and if the whole history of God's dealings with these leaders should be revealed, as it may have to be, then there would be brought to view matters, the publication of which years ago would have set the people right. Long has God borne with the erring, and the people know but little about the instruction and the admonitions that have been given; hence they have been unable to understand clearly all features of the present controversy. Strong representations have been made by those whose course God has reproved, and thus most objectionable features have been made to appear against those whom God has been using for the salvation of our medical missionary leaders.*20LtMs, Ms 120, 1905, par. 12*

God knows all the actuating principles of the minds He has formed, and with what spirit they will act when under temptation. He has witnessed the persistent, rebellious course of some whom He has forbidden to follow their own plans and devisings, but who refuse to cease their evildoing. The ways of man are before the Lord, and He pondereth all his goings. He knoweth the thoughts that come into every mind. The eyes of the Lord are in every place. He looketh to the ends of the earth and seeth under the whole heavens. The Lord searcheth all hearts.*20LtMs, Ms 120, 1905, par. 13*

Ms 122, 1905

A Solemn Appeal

St. Helena, California

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I cannot sleep after one o'clock. My mind is deeply exercised. A presentation has been given me of our dangers. I am strongly impressed that as a people we must reach a higher standard. Is it possible that at this time, this age of the world, we cannot discern the signs of the times which our Saviour, when He was upon the earth, foretold to his disciples, that He might give the instruction to those who should afterward believe, to help them to prepare for the great conflict?*20LtMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 1*

I am instructed that those who follow on in a wrong course, regardless of the lessons taught by the burning of the sanitarium and the Review and Herald office, are revealing the stubbornness of Pharaoh. They are refusing to be admonished by the judgments of heaven and are pressing on without realizing that these things call them to search their hearts closely and humble themselves before God. Unless they repent, the Lord will surely repeat His judgments, as He repeated them to the king of Egypt. God bears long with the perversity of men. He sends them decided reproofs and clear light; but if they will not receive the warnings of God, if they persist in following their own will, their own impulses, the Lord will send His judgments and will not pardon their persistent determination to be like the people of the world.*20LtMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 2*

To invest one person with authority, as has been done in the case of the one who has been standing at the head of our medical work, is forbidden in the Word of God. The Lord will not endorse such movements as our brother has been trying to bring about in his plans. God is not honored, God is not glorified in these movements, which are not according to equity and righteous judgment. His representation is sufficient to convince any mind that is led and

taught of God.*20LtMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 3*

The Spirit of God with its restraining influence is being withdrawn from the earth. All may learn their lesson from the picture now presented in the condition of things in our world. They may see taking place the signs that Christ foretold. Those only who have humbled themselves, and kept their eyes fixed on God, will be safely hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is their life, shall appear, they will appear with Him in glory.*20LtMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 4*

I am sorry, so sorry, that men will be wilfully obstinate, as was Pharaoh the king of Egypt and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon; but so it is. Let all be warned by the messages sent from heaven, that when any man shall exalt his own ways and his own judgment as supreme, he will come under Satan's jurisdiction and will be led blindfold by him, until his spirit and his methods will conform to the archdeceiver, little by little, until his whole mind is under the influence of the spell. The serpent keeps its eye fixed upon a man to charm him, until he has no power to go from the snare.*20LtMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 5*

I now say, Let all beware of men. Let not those connected with our institutions follow the lead of any man to carry out the policy of the world, for thus they place themselves under the influence of the enemy; and unless the Lord shall interpose, they will have no power to escape from the snare. The Lord is in earnest with us. In His Word He has declared that many shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. They will go to great lengths in departing from God.*20LtMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 6*

I have a decided message to bear. Let all take warning. The enemy desires to have his controversy kept up in his way and after his plan until the harvest is past and the summer ended, and the souls of those who have been leaders under him lose with those who have been deceived by him. God calls upon His people to take heed and come out of this deceptive controversy. Satan is wide-awake, and he will lose no opportunity to bind men and women to his plans and to fasten them in such a way that before they are aware of it, they will find a yoke of bondage upon them.*20LtMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 7*

I am instructed to say to the men in our institutions, Be free men. Christ has made you free; then take your stand as God's property, not to be bought or sold under any circumstances. The Lord calls for volunteers, just as He called the fishermen to leave their nets and follow Him, and just as He called Matthew from the receipt of customs. He calls upon them to unite with Him, the greatest Teacher the world has ever known, and to learn from Him how to work for the salvation of souls. "Follow Me," He says, and many will obey the call. God has His men of opportunity, who will leave all and follow Him. The Lord would not have these men bring into their work the practices they have followed in the past; they are to learn of Christ His methods and plans. *20LtMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 8*

The Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The Lord would have every physician connected with His work preparing himself by thorough, entire consecration for more efficient service. His physicians are not to believe the philosophy of any other physician that lives unless he reveals the meekness and lowliness, the purity and clearness of principle revealed in the life of the Saviour. They are to separate from all that bears not the mark of the strictest justice and judgment. *20LtMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 9*

Time is short, and the Lord calls for the separation from His institutions of those who refuse to see their objectionable traits of character. I am instructed to say that such ones will be weighed in the balances and found wanting. Time is short, and the foundation upon which we build our faith must be sound Bible truth. I call upon our people, Get ready, get ready. The last chapters of this earth's history, as outlined by Christ, are rapidly fulfilling. Our last great work is to be done. "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.*] *20LtMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 10*

We have a decided medical missionary work to do, just as is portrayed in the Word of God. Every man has his work, which he cannot be excused from doing. God will accept everyone who will consecrate himself to His service without reserve. "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.*] You have no permission to bind yourselves up in these last days with

any parties. Why? Because God must be your fear and your dread, as well as your confidence and strength, and your exceeding great reward. "I will be to them a God," He declares, "and they shall be to Me a people." [*Hebrews 8:10.*] *20LtMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 11*

Those who are purifying their souls through a belief of the truth have abundant assurance that they will not be left to perish through the deceptive working of the archdeceiver. No men are to join themselves to other men to lower the standard of truth in accordance with worldly policy and practice. This is a misrepresentation of the character of God. It is bearing false witness of Him. Elevate, ennoble, saith the Lord, all that you are connected with. Let God be revealed in His holiness and in His power by every soul who claims to be a laborer together with Him. Stand bound up with Christ; for you have been bought with a price. Glorify God in your body and in your spirit; for they are His. *20LtMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 12*

Tremendous is the wrath of God now hanging over the world. I call upon all in the name of Jesus Christ to take their stand on the sure foundation. Those who refuse to do this can have no part with Seventh-day Adventists. God declares, "I will be merciful to those who confess and forsake their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." [See *verse 12.*] "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." [*John 1:7.*] This is a great and encouraging assurance. If those who have been led into transgression and sin will come to the Sin-bearer, and confess their sins, they will receive forgiveness. The efficacy of the blood of Christ is able to secure pardon. The Holy Spirit, which convinces of sin, leads the repenting, believing one to Jesus through faith in His blood. This Spirit will impart the renewing of the mind unto holiness, and the believing, pardoned one sits with Christ in heavenly places. The sanctifying influence of divine grace brings a renewing of the mind. *20LtMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 13*

Perhaps sin has been in undisputed possession of the whole man. Those of whom this is true are ruled by the spirit that works in the children of disobedience. They are not at peace, but they are apparently satisfied with themselves. But is it thus indeed? No, there is an unrest, a spiritual conflict, a struggle between sin and

reason, the conflict of grace and nature. And divine things will appear to the struggling soul if he will arise in the power and assurance that comes from faith in Christ. Thus he could break the spell. But too often it seems too humiliating to admit that he has been wrong, and he does not break the spell, and Satan fastens him the more firmly in his deceptions. *20LtsMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 14*

Satan has his allies in men. And evil angels in human form will appear to men and present before them such glowing representations of what they will be able to do if they will only heed their suggestions, that often they change their penitence for defiance. I call upon those who would have eternal life to break every yoke. The enlightening of the understanding must become a part of the experience. Sin has darkened the reasoning powers, and hell is triumphing. O will not men cease to trust in human beings? Can not they discern the excellency of the perfect rule of righteousness that God has given? *20LtsMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 15*

The Lord calls upon those who once had a knowledge of the truth, but who have backslidden, to return to their first love and become reformed, regenerated. The eyes of the mind need to be enlightened by the Holy Spirit, that they may discern between good and evil. Some concessions have been made, but no thorough work has been done to uproot the evil plant of malice cherished so long because this person and that person did not coincide with plans and ideas of human invention. The root of bitterness has sprung up into intense life and has borne its poisonous fruit. It still flourishes; for only the tip-end of it was plucked off. When sin is removed through the blood of sprinkling, the soul will be melted by a sense of the love of Jesus and by an abhorrence of sin. Repentance for this or that particular act is not sufficient. The heart must be cleansed. Wrongdoing is the overflowing of the fountain of an unclean, unconverted heart. *20LtsMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 16*

There are those who, when wrongs have developed, would not say, I have sinned, but have tried to cover up and excuse the sin of the natural heart. But the heart must be changed, else it will ever be sending forth its bitter waters. He who with loathing of soul sees his defective character, which has so long dishonored Christ, and in contrition asks for forgiveness, will save his soul unto eternal life.

Such a one will no longer excuse and vindicate actions that has brought reproach on the cause of God. Repentance is genuine when reformation takes place. He is truly repentant, and his heart will be filled with thankfulness that he was not blinded to the very end, when it would have been too late for wrongs to be righted. He will discard the old pharisaical garment of self-righteousness and will no longer try to patch it with new cloth.*20LtMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 17*

The devil may lock arms with the sinner, and say, "Better let things go as they are. If you confess, your dignity will be hurt, your influence lost." Thus he has gained the victory over and over again.*20LtMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 18*

Oh, eternal life is worth everything, and to lose it, the man loses everything. Will he give up the struggle? Will he brave it through in defiance of God, or will he show his loathing for the sins he has committed, and say: "Woe is me, that for so long I have been a transgressor of the law of God. Lord, I know that Thy law is holy, just, and good. Woe is me that I have tried to preserve my dignity, and in so doing, have lost so much as a steward of Christ's grace. I have been a transgressor, but I will be so no longer. I will repent, while Christ is still pleading for me in the courts of heaven. I will now come into the presence of the Saviour and touch the holy scepter; and if I perish, I perish."*20LtMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 19*

My earnest prayer is that not one soul shall continue in transgression and sin. The atonement of Christ, in its divine beauty and excellence, calls upon every rebellious soul who has left his first love to repent, to give his affections to God, and to allow the law to be written in his heart. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul. This means the character, the whole man. The conversion of sinners reveals the miracle-working power of the grace of Christ. The promise is, "I will put My laws into their minds, and in their hearts will I write them." [*Hebrews 10:16.*]*20LtMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 20*

When true conversion takes place, the soul is eagerly ready to have this work done. Self is no longer exalted. The judgment, sanctified, sees how impossible it would be for the spirit cherished in the past

to be admitted into the inner court of the sanctuary of God. The soul is strongly drawn to choose what the judgment has been taught to approve. "I delight to do Thy will, O my God." [*Psalm 40:8.*] The psalmist speaks thus of the godly man: "The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide." [*Psalm 37:31.*] Is not this a great promise? Shall we not appreciate it? Who will now watch and pray three times a day as did Daniel; for the enemy is watching constantly to find us off guard. Will you now earnestly consider the call from Christ to return to your first love? Let every one remember that the first work to be done each day is to surrender the will and way to God. The Lord will surely arouse His people who are watching and waiting and praying. "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold; but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." [*Matthew 24:12, 13.*]²⁰*LtMs, Ms 122, 1905, par. 21*

Ms 124, 1905

“Hold Fast That Which is Good”

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From Sinai, in awful grandeur, God proclaimed His law to Israel, that they might realize the high standard to which they were to attain. He presented to them the beauty and safety of obedience, declaring that only through obedience could they find peace and prosperity. He portrayed also the result of disobedience to His law. We who live in this period of the earth's history see the fulfilment of His warnings to Israel. In the stormy scenes now taking place in our world, we see the result of the transgression of God's law. *20LtMs, Ms 124, 1905, 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. 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 this day.” [*Deuteronomy 4:1-4*]. *20LtMs, Ms 124, 1905, par. 2*

It was in mercy that God destroyed those who had been led away by Baal-peor. Had they been permitted to live, their influence would have corrupted the whole congregation of Israel. The judgment that came on them was a warning to others not to disregard the honor and glory of God. Often God speaks in judgment to repress iniquity. God sees and rebukes the sins of those who disobey His laws, but He shows mercy to those who obey Him. When their own inclinations would lead them into danger, He takes from them that which they desire. *20LtMs, Ms 124, 1905, par. 3*

God chose Israel to be His own people, that, by adhering closely to His requirements, they might be to the world an illustration of the beauty of character, the moral power, and the virtue that might be attained through fearing and honoring Him. He desired also to reveal through them the advantages that would come to those who, as His true sons and daughters, would walk in harmony with the principles of His law. In His dealing with men, God has often demonstrated that through the virtue obtained by obedience to the laws of heaven, human beings may gain a beauty of character that will fit them to be laborers together with Him.*20LtMs, Ms 124, 1905, par. 4*

Purity of character will be distinctly revealed by all who truly follow Christ. In them will be seen the fulfilment of God's promise: "I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon." [*Hosea 14:5.*] The psalmist thus describes the beauty and growth of the Christian: "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; to show that the Lord is upright: He is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him." [*Psalm 92:12-15.*]*20LtMs, Ms 124, 1905, par. 5*

Striking its roots deep down into the earth, the tree gains strength to withstand the tempest. So the Christian is to be "rooted and grounded" in the truth, that he may withstand the temptations of the enemy. [*Ephesians 3:16, 17.*]*20LtMs, Ms 124, 1905, par. 6*

We must have a continual renewal of strength, and we must hold firmly to Bible truth. Fables of every kind will be brought in to seduce the believer, but we are to look up, believe in God, and stand firmly rooted and grounded in the truth.*20LtMs, Ms 124, 1905, par. 7*

Keep firm hold upon the Lord Jesus, and never let go. Have firm convictions as to what you believe. Let the truths of God's Word lead you to devote heart, mind, soul, and strength to the doing of His will. Lay hold resolutely upon a plain "Thus saith the Lord." Let your only argument be, "It is written." Thus are we to contend for the

faith once delivered to the saints. That faith has not lost any of its sacred, holy character, however objectionable its opposers may think it to be.*20LtMs, Ms 124, 1905, par. 8*

Those who follow their own mind and walk in their own way will form crooked characters. Vain doctrines and subtle sentiments will be introduced with plausible presentations to deceive, if possible, the very elect. Are church members building upon the Rock? The storm is coming—the storm that will try every man’s faith, or what sort it is. Believers must now be firmly rooted in Christ, else they will be led astray by some phase of error. Let your faith be substantiated by the Word of God. Grasp firmly the living testimony of truth. Have faith in Christ as a personal Saviour. He has been and ever will be our Rock of ages. The testimony of the Spirit of God is one. Change not your faith for any phase of doctrine, however pleasing it may appear, which will seduce the soul.*20LtMs, Ms 124, 1905, par. 9*

The fallacies of Satan are now being multiplied; and if you swerve from the path of truth, you will lose your bearings. Having nothing to which to anchor, you will drift from one delusion to another, blown about by the blasts of vain doctrine. Satan has come down with great power. Many will be deceived by his miracles. Those who accept his science will be among those to whom Christ addresses the words:*20LtMs, Ms 124, 1905, par. 10*

“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.” [*Revelation 3:1-3.*]*20LtMs, Ms 124, 1905, par. 11*

I entreat every one to be clear and firm regarding the certain truths that we have received and heard and advocated. The statements of God’s Word are plain. Plant your feet firmly on the platform of eternal truth. Reject every phase of error, even though it be covered with a semblance of reality, which denies the personality of God or of Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 124, 1905, par. 12*

John says in his gospel: “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; 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 1:10-14.]20LtMs, Ms 124, 1905, par. 13

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He was manifest in the flesh. What was His work in this world?—To put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself on the cross of Calvary. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. By His prayers and strong supplications He overcame. In His human nature, He perfected a character after the divine similitude. By a life of perfect obedience to every requirement of God, He procured redemption for all who will be obedient. The divine nature is imparted to those who receive and acknowledge Him as their Saviour. They become partakers of the divine nature; they overcome the assaults of Satan; and they escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. Christ energizes by His Spirit those who seek Him with the whole heart.*20LtMs, Ms 124, 1905, par. 14*

As many as receive Christ receive power to become sons of God. He is able to save to the uttermost all who come unto God by Him. As they look unto Jesus, they catch the divine rays of light and are attracted by the loveliness of His purity and goodness. They seek to copy His pleasantness, rather than the harsh violence manifest by those who disregard the laws of God. And as they keep before them the fear of God, and walk as obedient children, others mark their Christlikeness of character and will be drawn to the Saviour by the revelation of their happiness, their love, their justice, and their mercy. Yet some will refuse to come to the Saviour. They will choose darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil.*20LtMs, Ms 124, 1905, par. 15*

Christ and His complete righteousness as the Son of God—let this be our immovable platform, the very life of our faith and godliness. That which He taught we are to teach. His commission to His

followers is: “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations. ... 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.*]²⁰*LtMs, Ms 124, 1905, par. 16*

Ms 126, 1905

A Warning Against Present Dangers

St. Helena, California

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For months I have had little sleep, because my mind is intensely exercised regarding the work that is being done in Battle Creek. The results of this work are represented to me, and the word given me is that if the company of workers there were divided into several smaller companies, and sent into various localities, very much more good would be accomplished. Cause is always followed by effect.*20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 1*

I am receiving instruction regarding the dependence that is to be placed in God. We are to depend far more on Him and far less on men who, if they had opportunity and were left to themselves, would lead the flock of God into strange pastures. I am charged with a message to be given at different assemblies, because satanic agencies are linking arms with men who should stand free from all seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. The commission given me is, "Meet it, not always by being present in person, but with the written message. Watch, and when a crisis comes, meet it. There is no time to be lost."*20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 2*

Deceptive theories have been arrested in their development, but they have not been rooted up. Hearts are not changed. There are men who are blinded by Satan's sophistry. They are not converted. The wrong theories which in the past have been met many times and in many places are ready to spring into life, because the natural heart loves sin and has been so deceived by Satan's fascinating presentations that, in the place of having sensitive consciences and eyes anointed with the heavenly eyesalve, able to detect the deceptive guise of Satan, men do not see the awfulness of sin, but have clothed sin with the beautiful garments of sanctification and purity. They retain the impression that the sin so hateful to God is a wonderful advantage. The sanctification that they claim is polluted

by the most seductive sin, which in their estimation is righteousness. This corrupting, spiritualistic view of matters is blinding the spiritual eyesight. The religious faith is like an apple worm-eaten at the core. Men who are supposed to be helping have deficient spiritual eyesight. Some things may be said which appear to be excellent. The fruit may apparently be fair and beautiful, without a flaw; but break the apples open, and we see the work of destruction going on at the core. Those who have been in the wrong may be silent in regard to their ideas, but there is death at the core. Their wrong ideas are smothered, but not changed. At a favorable opportunity they will spring into life. Men may flatter themselves that there is seen the working of the Spirit of God in the company assembled at Battle Creek; but in reality there is a power, prompting and advising and inspiring, that has not the vital principle which comes from a pure, "Thus saith the Lord."*20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 3*

My mind is weary with considering what to do next to meet the danger before us. I wish to proclaim in the very simplest language the truth for this time. I am exceedingly anxious to use words that will not give anyone a chance to sustain erroneous sentiments. I must use words that will not be misconstrued and made to mean the opposite of that which they were designed to mean. Bible truth, received into the life, will make the heart pure and clean. It will lead to practices that elevate and ennoble the whole life. The thoughts must be kept free from all seductive, spiritualistic ideas that have been brought in by different ones.*20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 4*

I am unable to see into the human heart. But there is One who knoweth the thoughts afar off and who sees the outcome of these thoughts. When the necessary work is accomplished in the heart, when the mind is worked by the Holy Spirit, the life will bear the right kind of fruit. The promise will be fulfilled, "A new heart will I give thee." [*Ezekiel 36:26.*] This is what is needed now.*20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 5*

Those who compose the company of workers at Battle Creek are at a disadvantage in many ways. The time they spend in hearing principles and in studies of various kinds would be of far more benefit to them if they had an altogether different spiritual

atmosphere to breathe. The presentation is not good. The prompting of the students to give the most satisfactory reports of the school is not the best lesson in education. They have had enough of this. Pretense is not the kind of education to give anyone. The stimulus of such education does not come from Him who understands the deceitfulness of the human heart and who never misleads. *20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 6*

Let the mind be closed in with the Redeemer. Let men 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.*] The mind may be swamped with a multitude of statements and assertions, some valuable, and some that should not be retained, which if retained would be of no benefit. Teachers, weed from your talks all that is not of the highest and best quality. Keep before the students those sentiments only that are essential. Never should the physician, teacher, or minister prolong his talks until the alpha is forgotten in long-drawn-out assertions that are not of the least benefit. The mind is swamped by a multitude of words that it cannot retain. Let the talks given be short and right to the point. Let the mind be kept sweet and pure and open to heaven's first law, "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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 7*

Eternal life is involved in the question, What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? The lawyer had been sent by the scribes and Pharisees to ask Christ this question. They hoped that He would say something in reply that they could use to condemn Him. But He read their hearts as an open book and laid upon the lawyer the burden of answering his own question. "What is written in the law? How readest thou?" He asked. The lawyer was well versed in the requirements of the law, and he replied, "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." Christ said, "Thou hast answered right; this do, and thou shalt live." [*Verses 25-28.*]*20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 8*

Little did the ones who were listening think that the One who was

speaking to them was the One who had given the law from Sinai. His words are the exposition of the work to be done for every soul who would have eternal life. This education means everything to the receiver.*20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 9*

But the lawyer, willing to justify his neglect of that which he knew he had not done, petulantly inquired, "And who is my neighbor?" [*Verse 29.*]*20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 10*

Then comes the story of the good Samaritan, which every medical missionary needs to bring into daily practice.*20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 11*

When Christ had come to the end of His lesson, given in the hearing of a large number who were listening with intense interest, He said to the lawyer, "Which now of these three thinkest thou was neighbor unto him who fell among thieves? And he said, He that showed mercy on him." [*Verses 36, 37.*] Christ's words had made so strong an impression that many voices united with that of the lawyer in giving this answer.*20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 12*

The lesson that we need to learn is, What is true medical missionary work in practical gospel lines? Let us keep before the people everywhere the terms of eternal life, as given in the Word of God. Those who obey this word reverentially, and giving God the honor that is due Him, will show in their practice that they have a knowledge of what constitutes true medical missionary work. Self is to be humbled, not exalted. Obedience to the law of God in every respect is the only condition upon which we can receive eternal life. It is of great consequence that all who claim to understand gospel medical missionary work teach the principles of truth. If those who act a part in the training of the youth will leave many things unsaid, and present before the students the importance of the principles which they must obey in order to have eternal life, there will be a work of reformation that is after the similitude of heaven.*20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 13*

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart." [*Matthew 22:37.*] God created the heart pure, sinless, and undefiled; but Adam listened to the seducing words of the tempter and did that which the Lord had told him not to do. The enemy's words were

received by our first parents, and they fell from their high estate of innocence and purity. If Christ's instruction were carried out, there would be an entirely different showing in our work. The practice would be changed, because the heart would be converted. Satan would be dismissed, and the virtues of Christ's character would be accepted. *20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 14*

November 28

My mind is sad beyond expression because the enemy has obtained victories over the minds and hearts and wills of those whom the Lord has been admonishing, saying, "This is the way; walk ye in it." [*Isaiah 30:21.*] God has been warning them for years, but they would not receive His words and take heed to them; they would not make their works perfect before Him. Some of those who claim to have been teaching the truth present before God a very ragged practice, which He does not accept. They determined to follow their own will and way, and they have been led by the enemy of all righteousness. Satan has been playing the game of life for their souls and has been stealing away from them the Lord's entrusted gifts, putting in their place his evil sentiments to be worked out in scientific problems. He has blinded the spiritual eyesight, and deceptive, delusive imaginings are taking the place of the Word of life and truth. Some in exalted positions of responsibility are sustaining error in the place of truth. Satan makes his delusions most attractive, clothing error in the garments of truth, so that it seems the most desirable thing to possess. The minds of many whom we would naturally suppose would see things clearly are blinded as with a bewitching sophistry of error. If the terribly bewitching, fascinating story is not interrupted, those who are listening to it will become infidels in their belief. There is no safety in their present experience. They need to be convicted and converted by eating the Word of God, believing it just as it reads, interpreting it correctly, not weaving the messages sent by God to save His people into their own sophistries, making them speak in favor of fables that undermine the foundation established by the Lord for His commandment-keeping people. *20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 15*

Satan will continue to bring in his erroneous theories and to claim that his sentiments are true. Seducing spirits are at work. I am to meet the danger positively, denying the right of anyone to use my writings to serve the devil's purpose to allure and deceive the people of God. God has spared my life that I may present the testimonies given me, to vindicate that which God vindicates, and to denounce every vestige of Satan's sophistry. One thing will follow another in spiritual sophistry, to deceive if possible the very elect.*20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 16*

November 29

I awake about one o'clock and ask the Lord to give me increased faith, that His cause and work shall become more and more manifestly the work of God. When it obtains entrance into the heart, it works with convincing power. Yes, the heart is the place for the truth to begin its work. Truth is to be a power in the life and character. If received and cherished in the heart, it will work as the leaven of a life-giving principle, changing the whole being. Truth has power to make the sayings of Christ spirit and life. If cherished and respected, it will cause the man to turn from his evil ways. Truth and error cannot abide in the same heart. "He that is not with Me is against Me," Christ declares, "and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad." [*Matthew 12:30.*]*20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 17*

Wisdom, intellect, power—these are not God. But God is the author of all wisdom, all grace, all power. God gave Lucifer his power and wisdom, yet this intelligence was not God Himself. We are to know God as He is revealed in His marvelous works. Who by searching can find out God? This is not part of our work. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul. God's character is expressed in the ten commandments. To know God as He is—this is the science of all goodness and truth and righteousness. We must obey every expression of His character as revealed in His law.*20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 18*

God requires obedience, not for the purpose of showing His authority, but that we may become one with Him in character. We will find in God the attributes of character needed to form characters

after His likeness. We are to form characters that are in harmony with the Deity. Thus our natures become spiritualized in every faculty.*20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 19*

We cannot present any correct representation in words of God's glory and majesty. It is beyond expression. But we can enjoy the contemplation of God and the sense of His presence. We can know of Him all that human beings can bear. We can talk with Him in prayer.*20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 20*

At times when our faith goes out to Him completely, we converse with Him and by faith endure the seeing of the Invisible. Faith reveals Him, and we contemplate all that we can endure. When in times of trouble and perplexity we trust Him fully, we have a living sense of His cheering, all-pervading presence and power. We realize that the Lord is indeed our strength and our portion forever. We can be one with Christ in God. But let us never undertake to define God as an essence. Never, never venture one step into the way of putting God in the place of the things of His creation.*20LtMs, Ms 126, 1905, par. 21*

Ms 127, 1905

Take Heed to Thyself and to the Doctrine

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I am not able to sleep past eleven o'clock; for there is a burden upon my soul. The book *Living Temple* should in no case be placed in the hands of those students who shall go to Battle Creek to obtain an education. The matter that it contains is interwoven with specious theories. The Lord did not lead in the production of some of the statements that are made in this book. He has given us His Word, and this Word is to be the man of our counsel. It seemed to me passing strange that men who have been long in the work can not discern the character of this book. A great deal of Scripture is used, but it is woven in and brought together in such a way that to many minds error is made to appear as truth. Erroneous theories are so presented that those who receive them will certainly be misled and led on step by step by the enemy.²⁰*LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 1*

If ever there was a time when the writings of every one connected with our work should be closely criticized, it is now. The Lord has made known to me that His Word is to be studied; and as no such representations as those made in *Living Temple* are made in the Word, we are to reject them. We are to take the Word as God has given it to us. If Christ had thought it essential for such theories to be presented to human minds, He would have included them in His teachings. As our Owner and Redeemer, He has put in His Word all the instruction that is necessary for our salvation. Christ was about to leave His disciples. His trial, humiliation, and death were near at hand. But He was not thinking of Himself; He was searching for some solace to give His disciples, who were so soon to be severely tempted and tried. "Little children," He said, "yet a little while am I

with you. Ye shall seek Me; and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.” [John 13:33-35.]20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 2

This is the great lesson that all need to learn. Not then did the disciples fully understand Christ’s words, “As I have loved you,” but after His death on the cross, they saw the depth of His wonderful love for them.20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 3

“Let not your heart be troubled,” Christ 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. 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? 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, Show us the Father.” [John 14:1-9.] Christ has given us all the instruction that it is essential for us to have. The Lord did not inspire Dr. Kellogg to write *Living Temple*. This book, if received, will occupy time and attention that ought to be given to a close study of the Bible. God did not inspire the writing of this book, nor order it. It is misleading, diverting the mind from the words of Christ to the fallacies of human production.20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 4

Christ, our divine Teacher, and the greatest Medical Missionary that ever trod this earth, came to our world at great sacrifice to show human beings the correct light in which to regard God. He has given His life as our example in all things. There is no benefit to be derived from books after the order of *Living Temple*. I have been instructed that those who, in the daily life, do not heed the

instructions of the Bible do not know God or Christ, whom He has sent. Those who have not lived the Scriptures will invent sophistries to occupy the mind and absorb the attention and teach things that the One who owns man—body, soul, and spirit—has not said should be taught.*20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 5*

Just before His ascension, Christ gave His disciples a wonderful presentation, as recorded in the *twenty-eighth chapter of Matthew*. This chapter contains instruction that our ministers, our physicians, our youth, and all our church members need to study most earnestly. Those who study this instruction as they should will not dare to advocate theories that have no foundation in the Word of God. My brethren and sisters, make the Scriptures, which contain the alpha and omega of knowledge, your study. All through the Old Testament and the New, there are things that are not half understood. “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.” [*Verses 18-20.*]*20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 6*

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; in My name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then, after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.” [*Mark 16:15-20.*]*20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 7*

When physicians are diligent students of the Scriptures, when our ministers live in accordance with the Word of God, making this Word their textbook, then the truth will be proclaimed with power, and souls will be converted.*20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 8*

Christ is the author of the Old and the New Testaments, and these should be the study of our students. The simplicity of the Word is to be preserved. *Living Temple* should not be used as a textbook; for it contains sentiments that should not be brought before the students. The Word of God needs not such interpretation as is given in these representations. God expresses Himself. He cannot be defined by any human intelligence; no man could present Him as He is. Those who try to do this are on forbidden ground. Christ has revealed God in character, and let all who wish to know God believe in Jesus Christ, and work the works of Christ, and teach the lessons of Christ. If they truly believe in Christ, they will receive power to become the sons and daughters of God. This is their work. Christ calls, "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.*] *20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 9*

Those who obtain an experimental knowledge of Christ are enabled to demonstrate that the yoke of Christ is easy and His burden light. Ministers and physicians, come to Christ, and sit at His feet, that in character you may reveal that you have learned of Him to be meek and lowly. Bear in mind that we are living in perilous times, when men will exalt themselves and their own capabilities. The heavenly universe looks upon the works of such ones as foolishness; for they bear not the sweet fragrance of the Holy Spirit. There is need of constantly guarding the mind and soul, the words and spirit, in order that we may reveal that we are children of God. *20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 10*

I warn all who are in God's service to place themselves on the side of Christ. I am instructed to say that there are many dangers on the right hand and on the left, and that our greatest danger will come from men who have lifted up their souls unto vanity and who have not heeded the words of reproof and warning coming from God. When men choose their own way and their own mind, there is always danger; for the tempter, clothed in angel robes, is close beside them, uniting his power and influence with theirs. The enemy of Christ and God will open before them many things of an attractive character, which are deceptive and alluring. These they

will present to the people of God, and many will be deceived and will work in wrong lines.*20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 11*

Warnings have been given. Will men heed these warnings, and will they work in Christ's lines? Will they learn of Christ His meekness and lowliness? Will they listen to the last message of mercy to be given to a fallen world? The Lord calls. Will men and women heed His call?*20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 12*

The reasoning that God is not a personal being is greatly dishonoring to Him. We are to have no controversy over this matter. On the subject of what God is and what He is not, silence is eloquence. Those who dare to advance the sentiments that are contained in *Living Temple*, regarding this matter, show that they are departing from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.*20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 13*

In order that man might be placed on vantage ground with God, Christ, the only begotten Son of God, made in His express image, came to this world and in the likeness of humanity lived a perfect life. "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 power that enabled Him to overcome, He has placed at our disposal. In His strength we may be victors in the conquest against evil. He said, "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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 14*

Without an entire transformation of character, human beings cannot enter the holy city. Amidst the abounding iniquity we are to receive and believe in Christ as a personal Saviour. Only thus can we receive power to become the sons of God. The striving soul, co-operating with Christ, becomes a partaker of the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world through lust. The power of a godly example will often be effective in the conversion of the most bitter persecutors of God's people. A righteous example, so contrary to the policy of the world, surprises worldlings and leads them to bow at the cross of Christ. Not one soul with sins unconfessed and unrepented of will enter through the gates into the

city of God.*20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 15*

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I have slept only a few hours during the past night. Presentations and symbols have been passing before me. One human agent was searching many books containing scientific problems. His mind, which has been unsettled, was catching hold of strange theories. Satan, disguised as an angel of light, was imbuing his mind with sentiments that suited his spiritual condition. These things had gradually been taking more and more of his time and attention. His mind was one that could be worked by the Holy Spirit; but under the seducing influence of the enemy, it was being drawn to advocate strange sentiments and to plan for the medical work many things contrary to the will of God. I saw that Satan triumphed at his success with the poor, duped souls whom he deceived so easily.*20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 16*

Then a hand was laid on the man's shoulder, and I heard a voice say, Your study is not safe. Others will accept your misleading theories, and it will be at the loss of their souls. Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid by Him who is true and righteous. Give up your wrong train of thought, and take the Word of God just as it reads, as Yea and Amen.*20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 17*

A special message was given, entirely the opposite of that which he had been following. Clear and distinct were the words, "You are on a dangerous track. For years you have been travelling this forbidden path. God's estimate is placed upon a man for what that man is, not for what he professes to be. Your mind has not been a true representation of God. You are on a false track; and unless you stop right where you are, you will be more difficult to convert, because you will take advantage of every excuse to shun repentance and conversion. Truth alone can bear away the victory. Unless you change, you will wander further and further away from repentance, because you will seek to justify yourself and vindicate your course. Unless you are willing to humble your heart before God, you will make but slight changes and will slip back."*20LtMs, Ms*

127, 1905, par. 18

“Love for men brought Christ to our world. Without the new birth, you cannot be counted as one of whom God can say, ‘Ye are complete in Him.’ [*Colossians 2:10.*] Without an entire transformation of character, you will never see God. Genuine religious life is to you a fable. O that thou hadst known, even thou in this thy day the things which belong to thy peace! Then your light would have sprung forth as the morning.”*20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 19*

“Christ counted no cost too great to redeem the world. He came to this world in human nature, to stand as man’s everlasting defense, that we should not be overcome by Satan’s devices. Self-sacrifice, humiliation, death was not too high a price to pay for man’s redemption, that human beings might inherit the glory prepared for those who love God.”*20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 20*

Dr. Kellogg is highly exalted as a man of moral worth, but he takes credit for that which he does not deserve. When the curtain is lifted, those who daubed him with untempered mortar, calling evil good and good evil, will, unless they come out of their delusive snare, find no place in the kingdom of heaven. The Lord has given warning after warning, but the man has seated himself at the supper without having on the wedding garment; and those who have sustained him have been unfaithful and will be judged according to their works; for they refused to heed the warnings God gave them and upheld the man in his delusion. It would have been better for Dr. Kellogg if he had never been born, if he continues to build himself up in his own magical arts of mind in influencing other minds. What chapters of experience will be opened before the universe of heaven. The light will reveal every phase of his companionship with satanic agencies. His miscalculation of himself and his fellow workers who have helped him in his wrong work will be seen as it is.”*20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 21*

“It came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul, having passed through the upper coasts, came to Ephesus, and finding certain disciples, he said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so

much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on Him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came upon them, and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve. And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus. And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul; so that from the body were brought unto the sick, handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits in the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, we adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I knew, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.*20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 22*

“And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men; and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty pieces of silver. So mightily grew the word of God, and prevailed.” [*Acts 19:1-20.*]*20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 23*

If there was need in that day of the burning of magical books, let men in this our day cease to pry into magical science. Books

dealing with this subject might better be committed to the flames. Men should be afraid of learning Satan's art of captivating human minds, as they have done again and again. The Lord has been greatly dishonored when His name should have been magnified. Hearts have been hardened when, had men stood in the counsel of God, united on the grand principles which are the foundation of our faith, the truth for this time would have gone forth with power. Cities in which the truth should have been proclaimed have been neglected, given over to superstition and the fallacies of Satan's originating. *20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 24*

God calls for a change. We are to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. The secret influence exerted by one mind over another would have been seen in its true light. The more light that a man occupying a position of influence has received, the greater is his responsibility. Years have passed into eternity almost destitute of fruit, which should have borne a rich harvest in souls won to Christ. A few men have stood apart, seeking to exalt themselves, and have greatly retarded the work. The Lord says, Wait no longer to carry forward the work in the cities that have never been warned. I will place My messengers on vantage ground. I will send the truth to those who have not rejected the light. *20LtMs, Ms 127, 1905, par. 25*

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Our Possibilities

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Christ places before us the possibilities that are ours through the covenant of grace. He says, "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 underfoot of men." [*Matthew 5:13*.] Unless the grace of Christ is in the heart, unchristlike traits of character will be revealed. Words such as sinners speak will fall from the lips. Uncourteous actions will make the profession as salt that has lost its savor—good for nothing. We are none of us Christians unless we represent Christ. When we show a selfish spirit, we dishonor Christ before the world, and our profession of godliness is only a sham. *20LtMs, Ms 128, 1905, par. 1*

Christ continues, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light to all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." [*Verses 14-16*.] Christ had recently called fishermen from their boats, saying, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." [*Matthew 4:19*.] He was to be their teacher. From Him they were to receive instruction that would encourage and support them in all the trials they would have to bear. Their patient forbearance under provocation would make them a surprise and a wonder to the world. He purposed to give them an education that would make them a great blessing in the world. In ages past there had been men who had been as lights in the time in which they lived. These men were called of God, as Christ had called the fishermen; and they were to those with whom they associated as salt, keeping the world from destruction by revealing the goodness, wisdom, and virtue of true piety. *20LtMs, Ms 128, 1905, par. 2*

From Christ the disciples were to receive the word of life, and they were to go forth to proclaim this word throughout the world.*20LtMs, Ms 128, 1905, par. 3*

Christ came to our world as the good Shepherd, to go into the wilderness to seek for the lost sheep. Here were His first disciples, called to leave their fishing boats and follow Him, to learn from Him how to become fishers of men. They could not receive a correct idea of the special work to be done by studying in the schools of the rabbis; nor could they learn there how to do this work. They must receive a fitness for this work in the school of the great Teacher, under His special supervision.*20LtMs, Ms 128, 1905, par. 4*

Laying aside His royal robe and kingly crown, Christ came to this world as a man, to live among men a life free from spot or stain of sin, and thus to demonstrate that human beings may meet and resist the enemy, refusing to be led into sin. Every provision has been made for men and women to become sons and daughters of God, victorious over the power of darkness.*20LtMs, Ms 128, 1905, par. 5*

Dealing with the Erring

I have been instructed that there should be seen throughout our conferences a far greater knowledge of how to worship God in spirit and truth and in the beauty of holiness, and a far greater knowledge of the truths contained in the Word of God. This Word contains rich treasures, which are needed by every soul. In it are given reproof and encouragement. Only by a practice of the lessons given in this Word can men and women reflect the strength and beauty of the Christian character. The strength for daily duty will be received by all who worship God in the beauty of holiness.*20LtMs, Ms 128, 1905, par. 6*

Special injunctions are given in the Word of God regarding the necessity of each one's humbling himself before God, placing himself where he can be cleansed from every stain of sin. God requires true, earnest heart-service. He will not accept your prayers unless you draw near to Him with full purpose of heart.*20LtMs, Ms 128, 1905, par. 7*

“Therefore 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.*] These words are spoken by the great Teacher, who has purchased us with His own blood. How particular each one should be to follow the directions laid down for the prevention of dissension and strife. When this is done, we shall reveal unbroken unity and a tender, Christlike love that respects and obeys the words of the One who knows the needs of the human soul and how to help us act as children of God.*20LtMs, Ms 128, 1905, par. 8*

Christ’s Compassion

“When He saw the multitude, He was moved with compassion toward them, because, they were as sheep not having a shepherd.” “Then said He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.” [*Matthew 9:36-38.*] 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 flowed from Christ as He taught the multitude the way of salvation.*20LtMs, Ms 128, 1905, par. 9*

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.*20LtMs, Ms 128, 1905, par. 10*

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.*20LtMs, Ms 128, 1905, par. 11*

The disciples finally came to Him, urging that for their 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 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 among 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 to 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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 128, 1905, par. 12*

He who taught the people the way to secure peace and happiness was just as thoughtful of their temporal necessities as of their spiritual need. The people were weary and faint. There were mothers with babes in their arms and little children clinging to their skirts. Many had been standing for hours. They had been so intensely interested in Christ's words, that they had not once thought of sitting down; and the crowd was so great that there was danger of their trampling on one another. Jesus would give them a chance to rest, and He bade them sit down. There was much grass in the place, and all could rest in comfort.*20LtMs, Ms 128, 1905, par. 13*

Today we see many just as needy, just as dependent as those who on this occasion stirred the heart of Christ. We see them on every journey that we take. Does the same compassion that stirred the heart of Christ find a home in our hearts? The sight of suffering

always moved Christ to compassion, filling Him with a desire to relieve and help. It is this spirit that He wishes to see in His followers today—a quickness to see distress and a readiness to relieve it. We need to cast away our selfishness, and to draw near to God in humble faith, asking Him to show us how to minister to those who need our help.*20Lts, Ms 128, 1905, par. 14*

We would not censure the members of our churches, but we would encourage them to practice self-denial and to work unselfishly for those around them, knowing that every work done in truth and righteousness will receive its reward. “Learn of Me,” Christ said, “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.*]*20Lts, Ms 128, 1905, par. 15*

The Lord does not require of any one that which they have not to give. Cultivate a willingness to give compassion and help, and ask the Lord to cleanse you from selfishness. It may be that we have failed in being just to those associated with us in everyday life. Those who employ men or women to assist in the work of the home should give them a just wage. And they should give them also a just appreciation. Do not let them think that their faithfulness in service is not appreciated. Their work is just as essential as is the work of those who give Bible-readings, and they should receive words of appreciation. They often hunger for compassion and sympathy, and this should not be withheld from them; for they deserve it.*20Lts, Ms 128, 1905, par. 16*

Those who do the cooking and the other work of the home are as verily engaged in the service of God as are those engaged in Bible work. And they are in greater need of sympathy and compassion; for there is in spiritual lines of work that which keeps the spirits cheered, uplifted, and comforted. And remember, we are all servants. The one who does your housework is no less highly regarded by the Lord than the one whose work is to give Bible-readings.*20Lts, Ms 128, 1905, par. 17*

Then have compassion on those who do housework. Do not rob them by giving them a meager wage. In this respect injustice has been done, and restitution will need to be made. The compassion of

Christ reached every case, and thus He desires it to be with us.*20LtMs, Ms 128, 1905, par. 18*

I have a message for those who employ persons to help them in the home. Show such ones respect. Have a tender regard for their feelings and strict integrity in regard to their wages. Reveal Christlike compassion. Do justice to the one who does your housework. Pay her an honest wage, so that she may have neat, comfortable clothing and may have something with which to help the poor and needy. Do justice to those who serve you. You are to be touched with the sorrows of those whom you employ. Do not leave them without sympathy, to be tempted and discouraged. It is a great mistake to shut up your compassion to yourself. I bear witness, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, that those who employ others to help them are to reveal to these ones the compassion of Christ. Let us remember and obey the words, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." [*Matthew 7:12.*] Speak to those in your service the words of comfort and compassion that you would wish them to speak to you were you in their place. There is certainly a deficiency in our piety. We do not fully meet the soul hunger of those with whom we come in contact. We do not exercise the compassion of Christ, and we fail, therefore, to place ourselves in right relation to God.*20LtMs, Ms 128, 1905, par. 19*

These things witness against us and are a hindrance to our spirituality. Medical missionary work means much more than many realize. We need the compassion of Christ. My sisters, when you are buying your own clothing, ask yourselves, Do I pay the one who does my housework wages that enable her to clothe herself properly? Do not buy expensive clothing for yourselves, never stopping to ask whether those in your service are able to clothe themselves and pay their tithe, whether they are losing their faith and courage, or are being helped and encouraged to press on in the upward way. There are in these things real tests of character. Let us examine ourselves in the light of the law of God.*20LtMs, Ms 128, 1905, par. 20*

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Steadfast Unto the End

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“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.” [*Revelation 1:1, 2.*]*20LtMs, Ms 129, 1905, par. 1*

The whole Bible is a revelation; for all revelation to men comes through Christ, and all centers in Him. God has spoken unto us by His Son, whose we are by creation and by redemption. Christ came to John <exiled> on the Isle of Patmos to give him the truth for these last days, to show him that which must shortly come to pass. Jesus Christ is the great trustee of divine revelation. It is through Him that we have a knowledge of what we are to look for in the closing scenes of this earth's history. God gave this revelation to Christ, and Christ communicated the same to John.*20LtMs, Ms 129, 1905, par. 2*

John, the beloved disciple, was the one chosen to receive this revelation. He was the last survivor of the first chosen disciples. Under the New Testament dispensation he was honored as the prophet Daniel was honored under the Old Testament dispensation.*20LtMs, Ms 129, 1905, par. 3*

The instruction to be communicated to John was so important that Christ came from heaven to give it to His servant, telling him to send it to the churches. This instruction is to be the object of our careful and prayerful study; for we are living in a time when men

who are not under the teaching of the Holy Spirit will bring in false theories. These men have been standing in high places, and they have ambitious projects to carry out. They seek to exalt themselves and to revolutionize the whole showing of things. God has given us special instruction to guard us against such ones. He bade John write in a book that which should take place in the closing scenes of this earth's history.*20LtMs, Ms 129, 1905, par. 4*

After the passing of the time, God entrusted to His faithful followers the precious principles of present truth. These principles were not given to those who had had no part in the giving of the first and second angels' messages. They were given to the workers who had had a part in the cause from the beginning.*20LtMs, Ms 129, 1905, par. 5*

Those who passed through these experiences are to be as firm as a rock to the principles that have made us Seventh-day Adventists. They are to be workers together with God, binding up the testimony and sealing the law among His disciples. Those who took part in the establishment of our work upon the foundation of Bible truth; those who know the waymarks that have pointed out the right path are to be regarded as workers of the highest value. They can speak from personal experience, regarding the truths entrusted to them. These men are not to permit their faith to be changed to infidelity; they are not to permit the banner of the third angel to be taken from their hands. They are to hold the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end. The Lord has declared that the history of the past shall be rehearsed as we enter upon the closing work. Every truth that He has given for these last days is to be proclaimed to the world. Every pillar that He has established is to be strengthened. We cannot now step off the foundation that God has established. We cannot now enter into any new organization; for this would mean apostasy from the truth.*20LtMs, Ms 129, 1905, par. 6*

The medical missionary work needs to be purified and cleansed from everything that would weaken the faith of believers in the past experience of the people of God. Eden, beautiful Eden, was degraded by the introduction of sin. There is need now to rehearse the experience of the men who acted a part in the establishment of our work at the beginning.*20LtMs, Ms 129, 1905, par. 7*

From time to time we read the death notices of the great men of the world. Their time came suddenly, as in a moment. Many, supposed to be in good health, die after a feast or after laying selfish plans for their own exaltation. The word goes forth, "He is joined to his idols; let him alone." [*Hosea 4:17.*] This means that the Lord no longer guards him from harm. Sudden death comes, and what is his life-work worth? His life has been a failure. The tree falls because the power that has sustained it leaves it to its idolatrous sacrifice.*20LtMs, Ms 129, 1905, par. 8*

Men and women are absorbed in searching for something to enjoy. They sell their souls for naught, and God withdraws His longsuffering forbearance. They are left to their choice.*20LtMs, Ms 129, 1905, par. 9*

There are those who, while professing to believe present truth, have degraded their faith and refused to walk in the light. Who will now lay aside their selfish, worldly principles? Who will now strive to realize the worth of the soul? 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? Are you hungering and thirsting for the bread of life and the water of salvation? Do you realize the value of the souls for whom Christ died? Are those who are supposed to be Christians living up to their profession of faith? Are they conscious of the worth of the soul? Are they striving to purify their souls through obedience to the truth?*20LtMs, Ms 129, 1905, par. 10*

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Extracts on Medical Missionary Work

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A Collection of Extracts From the *Testimonies* on the Medical Missionary Work²⁰*LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 1*

(Note: This compilation has been made with the thought that it would serve as material from which our ministers and physicians could use extracts when making up some lessons regarding the medical missionary work, for presentation at our camp-meetings and among the churches.)²⁰*LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 2*

1. Our Work—To Preach the Everlasting Gospel

*Matthew 28:19, 20; Revelation 14:6-11*²⁰*LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 3*

The commission given to the disciples is given also to us. Today, as then, a crucified and risen Saviour is to be uplifted before those who are without God and without hope in the world. The Lord calls for pastors, teachers, and evangelists. ...²⁰*LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 4*

The words “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” are spoken to each one of Christ’s followers. [*Mark 16:15.*] All who are ordained unto the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow men. The same longing of soul that He felt for the saving of the lost is to be manifest in them. Not all can fill the same place, but for all there is a place and a work. All upon whom God’s blessings have been bestowed are to respond by actual service; every gift is to be employed for the advancement of His kingdom.—*Testimonies for the Church 8:15, 16.*²⁰*LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 5*

It is essential that men be raised up to open the living oracles of

God to all nations, tongues, and peoples. Men of all ranks and capacities, with various gifts, are to stand in their God-given armor, to co-operate harmoniously for a common result. They are to unite in the work of bringing the truth to all nations and peoples, each worker fulfilling his own special appointment.—*The General Conference Bulletin, 128, 1899.20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 6*

The truth for this time, the third angel's message, is to be proclaimed with a loud voice (meaning with increased power) as we approach the great final test. This test must come to the churches in connection with true medical missionary work, a work that has the great Physician to dictate and preside in all it comprehends. ... The present truth for this time comprises the messages, the third angel's message succeeding the first and second. The presentation of this message, with all it embraces, is our work. ... The third angel's message, in its clear, definite terms, is to be made the prominent warning; all that it comprehends is to be made intelligible to the reasoning minds of today.—Unpublished MS. (*Lt 121, 1900.20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 7*)

2. To Every Man His Work

*Ephesians 4:11-13*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 8

The Lord has need of all kinds of skilful workmen. "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."20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 9

Every child of God should have sanctified judgement to consider the cause as a whole and the relation of each part to every other part, that none may lack. The field is large, and there is a great work of reform to be carried forward, not in one or two lines, but in every line. The medical missionary work is a part of this work of reform, but it should never become the means of separating the workers in the ministry from their field of labor. The education of students in medical missionary lines is not complete unless they are

trained to work in connection with the church and the ministry, and the usefulness of those who are preparing for the ministry would be greatly increased if they would become intelligent on the great and important subject of health. The influence of the Holy Spirit is needed that the work may be properly balanced, and that it may move forward solidly in every line.—*Testimonies for the Church* 6:291.20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 10

(Note: See chapter in *Testimonies*, Vol. VI, entitled, “The Medical Missionary Work and the Third Angel’s Message.”)20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 11

Let those who are laboring in the ministry or in the medical missionary work wear the yoke of Christ, walking in humility of mind before God, and using their varied gifts to bless humanity. Then God will use them as His helping hand. All are to be united in one body under Christ. All parts of the work are to be controlled and guided by the wisdom which God gives. There is to be harmony in every action. There is to be no jealousy or Paul or Apollos or Cephas. All are to draw in even cords, without a sign of friction.—Unpublished MS. (*Lt* 107, 1901).20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 12

(Note: See *Testimonies for the Church* 8:170.)20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 13

3. Medical Missionary Work a Part of the Gospel

Mark 16:17, 1820LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 14

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. Some have endeavored to make it the head, but this is not right.20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 15

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.*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 16*

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.—Unpublished MS. (*Lt 256, 1903*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 17*

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.*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 18*

We are to teach others how to obtain eternal life. And we should ever remember that the efficiency of the medical missionary work is in pointing sin-sick men and women to Jesus. We are to call upon them to "behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." [*John 1:29*.]—Unpublished MS. (*Ms 97, 1903*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 19*

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.*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 20*

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.*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 21*

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.—Unpublished MS. (*Lt 134, 1903*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 22*

In ministry to the sick, we have before us the work that Christ would have us to in behalf of our fellow men in every place where we can teach and practice the true principles of healing for both soul and body. Our time for work is short, and we must be more in earnest.*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 23*

There is a great work to be done, and we need means with which to do this work. Said Christ, “If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [*Matthew 16:24*.] Shall we not follow him in self-denial and sacrifice, laboring with all our power to prepare men and women, physically and spiritually, for the coming of Christ? For the Son of man is coming in His glory, with all the holy angels, and then will He fulfil the promise made to His disciples: “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 14:3*.]—Unpublished MS., dated August 3, 1905. (*Ms 144, 1905*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 24*

4. Medical Missionary Work to Prepare the Way for Gospel Ministry

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.*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 25*

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.—Unpublished MS. (*Lt 134, 1903*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 26*

Our sanitariums are established to break down the prejudice which exists in the world against the truth for this time. How important, then, that those connected with such an institution be free from reproach in any line.—Unpublished MS. (*Lt 69, 1901*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 27*

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.—Unpublished MS. [*Ms 125, 1903*].*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 28*

5. Union of Medical Missionary and Gospel Work

Both home and foreign missions should be conducted in connection with the ministry of the Word. The medical missionary work is not to be carried forward as something apart from the work of the gospel ministry. The Lord's people are to be one. There is to be no separation in His work. Time and means are being absorbed in a work which is carried forward too earnestly in one direction. The Lord has not appointed this. He sent out His twelve apostles and afterward the seventy to preach the Word to the people, and He gave them power to heal the sick and to cast out devils in His name. The two lines of work must not be separated. Satan will invent every possible scheme to separate those whom God is seeking to make one. We must not be misled by his devices. The medical missionary work is to be connected with the body; and the education of students in medical missionary lines is not complete

unless they are trained to work in connection with the church and the ministry. ...*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 29*

The medical missionary work is not to take men from the ministry, but to place them in the field. Wherever camp-meetings are held, young men who have received an education in medical missionary lines should feel it their duty to act a part. They should be encouraged to speak, not only on these special lines, but also upon the points of present truth, giving the reasons why we are Seventh-day Adventists. These young men, given an opportunity to work with older ministers, will receive much help and blessing.—*The General Conference Bulletin, 129, 1899.20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 30*

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?”—*Testimonies for the Church 8:46.20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 31*

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.*]—*The Review and Herald, November 26, 1903.20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 32*

The nurses in our sanitariums are to be fitted up to go out as medical missionary evangelists, uniting the ministry of the Word with their ministry of physical healing.—Unpublished MS. (*Ms 71, 1903*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 33*

No line is to be drawn between the genuine medical missionary work and the gospel ministry. These two must blend. They are not to stand apart as separate lines of work. They are to be joined in an inseparable union, even as the hand is joined to the body. Those in our institutions are to give evidence that they understand their part in the genuine gospel medical missionary work. A solemn dignity is to characterize genuine medical missionaries.—Unpublished MS.

(*Lt 102, 1900*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 34*

Many are asking me how I regard the ministry of the gospel with reference to medical missionary work. These two lines of work should blend. They should both help to compose the body. The genuine medical missionary work should not be exalted above the gospel ministry. Some are in danger of regarding the medical missionary work as the body, when it is only the arm and the hand.—Unpublished MS. (*Ms 125, 1903*). [*Lt 106, 1900*].*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 35*

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.*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 36*

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*].—*The Review and Herald, November 19, 1903*.*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 37*

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.” [*Revelation 14:12*.] ...*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 38*

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.—*The Review and Herald, November 19, 1903.*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 39

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.—*The Review and Herald, November 19, 1903.*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 40

See also, *Testimonies for the Church 8:168.*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 41

6. High Calling of Medical Missionaries

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 are made partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.—Unpublished MS. (*Ms 78, 1903.*)20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 42

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 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.—Unpublished MS. (*Ms 134, 1903*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 43*

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.*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 44*

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?—Unpublished MS. (*Ms 117, 1903*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 45*

7. Every Church Member to Engage in Medical Missionary Work

We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work. The world is a lazar house filled with victims of both physical and spiritual disease. Everywhere people are perishing for lack of a knowledge of the truths that have been committed to us. The members of the church are in need of an awakening, that they may realize their responsibility to impart these truths. Those who have been enlightened by the truth are to be light-bearers to the world. To hide our light at this time is to make a terrible mistake. The message to God's people today is, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." [*Isaiah 60:1*.]—*Testimonies for the Church 7:62. (Read further.)20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 46*

The medical missionary work should be a part of the work of every church in our land. Disconnected from the church, it would soon

become a strange medley of disorganized atoms.—*Testimonies for the Church* 6:289.20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 47

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.—Unpublished Testimony, Ms 125, 1903.20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 48

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.—Unpublished MS. (Ms 141, 1903).20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 49

8. The Training of Physicians and Nurses

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 gained by study in connection with practical work.20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 50

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.20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 51

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.—Unpublished MS. (*Ms 115, 1903*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 52*

In every sanitarium established, preparation must be made to train young men and young women to be medical missionaries. The Lord will open the way before them as they go forth to work for Him.—Unpublished MS. (*Lt 128, 1902*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 53*

We must provide educational advantages in the different Conferences. ... All our medical workers must not receive the stamp of one man's mind. In different places, there should be sanitariums of a high order, where our young people can receive a thorough training.*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 54*

We are not to countenance the carrying on of sanitariums of an inferior order, in which incompetent instructors will do slipshod work and call it educational work. The instructors in our medical missionary training schools must be picked men and women of ability.*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 55*

(To the question, "Should such an educational center be established in every one of our Union Conferences?" Sister White gave the following reply): In one sense, yes. A beginning should be made in every Conference, and these schools can gradually attain to perfection. In every Conference educational advantages should be provided for our young people.—Unpublished MS. (*Ms 169, 1902*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 56*

All our denominational colleges and training schools should make provision to give their students the education essential for evangelists and for Christian businessmen. The youth and those more advanced in years will feel it their duty to fit themselves for work requiring the passing of certain legal tests [and] 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. ...*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 57*

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. ... 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.*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 58*

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. ...*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 59*

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.—*The Review and Herald, October 15, 1903.20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 60*

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' 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 direction of experienced leaders.—*Unpublished MS. (Lt 128, 1903).20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 61*

Let not our young men be deterred from entering the ministry. There is danger that through glowing representations some will be drawn out of the path where God bids them walk. Some have been encouraged to take a course of study in medical lines who ought to be preparing themselves to enter the ministry. The Lord calls for more men to enter His vineyard.—*The General Conference Bulletin, 129, 1899.20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 62*

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.—Unpublished MS. (*Lt 190, 1903*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 63*

All who desire to enter the medical missionary work, and who are worthy, should be given an opportunity to learn. Giving the common treatments to the sick will accomplish much, 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.—Unpublished MS. (*Lt 190, 1903*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 64*

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 the recovery of health.—Unpublished MS. (*Lt 190, 1903*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 65*

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.—Unpublished MS. (*Lt 190, 1903*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 66*

Over the medical missionary department, as well as over ever 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 few patients; but as the head instructor gives treatment 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.—Unpublished MS. (*Lt 190, 1903*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 67*

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. But the surgical work must be done by faithful, skilful physicians.—Unpublished MS. (*Lt 190, 1903*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 68*

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.—Unpublished MS. (*Lt 128, 1903*).*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 69*

See also, *Testimonies for the Church 8:163-166*.*20LtMs, Ms 130, 1905, par. 70*

Ms 132, 1905

Talk/The Boulder Sanitarium

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Ms 134, 1905

Our Substitute and Surety

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I awoke this morning at one o'clock, and my mind at once began to gather up the burdens. I try to sleep, but it is of no use. Since I returned to America, my work has been made unnecessarily hard. I see that errors are seeking to find a place among us as a people. We may expect this; for warnings are given in the Word of God that seducing spirits will come in to sow tares amongst the wheat. Why should anything like unbelief enter our minds? Why should we be surprised and discouraged when hindrances arise? Suffering, hindrance, and humiliation came to the Redeemer, and can we expect anything else? *20LtMs, Ms 134, 1905, par. 1*

"If ye were of the world, the world would love his own," Christ declared, "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.]" [*John 15:19-21.*] *20LtMs, Ms 134, 1905, par. 2*

Read the record of Christ's suffering in the garden of Gethsemane. Never before or since has so fearful a strain been brought upon a human being as that which at this time God permitted to be brought upon His Son. It is not possible for His suffering and distress to be exceeded; for He was bearing the sins of the whole world. And in all His suffering He gives an example of absolute submission to the divine will. The sinless Son of God was treated as a sinner, that sinful human beings might be treated as innocent. 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. He laid off His royal robe and kingly crown, and clothed His divinity with humanity, that He might live in our behalf a life of sinlessness, and on the cross make an atonement for our transgressions. He consented to take the body of humanity, and His will was capable of asserting itself. He could have refused to be thus humiliated, but it was to suffer humiliation and death that He came into the world. He surrendered His will to the will of God.*20LtsMs, Ms 134, 1905, par. 3*

It was the anguish of separation from His Father's favor that made Christ's sufferings so acute. As the agony of soul came upon Him, He sweat "as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." [*Luke 22:44.*] His terrible anguish, caused by the thought that in this hour of need God had forsaken Him, portrays the anguish that the sinner will feel when, too late, he realizes that God's Spirit is withdrawn from him.*20LtsMs, Ms 134, 1905, par. 4*

Christ's human nature recoiled from the trial, and with strong crying and tears He said, "O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me." [*Matthew 26:39.*] The humanity of Christ trembled in that trying hour. The awful moment had come—that moment which was to decide the destiny of the world. The fate of humanity hung in the balance. Christ might even now refuse to drink the cup apportioned to 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.*20LtsMs, Ms 134, 1905, par. 5*

How little can we enter into this dreadful experience through which the Saviour passed. His prayer was heard, in that He feared. What did He fear? That He would refuse to drink the cup of suffering. But a refusal to drink this cup would mean that no human being could be saved. Only by His suffering and death could human beings be placed on vantage ground. Only by drinking of the bitter cup of imputed transgression could He save the race from perishing in

sin. *20LtMs, Ms 134, 1905, par. 6*

Christ drank the bitter draught to the very dregs. He was not spared one pang of anguish. This was His hour and the power of darkness. 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 darkness, and the mighty angel who stands in God's presence, 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. 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 His death 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. *20LtMs, Ms 134, 1905, par. 7*

Christ had spoken to His disciples of the experience awaiting Him. "I have a baptism to be baptized with," He said, "and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!" [*Luke 12:50.*] He could not but feel a dread as He thought of what that hour would bring to Him. Fear came upon Him as He thought of the strain that His humanity would have to bear, and the prayer came from His lips, "Father, save Me from this hour." Then He added, "But for this cause came I unto this hour." [*John 12:27.*] He had pledged Himself to bear the penalty of sin. He had entered into a covenant to offer a sacrifice that would make possible the salvation of every repentant sinner. *20LtMs, Ms 134, 1905, par. 8*

Only through the death of Christ could Satan's kingdom be overthrown. Only thus could man be redeemed and God be glorified. Jesus consented to the agony, He accepted the sacrifice. The Majesty of heaven consented to suffer as the sin-bearer. "Father, glorify Thy name," He said. As Christ spoke these words, a response came from the cloud which hovered above His head: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." [*Verse 28.*] Christ's whole life, from the manger to the time when these words were

spoken, had glorified God; and in the coming trial, His divine-human sufferings would indeed glorify His Father's name. Christ bore the sin of the whole world. He was the second Adam. Taking upon Himself human nature, He passed over the ground where Adam stumbled and fell. Having taken humanity, He had an intense interest in human beings. He felt keenly the sinfulness, the shame of sin. He is our Elder Brother. He came to prove that human beings could, through the power of God, live sinless lives.*20LtMs, Ms 134, 1905, par. 9*

Satan had made the boast that he would gather the world under his banner of rebellion. He declared that man could not keep the law of God. Christ came to prove this assertion false. He came to meet all the temptations, wherewith man is beset, and to endure all the trials that we are called to endure. He was tempted in all points like as we are tempted, yet His life was without spot or stain of sin. He redeemed Adam's failure and fall and worked out for us a perfect character.*20LtMs, Ms 134, 1905, par. 10*

Christ did not yield up His life until He had accomplished the work that He came to do; and with His parting breath, He exclaimed, "It is finished." [*John 19:30.*] The battle had been won. His right hand and His holy arm had gotten Him the victory. As a conqueror He planted His banner on the eternal heights. Was there not joy among the angels. All heaven triumphed in the Saviour's victory. Satan was defeated and knew that his kingdom was lost.*20LtMs, Ms 134, 1905, par. 11*

Could one sin have been found in Christ, had He in one particular yielded to Satan to escape the terrible torture, the enemy of God and man would have triumphed. Christ bowed His head and died, but He held fast His faith and His submission to God. "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." [*Revelation 12:10.*]*20LtMs, Ms 134, 1905, par. 12*

When Jesus was laid in the grave, Satan triumphed. But no power could keep the Saviour there. The Roman guards stationed round

His tomb saw a mighty angel descend from heaven and roll away the stone from the door of the tomb as if it had been a pebble. They heard Him cry, Son of God, come forth; Thy Father calls Thee. They saw Jesus come forth from the grave and heard Him proclaiming over the rent sepulcher, "I am the resurrection and the life." [*John 11:25.*]*20LtMs, Ms 134, 1905, par. 13*

What a wonderful price has been paid for our redemption. No one need be overcome by Satan's assaults. Christ had conquered for every son and daughter of Adam. He came to cut every thread that binds human beings to Satan. His life of pure, unselfish service is our example. Let us study His work in our world. As we stand at the foot of the cross, and behold the infinite sacrifice made in our behalf, we shall be humbled and subdued. Our hearts will be filled with a desire to practice the self-denial and sacrifice seen in Christ's life. Self will sink out of sight. All selfish ambition, all desire for worldly gain will be quenched. We shall count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord. Our highest aim will be to know Him, "and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death." [*Philippians 3:10.*]*20LtMs, Ms 134, 1905, par. 14*

Ms 136, 1905

A Prayer for Help

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The past night has been a very trying one for me. I could not sleep after half-past eleven. I rose at two o'clock and presented my case before the Lord, and with all my heart prayer for the healing power of God, that the infirmities which are keeping me from the work which burdens my mind may be removed. I must have the power that Thou, my Saviour, hast promised to give us in the great work to be done. My strength is gone, my courage weak. I long after the great medical missionary Worker. Strengthen my courage, Lord, for I fear lest in my weakness I shall fail where I should make a success. O Lord, Thou hast made me Thy messenger. Thou hast laid upon me great responsibilities. My soul is grieved because of my physical weakness. Thou hast commissioned me to speak the words that Thou hast given me, and to declare the things that Thou hast shown me. I am trying to do this. I am trying to bear the messages of reproof, warning, and encouragement, but I have little hope that those who are departing from the faith will heed the message. *20LtMs, Ms 136, 1905, par. 1*

Grant, O Lord, that I may be truly strong in the strength that Thou dost give, that I may clearly present the message given, that those who are out of the way may be convicted and led to follow in the way that Thou dost lead. I must have physical strength in order to carry these heavy burdens. I must have a daily sense of Thy favor. I hunger and thirst after Thy righteousness. *20LtMs, Ms 136, 1905, par. 2*

I am relieved. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. I am rejoicing in the peace of Christ. Hope is strengthening me. I feel that this day will not be as many days during the past week have been, when I have been oppressed with a tired brain and a burdened heart. Show me Thy way, O my God. I thank Thee that peace and

courage has come to me.²⁰*LtMs, Ms 136, 1905, par. 3*

Ms 138, 1905

Sermon/The Need of Earnest, Intelligent Workers

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Ms 140, 1905

“We had a very pleasant journey ...”

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

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We had a very pleasant journey from College View to Battle Creek. We were given a hearty welcome by the friends at Battle Creek. I was treated with all the attention possible by Dr. Kellogg. He urged me to go to St. Louis and bear my testimony there. He treats me with great consideration. I could ask no more from him on this line.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 1*

During my stay in Battle Creek I spoke five times, three times in the Tabernacle and twice to the patients and helpers in the sanitarium. I had a message to bear, and the Spirit of the Lord seemed to impress those present. I know that God gave me strength to speak. On Sabbath there were three thousand people present in the Tabernacle and on Sunday about two thousand five hundred.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 2*

The meeting on Sunday afternoon was attended by many of the citizens of Battle Creek. They paid the best of attention. At this meeting I had opportunity to state decidedly that my views have not changed. The blessing of the Lord rested upon many of those who heard the words spoken. I said: You may be anxious to know what Mrs. White believes. You have heard her speak many times. She has spoken to you in the park close to the Tabernacle more than once. She has spoken in the large tent and at the camp-meetings held in the suburbs of Battle Creek. The message that she bears today is the same that she bore then. She has the same service to do for the Master that she had when she addressed the people of Battle Creek years ago. She receives lessons from the same Instructor. The directions given her are, “Write the messages that I give you, that the people may have them.” These messages have been written as God has given them to me.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905,*

par. 3

I have written many books, all of which will stand the test of investigation. Of myself, I could not have brought out these books, but the Lord has given me the help of His Holy Spirit. These books contain the instruction which for nearly half a century God has been giving me. They contain light from heaven and will bear the test of investigation.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 4*

The message that my pen traced, when explanations regarding the truth for this time were first given me, has in no respect been changed. The question is sometimes raised, "What if Mrs. White should die?" I answer: The books that she has written will not die. They are a living witness to what saith the Scriptures. They contain the instruction that for nearly half a century my pen has been tracing. Some of these books have been translated into many languages.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 5*

The truth that we proclaim today is the same truth that we have proclaimed for the last fifty years. We can say, as John says in his first epistle: "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." [*1 John 1:1-5.*]*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 6*

I assured the people that I had the same message to bear to them that I had borne when speaking in the park opposite the Tabernacle, in the large tent, and at the camp-meetings. I have had no reason to change my faith.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 7*

During this discourse, I said that I did not claim to be a prophetess. Much is being said in regard to this, and I desire to make an explanation. God has given me a work that comprises more than is

embraced by the name of prophetess. My work includes much more than this name signifies. I regard myself as a messenger, entrusted by the Lord with messages for His people.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 8*

The Lord has given me great light on health reform. In connection with my husband, I was to be a medical missionary worker. I was to take the sick to my home and care for them. This I have done, myself giving the women and children most vigorous treatment. I was also to speak on the subject of temperance, as the Lord's appointed messenger. I have been called to many places to speak on temperance before large assemblies. For many years I was known as a speaker on temperance.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 9*

I was instructed that I must ever urge upon those who claim to believe the truth the necessity of practicing this truth. This means sanctification, and sanctification means the culture and training of every capability for the Lord's service.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 10*

I was charged not to neglect or pass by those who were being wronged. The Lord presents such cases before me; and disagreeable though the duty may be, I am to see that justice is done. I am to present the necessity of maintaining justice and equity in all our institutions. Ministers who have faithfully done their work are not to be neglected when they have become feeble in health. If they are not unselfishly helped, I am to bear a decided testimony and see that the matter is adjusted.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 11*

If I see those in positions of trust neglecting aged ministers, I am to present the matter to those whose duty it is to care for them. Our conferences are not to disregard the needs of those who have borne the burdens of the work.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 12*

It was after John had grown old in the service of his Lord that he was exiled to Patmos. But God did not forsake him. Christ knew where to find him, and on that lonely isle he received more communications from heaven than he had received during the rest of his lifetime. Of this we read: "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." [Revelation 1:1-3.]*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 13*

After my marriage I was instructed that I must show a special interest in motherless and fatherless children, when possible taking them under my own charge and finding homes for them. Thus I would be giving others an example of what they could do.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 14*

I have felt it my duty to bring before our people that for which those in every church should feel a responsibility. I have taken children from three to five years of age, and boys of twelve and upward, under my care. In Australia I carried on this work, taking into my home orphan children who were in danger of being exposed to temptations that might cause the loss of their souls.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 15*

I have had the privilege of taking into my home from time to time boys from ten to sixteen years of age, feeding and clothing them, and giving them a training for service. These boys have now grown to manhood, and I meet them now and then as I travel from place to place. Some of them occupy positions of trust in our institutions. One of them has long been a valued worker in the Review and Herald Publishing House, having charge of the presses. I met him during my recent visit at Battle Creek, and I felt as a mother does when meeting her son. And he was just as hearty in his expressions of tenderness and love as he would have been were I indeed his mother. He has been a professing Christian ever since he was a lad.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 16*

Another boy whom we took as a member of our family became a printer and stood for years as foreman of a department in the Review and Herald. He is now connected with my son Edson in his work in the South, and his services are most highly prized. He is one of the elders of the Nashville church.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 17*

While we were in Australia we worked as medical missionaries in

every sense of the word. I made my home an asylum for the sick and afflicted from Cooranbong and the surrounding districts. My secretary, who received a training in the Battle Creek Sanitarium, stood by my side and did the work of a physician and a nurse. We did not charge anything for her services, and we won the confidence of the people by the interest that we showed in the sick and afflicted. After a time the Health Retreat at Cooranbong was built, and then I was relieved of my burden.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 18*

To claim to be a prophetess is something I do not do. If others call me one, I have no quarrel with them. But my work has covered so many lines that I cannot call myself other than a messenger, sent to bear a message from the Lord to His people and to take up work in any line that He points out.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 19*

I wanted to remain in Battle Creek for another week, but Sister Marian Davis was very sick, and we feared that she might die before we reached home. She was very anxious to see us, and we decided to hasten home. Our folks at home were very much relieved by our return.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 20*

We found Sister Davis very sick. She was at the sanitarium, receiving the best of care, and her sister Mrs. W. K. Kellogg was with her. About a week after our return she rallied, and for a while we hoped for her recovery. But her strength suddenly failed, and on Tuesday, October 25, she passed away.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 21*

On leaving Battle Creek we bought our tickets through to Los Angeles, and these tickets allowed us to spend a month at St. Helena. We had been at home for three weeks, and the physicians thought that Sister Davis might linger for some time, so we decided to go South, planning to leave home on Monday. But something prevented us, and we decided to wait till the next day. On Tuesday morning a telephone message came from the sanitarium that Marian had been unconscious since seven o'clock a.m. She remained thus until four that afternoon, when she quietly breathed her last.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 22*

A beautiful spot in the St. Helena Cemetery was chosen for her

grave, and the dear, helpful worker rests in her narrow bed until Jesus comes. No more trouble will come to her. At seventy-seven I am still toiling, but am not worth much at present. We are all in the hands of the Lord. I trust in Him, for I know that He will never leave nor forsake those who put their trust in Him. I have committed myself to His keeping.*20LtMs, Ms 140, 1905, par. 23*

Ms 142, 1905

Talk/Words of Thanksgiving

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(November 26, 1905, Mrs. E. G. White was seventy-eight years of age. A few of her friends and relatives met in honor of the occasion, and after dinner, followed by prayer and a few hymns, Sister White made the following remarks, after expressing pleasure to meet such a gathering of friends:)*20LtMs, Ms 142, 1905, par. 1*

I do not know as I shall be with you till another birthday. I do not cling to life; neither do I dread it. I am willing to take whatever God may see fit to send me.*20LtMs, Ms 142, 1905, par. 2*

But one thing I do desire is that as long as I have the breath of life my mental powers may be preserved. I am very thankful that my mind is as clear as it is, and that I can help as I do in the work that is being done.*20LtMs, Ms 142, 1905, par. 3*

When I consider how weak I was in my younger days, I feel that at my age I have great reason to be thankful to the Lord for His goodness, His mercy, and His love. Since the accident that happened to me when I was nine years old, I have seldom been perfectly free from all pain. But I do not remember when I have been more free from pain than I am at present.*20LtMs, Ms 142, 1905, par. 4*

I greatly desire that no contention or unbelief may cause me a single thought of retaliation against those who are opposing my work; for I cannot afford to spoil my peace of mind. I want to know that the Lord stands back of me, and that in Him I have a helper that no human being can exceed. Nothing is so precious to me as to know that Christ is my Saviour.*20LtMs, Ms 142, 1905, par. 5*

I appreciate the truth, every jot of it, just as it has been given to me

by the Holy Spirit for the last fifty years. I desire every one to know that I stand on the same platform of truth that we have maintained for more than half a century. That is the testimony I desire to bear on the day that I am seventy-eight years of age.*20LtMs, Ms 142, 1905, par. 6*

Last night I slept nearly eight hours—the best night’s rest I have enjoyed for years. My mind is clear and free from confusion. I know where my help is. I do not trust in any human being; I have cast my whole soul upon the Lord. I trust in Jesus Christ as my Redeemer, my Saviour, and through Him I shall be an overcomer.*20LtMs, Ms 142, 1905, par. 7*

Ms 143, 1905

How to Deal With the Erring

St. Helena, California

October 26, 1904

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I have been given a message for some in Nashville. I have not strength to write out all the instruction given me, but I will try to write out that upon which my mind is most deeply exercised.*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 1*

“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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 2*

This instruction calls for careful thought and prayerful self-examination. Those who submit to the sacred rite of baptism pledge themselves, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, to live the life of Christ. They are not to foster the natural temperament or cherish natural inclinations. They have been buried with Christ in baptism, “Wherein also,” the apostle declares, “ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead. 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.” [*Colossians 2:12, 13.*]*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 3*

“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. ... 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, 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, shining with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ... 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.” [*Colossians 3:1-4, 12-16, 23-25.*]20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 4

“If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses, every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church; but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.” [*Matthew 18:15-17.*]20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 5

“Then came Peter to Him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but, Until seventy times seven. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his Lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshiped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 6

“Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants, which owed him an hundred pence; and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellow-servant fell

down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not; but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 7*

“So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 8*

“Then his lord, after that he had called him, and said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me; shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow-servant, even as I had compassion on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 9*

“So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.”
[*Verses 21-35.*]*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 10*

As the heavenly messenger spoke these words, solemn representations passed before me of scenes that had been transacted in Nashville. The efforts that had again and again been made to adjust difficulties were delineated. The Lord worked on hearts, so that they were subdued and broken. The melting love of God came into the heart of the one who had been involved in difficulty, but who under the circumstances regarded himself as injured in some way.*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 11*

I was in Nashville at the time that efforts were being made to settle this difficulty, and I designed to meet the persons concerned, but learned that the matter had been settled.*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 12*

Whatever Brother Palmer's offense, he did all in his power to remove the difficulty. I understood that everything was arranged, that all had united, that they were standing where nothing of the kind would trouble them again, that everything had been harmoniously settled, and that the blessing of God had been received in large measure.*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 13*

This was as it should be. If the Holy Spirit worked to remove the

impressions that had been made on the mind of Brother Landis, why should Brother Landis grieve God by cherishing an unforgiving spirit? It is no longer Brother Palmer whom he is refusing to forgive. It is the Holy Spirit that he is rejecting. Satanic influences have again prevailed. The one who has broken his covenant with God, and cast his words behind him, is pursuing an unchristlike course of action.*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 14*

God has made a propitiation for the sins of every one. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world." [*John 1:29.*] From those who repent and confess their sins, He removes the guilt of transgression, delivering them from the punishment of the broken law.*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 15*

If a brother in the church commits a wrong, and then confesses his sin, and does all in his power to make wrong right, he has done his part, and his brothers and sisters in the church should not refuse to come into unity with him. Should they refuse, they would be committing an offense against God, entering upon a warfare against the One who has taken upon His own soul the transgression of the repentant sinner. If the one who has offended humbles himself, and confesses his sins, his brethren are to show a kind, tender, Christlike spirit in dealing with him, saying, Christ has pardoned my transgressions, and why should I not forgive my brother. When this is done, unity comes in, and the Spirit of Christ sets His seal to the work.*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 16*

When one refuses to forgive, he lets temptation enter his soul. His heart becomes full of hatred, and his determination not to come into unity, but to keep up strife, grows stronger and stronger. Let such a one be suspended from church fellowship, until he will heed the words of the great Teacher.*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 17*

The Sin-bearer, in His death, destroyed him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. "We have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." [*Ephesians 1:7.*] Our salvation has been wrought out by Christ's death on the cross. "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, ... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot." [*1 Peter 1:18, 19.*]*20LtMs,*

Ms 143, 1905, par. 18

Christ has said plainly that if one brother gives offense to another, and then confesses his wrong, he is to be freely and fully forgiven and is to be treated as if the wrong had never been done. Read the prayer that Christ taught His disciples: "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, the power, and the glory, forever. [Amen.] For if ye forgive [men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive] not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." [*Matthew 6:9-15.*]*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 19*

Is it not a very weighty matter with which we are dealing? Shall not this case now before the Nashville church be to them a valuable lesson? The service offered to God by one whose heart is filled with a spirit of hatred is not acceptable to Him. Those who cherish hatred show that they have not the pure, refined, ennobling spirit of the Master. Those who are so easily offended, so quick to take offense, are not controlled by the Spirit of Christ. Those who show an unforgiving spirit when a mistake has been made become themselves double and triple offenders. Let our brother understand that he who will not forgive an offense after confession of wrong has been made is settling his own case before the heavenly universe and before unbelievers. "Neither will your heavenly Father forgive your trespasses." [*Verse 15.*] An unforgiving temper will find no place in heaven. He who gives place in his life to such a temper acts out the mind and will of Satan.*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 20*

Let us remember that the church militant is not the church triumphant. The children of God, in their dealings with one another, are to reveal Christ's patience, His tenderness, His sweetness of disposition.*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 21*

This morning I heard the message to the church in Nashville: You have individually a work to do before you can stand blameless before God. There are many who need to be converted and to confess their lack of unselfishness, of love, of kindly interest in one

another. The Instructor of the church declared: You are living in the great day of atonement. Every man is to confess his sins before God and those whom he has wronged. Each has a work to do to cleanse the mind and purify the soul. Upon those who leave this work undone, the day of the Lord will come unawares, and their candlestick will be removed out of its place. There is a solemn work before those church members who, though they have had great light, desire to humiliate those whom they suppose have erred, refusing to pardon them. Such ones take the love of God out of their hearts and place hatred there instead. In the place of trying to heal, they wound and bruise the souls that need their help and sympathy, their forgiveness and their prayers.*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 22*

“Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord, and not that he should return from his ways, and live?” [*Ezekiel 18:23.*]*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 23*

“But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he had done shall not be mentioned; in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 24*

“Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is not My way equal? are not your ways unequal? When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them, for his iniquity that he hath done, shall he die.*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 25*

“Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.” [*Verses 24-27.*]*20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 26*

The Lord will receive all who will turn from their evil ways with a sincere desire to do His will. He who holds the beginning of his confidence firm unto the end shall save his soul in obedience to the law of God. No matter how high a position a man may occupy, if he does wrong in spirit or word or act, he is to repent before God, and take up every stumbling block out of the way, small or great, that he

has placed in the path of others. *20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 27*

Those who comply with the conditions that God has laid down, and follow in the path that Christ has marked out, may have the assurance that at last the gates of the city of God will open to them. Those who know Christ with an experimental knowledge will not misrepresent Him. They will wear His yoke, learning from Him to be meek and lowly. *20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 28*

I have a message for the believers in Nashville: Let your hearts be refined, purified, ennobled, and then your influence for good will be far-reaching. Men will take knowledge of you that you have been with Christ, that you have the faith which works by love and purifies the soul. I tell you in the name of the Lord that this faith is wanting among you. You need to seek the Lord Jesus, and do His will, else you will enter into temptation. The love of self will crowd out the love of Jesus; and working on selfish plans, you will form selfish characters. Heed the words of the Saviour, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*] "So shall he be My disciple." [See *John 15:8.*] Keep the great Example ever before you. Confess your own sins, but do not think that you have to confess the sins of your brethren and sisters. You have in your possession a divine directory, containing truths of eternal interest. Study this book. Follow on to know the Lord. By constantly beholding Christ, you will be changed into His image from glory to glory. God says to each one of you, "Walk before Me, and be thou perfect." [*Genesis 17:1.*] The true Christian will walk in the path that God has marked out. The self-righteous follow in a path of their own choosing. Following a wrong pattern, they see many deformities in others, when in reality far more objectionable deformities exist in their own character. *20LtMs, Ms 143, 1905, par. 29*

Ms 144, 1905

“The good work that has been begun ...”

St. Helena, California

August 3, 1905

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The good work that has been begun in the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, in bringing to souls physical and spiritual healing, is to be continued.*20LtMs, Ms 144, 1905, par. 1*

A lady came to the sanitarium full of strange beliefs. Her case was hopeless, and this she knew. For years she had been gathering false theories, but the Lord directed her course to the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. In the institution, family worship is held every day in the parlor. The reading of the Word of God, the singing of gospel hymns, and the prayers offered have been a great blessing to the patients. This lady attended these gatherings. She had a longing desire for a healthy faith. She was hungry for the bread of life and thirsty for the water of salvation. And she was brought out of darkness into the light of the gospel. She died rejoicing in the preciousness of the saving grace that she had received. She was so grateful to find peace and hope and joy in her Saviour. That one soul saved is of more value than the riches of the whole world.*20LtMs, Ms 144, 1905, par. 2*

There have been other remarkable experiences in the sanitarium, and those who have witnessed them know that the Lord's presence has been in the institution. Some remarkable instances of restoration from an apparently hopeless condition to one of health and strength have been seen.*20LtMs, Ms 144, 1905, par. 3*

A lack of facilities has hindered those connected with the institution from accomplishing the work they might have accomplished. Suitable bathrooms are greatly needed.*20LtMs, Ms 144, 1905, par. 4*

The original cost of the sanitarium building was twenty-five

thousand dollars. For a long time it remained unoccupied and was at last offered to us for five thousand dollars. We purchased it and at once set about making the necessary repairs. But before all the needed improvements could be made, patients began coming in, and they have been coming ever since.*20LtMs, Ms 144, 1905, par. 5*

The nurses have been greatly hindered in their work by the lack of suitable bathrooms. These must be provided in order that the institution may do the work which the Lord designs it to do. A plan has been drawn up for an addition to the building, which will provide double bathrooms, an operating room, eleven bedrooms for patients, and a helpers' dining room. Ten thousand dollars is needed to put up this addition, and I ask those whom the Lord has entrusted with means to help us to place this institution where it can do the most successful work.*20LtMs, Ms 144, 1905, par. 6*

The San Diego Sanitarium is most beautifully situated; and when the proposed addition is made, the building will be an excellent one in which to care for the sick.*20LtMs, Ms 144, 1905, par. 7*

In ministry to the sick, we have before us the work that Christ would have us do in behalf of our fellow men, not only in San Diego, but in every place where we can teach and practice the true principles of healing for both soul and body. Our time for work is short, and we must be more in earnest. There is a great work to be done, and we need means with which to do this work. Said Christ, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*] Shall we not follow Him in self-denial and sacrifice, laboring with all our power to prepare men and women, physically and spiritually, for the coming of Christ? For the Son of man is coming in His glory, with all the holy angels, and then will He fulfil the promise made to His disciples: "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 14:3.*]*20LtMs, Ms 144, 1905, par. 8*

Ms 145, 1905

Diary

St. Helena, California

October 31, 1905

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I awake at three o'clock. My heart goes forth in grateful thanksgiving that I am free from aches and pains. My right hand is calm and steady, and I can fill my fountain pen without spilling a drop of ink. I thank God that for many years this hand has seldom been weak. I can walk up and down stairs with perfect ease, and some days I go up and down as many as twelve times.*20LtMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 1*

I desire with heart and soul to do the work that God has given me as His messenger. I am anxious to give people the evidences of our faith as found in the Scriptures. There are many today who present strange doctrines, giving the Scriptures a wrong meaning.*20LtMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 2*

Elder Ballenger thinks that he has new light and is burdened to give it to the people; but the Lord has instructed me that he has misapplied texts of Scripture and given them a wrong application. The Word of God is always the truth, but the doctrines that Elder Ballenger advances, if received, would unsettle our faith in the sanctuary question. Already Elder Ballenger has mystified minds by his large array of texts. Theses texts are true, but he has placed them where they do not belong.*20LtMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 3*

The light on the sanctuary question was given by the Spirit of God, and we who passed through the disappointment of 1844 can testify to the light that was then given on the sanctuary question. Elder Ballenger needs to rest awhile and cease to sow the tares which will lead our people on a false track. As the messenger of God, I am

to bear no hesitating message on this subject.*20LtMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 4*

Elder Ballenger does not see what he is trying to bring to pass. The message that Christ came to give to John on the Isle of Patmos needs now to be carefully studied by Elder Ballenger; for these words of warning tell us that men will arise, claiming to have new light, whose theories, if received, would destroy our faith in the truths that have stood the test for half a century. We need to study and understand the message given in the *third chapter of Revelation*.*20LtMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 5*

“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 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.” [*Verses 1-3.*]*20LtMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 6*

This is a work to be done. There is need for Elder Ballenger to humble his soul before God and to refuse to receive new interpretations of the Scriptures. We have had to meet many men who have come with just such interpretations, seeking to establish false theories, and unsettling the minds of many by their readiness to talk, and by their great array of texts, which they have misapplied to suit their own ideas. It is too late in this earth’s history to get up something new. The erroneous theories that we had to meet in our early experiences in this work drove us to the Lord in prayer. And the Lord gave me, His messenger, a decided message that men were placing a false application on the Word of God. Christ referred to this danger in the words, “Be watchful and strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die.” [*Verse 2.*] Woe, woe to the man who teaches false theories.*20LtMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 7*

We were cautioned not to listen to the doctrines of men who were obtaining a false experience. We spent whole nights in prayer, and the Holy Spirit gave the message, clear and distinct. All along the way we have had to meet just such things. But we gave no heed to them. Other presentations were made in doctrines that denied the

truth which in the past had been advocated. Thus it will be till the close of this earth's history.*20LtMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 8*

The warning comes down along the line, "Remember therefore how thou hast received, and heard, and hold fast, and repent." [*Verse 3.*] Repent of the inclination to distinguish yourself as a man that has great light. Your supposed light is shown to me to be darkness, which will lead into strange paths.*20LtMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 9*

The Word of God contains the truth, but when this Word is misapplied, and made to strengthen error, we must meet this danger without hesitation. We must call upon our people to turn from such theories, to receive them not, to remember how they have received, and heard, and hold fast, and repent. We call upon them to keep their spiritual eyesight clear and to receive not the elaborate, uncalled-for explanations of the Scriptures offered by some, because these explanations would undermine the pillars of our faith. Reverence the Word, but not its misapplication to substantiate error.*20LtMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 10*

The warning is, "Remember therefore how thou hast received, and heard, and hold fast, and repent." [*Verse 3.*] This is the message that I bear to Elder Ballenger. The Lord says to him, I have spared your life, that you may remember how you have received and heard.*20LtMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 11*

To us who passed through the disappointment of 1844, it seems impossible that we should ever forget the experience and the knowledge given us to establish our faith in the truths given us through the ministration of the Holy Spirit. To those who have passed through the trying tests that have come all along the years, the Lord says, "Ye are My witnesses." [*Isaiah 43:10.*] All who have been enlightened are to be watchful, and strengthen the things that remain, those who are ready to die spiritually by reason of the false theories brought in through misapplication of the Scriptures.*20LtMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 12*

There are many who have not perfected a Christian character; their lives have not been made pure and undefiled through the sanctification of the truth; and they will bring their imperfections into the church, and deny their faith, picking up strange theories, which

they will advance as truth. *20LtMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 13*

Let all heed the warning, “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 3:3.*] Satan is using all his science in playing the game of life for human souls. His angels are mingling with men and instructing them in the mysteries of evil. These fallen angels will draw away disciples after them, will talk with men, and will set forth principles that are as false as can be, leading souls into paths of deception. These angels are to be found all over the world, presenting the wonderful things that will soon appear in a more decided light. God calls upon his people to gain an understanding of the mystery of godliness. Jesus Christ is our dependence, and the Lord calls upon His people to beware of following a course that would rob them of their usefulness. *20LtMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 14*

In the proclamation of the truth there is to be no display. Let worldlings carry on their large gatherings, with their great display, but let not God’s people suppose that this is the way to preach the gospel or to present the truth. Outward display does not give influence to the truth. It does not add to the usefulness or the success of the workers in God’s vineyard. Ministers and medical missionaries, be true to your calling. Make no exhibitions for display. In your expenditure of means, let the self-denial of Christ be seen. In our behalf He laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown, and clothed His divinity with humanity, coming to this world as a babe, and for thirty years living here as a man among men. He lived the life of a poor man, yet He was the Prince of heaven. “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; yea, Thy law is within My heart.” [*Psalms 40:7, 8.*] The prophet Isaiah bears testimony, “Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulders: His name shall be called, Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.” [*Isaiah 9:6.*]*20LtMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 15*

John, the beloved disciple, bears witness: “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. 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. John bare witness of Him, and cried, saying, This is He of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me; for He was before me. And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.” [John 1:1, 3, 4, 14-16.]20LtMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 16

“He whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God; for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into His hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” [John 3:34-36.]20LtMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 17

In this Scripture God and Christ are spoken of as two distinct personalities, each acting their own individuality.20LtMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 18

“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.” [John 1:17.] “Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven; yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase. Righteousness shall go before Him, and shall set us in the way of His steps.” [Psalm 85:10-13.]20LtMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 19

“No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him.” [John 1:18.] Moses, pleading with God, said, “I beseech Thee, show me Thy glory.” And He said, “I will make all My goodness to 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 unto whom I will show mercy. And He said, Thou canst not see My face, and live; for there shall no man see Me and live. And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by Me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock; and it shall come to pass, while My glory passeth by, that I will put

thee into the cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with My hand, while I pass by. And I will take away My hand, and thou shalt see My back parts, but My face shall not be seen.” [*Exodus 33:18-23.*]*20LitMs, Ms 145, 1905, par. 20*

Ms 146, 1905

The Work in and About Nashville

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 25, 1905

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This morning I arise at four o'clock. I am thankful to my heavenly Father for His great mercy and love, which He so bountifully bestows upon me. A sense of His goodness and love calls forth from me continually thanksgiving.²⁰*LtMs, Ms 146, 1905, par. 1*

Yesterday I received a letter from Elder G. I. Butler, telling of the needs of the work in the southern field, and my heart is deeply stirred. I cannot but feel the deepest sympathy for my brethren in the South, who have been laboring earnestly and untiringly to carry out the directions given, that in Nashville the truth is to be proclaimed. Elder Haskell and his wife and Elder Butler have been and still are most earnest, self-denying workers in that field. Brother and Sister Haskell rented a house in one of the best parts of the city and gathered round them a family of helpers who, day by day, go out giving Bible readings, selling our papers, and doing medical missionary work. This is in accordance with the light given. The Lord has blessed their labors, and quite a number have embraced the truth.²⁰*LtMs, Ms 146, 1905, par. 2*

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means will be sent directly to the workers in Nashville. Formerly it was thought best to have the means go through Washington. Light has been given me that thousands of dollars of the money thus sent in has been appropriated to various places in the South, but not to Nashville. The very work that most needed to be done was held back for want of means. The money ought to have been sent to the place where it was needed the most, where the necessities were the greatest; but the money was sent in with the direction that it was “for the southern field,” without any more explicit specification, and it was sent to other places in the South.*20LtMs, Ms 146, 1905, par. 4*

The money that should have gone to the work in Nashville has not gone there, and we now ask you, my brethren and sisters, to send of your means to the workers there; for they are greatly in need of help. This morning I have been asking the Lord to move upon your hearts to do this, that His work in Nashville may not be hindered.*20LtMs, Ms 146, 1905, par. 5*

We must all look to God. We must all present our necessities to Christ our healer, the One who knows the great burdens that are borne by His servants in Nashville and who knows how greatly they need help just now.*20LtMs, Ms 146, 1905, par. 6*

I am pleading with God to enlighten our brethren in all matters, that they may understand the work that needs to be done in the important city of Nashville. My prayer is, “We come to Thee, O Thou Saviour of the world, pleading 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.*] I ask sincerely, earnestly, because I believe Thy Word. Help our faithful, aged workers in Nashville, Tennessee. I, Thy dependent, believing child, take Thy words and call upon Thee to open the hearts of thy people and lead them to send in their offerings to Nashville now, just now. Help Elder Butler and Elder Haskell in their tent effort. Help them to secure means to pay for the meetinghouse and to set it in acceptable order, so that it will make a presentation corresponding with Thy directions. In Thy lessons to Thy disciples Thou didst say, ‘What man is there of you whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?’ Thou hast said, ‘If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more

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Ms 148, 1905

Sermon/The Gift of the Holy Spirit

Mountain View, California

February 21, 1905

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After the resurrection, Jesus gave “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. ... 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 unto the uttermost part of the earth.” [*Acts 1:2-5, 8.*]*20LtMs, Ms 148, 1905, par. 1*

The disciples sought diligently for a preparation for the work before them. “They all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication.” [*Verse 14.*] Everything that had caused division and strife among them was put away, and “when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.” [*Acts 2:1.*]*20LtMs, Ms 148, 1905, par. 2*

To us also is given the promise of the Spirit. We need its power. We have but a short time in which to do a great work in proclaiming to a fallen world the last message of mercy. O if we would, like the disciples, spend more time in prayer and less time in criticizing one another’s faults, God would be better pleased. He wants us to have sanctified tongues and sanctified minds. Let us pray for the Holy Ghost, and let us pray that we may be prepared to receive it.*20LtMs, Ms 148, 1905, par. 3*

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from

heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it sat on 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 there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.” [Verses 1-5.]*20LtMs, Ms 148, 1905, par. 4*

At this time there was a great gathering in Jerusalem. It was the providence of God that this occasion should be a time when powerful evidence should be given to these multitudes that Jesus was the Son of God, that He had been raised from the dead and had ascended to heaven. Many of the people there had seen and heard Jesus and had been convinced of His divine mission. But others had intimidated them, and they had not dared openly to acknowledge Him as the Messiah. Such were now moved by the Spirit to act as fearlessly upon their convictions.*20LtMs, Ms 148, 1905, par. 5*

I would emphasize the thought that for a time the disciples were commanded to remain in Jerusalem, but God did not desire them to settle there permanently. There was a work to be done by them in bringing to the point of decision many who had heretofore lacked courage and the determination to walk in the light as they had seen it. When we place ourselves in the channel of the Spirit, when His power comes upon us, we shall be able to give the message that God has given us in such a clear, forcible manner, that many who now stand in fearful hesitation will boldly take their stand with the people of God.*20LtMs, Ms 148, 1905, par. 6*

But many of the early church, having seen how God had wrought for them in Jerusalem, seemed to think that the city must be made a great center for their work. They continued to remain there, when God desired them to preach His gospel in other parts of the world. The Lord was not pleased to see them settling down in satisfied indifference. Persecution was permitted to come upon them; they were scattered abroad; and “they went everywhere, preaching the gospel.” [Acts 8:4.]*20LtMs, Ms 148, 1905, par. 7*

Some have wondered why our office of publication should be

moved from Oakland to Mountain View. God has been calling upon His people to leave the cities. The youth who are connected with our institutions should not be exposed to the temptations and the corruption to be found in the large cities. Mountain View has seemed to be a favorable location for the printing office.*20LtMs, Ms 148, 1905, par. 8*

Our people are not, however, to regard Mountain View as a Jerusalem center. Let them not think, because a number of our brethren are called here to connect with the publishing work, that this is a place for large numbers of our people to settle with their families. And let every one connected with the office hold himself in readiness to leave, if God shall call him to some new place.*20LtMs, Ms 148, 1905, par. 9*

Let all work for the reformation of the unconverted. When in the company of unbelievers, look for opportunities to help them. Wherever you are, be ready to speak a word in season. You may drop a word that will start in some mind a train of thought that will lead to a searching of the Scriptures.*20LtMs, Ms 148, 1905, par. 10*

It is not necessary for us to attack the position of those with whom we do not agree. Give them simple Bible truth.*20LtMs, Ms 148, 1905, par. 11*

What can I do or what can I say to lead our people to realize that even though they are not ordained ministers, yet they may impart the truth to others. Some may labor from house to house, introducing our books. They may thus find an entrance to many homes, become acquainted with the people, sing and pray with them, and, by speaking and acting wisely, awaken in their hearts an interest to hear the truth. Others may go from place to place as evangelists. Sabbath after Sabbath or Sunday after Sunday, some will find opportunity to speak to congregations. Many will be glad to listen to what they say. The minds of many are greatly stirred and troubled because of the wickedness of men and the judgments of God that are abroad in the land. And well they may be troubled, for He that shall come will come, and will not tarry.*20LtMs, Ms 148, 1905, par. 12*

We feel intensely over the situation; for we desire to see the work of

God advanced into places where as yet nothing has been accomplished. Why, think you, that God has entrusted you with the truth?—It is that you may become His messenger, that you may carry light to those with whom you are thrown in contact. All should become acquainted with their neighbors. How will you feel in the day of judgment, if they shall ask you, “Why did you not tell us of the things that pertained to our salvation?” *20LtMs, Ms 148, 1905, par. 13*

Let us go from this meeting with a deeper consecration than we have ever experienced before. Let us put away all evil speaking. And let us labor for God more earnestly, more devotedly than we have ever done before. *20LtMs, Ms 148, 1905, par. 14*

Ms 149, 1905

Diary

St. Helena, California

September 27, 1905

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This morning I cannot sleep after two o'clock. I have much to be thankful for. A sense of the goodness and mercy of my heavenly Father humbles and softens my heart, and I desire to do all in my power to exalt the Lord Jesus before the world. I praise His holy name for His mercy and goodness and love.*20LtMs, Ms 149, 1905, par. 1*

Yesterday I received a letter from Elder Burden, stating that Dr. Julia White would come to Loma Linda to serve as lady physician and that Dr. Patience Bordeau-Sisco would go to Washington to serve in the same capacity in the sanitarium there. This pleases me. Brother Peter Hansen will act as baker at Loma Linda. I am glad that his family can have a home out of the city.*20LtMs, Ms 149, 1905, par. 2*

We have had much anxiety regarding workers for Loma Linda, but we now begin to see our way out of the difficulties. For this I praise the Lord. I will not doubt the promise coming from the lips of the self-sacrificing Redeemer, who clothed His divinity with humanity, that human beings, by partaking of the divine nature, might escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. No one can be a partaker of the divine nature without receiving Christ as a personal Saviour. The promise is, "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*.] "As Thou hast sent Me into the world," Christ said, "even so have I also sent them into the world." [*John 17:18*.] What does this mean? That every soul who receives Christ

by faith will work the works of Christ and will give the powers of the whole being, mind, soul, and strength, to the saving of souls who are ready to perish in ignorance and sin. Those who truly receive Christ become self-denying and self-sacrificing. They are willing and eager to work in Christ's way and to do His will.*20LtMs, Ms 149, 1905, par. 3*

“And for their sakes I sanctify Myself,” living in human nature the life that they must live in order to be saved. “Neither pray I for these alone; but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word.” This embraces every one who shall receive Christ as his Saviour. “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. 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 19-23.*]*20LtMs, Ms 149, 1905, par. 4*

I am instructed to write this to Brother Bollman and to assure him of the great possibilities and probabilities that may be his if he will link up with Christ, to do His will. My brother, do not link up with any other man, to follow his way, and to add his defects of character to your own natural tendencies to wrong. You are not to be imbued with the defective tendencies of human beings. You are in great danger of doing yourself and others great harm. You were presented to me as in danger of becoming influenced by Brother Smith Sharp, who is not a man that can help you. He has done much harm by his unsanctified words, and through his influence souls will be led astray if he continues to imbue others with his sharp principles. Unless he makes a decided change, it will soon be seen that it will be better for him to take up some work that has not so close a connection with the cause of God.*20LtMs, Ms 149, 1905, par. 5*

Brother Bollman, I have expressed confidence in you, because I have seen that changes had taken place in you. But I am again instructed that there are dangers ahead. You need the sanctifying grace of Christ. After I conversed with you in Los Angeles, presentations were made to me which showed me that the enemy

was taking advantage of you and others, leading you to say and do things displeasing to the Lord. Brother Bollman, the Lord calls upon you to come to your senses and to cut yourself away from advisers who can do you no good. There are men who will create dissension, whatever the consequences may be. I have a warning that I must and shall give to our people, telling them to beware how they receive the impressions that are constantly being made on minds.*20LtMs, Ms 149, 1905, par. 6*

Elder Smith Sharp is a man who, if converted daily, could accomplish much good. But to send him forth to the churches with his peculiar tendencies, which have been often reproved, will be detrimental to the spiritual growth of our church members; for he will sow seeds that will spring up and bring forth strife. I sincerely wish that he could see himself as God sees him; he needs to be converted and transformed in character. He clings to his own ideas, and these encourage others to harbor suspicion and to cherish principles that gender strife.*20LtMs, Ms 149, 1905, par. 7*

The Lord calls for men of experience to aid in the establishment of the work in new places. They are to educate the younger workers who shall unite with the work. Elder Butler should receive the respect of the younger workers. Let him labor in clear, straight lines. He must be careful, and cling, cling, cling with all his power to the great Medical Missionary. He is to keep step with his Leader.*20LtMs, Ms 149, 1905, par. 8*

We have a most sacred, solemn truth to bear to the world. "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 Lord Jesus Christ gave up His high command, and clothed His divinity with humanity, that He might stand at the head of the human race, to save to the uttermost all who will receive Him as their Saviour. We may cast all our care upon Him, for He has plainly shown that He cares for every one of us. He has shown the great love wherewith He loves us. He brought to the world the most elevated, ennobling truths. He has removed the barrier that separated us from God and made it possible for us to grasp His saving hand. He will cleanse us from the sins that have dishonored God. He suffered and died to make an atonement for sin, that all

who repent and come to Him might receive forgiveness. "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.] His blood was shed for the remission of sins; He obtained redemption for us by giving His life for the sin of the world. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed. *20LtMs, Ms 149, 1905, par. 9*

Christ declares, "I am the way. ... No man cometh unto the Father but by me." [*John* 14:6.] By His precious blood He hath consecrated a new and living way into the holiest of all. Let us lay all our burdens at the feet of Jesus. We are ever to seek for unity. Discord and strife cannot possibly glorify God. We are to seek to harmonize. All envy, all strife, all ambition is to be put away. We are to encourage humility. God has promised to keep us away from evil, and we cannot cherish evil thinking and envy and at the same time keep our souls unspotted. We are bidden to pray, "Deliver us from evil." [*Matthew* 6:13.] We are to act in harmony with this prayer, and not enter into evil. *20LtMs, Ms 149, 1905, par. 10*

We are to be careful of our thoughts, our words, and our deportment. By our words we are to glorify God. Speech is a precious talent, entrusted to us to be used as a means of teaching the truth. *20LtMs, Ms 149, 1905, par. 11*

We need to pray much, that we may be sanctified, body, soul, and spirit, prepared to do the will of God quickly and gladly. We are to be watchful sentinels over our thoughts, our words, our acts. "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.] "Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord." [*isaiah* 52:11.] *20LtMs, Ms 149, 1905, par. 12*

All our talents are to be consecrated to the service of the Lord. Never are we to dishonor our Saviour by cherishing evil surmisings regarding those who like ourselves are trying to serve the Lord. We are to strain every nerve to be in word and thought and deed that which God desires us to be. We are to help one another to increase in spiritual efficiency and to grow in grace, daily becoming more beautiful in character. It is our privilege so to follow God in this life

that at last we may hear the word, “Son, daughter, come up higher.”*20LtMs, Ms 149, 1905, par. 13*

Cherish purity of thought, and the love of Christ will give you confidence. Discouragements will come, but through them all, keep a quiet mind. Think of Jesus and of the love He has shown and the suffering He has endured that you might be purified and sanctified. May God help every one of us to magnify Christ. Has not the Lord a right to expect of us much more than we give Him in willing service? Let us show confidence in God. Let this thought impel every one to put forth extra effort to make no mismoves that will hinder the advancement of the work.*20LtMs, Ms 149, 1905, par. 14*

The Lord Jesus has given to every believer a work to do for Him. We are not to act like sinners. We must do the work given us. “If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [*Matthew 16:24.*] In this work none are to be carried, but all are to exercise their God-given powers. Each one is to stand on his own feet, and all are to have their feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Do not go stumbling on alone; remember that one step taken heavenward prepares the way for the next. Those who step aside from the strait way to try paths of their own choosing will find themselves entangled in difficulties. Follow your Leader, obeying every direction He has given. Every day Christ gives us work to do, and in doing this, we become better fitted for the duties of the morrow. Our duties are to be performed with cheerful alacrity. There is to be no repining, no scolding, no fretting. We are constantly to go forward, full of faith and hope and courage in the Lord.*20LtMs, Ms 149, 1905, par. 15*

Ms 150, 1905

Talk/The Restaurant Work

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“Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw Him, they worshiped 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 always, even unto the end of the world.” [*Matthew 28:16-20.*]*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 1*

We desire above all else to represent the truth as it is in Jesus. We cannot afford to represent that which is false. Into every department of our work we are to carry the principles of righteousness. The Lord desires to do great things for His people, but if we do nothing, and think that everything will work out as it should, we shall certainly be disappointed. If we will unite with Christ, He will co-operate with us in all our efforts to serve Him.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 2*

I have been asked this morning to speak upon the subject of restaurant work. I have recently written considerable upon this subject, but it has not yet been copied, and I did not take time to find it to read at this meeting. But I hope soon to publish some things that have been presented to me in regard to our health food and restaurant work.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 3*

This is a very important question, and we wish you to move understandingly. If I make some statements this morning that you

do not understand, I ask you not to put your own interpretation on these statements and report them to others as being what I have said. Be very careful that you make no wrong impression upon the minds of others.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 4*

In the health food and restaurant work, there is great need of a return to the first principles of health reform. The health reform is just what the name indicates it to be. It is not a term to be used merely to exalt certain restaurants by representing them to be what they are not in truth. There is too great a mixture of foods provided for those who patronize our restaurants. Soda and saleratus, rich gravies and desserts are used far too freely. We have certainly departed from the simplicity of diet.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 5*

We shall soon reach a time when we must understand the meaning of a simple diet. The time is not far hence when we shall be obliged to adopt a diet very different from our present diet.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 6*

As the situation has been presented before me, I have felt that there should be a thorough examination of those who are connected with our restaurants to see if they stand on the platform of genuine health reform. We should put into our stomachs only those things that will make good blood. We need to study the art of preparing in a simple manner the fruits, grains, and vegetables. We do not need these complex combinations that are provided. As the matter now stands we are in danger of making dyspeptics. I would ask, How many are standing by the old principles of health reform as they were given to us years ago?*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 7*

The Lord would have the principles of health reform carried into every family. Those who cook for the family can learn how to prepare simple, wholesome food, even though they are unable to purchase the high-priced health foods that are on the market. The children should be educated in the art of cooking hygienically. You need not be dependent upon the manufacturers of health foods in order to practice health reform. Many of us lived for years without the use of meat, even before we could obtain these substitutes.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 8*

We need a genuine education in the art of cooking. Instead of

multiplying our restaurants, it will be better to form classes where you may teach the people how to make good bread and how to put together the ingredients to make healthful food combinations from the grains and the vegetables. Such an education will assist in creating a desire among our people to move out of the cities, to secure land in the country where they can raise their own fruit and vegetables. Then they can care for their gardens, and their food will not come to them half spoiled and decayed.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 9*

The health food business, in which a few have planned certain food combinations, has been allowed to take from the family cooks much of the work they should do. I am instructed to say that there should be a reformation in the restaurants and a reformation in the homes of our people. Every cook should understand the art of preparing wholesome and palatable food. The knowledge of healthful cookery has been neglected in the home, and our people have learned to depend too much upon the expensive food preparations. Let us arouse ourselves and see what we can do individually without leaning so heavily upon the food companies.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 10*

Some of the foods that have been sent out from headquarters have not been what they should be. Some things are represented to be pure foods, but do you know that they are pure? Are you sure that they are what they are represented to be? In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I warn those who prepare the health foods never to put out the false for the true. May God help us to walk honestly. Our families should be so educated that they can cook the foods that are necessary without depending so largely upon the products of the factory.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 11*

The multiplication of so many restaurants and food stores is helping to cause a dearth of laborers. Many who have intellect and talent that should be employed in evangelistic work choose to labor in the restaurants rather than in the sanitariums or in other lines of work where they are really needed. We have reached a time when we have but few ministers in the field and but few well-qualified teachers. Where are our canvassers to engage in the work of distributing our literature? Some are working conscientiously in

selling our books, but there should be many more such workers in the field.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 12*

Why is there such a dearth of laborers in these important lines of work? Our young people choose to labor in some place where they can live without any particular exercise of their mind spiritually. The restaurants offer a free field for such individuals. As they engage in mere commercial work, there is danger that they will neglect the work of preparing for the future, immortal life and that they will lose their spirituality.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 13*

Some who have become dissatisfied in our sanitariums, or in other lines of work, have found a hearty welcome from those who manage the food work. They find our restaurants ready to employ those who wish to rid themselves of the responsibility of the work of soul-saving. God has told His people to go into all the world and preach the gospel. All are to work diligently for the salvation of their own souls; and they are accountable to God to work for the salvation of those around them.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 14*

There should be a reform in our diet, both in the home and in the restaurants. With many the health reform means nothing more than to live without the use of flesh meat. The so-called health reform of many might be better termed health deform. There is too much eating merely to gratify the appetite. Because the foods are health foods and are appetizing, some think it proper to eat more than they should. God desires us to restrain our appetites. We should partake of simple food and eat no more than the stomach can readily take care of.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 15*

Far too much time is occupied in the preparation of the mixtures that are placed upon the table. We need to understand that even in the restaurants it is not necessary to provide such dishes as we have tried to instruct our people should not be put on the table—dessert dishes and other unwholesome articles of diet. Let us return to the position we occupied several years ago. Let every family be determined that they will bring the principles of true health reform into the home.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 16*

God wants a work done in hygienic restaurants that has never yet been done. When the question of establishing restaurants was first

introduced, it was clearly pointed out that the one aim and object of their work was to be the conversion of souls. It was not that you might invent the many fancy dishes to gratify the appetite and have no time left to devote to the work of creating in the minds of others an interest in the truth. Some attempts may have been made to interest souls in the truth, but they have been but feeble in comparison with what should have been done.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 17*

I had thought that the restaurants might be so conducted as to bring the principles of the truth before the minds of many. I had thought that they might be an agency to help people to understand what they must do to inherit eternal life. There are many opportunities for our restaurant workers to become acquainted with those who enter, that they may be prepared to speak a word in season. Then when the workers meet the patrons outside the restaurant, they will be able to converse with them in regard to the truth.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 18*

God is in earnest with us. He has not instituted these restaurants simply that we may teach the world how they can live without meat, while but little is done for the salvation of souls. You cannot afford to neglect spiritual help for those who eat their meals in your restaurants.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 19*

I have been making inquiry as to how many have been converted to the truth as a result of the work done by our restaurants. A few may be converted, but the results have been very small in comparison with the talent and capability employed and the large efforts put forth in this work. Are those connected with these restaurants laboring earnestly for the souls that come in and go out every day? Do they watch for opportunities to speak a word in season? Are they diligent in distributing our literature to those with whom they are brought in contact? Do they remember that they must meet these souls in the judgment?*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 20*

As God's chosen people, our only work is to preach the gospel. But the restaurants are not doing this work, they never have done it, and they never can do it unless the workers are thoroughly converted to God.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 21*

Our Redeemer is disappointed that so little has been accomplished for the salvation of souls. Will you now take hold as never before to do the work of the Master? It is not necessary to make such a great display as is done in some restaurants. The greater the display, the less is it possible to distinguish that the workers in these institutions are laborers together with God, laboring to prepare a people to stand in the last great day, when every case is to be decided for life or for death.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 22*

God calls for a change in these matters. My mind has been frequently drawn to this subject, but I have disliked to speak of the situation as it is. But I must tell you that there must be a thorough reformation, a readjustment of our health food work. God has not called our people to provide food to feed worldlings who have no disposition to study the truth. He desires us to feed them with the food that is to be found in the Word of God. He will give you words to speak, that souls may be saved unto eternal life. Christ said, "Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life." [*John 6:54.*] But unless you lead others to partake of Christ's flesh and blood, of what benefit, I ask, is your work to the cause of God? You are spending your time for that which profiteth nothing. Every hour that we have in this life should be devoted to the work of enlightening the minds of those who know not the truth.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 23*

If we have the Spirit of God in our hearts, our work will be successful. Unless the work of our restaurants is made educational, it amounts to nothing more than a mere worldly commercial business. Educational advantages should be provided for those who are employed in carrying on the work in our institutions. When the restaurants become so that they do not educate and fit a people to prepare for the kingdom of our Lord, I can no longer endorse their work.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 24*

I do not say that all our restaurants should be closed, but as I have seen the situation, I have sometimes wished that circumstances would arise that would compel them to be closed. It seems almost an impossibility for us to place ourselves in such a position that the existing evils can be corrected.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 25*

If you were to put forth in other lines of work one quarter of the effort that is being put forth in the work of the restaurants, in an earnest effort for the conversion of souls, you would see far greater results. God calls upon us to put forth the capabilities that He has given us, in the work of bringing souls to a knowledge of the truth.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 26*

Our people should study carefully the prayer of Christ in the *seventeenth chapter of John*. “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 a 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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 27*

The closing words of this chapter are especially important. Jesus said, “While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy name: those that Thou gavest Me, I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the Scripture might be fulfilled.” [*Verse 12.*] Many of us have lost the science of soul-keeping. Christ calls us to come back and to learn in His school how to keep the souls of those that are committed to our charge.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 28*

“Now I come to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves. 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 has sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.” [*Verses 13-18.*]*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 29*

You know what the work of Christ was. He went from place to place, preaching the gospel. If souls are not saved through your efforts, it will be because you have taken no pains to save them. May God help us that His light and truth may be revived in our hearts, unto eternal life.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 30*

“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.*] *20Lts, Ms 150, 1905, par. 31*

Great reformations should take place. We must be in a position where we can learn at the feet of Jesus. The enemy is working with all his power to thwart the purposes of God, and many of our people are indifferent to his snares. They are not laborers together with God. In their homes, they do not keep the way of the Lord. The softening and subduing influence of the Spirit of God must come into our ranks. *20Lts, Ms 150, 1905, par. 32*

A spirit of jealousy and suspicion is growing to an intensity, and the Lord God of heaven is not pleased with the representation. The contention that exists among the laborers in various branches of our work is very displeasing to God. It closes the door, that the Spirit of God cannot enter. In our strife one with another, we lose our hold upon God and upon the hearts of our brethren. God desires us to unite as brethren and sisters, that we may work together intelligently. *20Lts, Ms 150, 1905, par. 33*

“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.” [*Verse 24.*] And yet the Father gave up His Son to die a cruel death, in order that salvation and light might be brought to the very people who come and go from the restaurants, many of them going away with no more knowledge of salvation than they had when they came. *20Lts, Ms 150, 1905, par. 34*

“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 25, 26.]*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 35*

Let us study our Bibles more than we have done. Let us read the Word of God with an earnest desire to understand the meaning of the revelation of God. Let us live lives of prayer.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 36*

If the Lord were to appear suddenly in the clouds of heaven, and if all the workers in our restaurants were called to give an account to Him of their stewardship, how many would stand on vantage ground, purified, made white, and tried, having on the robe of Christ's righteousness, prepared to sit with Him at His table?*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 37*

Let us look this question fairly in the face and see what has been gained by our efforts. If in the restaurant work you have gained that which brings you nearer heaven, that which counts in the work of God, I ask you to show it. There are souls to be led to Christ, and you cannot afford to meet hundreds of people every day and yet withhold from them the warning, Prepare to meet thy God.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 38*

God calls for workers, for ministers, for teachers, for canvassers, for medical missionaries, for men and women who will go into the field and live in harmony with the principles that Christ has laid down in His Word. We are to love one another as Christ has loved us. If it becomes necessary, in order to act harmoniously with your brethren, that you make some sacrifice, you will receive a rich reward in making that sacrifice.*20LtMs, Ms 150, 1905, par. 39*

Ms 151, 1905

Should Our Youth Go to Battle Creek?

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As God's messenger I am to say to our people that we are not to encourage our youth to go to Battle Creek to receive an education. Fathers, mothers, the souls of your children are precious, and the warnings God has given that young men and young women should not be drawn to Battle Creek have now twice as much force as they had in the past.*20LtMs, Ms 151, 1905, par. 1*

The leading men who have taken a position directly against these warnings are strengthening one another to make of no effect the light God has given. Resistance after resistance to the movements that have been made against centering in Battle Creek will yet be seen. There are men teaching the Bible who have given up the truth they once believed and taught. They are teaching errors. The Lord is not pleased with this showing. He has mercifully placed in our possession several properties that can be used for sanitarium work, because He desires it to be seen that plants are to be made in many places.*20LtMs, Ms 151, 1905, par. 2*

I am instructed to say to our people, Heed the warnings given you. You cannot see the end from the beginning. The great crowd of people going to Battle Creek is one of the reasons why our people should heed the warnings given to get out of Battle Creek.*20LtMs, Ms 151, 1905, par. 3*

There are schools out of and away from Battle Creek that are in far less danger of losing their respect for the testimonies that have been coming to the people of God for the past half century. Representations are given me that the first proposition to reopen

the school in Battle Creek was the first note of opposition to the light God has given. However, the result has proved as I was instructed it would be. The plausible excuses and reasons for the starting of this school were not inspired by God, but by the enemy of God, to confuse minds and place our people where they would not know where they are standing. That this has been the result, I know. The testimonies borne are not heeded. The enemy is at work, and a neglect of the warnings sent is preparing the way for Satan to come in with his sophistries and errors.*20LtMs, Ms 151, 1905, par. 4*

Ministers have gone to Battle Creek and are not presenting the truth but errors that strike at the foundation of our faith. This is just as Satan meant it to be. Men are giving heed to seducing spirits and will become adepts in misconstruing the Scriptures and testifying to falsehoods. Satan is looking on with great delight.*20LtMs, Ms 151, 1905, par. 5*

I am given a message for all our people: "Believe them not, for they are working to draw minds away from the Scriptures." They will so confuse Scriptures that many will lose their bearings. Satan is preparing fallacies of every kind to use in playing the game of life for souls.*20LtMs, Ms 151, 1905, par. 6*

Parents, your children had better remain at home than to mingle with a mass of people who do not believe the truth. The education they receive in such a place will be so mingled with sentiments represented as wood, hay, and stubble that the truth will lose its force upon their minds, at a time when they need to have the truth confirmed.*20LtMs, Ms 151, 1905, par. 7*

People will come to Battle Creek in great numbers. But few, if any of them, are converted, and the sanitarium is not in a condition to show the medical missionary work that is to be done for the world. The time has come when I must say that the effort to draw our young people to Battle Creek is one of the schemes of Satan to confuse the minds of the youth and those who are older. There are ministers of the gospel who have lost their bearings; and as they lead others to walk in strange paths, they are doing a work similar to that which Satan thought to carry on when the children of Israel were about to enter Canaan.*20LtMs, Ms 151, 1905, par. 8*

The Lord has opened the matter before me. Has Dr. Kellogg stated to any one, clearly and distinctly, the features of his faith? He has already mingled with unbelievers on the Sabbath, and he will need to take but half a step practically to renounce the Sabbath. I warn our people to come out from among them and be separate. The Lord will open, yes, He is opening ways whereby your children can be given an education in medical missionary lines without endangering their souls. If the preparations in these places are not as complete as they are at Battle Creek they can do as much as was done when the work was first started at Battle Creek. We did not then have provision for sending out fully equipped physicians. In a short time we shall have facilities for giving the necessary requirements.*20LtMs, Ms 151, 1905, par. 9*

Suppose that for a time the students cannot be sent out as fully accredited physicians. They can work in connection with other physicians; and if they follow the Lord's guiding, such valuable opportunities will present themselves that they will gain a better experience perhaps than if they had gone out with a diploma. It is the man's real value that will give him standing room and influence. The nurse or physician who works with the Lord Jesus will gain success. Read the history of the children of Israel as given in the book of *Exodus*, and let each soul place himself fully on the Lord's side. The experience of the Israelites is to be considered by the people of God living in these last days.*20LtMs, Ms 151, 1905, par. 10*

God will give His presence and His grace to those who hearken to His voice and obey His commands. He will delight in all who reverence truth as a peculiar treasure. We must approach God feeling that we are sinners, and that His eyes are too pure to behold iniquity. We are to abhor everything that is opposed to God, putting away all unchristlike practices. We are to accept the yoke of Christ, asking Him to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and to help us perfect holiness in the fear of the Lord.*20LtMs, Ms 151, 1905, par. 11*

For a time after the warnings of God are given, if there is shown a careless, heedless disregard, the proving continues. The Lord bears long with the one who chooses his own way, giving him every

opportunity to repent. But His judgments will certainly fall on those who go on in hardness of heart. Man may take to himself might, but if that might is opposed to God, and used to forward transgression and injustice, God will certainly punish the transgressor. *20LtMs, Ms 151, 1905, par. 12*

Ms 152, 1905

Take Heed That Ye Be Not Deceived

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I thank the Lord for a good night's rest. I slept until three o'clock. I did not sleep much the night after the Sabbath; for during the night a very impressive scene passed before me. There seemed to be great confusion and the conflict of armies. A messenger from the Lord stood before me, and said, "Call your household. I will lead you; follow me." He led me down a dark passage, through a forest, then through the clefts of mountains, and said, "Here you are safe." There were others who had been led to this retreat. The heavenly messenger said, "The time of trouble has come as a thief in the night, as the Lord warned you it would come." *20LtMs, Ms 153, 1905, par. 1*

I awoke at twelve o'clock with such an impression on my mind as I shall never forget. *20LtMs, Ms 153, 1905, par. 2*

"Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for My name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." [*Matthew 24:6-14.*] *20LtMs, Ms 153, 1905, par.*

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“Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.”
[Verses 42-46.]*20LtMs, Ms 153, 1905, par. 4*

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Growing in Grace

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Ms 162, 1905

Our Work

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What is our work? It is to walk humbly with God. Those who have any connection with His institutions are to become more and more enlightened in regard to the sacred things that proceed from the lips of Christ. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth," He declares. "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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 1*

We have a most solemn work to do. We are to make every effort to proclaim the truth for this time. Through the ministration of Christ, a most intense interest is to be aroused in this truth. We are never to lose sight of the fact that it is by the ministration of Christ that this work is to be accomplished e is to work through His ministers in this, the great day of atonement. The Saviour gave His first disciples precious instruction to live by and the assurance of His abiding presence. "Lo, I am with you always," He said, "even unto the end of the world." [*Verse 20.*]*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 2*

We should be pleased to see special work done in Philadelphia and in Boston. Many souls will be converted if men and women will do the personal work that needs to be done. By means of workers who labor under the influence of the Holy Spirit, many souls will be brought to a knowledge of the truth.*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 3*

The Melrose Sanitarium

In regard to obtaining means, there are few places that have had so great advantages in their favor as the Melrose Sanitarium. True, a part of the main building of the institution was burned; but it was insured, and the material that was brought to Melrose when the sanitarium in South Lancaster was torn down can be used.*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 4*

There are places with which I am well acquainted where the workers are striving early and late, and in the face of great difficulties, to advance true medical missionary work and to establish small sanitariums, that the people of all classes may be reached.*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 5*

I cannot feel free to call the attention of our people to Melrose. I am instructed that we are now to make the work in Washington our first consideration. We have no time to lose. The importance of the work at the Capital of our nation demands that past negligence be atoned for by abundantly supplying the necessary means to erect the buildings that must be erected and equipped as quickly as possible. Shall we not make a representation corresponding with the importance of the situation. Unbelievers are placing their estimate on us as a people, and God requires us to complete speedily the work that He has outlined to be done in Washington.*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 6*

The Work in Washington

I have been given special light that it is not by erecting grand, expensive buildings that the cause of God is to be advanced and a correct impression made on minds, but by the erection of plain, substantial buildings. The money that the people of God give for the advancement of His work is not to be expended for display. The buildings erected in Washington are to be constructed on plain, substantial lines; and in their erection, the students who help with the work are to learn lessons of the thoroughness that is essential in character building.*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 7*

We call upon our brethren to make a specialty of the work in Washington. The publishing house must be erected, that the work of printing and sending out literature may be carried forward in

noble, straightforward lines. We are to reveal that the god of this world has not put out our spiritual eyesight. The work of building must go forward with self-sacrifice. To those connected with this work, I would say:*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 8*

“The unselfish love of Christ must be expressed in the work to be done in behalf of truth and righteousness. The Lord Jesus Christ has caused you to pass through a severe and trying experience in searching for a place in which to establish the publishing work, which He said should be removed from Battle Creek. The Lord led His servants; and they, not knowing whither they went, were guided by the angels of heaven. Recent developments show that they went to Washington none too soon, and that their selection of a place was in God’s order. We need not doubt that the site in Takoma Park was waiting for them.”*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 9*

We have seen evidence of the working of the Spirit of God in answer to prayer. In the order of God, men of His appointment were on hand at this important crisis, which is not yet ended. These men have labored with all their power to press back the influences of the power of darkness who is trying to bring in a law for the better observance of a day that has never been sanctified by God, but which, by man-made laws, has been given the place of the day that the Lord sanctified and blessed.*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 10*

The warfare is not to end where it is now; it is to be carried forward without fear. In the future, God’s power and authority are to be more distinctly seen, that those who love and fear and honor Him may say, “I know in whom I have believed.” [2 *Timothy 1:12.*]*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 11*

In this country and in foreign countries the cause of present truth is to make more rapid advancement than it has yet made. If our people will go forth in faith, doing whatever they can to make a beginning, and laboring in Christ’s lines, the way will be opened before them. If they will show the energy that is necessary in order to gain success, and the faith that goes forward unquestioningly in obedience to God’s command, rich returns will be theirs. They must go as far and as fast as possible, with a determination to do the very things that the Lord has said should be done. They must have

push and earnest, unwavering faith. I fear that there is a lack of the earnest effort that brings success.*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 12*

The members of the church of God should be more in earnest. The world must hear the warning message.*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 13*

To my brethren and sisters in all parts of the world, I would say: Be sure that truth and righteousness are exemplified in your life and character. Be sure that you are obeying the law of God, which denominates you as His chosen people.*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, 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; everyone 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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 15*

“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them; and on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it; because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made.” [*Genesis 2:1-3.*]*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 16*

“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 seventh day, and hallowed it.” [Exodus 20:8-11.]*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 17*

The law of God is to be vindicated. The Lord has appointed men to stand in vindication of this law. Let every soul who believes the truth consecrate himself to God, setting himself apart to work out the will of God, to honor and exalt His law. From the hearts of those who obey, wickedness will be expelled, and truth, sacred, refining, ennobling truth, will be revealed in their lives. Yielding to the divine claims, they will gain an experience that will enable them to honor God.*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 18*

There is a great work before us to be carried on in every church. Believers are to be thoroughly consecrated to God, rendering obedience to every jot and tittle of His holy law. Thus they will become laborers together with Him, filled with all the fulness of God. The self-important, selfish spirit, which leads men to strive for the mastery, is to be cast out of the soul. All unholy ambition is to be put aside.*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 19*

Wise counsellors are greatly needed now and will be greatly needed in the great work before us in every place where the gospel shall be preached in its fulness and sanctified purity. By harmonious, Christlike lives, God’s people are to honor Him. There are many bold professors whose lives are unsanctified. Their words and acts testify against them. The Lord has presented to me many things that will have to be brought home to the individual life. There are many whose inconsistent lives deny the faith. Now, just now, let the individual work. Now, just now, let each one decide to search his own heart, to humble himself, and to work in a way that will win souls to Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 20*

This is your work—to abhor that which is evil in yourselves, and walk worthy of the vocation whereunto 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 bonds of peace. There is one body, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all. The religion that shines through the medium of a thoroughly converted life will bring

souls to Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 21*

A Word of Warning

I wish to speak decidedly. It is not the plan of God for His church to arrange at any time to make a grand display in our cities on any occasion. The Lord is displeased and dishonored when His entrusted means is used in such displays. I was permitted to have the recent display presented to me, and I was instructed that the money used thus should have been used to relieve the situation of some who have lent means to our institutions and now need that means. There are those who lent means in good faith, but who, though they have called and pleaded for their money, have not been able to obtain it. Means borrowed from our people is to be returned when called for. I have borrowed money from my brethren and sisters to invest in the cause of God, but in every instance when this means have been called for, I have returned it. Often I had not the money in hand to do this, but I borrowed from some one else who wished to invest means in the work. Never have I failed to respond to a call for means that I had borrowed.*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 22*

The instruction given me is that we are to show our piety by our strict integrity in dealing with those who, when the cause was in need of means, have trusted us with loans of money. When these persons themselves get into a strait place, their money is always to be returned to them. If we show justice and judgment and mercy in our dealing, this will do more to leave a favorable impression on minds regarding the cause of God than any words that we might speak.*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 23*

Thus, through our good works, light will shine forth. Never are we to abuse the trust that any child of God has reposed in any one of His institutions. I am instructed to say that those who make God their guide must conscientiously discharge every obligation that they owe to others. Never are they to let a brother or a sister call for means loaned by them to the work and pay no heed to the call. God requires the borrower to show the strictest integrity. Truth is to be lived in the strictest verity by those who claim to keep the law of God.*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 24*

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It does not become the people who are living amidst the perils of these last days to be careless of their obligations to others. Christ declared to His disciples, “Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden underfoot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and place 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 5:13-16.*]*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 25*

What does Christ expect of His disciples but that they shall work in His vineyard. God has a divine claim on all who profess to be His followers. Christ has purchased us with the price of His blood, and He has taken us into sacred relationship with Himself, that those who claim to believe in Him shall receive of Him power to become the sons and daughters of God.*20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 26*

“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. 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 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. Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.” [*Revelation 14:6-*

12.]20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 27

This part of the experience of the people of God I have acted a part in. As a messenger of God, I have participated in giving to the people the special truths that are still being proclaimed. This great work we are to continue till the close of this earth's history. The message must go to every nation, tongue, and people. "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sin." [*Isaiah 58:1.*] The work specified in the *fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah* is to be carried forward with zeal, sanctified earnestness, and determination. There is a special work to be done, in which the people of God are to act a decided part.20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 28

All who shall seek to bring about an issue that is not in harmony with the truths that John was instructed to proclaim are out of line. The Lord would have all His people come into harmony in this sacred, solemn work which is so important and in which such tremendous issues are involved. The time has come to fear God and give glory to Him. He who binds himself up with any man, to glorify that man, will be misled, whatever may be his knowledge, his position, or his claims. Every man is to stand in his God-given responsibility, acting as he is moved by the Holy Spirit. He is not to be intimidated by human threatening; he is not to fear any human being who shall dare to oppress his fellow men. We are living in the time when the everlasting gospel is to be proclaimed, and this work is to claim our undivided attention. Everywhere we are to proclaim the message of truth, to every nation, kindred, 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 14:7.*]20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 29

As the Lord's messenger, I am to warn every one who has a part in the work not to give to erring man the honor that belongs only to God. I am charged to say that this has been done and that the Lord is greatly displeased. Men's minds have been leavened with human sophistry. The truth has been mingled with chaff. The theories by which some have been charmed originate with the one who in the garden of Eden deceived Adam and Eve. When those who have

accepted these theories see matters in the light in which God sees them, they will realize that they have a serious work to do in uprooting the fibers of these specious theories. Those who have felt that they have been doing a work of mercy in covering up the mistakes of the one who has been advancing these theories have sown seeds that are now yielding baleful fruit. And the end is not yet. *20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 30*

We are entering upon the time to which apply Christ's words, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men; for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues." [*Matthew 10:16, 17.*] Signs and miracles will be worked by those who have apostatized, but they are deceived by Satan. He is working through them, to deceive if possible the very elect. Those who will stand in the day of Christ's coming will be those who sustain every phase of the truth that has made us what we are—a people distinct from the world. *20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 31*

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I am instructed to say that the leading men in our institutions should make a much more favorable record than some have made in the past, or God will certainly bring them into judgment. It is wholly unacceptable to God for us to make a display in any line of our work. It is dishonoring to Him for His people to do for display that which piles debts upon His institutions. God requires truth in the inward parts. The church is pledged to honor God. When the members took part in the solemn rite of baptism, they took a solemn vow to be separate from the world and to live unto Christ, to be loyal and obedient to Him. They were buried with Christ in baptism, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. These three powers of heaven will be their strength and efficiency at all times if they are faithful to their baptismal vow. *20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 32*

"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.*] This is our privilege—to secure the blessings that come to all who receive Christ by faith. They live the new life; and through the power He bestows on them, they become sons and daughters of God. They live in holy union with Christ, justified and sanctified. *20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 33*

“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.*] We are God’s denominated people, and by solemn covenant we have taken upon ourselves certain obligations. The charge comes that we are in no wise to be inattentive. “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches.” [*Verse 22.*] We have placed ourselves under obligation to keep every precept of the law of God. Shall we not be loyal to the law of Jehovah? Only thus can we be subjects of His kingdom. *20LtMs, Ms 162, 1905, par. 34*

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Diary

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“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. Now is My soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify Thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.” [*John 12:26-28.*]*20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 1*

“Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way, yet saidst thou not, There is no hope; thou hast found the life of thy 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? I have not 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. When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take them; but he 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 stumbling block out of the way of My people. 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 57:10-15.*]*20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 2*

Upon this class the Lord has compassion. He says, Their course of action has grieved the Lord and grieved His people, yet if they will humble their hearts and confess and forsake their sins, I will not leave them to become the sport of Satan’s temptations.*20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 3*

“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 heal him, 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.]20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 4

“A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping and supplications of the children of Israel; for they have perverted their way, and they have forgotten the Lord their God. Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings.” [Jeremiah 3:21, 22.]20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 5

What is the response from the erring?—“Behold, we come unto Thee, for Thou art the Lord our God. Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains; truly in the Lord is the salvation of Israel. For shame hath devoured the labors of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us; for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.” [Verses 22-25.]20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 6

To this prayer of humility the Lord responds: “If thou wilt return, O Israel, ... return unto Me; and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of My sight, then shalt thou not remove. And thou shalt swear, The Lord liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in Him, and in Him shall they glory.” [Jeremiah 4:1, 2.]20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 7

“But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith My God, to the wicked.” [Isaiah 57:20, 21.]20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 8

Christ's miracles and the words that He spoke had a great influence upon the people, but the unbelieving Jews worked constantly to make His work severe and trying. Their continual misrepresentations proceeded from hearts unhumbled, lifted up in self-glorification. The Jewish leaders' powers to discern spiritual realities were perverted by the enemy of truth.*20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 9*

There are today those who are following the same path trodden by the Jews. Many, in the place of giving heed to the words Christ has spoken, are listening to fables and are gaining an experience entirely opposed to the teachings of Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 10*

Christ came to this world in the likeness of human flesh to live in our behalf a perfect life and to overcome the temptations by which we are beset. He came that humanity might be placed on vantage ground through His example of purity, nobility, and obedience. He came as our Redeemer, to save every fallen human being. To those who receive and believe on Him, He gives power to become the sons and daughters of God, enabling them to obey the principles of righteousness. His messengers, angels of light, are sent to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation. And Satan is on the ground, with the temptations that he employed in the garden of Eden to deceive Adam and Eve.*20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 11*

"Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you. While ye have the light believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. For he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth." [*John 12:35, 36.*] We have these lessons before us. Those who array themselves decidedly against Christ are under the control of the father of lies. "Though He had done so many miracles among them, yet believed they not on Him." [*Verse 37.*] If the great works that Christ did failed to convince the Jews of the divinity of His mission, we cannot suppose that the words spoken today by the ministers of Christ will convince of the importance of present truth those who have set their hearts to disobey or lead them in humble contrition of soul to confess their sins and become as God's little children.*20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par.*

At times it seems as if my heart would break, as I think of the so-called “higher science” theories that are coming in. Of these theories, Satan is the alpha and omega. Men are grasping sentiments that exalt man, placing him where God should be. *20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 13*

“And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, 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. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband, with her; and he did eat.” [*Genesis 3:1-6.*] *20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 14*

This same deceiving work is being carried on today by the originator of sin. He leads men to question the words of God. He presents flattering inducements to lead them into sin. It is God’s purpose that men and women shall be one with Christ, carrying out the will and way of God as His stewards. But evil angels come to them with Satan’s temptations, to work against God and His commandments. Ever since Satan was cast out of heaven, the powers of disobedience and transgression have been working to make the truth of no effect. *20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 15*

“John bare witness of Him, and cried, saying, This is He of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me; for He was before me; and of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.” [*John 1:15, 16.*] *20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 16*

Every one who imparts the grace that Christ gives becomes a blessing to his fellow men and prepares himself to be a channel through which Christ can communicate His rich grace. *20LtMs, Ms*

164, 1905, par. 17

“Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” [Verse 29.] Let those who desire to do a work as enduring as eternity magnify the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world. *20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 18*

I am charmed with the revelation of my Saviour given in the Word of God. Those who eat His flesh and drink His blood, those who make His Word a part of themselves, grow in grace. Christ looked upon a world subjected to the power of the enemy of all good. He saw men, endowed with powers for good, degraded by self-serving. Taking His stand in the highways of life, He sees their disappointment; He sees the busy crowds passing and repassing one another, in eager search for worldly riches, yet meeting failure after failure. He seeks to arrest their attention and to point them upward to the unseen world. With intense earnestness He cries, “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.” [Matthew 6:19-23.] *20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 19*

He sees multitudes mistaking phantoms for realities. He sees men who should be engaged in His service following delusions that will result in a succession of failures. He seeks to direct them heavenward. He declares that the highest good is where God is. He calls upon them to secure the treasure that will endure forever. He urges that they shall respect their own reasoning powers and not leave out of their reckoning that eternity of bliss which it is their privilege to gain. *20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 20*

Christ has paid the price of the salvation of the whole world. He requires the members of His church to live up to the faith they profess. He urges them to subordinate the world to its true place,

forbidding them to exhaust the powers of body, and mind, and soul, in an effort to secure worldly gain. All the capabilities of the being are to be subordinated to God, stamped with His image and superscription. "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.]*20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 21*

The Lord Jesus will give scope to the loftiest ideas of those who labor in connection with Him. Those to whom He has entrusted talents of means and influence must co-operate with the heavenly Father, regarding themselves as stewards of God's goods and trading faithfully on their talents. They are not to live for themselves, but for God, and they are to increase their Master's goods by putting them out to usury, using all their powers to increase the number that believe the truth. There are opened to them the gates of heavenly commerce, and they are offered the privilege of continually imparting and continually receiving the grace that Christ gives. This receiving and imparting gives security to our lifework. Thus we lay up treasure "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal." [*Matthew* 6:20.]*20LtMs, Ms 164, 1905, par. 22*

Ms 166, 1905

Aggressive Work to Be Done

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Last night I could not sleep past twelve o'clock. There is a heavy burden resting on my soul. After I awoke, I kept asking the Lord to impress the hearts of His people with the solemnity of the time in which they are living and with the necessity of making straight paths for their feet. Some who have long known the truth are confused by leaders who have been walking in false paths.*20LtMs, Ms 166, 1905, par. 1*

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," Christ declares. "No man cometh unto the Father but by Me." [*John 14:6*.] Those who have a living connection with Christ will reveal it by their works. "Faith without works is dead, being alone." [*James 2:17, 20*.]*20LtMs, Ms 166, 1905, par. 2*

We have reached an important chapter in our experience. We have advance movements to make. Straightforward work must be done. Faith without works is dead, unproductive of good. Faith works by love and purifies the soul; faith must be revealed and substantiated by works. There is a spurious faith, which does not work to the point, because the heart is decidedly opposed to the truth. Some may take comfort in the thought that God will number them with His people because they make a profession. We may have a measure of faith, a knowledge of the theory of truth, but unless self dies, unless we live Christ's life of obedience, our profession is worthless.*20LtMs, Ms 166, 1905, par. 3*

Nothing can take the place of obedience to a "Thus saith the Lord." Knowledge that does not lead to a practice of self-denial and self-sacrifice of Christ, but to self-exaltation and self-sufficiency, is opposed to practical godliness. God calls for obedience. Self-sufficiency in a family or an institution means great injury to the

work of God and to those who cherish it. True faith leads away from the selfish plans and self-pleasing that is contrary to God. Obedience, in order to be acceptable to God, must be the obedience that Christ ever offered to the Father. In response to the question, Who shall enter the kingdom of heaven? Christ says, "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven." [*Matthew 7:21.*] What must we do to inherit eternal life? The answer is, Keep the commandments. To the question, Who are the blessed? Christ answers, "Blessed are they who hear the word and do it." [*Luke 11:28.*] "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." "Without are dogs and sorcerers ... and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." [*Revelation 22:14, 15.*]*20LtMs, Ms 166, 1905, par. 4*

The theories that lead to unbelief in the Word of God, and to a lack of the faith that works by love and purifies the soul, are theories of the enemy. They may be very pleasing, and very attractive, but they develop into strange doctrines, which unsettle faith in the past experience and take away the foundation pillars. These theories have come in amongst us and have been a seductive power, robbing some of the faith that enables human beings to see where they are living in the history of the world. They are false theories, leading away from the truth into subtle errors.*20LtMs, Ms 166, 1905, 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." [*Verses 16, 17.*]*20LtMs, Ms 166, 1905, par. 6*

The giving of this message is our work in the world. Those of our people who are living in large centers such as Battle Creek would gain a precious experience if, with their Bibles in their hands and their hearts open to the impressions of the Holy Spirit, they would go forth to the highways and byways of the world with the message they have received. There is aggressive work to be done.

Evangelistic work, opening the Scriptures to others, warning men and women of what is coming upon the world, is to occupy the time of God's servants. *20LtMs, Ms 166, 1905, par. 7*

"I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things"—to lessen the force of their meaning—"God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book." [*Verse 18.*] Many will make the words of the Revelation a spiritualistic mystery, robbing them of their solemn import. God declares that His judgments shall fall with increased dreadfulness upon any one who shall try to change the solemn words written in this book, the Revelation of Jesus Christ. "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those sayings that are written therein; for the time is at hand." [*Revelation 1:3.*] "If any man shall take away from the words of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. He which testifieth these things, saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." [*Revelation 22:19, 20.*]*20LtMs, Ms 166, 1905, par. 8*

"Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey?" [*Romans 6:16.*] Study these words. Study the instruction found in *Matthew 25:14-46*. Compare this instruction with your life record. Let every man put away his boasting. Self-sufficiency is a fearfully dangerous thing for any one to entertain. It leads men to make of no effect the words of Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 166, 1905, par. 9*

Let us walk in the footsteps of Christ, in all the humility of true faith. Let us put away all self-trust, committing ourselves, day by day and hour by hour, to the Saviour, constantly receiving and imparting His grace. I beg those who profess to believe in Christ to walk humbly before God. Pride and self-exaltation are an offense to Him. "If any man will come after Me," Christ declares, "let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [*Matthew 16:24.*] Those only who obey this word will He recognize as His believing ones. "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.” [John 1:12, 13.]*20LtMs, Ms 166, 1905, par. 10*

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.” [Verse 14.] O wonderful condescension. The Prince of heaven, the Commander of the heavenly hosts stepped down from His high position, laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown, and clothed His divinity with humanity, that He might become the divine teacher of all classes of men and live before human beings a life free from all selfishness and sin, setting them an example of what, through His grace, they may become.*20LtMs, Ms 166, 1905, par. 11*

“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.” [Verse 14.] Praise God for this wonderful statement. The possibilities that it presents seem almost too great for us to grasp and put to shame our weakness and our unbelief. I praise God that I can see my Saviour by faith. My soul grasps the great gift. Our only hope in this life is to reach forth the hand of faith and grasp the hand outstretched to save. “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” [Verse 29.] If we would look away from self to Jesus, making Him our guide, the world would see in our churches a power that it does not now see.*20LtMs, Ms 166, 1905, par. 12*

Ms 168, 1905

Warnings Against Binding Our Medical Institutions Together By Contracts

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In the night season I have had visions of the work of God and of how that work should be carried on. I do not give testimonies to individuals, only as the Lord presents the case before me in a clear representation. There are some things that I am charged to understand, that I may know what advice and counsel to give. Representations have been given me of the work that has been done under the seducing influence of satanic agencies, through the influence of mind upon mind, and I have given many warnings; for the situation was clearly opened up before me in vision.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 1*

I would never make the statements of that which the Lord has revealed to me in the day time, and more frequently in the night, of the work going on in various places, unless charged to do this in approval or disapproval. For years a work has been carried on that is not according to the commandments of God, and I must bear testimony regarding these things.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 2*

Read the *tenth chapter of Acts*. I am instructed in ways similar to the way in which those mentioned in this chapter were instructed. In vision I am shown what I should speak. This is repeated again and again.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 3*

I was shown in vision that a document would be sent to Australia for doctors and other sanitarium workers to set their names to. I was shown the result, the outcome of signing such documents, and I was warned that our brethren should not attach their names to them; for this would prove a yoke of bondage and a snare.*20LtMs,*

Ms 168, 1905, par. 4

When I awoke from this vision given me, my flesh was as cold as marble, and for a time I lay still, unable to communicate with any one. I feared that I was dying, and yet I had messages that the angel of God had given me to give to our people, ministers and physicians. I asked the Lord to spare my life until I could give the warning to His people. In the words given to Isaiah, I was to “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 58:1.20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 5

Again and again, as on this occasion, very much light was given me in the visions of the night. I was to speak to Dr. Braucht, to Dr. Caro, and to Brother Sharp. These were within reach.
20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 6

As I lay there, I had called and called for help, but no one heard me, and I lay there until early morning. Then I told members of my family to send for Dr. Caro and Brother Sharp. I must see them at once. I thought at first that it was my dying charge.
20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 7

Early in the morning they came to my room, and I told them the message that I had received in the visions of the night and what they must do. They must be on guard, and they must not put their signature to those papers. These men can bear testimony to the words I gave them in warning.
20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 8

In a few days the message came and was read by these brethren, just as I had told them, that the documents that would be sent were not to receive their signatures; for it meant placing a yoke upon their necks, placing them to be worked by another’s mind.
20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 9

Then again, I have been shown in vision the case of Dr. Kellogg, his long searching into scientific problems, when, I was instructed, he would better have been humbling his soul before God. I was shown the angel of evil close by his side, teaching him to seduce other souls. And this art of seducing has been exercised by him and will increase unless he is soundly converted.
20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905,

par. 10

The Lord has presented to me in vision Dr. Reed and Dr. Paulson; and again and again I have had visions regarding other men, of which I will not now stop to give the particulars.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 11*

When I was in Takoma Park, living in Carroll House, many things were presented to me in vision, one of them a committee meeting held during the night hours in the Battle Creek Sanitarium. That meeting was conducted by Dr. Kellogg. Many of the physicians were present, and W. C. White, having been sent for to attend a special council, was reined up in this committee meeting. O what agony of mind I suffered as I was viewing the way in which Dr. Kellogg conducted that meeting. I may sometime describe it, but not now.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 12*

I have told Willie that if ever plans were made for him to go into another night session with Dr. Kellogg, and I knew it, I would certainly exercise all the power God would give me to break up such an interview. Evil angels were there, and if the physicians present had had their true senses about them, they would have understood the spirit and influence of the actions of Dr. Kellogg and of the words spoken by him on that occasion.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 13*

This was a vision given me of God. I know the seducing power of Dr. Kellogg's adviser, and I have no other name to give it but the seductive influence of satanic agencies. Dr. Kellogg has dealt in this influence to a greater or less degree. He has not changed, except to be more secretive. I have not one ray of hope regarding him, unless he understands that through satanic agencies he is striving for power over human minds. This has been shown me.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 14*

Read in *Patriarchs and Prophets* and *Great Controversy* the history of the first great apostasy. The instruction that these books contain was printed for your admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. It was this secretive power of the scientific operation of mind upon mind that I had to meet under the direction of the Spirit of God. I am so sorry that so many valuable minds have been

already spoiled. There are those who will never come out of the darkness of infidelity through his seed sowing.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 15*

I have been sorry that I ever asked Elder A. T. Jones to try to save Dr. Kellogg. I was trying with all my power in prayer to save him. I told Brethren Reed, Paulson, and A. T. Jones that the enemy, through Dr. Kellogg, had been weaving his deceptive influence over their minds. This deceptive spiritualistic influence exercised over God's servants was similar to the influence that was exercised by Satan in the garden of Eden.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 16*

A study of *Patriarchs and Prophets* and *Great Controversy* will show the way in which Satan worked. That men living in these last days, with the Old and New Testaments in their possession, should act out the very same representation, as shown me in warnings and reproofs given me in vision for our people, is wonderfully strange to me. What is the use, I asked myself, to try to make men see, after all the evidence that God has given them in all the publications that the Lord has given me to publish to the world.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 17*

Before the General Conference of 1901, the Lord gave me a special vision, telling me to go to Battle Creek, for I could help Dr. Kellogg. I went to Battle Creek and bore my testimony. Prior to the three first messages that I bore, in which I gave the special light that the Lord had given me, I had no conversation with Dr. Kellogg in regard to the situation in Battle Creek or upon any religious subjects at all.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 18*

The power of God came upon me, and I bore the messages God had given me to bear. There was a great and good work done.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 19*

I was staying in Dr. Kellogg's house—his family was in another home—and one day, after I had spoken under the influence of the Spirit of God, he came to my room; and as he stood warming himself by the steam coils, he said, "I am delivered. In the past it has seemed as if there were a band of iron about my brain, but that band is broken." I rejoiced with him. He said, "While you were speaking today, my brother Willie, who sat beside me, turned to me

and, with tears running down his face, said, 'Sister White speaks under the inspiration of the Spirit of God.' I was sure that this was so, and the whole congregation felt this. The remarks that were made by [you] thrilled me through and through." *20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 20*

I believed that Dr. Kellogg was indeed converted. But near the close of our stay in Battle Creek, a paper was brought in for my inspection, to which the names were to be attached. I was lying on my bed at the time; for I was much worn. I had borne up under the great taxation. When I saw this document, my heart sank like lead. I knew that while I was in Australia, I had had a vision regarding a similar document, which I was instructed our brethren were not to sign. They were in no case to bind themselves under the obligations therein specified. *20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 21*

It was revealed to me that either party could be oppressive, but neither party was to make themselves a prey for the enemy. Again the Lord had presented to me in the visions of the night that not one sanitarium should be brought under the obligations expressed in that paper, for the Spirit of the Lord had not led to the forming of such a document. It is to never be; for unless the sanitarium in Battle Creek has a thoroughly converted, sanctified manager, there would be very strange things take place; for our leading men are becoming estranged from Bible truth. Dr. Kellogg knows not what is the truth. He is walking in false paths, and his example the Lord will not accept. I have had light given me that this is not the end of the matter. Souls will be seduced into errors and go a warfare at their own charges. I am instructed to warn our brethren and sisters: Battle Creek managers need first to be under control to God before they feel competent to manage other institutions. *20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 22*

This document was brought again for our approval after I supposed that Dr. Kellogg was converted. I felt afraid, distressed. I decidedly objected to one stroke of the pen's being put to any such document. While lying exhausted on the bed, that same paper was again presented. I had no physical or mental strength left in me. Elder Prescott, Elder Daniells, and W. C. White were present. I said, "You should bring no such papers before me. I am in a state of great

exhaustion. You brethren know what I have said, and my position is unchanged.”*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 23*

They said they wished to read it to me.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 24*

I said, “No; I cannot hear it. You must not urge me.” I said, “I have promised Judge Arthur that I would call on him before leaving, and I must now do this.” I felt that I must get out of the house. There was then but a short time before we had to take the train. I called on Judge Arthur. He was sick. I said, “I cannot talk much, but I will have a season of prayer with you if it would be agreeable.”*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 25*

He said that was just what he wanted. He sent to the school for his children, and they came. We bowed in prayer and the blessing of the Lord came upon us. I felt the power of God in a marked manner. We all felt it. Judge Arthur got up from that sick bed, healed.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 26*

We then went to the cars, and as soon as I was seated I felt that the special canopy of God was over me. Through the entire journey to Indianapolis I was shut in with God. In the night season the Lord gave me a vision of the dangers of the same persons I had previously mentioned in a meeting in the college building—some who had been advocating the doctrine of holy flesh. I never bear any such testimony unless a vision is given me in representation and words are spoken to me to be spoken to the one whom the Lord has presented before me. I saw some things which evidenced that my testimony regarding some things must be spoken then and there. I spoke just as the Lord had directed me to, saying that a spirit of fanaticism had come in and would certainly spoil the churches and the camp-meetings that would be held unless those who were cherishing that spirit were converted. The doctrines that these people were advocating were similar to those that I was called to rebuke in my first labors. I then had an experience in meeting spiritualistic sentiments after the period of 1844.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 27*

I was shown that I must present before the brethren and sisters in Indianapolis matters which I presented in New Hampshire and

Vermont, Boston and New Bedford. In my first labors I had testimonies to bear regarding fanaticism in many places. The Spirit of the Lord was in the meetings held.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 28*

From Indianapolis we went to Des Moines. I bore the message the Lord gave me in the night season. I was shown that the enemy would make every effort possible to keep up divisions among God's people. I gave the brethren the message God had given me for them, and we had a very earnest meeting. I told them they must humble themselves; that they must come to God, confessing their own sins; that the Lord would have them give up their hard feelings against Dr. Kellogg. The Lord was moving upon Dr. Kellogg to come into line, and we must all help him. The Lord was moving just as surely upon our church members. I told them that all this disunion and jealousy and evil surmising must be put away, and they must come into working order with Dr. Kellogg and he with them. The wrongs were not all on one side. There was a mutual work to be done. Those who had not received the principles of health reform that the Lord had presented before His people were doing God dishonor. They were injuring themselves and hindering the message God had given regarding health reform.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 29*

This message of the need of health reform had been clearly presented to me at a time when I was an invalid. God then presented to me the subjects which are contained in *How to Live*. I changed my course, gave up the use of flesh meat, and lived on simple, nourishing food. Instruction was also given me that drug medication must not come into our sanitariums. There were simple herbs that could be used, which would not leave any injurious aftereffects on the system. The use of water in case of sickness meant work, and it meant healing.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 30*

The principles of healthful living were given me directly from the Lord, and it was God's purpose that His people should realize the great blessings that would come from obeying these principles; but there were among us some who had not received these principles, and who had opposed those advocating them, and they were working against reforms that the Lord had brought in.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 31*

I bore these testimonies in Indianapolis, in Des Moines, and in College View. I said all possible to bring about unity, and to prevent our people from pulling apart, declaring that the Lord would have unity prevail. Afterward letters came to me saying that Dr. Kellogg was kindly received and that nothing seemed to be standing in the way of unity.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 32*

I will here state that when I found that Dr. Kellogg was pushing the work of binding our sanitariums and treatments rooms to one association, I knew what to expect. The Lord had said in vision, "Dr. Kellogg is My physician, and you can help him." But Dr. Kellogg would not receive the testimonies sent by God. He had stood as did Solomon, following a course of action that God has forbidden. Truth will triumph in every soul that will give it the right of way.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 33*

The representation of the work done at College View by Dr. Kellogg gave me distress and pain. I have the matter all written out. On one occasion when my burden of soul was great concerning matters, that were opened before me in Australia, of things which had taken place in Battle Creek concerning College View, Dr. Kellogg went over the whole recital of matters. There were things I was instructed should be adjusted in business transactions, but Dr. Kellogg was very calm through the transaction, for had he not a document in his pocket that these men with whom he was dealing had signed? Could he not carry everything by appealing to law? This is one of the reasons why those who understood the proceedings of Dr. Kellogg on that occasion were not much excited, for they knew just how the matter would turn.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 34*

But in the visions of the night this matter was presented to me as a matter that in no case should be repeated, because the Lord would not have any matter treated in this way among the church members of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. His people are to carry on their business transactions in a way altogether different from the way in which business matters are carried on by worldlings. In every case we are to act according to a high, holy, sanctified rectitude. Not one vestige of oppression or selfishness is to come in to any of our churches. All business transactions are to be performed in accordance with the law given by the great Ruler of

the universe. We are to show no unrighteousness in judgment; and before any man who is in a responsible position shall feel at liberty to carry out a business transaction, he should inquire: Is this transaction of such a character that I shall not be ashamed to have it appear in the day of judgment, when the law in the ark shall be brought forth and my deeds compared with the words the Lord gave to Moses while he was forty days in the mount? Is this transaction according to the ten holy precepts engraved by the finger of Omnipotence? It is best to make this inquiry now before the words of (*Revelation 22:10-12*) shall be spoken. This instruction has been given me on similar occasions when the law of Jehovah has been discarded because the man who moves unjustly is sustained by the lawyer's interpretation of the law. There is a law that shall judge every man according to God's standard. His holy precepts are without a flaw.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 35*

That room in which these things were transacted has its record to present when every man's case shall be tried by a law emanating from the mind of Jehovah. All our actions are weighed in scales that are unerring. This was presented to me. I spoke of that meeting which was unjust and greatly displeasing to God. The day is coming when those present at that meeting will see the transactions that there took place clearly defined in the light of God's law.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 36*

In a conversation Dr. Kellogg presented his vindication of the course he had taken. Then I knew the man did not yet understand the words and ways and works of God. I said, "I have no strength to say anything to you. When the Lord shall give me a representation varying from what I have written you, I will surely let you know it."*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 37*

Later I met Dr. Kellogg at my home in St. Helena, and he repeated his statements of the matter without retraction or confession and in contradiction of the light God has given me. Willie was present. I said to Dr. Kellogg, "I have no change to make in my testimony. Let God be true and every man a liar." Those were my last words to him.*20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 38*

God has vouchsafed mercy to all who err. In His great love

wherewith He was loved us, He pardons the transgressions of all who will humble themselves and confess their sins. *20LtMs, Ms 168, 1905, par. 39*

Ms 170, 1905

Talk/Marriage and the Christian Home

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This is an important period in the history of the ones who have stood before you to unite their interests, their sympathies, their love, their labor with each other in the ministry of the saving of souls. In the marriage relation there is a very important step taken—the blending of two lives into one.*20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 2*

I am highly gratified with this choice. I have confidence that the Lord sanctions this union, and that it is in accord with the will of God that man and wife should be linked together in His work, to carry it forward in a wholeness and a holiness. They can do this.*20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 3*

The blessing of God in the home where this union shall exist is as the sunshine of heaven, because it is the Lord’s ordained will that man and wife should be linked together in holy bonds of union, under Jesus Christ, with Him to control, and His Spirit to guide, His Holy Spirit to listen to the petitions that shall come up to Him—where two or three, He says, are together, I am in their midst.*20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 4*

God wants the home to be the happiest place on earth, the very symbol of the home in heaven. Bearing the marriage responsibilities in the home, linking their interests with Jesus Christ, learning upon His arm and His assurance, husband and wife may share a happiness in this union that angels of God commend.*20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 5*

Marriage does not lessen their usefulness, but strengthens it. They

may make that married life a ministry to win souls to Christ; and I know whereof I speak, because for thirty-six years my husband and myself were united, and we went everywhere that the Lord said, *Go.20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 6*

In this matter we know that we have the commendation of God in the marriage relation. Therefore it is a solemn ordinance. It has always seemed so very inappropriate to me to see the marriage ordinance associated with hilarity and glee and a pretense of something. No, it is an ordinance ordained of God, to be looked upon with the greatest solemnity. As the family relation is formed here below, it is to give demonstration of what they shall be, the family in heaven above. The glory of God is ever to be made first.*20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 7*

And now I can at this time take by the hand this our brother whom we love in the Lord—he has our confidence; and we take by the hand you, his wife, and urge you to carry on the work of God unitedly. I would say, Make God your counselor. Blend, blend together. You each have an identity of your own, but in that identity there must be a unity. There is constantly to be a development of the faculties that God has given you, that you may improve, improve, and that you may indeed be looked upon by the heavenly angels with commendation. We care more for that than everything else besides. Let the light of heaven shine right in the home—and we believe it will—in every word and in every action.*20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 8*

You are not called to give up your identity; you each have an identity of your own. These may not always run in the very same channel, and yet there may be that blending that God required. The husband is the houseband, the husband, the priest of the household; and the wife is the teacher, as she shall fill her place in the household, whatever may be her employment. If she has children to nurse and take care of, let me tell you there is a lesson there, O such a lesson, that God wants every one to learn. The wife, united with the husband in the fear of God, is to be a strength and power in the church. God can make them thus. Well, then, how shall they blend? Counsel together. And if there be any difference of opinion, yet we would say, Counsel together, and the blessing of

God will come right into the heart.*20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 9*

Christ was at the marriage in Cana. There He worked the miracle of turning the water into wine. Our Saviour ever honored the marriage relation, and we want to say, wherever you may be, and whatever your circumstances may be, we have a God, One who loves us, One whom we can honor. If we would honor Him, our lips should ever speak in wisdom. Here is the wife, the queen of the home—the blessing of God can rest upon her that she may be a sunshine, a sunbeam in the house. Never, never, in any way, speak in a manner that would irritate. The voice is a talent; it is a talent of God. It is to be so cultivated that it will bring peace and harmony and light and love.*20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 10*

Here are these who are covenanted to the work of God. A great work is before us. Where their ministry will be we cannot say; but unitedly they can carry forward the work much better than separately. They can help one another; they can encourage one another; they can be a blessing to one another; and the Holy Spirit of God can rest on them, as they bear the ministry to those who shall need their help. Both have an experience in this line; both feel an intense interest to cultivate the ability of talents which God has given to them to the very best and highest account; and if they are connected with the God of heaven, what a power they can be unitedly to blend together, to strengthen one another, and to carry forward the work of God intelligently.*20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 11*

I am very thankful today that I believe the Lord is present in this very assembly to accept this ordinance of marriage; and we thank you all that are here that you are present. We want to say to every one of you, There is a very great and a very grand work before us. We cannot discern it now. Time steals on, steals on so gradually, and the powers of darkness, like a thief, are watching their chance, that they may make all the evil possible.*20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 12*

Now we are as men and women to stand in our allotted place, with the whole armor of righteousness on. To him that, what?—give up to the powers of darkness, and yields to every influence?—No; 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. Now here is the work of overcoming. These do not give up this work, but they are blended together, to strengthen themselves in the work, and to go wherever the light of heaven shall shine upon their pathway.*20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 13*

We believe God will lead them; therefore we are fully in harmony with this unity, and we believe heaven is in harmony with it. Therefore, these young people that have worked in the cause of God, that have tried to do His work, can now double their influence, increase their capabilities and their talents, by blending in the work of God. It is not a less work that is before them, but it is a higher, it is a more sacred, it is a more important work that they will have to do in the future than in the past; and may the blessing of God rest upon them right here.*20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 14*

I feel that it would be a privilege for me to bow, right here in this company, and plead with the Lord that His blessing may go with them. I know not when I shall see them again; perhaps never after I leave here. I am in my seventh-eighty year, and yet God has spared my life. There is a great work for us to perform, and I want that every one of us shall feel the importance of laying hold of that work intelligently, with hand put to hand, mind to mind, strength to strength, power to power, to carry forth the work of God, to seek and to save perishing souls. A little longer, and He that is to come will come, and will not carry. I want to offer a prayer here in this congregation before I shall leave:*20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 15*

(Praying) My gracious heavenly Father, I come to Thee at this time because Thou hast invited us. Thou has said, Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. Now, my heavenly Father, I ask Thee, when difficulties and trials and opposition that they may have to meet in the work shall come, may they remember this threefold representation—asking, seeking, knocking—with the assurance that they shall be heard, and that the blessing of God will come to them.*20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 16*

We believe Thee, our Lord Jesus; we trust in Thee. We are so grateful that Thou hast thought upon us, and that Thou hast left the

heavenly courts, and that Thou hast come to our world to connect with humanity, that humanity might connect with Divinity, through believing in Thee. Oh, my heavenly Father, sweep back every mist and every cloud of darkness, that it may not interpose between this people and the promises which Thou hast made to them. Thou hast given Thy life—a life of suffering, great suffering and abuse, and oh, at last, at last, Thy body was nailed to the tree, and by crucifixion Thou hast died. Now, my Saviour, we want kept before us the great love that Thou hast manifested to us, that we might repose in Thy love.*20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 17*

Let Thy blessing rest, we pray Thee, upon Dores; let it rest upon Ella; and we ask Thee that Thou wouldst take charge of them, that Thy Holy Spirit would rest upon them. May they have an eye single to Thy glory, and may they bear in mind Thy words, He that will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. Oh, when oppressed, when weighed down, open the clear light that the sunshine of Thy glory may shine upon them, and that they indeed may reflect Thy light to the world. The light that Thou shalt give them may they impart.*20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 18*

I ask Thee, Lord, that this congregation that is here this evening may realize the presence of God, our Saviour, with the crown of life presented before us; and encouraging us to put on the whole armor of God, and to fight the battles of the Lord, and be prepared that when He shall come in His glory, they may say, Lo, this is our God, we have waited for Him, and He will save us.*20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 19*

Bless this people; bless this sanitarium; let the glory of God be revealed; let the light of heaven shine upon them here; and may prosperity attend the medical missionary work. We pray Thee to sanctify the people and those that shall come here; Thou, the mighty Healer, canst help them, Thou canst save them, if they will give their hearts to Thee. We ask Thee to let Thy power and Thy blessing rest upon the people. Encircle them in the arms of Thy mercy, and love them freely. Oh, my Saviour, my Savior, who is like unto Thee? None, none that can save to the uttermost but Thee. We give ourselves to Thee this evening. Wash away our sins;

cleanse us in the blood of the Lamb; and may we be present when the family shall assemble in the kingdom of God and we become members of the royal family and children of the heavenly King; and then we shall strike the golden harp and fill all heaven with music and songs to the Lamb.*20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 20*

We give ourselves to Thee this evening. Accept us as Thy denominated people, and Thy name shall have all the glory. Amen.*20LtMs, Ms 170, 1905, par. 21*

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I have been instructed to say to all, Will you learn of the great Teacher? Will you drink of the pure waters of Lebanon, or will you drink of the murky human channel and communicate human theories? Do these satisfy the soul? "It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God." [*John 6:45.*] Then if the human agent will accept this higher education, he will not become subject to the fickle changes of men. Human judgment is not infallible.*20LtMs, Ms 171, 1905, par. 1*

"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." *John 6:45-47.* How many really and genuinely believe, as little children believe in their earthly parents?*20LtMs, Ms 171, 1905, par. 2*

"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 a man eat of this bread," meaning spiritual life of Jesus Christ, "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." *Verses 48-56.20LtMs, Ms 171, 1905, par. 3*

We ask of those who are teaching the truth, Have you been living this oneness with Christ Jesus? I feel alarmed as I see so many striving to make themselves prominent. In doing this they turn others from Christ to human agencies; and because there is a failure in the human agencies to bring about wonderful things, they would be continually making changes, developing and then retrograding. When you build not on your own mighty agency, but on the Book, there will be, when you assemble, much more praying for divine teaching than crowding in such a great store of human wisdom which does not fulfil the words of Christ.*20Lts, Ms 171, 1905, par. 4*

“These things said He in the synagogue, as He taught in Capernaum. Many therefore of His disciples, when they heard this, said, This is a hard saying; who can hear it?” *Verses 59, 60.* Who can receive it? I am instructed to say there are some Bible teachers who have the same thoughts in their hearts. They have not an abiding Christ. They have theories, but not a living experience; therefore they are in spiritual starvation because they do not eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God. “He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him.” [*Verse 56.*] There are many who are very active, full of zeal where and when they desire to do something, but are they in Christ and Christ in them? Are they patient in seeking to know the will of Christ and studying His life and His character? He is the light of heaven that has come into our world, and we must be like Christ if we shall ever be so highly favored as to see Him as He is. There is a clear understanding, a clear, sanctified perception of what it means to cooperate with Christ, to be in partnership with the Light of the world, catching the bright beams of the Sun of righteousness and, divested of every selfish motive, becoming one with Christ. Thus work out your own salvation upon sure and never-failing lines, with fear and with trembling, “for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” [*Philippians 2:12, 13.*]*20Lts, Ms 171, 1905, par. 5*

It is not what man of himself can do, but what Christ can do as they work together in partnership. You work out daily that which Christ works in. You are to communicate that which will make you a light-bearer to the world. You become God’s human helping hand in

medical missionary work. The true idea is co-operation, which means that the human powers are under subordination to the spirit, the mind, the will, the methods of Christ. As Christ was entirely dependent on the Father, you must be dependent on Christ Jesus and not swell out in your human supposed efficiency. We are all little children in comparison with the Great Teacher, and we are to be apt learners. *20LtMs, Ms 171, 1905, par. 6*

Christ has said that what He saw the Father do He did also in His mission and work. We are here below as learners of Christ, when we accept Christ entirely as our Saviour, submerging our will in Christ's will, having no will of our own—for our will is altogether untrustworthy. Believe, my brethren and my sisters, believe that He will do this work with power in and through you, if you do not hinder the Lord Jesus by getting in His way and gathering up a whole burden of human theories you consider very wise, but which hinder His pure, correct working out of heavenly principles. Unless you see your mistakes, He cannot work with you; and you are obliged to work alone. And what perplexities you bring into the work! It is not a genuine, stable work, and your supposed helpfulness is a continual working against Christ's methods. "He that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad." [*Matthew 12:30.*] Take time to pray. It pays always to get down off your stilts of self-knowledge and self-righteousness and come as a little child to Christ. Feel and do just as He has invited you: "Learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [*Matthew 11:29.*]*20LtMs, Ms 171, 1905, par. 7*

If you would first learn of Jesus before you attempt to teach others, we should see the good fruit and take courage. Fellowship with Christ means a great deal to us in our religious experience, and I have a word from the Lord Jesus to the churches. "The anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, ... even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him." [*1 John 2:27.*] This must be the lesson to be learned, to undo all you suppose needs to be undone in order to work successfully. Undo your individual self, every one of you. Open the heart to Christ and crucify self and self-importance, which is closing the door to Jesus. Have you received the Holy Spirit? Have you been under the guidance of Christ Jesus?*20LtMs, Ms 171, 1905, par. 8*

If you are learning of Christ, you will be imparting constantly that which you receive in much prayer and sure faith at the footstool of the throne of God and the Lamb, from whence flows the life-giving waters. Then give expression to your thanksgiving to God because He has helped you to see that you were a little child. Never, never encourage that ruling authority. That education which leads men to honor men and depend on men dishonors God and enfeebles your whole religious experience. "When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples murmured at it, He said unto them, Doth this offend you? What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where He was before?" *John 6:61, 62*. He would convey to them that He would receive greater honor than He now claimed as being the bread of life. What will you say when I shall ascend up where I 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." *Verse 63.20LtMs, Ms 171, 1905, par. 9*

What is needed in our council meetings, in our church ministry? Mistakes are often made in supposing success means a storm of music and great and wonderful discourses. There is much in such exercises that makes a great showing, but have the workers walked humbly with God? Why do they feel dissatisfied at no special results? Oh, because they have not been coming into the secret chambers of the Most High and confessing their mistakes and errors and weeping out their hard hearts. There has not been much repentance. You may storm at some defect you see in others, when far worse defects abide in your own mind, words and expression of unchristlike character. The emotional element may be stirred, but where is the fruit thereof? Sitting at the feet of Jesus, learning of Christ His will, and feasting upon His words, they become a wellspring of the water of life, refreshing all that they come in connection with. *20LtMs, Ms 171, 1905, par. 10*

The Lord would have us as little children look to Him and trust in His love and have that faith that works by love and purifies the soul. You will not be in any way prepared to join the heavenly choir above unless you can sing the precious songs of praise and thanksgiving from the heart. Life in Christ Jesus makes you a true, humble, devoted Christian. How long shall we remain in darkness before the Christian church will learn that its efficiency is in

submission and sweet communion with Jesus Christ in God the Father, and that as they go forth from the Father and the Son, having sweet communing with the heavenly agencies, they have a soul full of precious, heavenly blessings to communicate to the church. *20LtMs, Ms 171, 1905, par. 11*

The world will become acquainted with the works you do, not by the profession you make. When will every individual member of the church become the helping hand of God in all missionary endeavors? Our whole body of believing Seventh-day Adventists wants to be turned squarely around, to be “looking unto Jesus” [*Hebrews 12:2*], and by beholding becoming changed into His image. It is not feeling a good emotion that will last and bear the strains of difficulties and disappointment of suffering and pain. What influence have these had upon my life? *20LtMs, Ms 171, 1905, par. 12*

The preaching of the gospel by the most earnest expositor of the truth of the Word must be received into good and honest hearts and heard with a receptive spirit. Have you received the leaves plucked for you and brought to you for the healing of your soul maladies? Have you taken the Word, digested the Word, and have you received new ideas by the impression of the Holy Spirit upon the heart? Do you see Christ our Saviour full of compassion and love for all needy perishing souls? Do you see that you have a part to act with Christ to express that same divine sympathy and tenderness for souls that you long to reach? Upon your knees before God, plead with all the earnestness that it is possible for you to gather, that you can bear some fruit in winning souls to Jesus Christ. *20LtMs, Ms 171, 1905, par. 13*

If the church does no better than the world in soul-saving and in the work of overcoming, then they are in no way better than the world. They have not life in themselves. Their light is going out or gone out if they ever had any. Where there is a demonstration of religious zeal, there will be life and earnestness. Expression of character in words is a power of talent all may acquire if they will feel their need of working in companionship with the great Medical Missionary. You need not exalt self. You need not act the commander. But love and fear God, and you will see fruit to the glory of God. Thus will you

advance by obtaining a rich experience in expression of character in your efforts to use your God-given ability in the very meekest way and to act wholeheartedly in love and devotion to God.*20LtMs, Ms 171, 1905, par. 14*

How many are ready to die, and you do not help them to live through, saying, "Behold"—not me, but—"Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." [*John 1:29.*] Without any climbing up into places of authority, you can by actions demonstrate your faithful service. If the Corneliuses that are outside the church do the work Christ demands, then their religious life is recommended of God as ones who should have advancement, and God will take such ones into covenant relation with Himself.*20LtMs, Ms 171, 1905, par. 15*

Let all church members consider: Are you increasing in Christian development? Do you learn of One who is meek and lowly of heart, or are you provoked that you do not have such success in fruit-bearing as some souls who have far less ability, but who are deeply grateful that they have a chance to improve their talents? There can be no growth of power without using the faculties of the soul. Christ comes right with you, and says, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:20.*]*20LtMs, Ms 171, 1905, par. 16*

Christian benevolence grows with the exercise of the gift of giving. The Lord said to His disciples just before He left them, "Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall see Me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you." *John 13:33.* The Lord sees all the danger, and how tenderly He uttered the words "little children." They may safely put their trust in Him as little children, imitating the example of Christ, especially His humility, condescension, and kindness; and in believing in His merits, in His love toward them, and in His declarations to them; and in obeying His Word and keeping His commandments. Christ does not want any who claim to believe in Him to injure their influence to speech or action, for they dishonor Him and put Him to shame and bring reproach upon His name. Love for Christ is evidenced in love for those who believe in Jesus Christ, especially when leading men become exalted and would advocate a ruling,

dominating power over others. Leading men will in their wisdom, which is foolishness, reveal they are in no condition to command or to be honored; for they have dishonored themselves in their supposed superiority. Their wisdom stands forth as foolishness.*20LtMs, Ms 171, 1905, par. 17*

Christ is speaking to those who have had evidence of His Messiahship. “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 shall 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.” *John 6:38-40.20LtMs, Ms 171, 1905, par. 18*

Here is faith. Then comes in the natural man, the unconverted man. “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?” *Verses 41, 42.* In our day we see the same darkness that existed when Christ in person came into our world at His appointed time. “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.” *Verses 43, 44.20LtMs, Ms 171, 1905, par. 19*

Read this chapter and then believe humbly as a little child. If you will humble yourselves to learn and receive instruction as little children, each seeing to help each other to understand, what a flood of light would burst in upon us! But those who ought to be learning suppose they may be teaching and are persistent that others shall learn of them in the place of going to the great Teacher and letting the Word He has spoken be studied and appreciated.*20LtMs, Ms 171, 1905, par. 20*

The Lord would have the history of Peter’s conversion read and reread. Peter goes up on the housetop to pray, and the angel puts Peter in a way to receive the truth himself concerning the purpose of God to the Gentiles and to take away the barriers between Jew

and Gentile. There was to be more than one man converted in this transaction. Peter was to be appointed to become the human instrument in the hands of the heavenly agencies. This puts great honor upon the gospel. Heaven and earth are united in accomplishing the work. Although Cornelius has been accepted of God in his devout piety, although commended, still he has an advance in faith and a new experience to obtain in order to do his work intelligently through Jesus Christ. He that had believed the Word of God promising a Messiah must now have opportunity to receive the fulfilment of the promise. Neither prayer nor almsgiving can take the place of Christ Jesus, for in Him all fulness dwells. He must send forth men to Joppa. All the particulars are given. *Acts 10*. This is the commandment that Jews and Gentiles are by faith to be joined to Jesus Christ. Prayers and alms are acceptable as far as their knowledge goes, but all can only be complete in Him. Cornelius is not to receive the communication of the gospel from the angel, but Cornelius and Peter must become acquainted in the gospel missionary work; and this man of influence could, in connection with the believers in Jesus Christ, accomplish a great work.*20LtMs, Ms 171, 1905, par. 21*

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Testimony Concerning the Establishment of the Publishing Work in Mountain View

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We slept in Brother Byington's house last night. We took the wrong train and after one hour's ride had to wait at the station for four hours. Then after the next hour's ride changed cars and waited one hour. We thought best to push on to Oakland and found accommodations in Brother Byington's home. This experience was not pleasant, but we are thankful that we have been preserved from accident and harm. I am up, preparing to move from here at seven a.m. *20LtMs, Ms 172, 1905, par. 1*

I have been thinking of our experience during the meeting, and I believe that meeting will prove a blessing to those who opened their hearts to receive it. *20LtMs, Ms 172, 1905, par. 2*

I do not think it best at this time to persuade Brother Jones to leave Mountain View. There are many things that no one else understands how to do. The light given me is, The Lord accept his humbling himself, and He will be with him to help the work and workers. If all will seeks to harmonize, there will be strength and wisdom imparted. Say to Brother C. H. Jones, The Lord will be with every man who humbles himself, and in due time He will exalt all who do this. *20LtMs, Ms 172, 1905, par. 3*

The prayer of Christ is to be lived in our lives. It is in *John 17*. That prayer for His disciples is the effectual lesson to us all to answer that prayer that His disciples may be one as He is one with the Father. We are in no wise to discourage a soul, but the ones who carry the heavy burdens need the encouragement. *20LtMs, Ms 172, 1905, par. 4*

I am now determined to help and lift and encourage those who are

transferred to labor in the office at Mountain View. We need much more of the love of Christ in the heart and to keep it in circulation through the office from morning until night. While at the same time there will be mistakes, they can be corrected in only one way—in following the rule Christ has given. We are to deal with one another according to His Word. Let every one of us work on the side of righteousness to cement heart to heart; and when mistakes are made, let there be kindness in conversing as members of one family.*20LtMs, Ms 172, 1905, par. 5*

The Lord Jesus has marked out the way, and let every one who will keep his soul in love and obedience follow the Lord's plan of curing evils that will arise. If that love is cherished, we will save ourselves from great evils. The influence of a true friend to prevent any disruption will be owned and blessed of God. The love of unity must lead to a clearer sense of our obligation to each other.*20LtMs, Ms 172, 1905, par. 6*

Brother C. H. Jones has done all on his part he could do, and the satisfaction he will have is that the Lord Jesus is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. It is now a matter of conscience for those who have settled in Mountain View to use their influence aright, to strengthen, to encourage, to draw in even cords, and conscientiously to manifest the Spirit of Christ and use their Christian influence to answer the prayer of Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 172, 1905, par. 7*

I fully accept the words of C. H. Jones, and the position Brother Jones has taken should be recognized and the position he has occupied remain unchanged. With what holy jealousy should every man in the church at Mountain View examine himself, whether his own souls is in the love of God. This meeting has been a special meeting, and the Lord has commenced His work on human hearts. Let not one take a course that shall efface the influence that has come into the meeting, but let every soul acknowledge the favor of God and yoke up in unity to bless and build up one another.*20LtMs, Ms 172, 1905, par. 8*

The Lord would have a new chapter opened in the experience of every soul connected with the work. Love as brethren; be pitiful; be

courteous, tenderhearted, full of forgiveness; and the light of the Sun of righteousness will shine into the mind and soul temple. All the result of connection with the work of Christ is to strengthen and not destroy, is to make the path clear for every soul, that he shall walk straight forward. *20LtMs, Ms 172, 1905, par. 9*

With what holy jealousy should every one in the work keep guard over his own thoughts and feelings and sanctify himself in the work, that others shall take knowledge of him that he has learned of Jesus. There are guards we need to place upon ourselves individually, to strengthen the things of spiritual interest, that at critical times our words of advice, of encouragement, or of reproof of a brother or a friend shall come not as from an enemy, but as from a friend. Our words and attitude will command the same respect as the example we have given. The consistency of the daily life in its sincerity can alone command respect. "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 7:5.*]*20LtMs, Ms 172, 1905, par. 10*

God bless and strengthen every soul that is engaged in the work. Let every soul cleanse himself, for your influence upon the community is to be of a character to express unity and not diversity. The Word of God demands this of His church. "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." *Colossians 3:17.* "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." *1 Corinthians 10:31.**20LtMs, Ms 172, 1905, par. 11*

One was in our meetings, beholding the assembly, and that One of authority said, "Now is the time, at the very beginning of your influence in this place, to put away everything that shall tend to division, because the spirit of unity and love, which has been so scarcely cherished, should now multiply daily, fitting you for the mansions Christ is preparing for all who love Him and keep His commandments. There is to be no strife. Let every soul follow the requirements and commands of God. Jesus' prayer to His Father is a lesson to be practiced just now. Humble your own souls before God. Confess your own sins and forsake everything that will mar the unity that Christ requires." *20LtMs, Ms 172, 1905, par. 12*

Then the messenger said, "The Holy Spirit will come upon His people, and light will be expressed by them. The truth practiced will be a testimony borne that will impress minds that this is the truth. Show that love that was in the heart of Christ. All jealousies are to be put away. Let a thorough work be done in expelling from the heart evil surmisings. Go to your brother, if you see faults in him. Talk with him, pray with him, and cling to him, for his soul must be saved. His behavior will leave an impression upon other minds.*20LtMs, Ms 172, 1905, par. 13*

"Angels of God would have every one now, just now, place his feet in the safe path that leads heavenward. Unbelievers are to have such an example from believers that they shall say, 'How these brethren love one another!'" The voice was raised to earnestness: "Come into line; every man engaged in the work of God must advance in spirituality to bear responsibilities. He must be full of energy and yet full of love, ever learning and ever rising to a higher standard. Keep your eye on the model Pattern. By beholding, you become changed into His image. Love, such love as Christ expressed, is now to be developed. Years of experience that you might have had, you have not because you did not give your minds and souls and bodies to the sanctifying of yourselves, that others by seeing your light in good works should glorify God. It is time now to advance as you never have done before."*20LtMs, Ms 172, 1905, par. 14*

Figures were represented, but all I can write now is written. Work, work, work while the day lasts! Come up to a higher standard! God help you is my prayer.*20LtMs, Ms 172, 1905, par. 15*

Will have more to write; but now, just now, take hold of the work. Delay not.*20LtMs, Ms 172, 1905, par. 16*

Ms 173, 1905

Diary, January 1905

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January 1-25, 1905

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January 1, 1905

St. Helena Sanitarium, California

Sunday, first day of the week, I awoke at one o'clock. It is a cool morning. Built my fire. Bowed before the Lord in prayer. I have so many things burdening my mind. I ask the Lord Jesus to direct me, to guide me. What shall I trace with my pen this morning in my diary?*20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 1*

I need the Great Guide to control my mind. What shall I trace with the pen first? I dare not be left to guesswork. We cannot afford to act by impulse, but intelligently. Oh, how much I feel that I need the guidance of the Holy Spirit! As Christ was about to leave His disciples, He had many things to say unto them; but He withheld some things, saying, "Ye cannot bear them now." [*John 16:12.*] I pray the Lord, the divine Teacher, to instruct me to understand His Word and to apply His Word in my varied wants and necessities.*20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 2*

January 2, 1905

St. Helena Sanitarium, California

I was not able to sleep after one o'clock. I left my sleeping room as gently as possible after trying one hour to sleep, but [finding it] impossible. I left my room, seeking to make no disturbance of those sleeping. Gladly would I sleep if possible. Every waking moment I am pressed with burdens that are strong, and I plead with my Lord and Saviour to help me, to guide me, to hear my earnest prayers for the deep moving of the Holy Spirit. I am brain weary. In the morning

hours I ask my heavenly Father for His grace and healing power. Almost continuously I have the great grace which I claim by faith. I fear the church are many of them asleep. Wickedness is steadily increasing. The church should be continually on guard. The warning is given me that the people need the living testimony of the Word, spoken unto them in decided spiritual power. *20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 3*

January 3, 1905

St. Helena Sanitarium, California

I did not arise at one o'clock this morning, but five o'clock. I was awake several times in the night, and my prayer was going up to God, pleading most earnestly that my head and eyesight might be preserved to write the important matter which is impressed upon my mind during the night season. I have representations. I am before large audiences speaking many words—the words of instruction for the present time. The burden presses me with such force I cannot sleep. *20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 4*

I was so thankful when I looked at my timepiece and found it past four. I thanked the Lord the one-o'clock hour had been passed that night, and I came to my room to find Sister Nelson and Maggie Hare standing before a nice fire. I usually have the coals buried. In the morning take up the ashes, lay on my back log, kindle my fires with the prepared kindlings and smaller wood; but this morning all had been done. My wakefulness had been from time to time in the night, and these are my seasons of prayer. But that dread twelve-o'clock, one-o'clock hour was passed, and I hoped the spell was broken. I thank the Lord for this blessing. My prayer goes up to God for strength and grace this day to do the very work that the Lord has given me to do, to speak of things that will be needed in time to come when my pen is silent. I will praise the Lord, for on all Bible subjects my mind is clear and my expression in words forceful. *20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 5*

January 3, 1905

St. Helena Sanitarium, California

Received Australian mail and found some very important matter in regard to moving the *Echo* office from Melbourne to a more-retired location in a rural district. This is now decided, and I thank the Lord that this decision is made. There is an excellent report of a sanitarium that seems to be well patronized. All are of good courage in the Lord. I am grateful to our heavenly Father, that in the expectation this sanitarium would be a decided means of success in reaching many souls in the highways and byways, we will not be disappointed. The report is excellent. May the Lord preside in this institution continually is my prayer. We have not moved from blind impulse in establishing this institution. I have been shown in the visions of the night what might be done in the sanitarium under management that was managed by the great Medical Healer Jesus Christ. We shall then have an intelligent and meaningful service. It is the rejection of light that has come to us in the Word and in the testimonies of His Holy Spirit that has caused a sad state of things in St. Helena. When the directions given of the Lord are obeyed, there will be harmonious action in the mind and the will of man, in harmony with the divine will. Such an important institution as a sanitarium demands consecrated managers in every line.*20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 6*

January 6, 1905

St. Helena Sanitarium, California

I praise the name of the Lord this morning I have slept until two o'clock. I carry a burden continually for those who are in Battle Creek. The time is drawing nigh when every soul will be tested and proved.*20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 7*

Sabbath, January 7, 1905

St. Helena Sanitarium, California

I praise the Lord this morning I slept until four o'clock. There was not the usual awakening through the night. This is a great blessing to me, for which I am thankful. I have been carrying a heavy burden so long as I consider the spiritual condition of the people of God, moving so far below their privilege. I lie awake pleading with my heavenly Saviour to come to our help and raise up messengers that

shall bear a message decidedly to the point. "Thy word is truth." [John 17:17.] I long for physical strength and power, that out of the abundance of the heart moved by the Holy Spirit, the mouth may speak. Oft in the vision of the night, I am speaking to large companies; and in strong appeals I am repeatedly urging upon the companies before me: "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.]20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 8

What a rich promise is this presented to us! Let us then show that we appreciate these promises and work to the point to be fully in earnest and to be thankful for such assurance. It is for our good and the good of all with whom we shall associate in all our public labors that we shall reveal that we are seeking those things that are above; that we answer to the figure, "for ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." [Verse 3.] Oh, let this be our purpose, to be wide-awake to heed the counsel Christ has given to the Laodicean church! [Revelation 3:18-21 quoted.]20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 9

January 20, 1905

Mountain View, California

I thank the Lord I have slept until three o'clock. I am feeling a burden to come to the people Friday and speak a few words to them this morning, or at any time they may choose to have me speak.20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 10

We left St. Helena yesterday at half-past six o'clock. It was dark and I feared we might encounter washouts, but our luggage wagon was leading with baggage. We arrived at the station all safe and waited half an hour for cars. We stepped on board, and clouds gathered on the high mountaintops, but there was no rain. We hope our rain this month has ended. We changed for boat, and in a short time again to take the cars. Waited twenty minutes and then took our place in the train. Plenty of seats. Changed at next station.20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 11

We are well pleased with the house selected for us as long as our stay shall be. We have sun this morning at eleven o'clock. We have no fire in the rooms, but if the sun shines all day in the balcony adjoining our rooms—which is large as a room—we have plenty of warmth.*20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 12*

I was not well yesterday. I seemed to be tired out in physical and mental powers. This morning I slept until three o'clock. Am better. I am enlightened by the Holy Spirit to present the light which has been given through a series of years, and to repeat the important facts to the churches and keep before our institutions all the matters which the Lord has given me of the refining, uplifting, sanctifying grace of Jesus Christ—matters prepared in books in the past-half century. We are, as churches, handling holy, sacred truth as common things. Write, and place in preparation to handle upon such occasions as we are not having. Write them in a book, and let not any of them be passed over. The publishing houses, the sanitariums, and the schools—every institution established—should have the light given them, which all need, for tests are coming. I shall now save my brain power. These messages have nearly all been carefully copied by typewriter and placed in keeping form. I brought one with me, given me in Cooranbong, which specified in plain words that East and West, North and South there is a deficiency of genuine Christlike work being done in America.*20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 13*

I see no need of my seeking to furnish the things already prepared by typewriter. There is no need of a repetition. These writings bear various dates and were written in different places. I look them over this morning with great interest. I have spoken to the people at Mountain View and read this day, Friday, to the people assembled at half-past twelve o'clock. I read several pages copied from my diary in September 1899, while I was in Australia, and sent to America. This writing was to emphasize the great truth of individual stewardship and of growth in whatever line of business we are engaged to perform in connection with each other in the work. God's people in every line, in every post of duty are to be His faithful servants.*20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 14*

The audience seemed to be intensely interested in the subject

which I read to them. One told me that never, never would he forget the reading—the principles brought out in such striking, forcible light. Oh, that our institutions may come up to a true, exalted, spiritual condition!*20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 15*

Saturday morning, January 21, 1905

Mountain View, California

I thank the Lord I am rested this morning. Slept until half-past two o'clock. My mind is drawn out during the night season. The one who has been serving as president of California Conference cannot properly represent the position he occupies unless he is reconverted. There was a strong move to select a man that cannot fill the bill. He does not command respect.*20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 16*

January 22, 1905

Mountain View, California

Sunday morning, three o'clock a.m. I could not sleep after two o'clock, but I have much to occupy my thoughts in the night season—in the visions of the night—because a great work is to be done in the home church. What can we say that shall break the spell that is upon many souls right in this place? Many know not the day of their visitation. God calls upon all who are settling at Mountain View to awake.*20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 17*

January 25, 1905

Mountain View, California

This morning I cannot sleep after one o'clock. My mind is on a train of thought. I have been carrying a heavy burden. The perplexities come upon me because there seems to be such departure from the plainest Bible instruction. I have renewed my covenant with God to cast all my burdens upon the great Burden-bearer. Great and precious truths may be brought into little things. Not one soul is left in darkness.*20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 18*

I am urged to attend meetings in various places, and gladly would I do this and at the same time prepare the books that should come before the people. The Lord's will be done. If I attend meetings and am obliged to meet the various difficulties that come before me, my heart is made sad; for Jesus has invited all with their various difficulties to bring them to 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." [*Matthew 11:28-30.*]*20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 19*

January 1905

I place in my diary some things from pages I have written. I put them now to be preserved carefully. I am now to make some things plain.*20LtMs, Ms 173, 1905, par. 20*

Ms 174, 1905

Diary Fragments, February to March 1905

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February 8 &mdash March 6, 1905

Previously unpublished.

February 8, 1905

Elmshaven, Sanitarium, California

I have had a restless night, but thank the Lord I am not sick. The burden of my soul is to prepare the many things that have been already written, that they may come before the people and make the impression upon the minds of the readers that the Lord would have made.*20LtMs, Ms 174, 1905, par. 1*

February 13, 1905

Elmshaven, St. Helena, California

I awoke at half-past two o'clock a.m. I arose and made my fire and then commended myself to God in prayer; and I do believe if we will humble our hearts before Him and seek Him with all our hearts, He will be found of us. I am thankful to my heavenly Father for rest in sleep. I retired at eight o'clock p.m. I was awake quarter-past two o'clock, and I will proceed to write further concerning the dangers threatening the people of God and what has kept the work in confusion for some years.*20LtMs, Ms 174, 1905, par. 2*

February 13, 1905

Elmshaven, Sanitarium, California

I cannot sleep after quarter-of two o'clock a.m. I have presented to me at this time the necessity of all, who believe the truth, practicing economy in all our buildings and in the furnishing of our houses. Our sanitariums require conveniences that are actually a necessity and cost money to prepare. There will be sanitariums erected in

various cities of the South. This is a work that requires the best of talent.*20LtMs, Ms 174, 1905, par. 3*

March 3, 1905

St. Helena Sanitarium

The past night has been a very trying one to me. After half-past eleven o'clock I could not sleep. Left my bed at four o'clock. I presented my case before the Lord, and with all my heart I prayed for the healing power of God to remove from me the infirmities which were keeping me from doing the work that burdened my mind.*20LtMs, Ms 174, 1905, par. 4*

Oh, my Saviour, we must have a power which Thou, my Saviour, hath promised to give us in this Thy great work that is to be done. My physical strength is gone, my courage weak. I long after Thee, Lord Jesus, the great Medical Missionary Worker, to strengthen my courage; for I tremble before Thee, lest I shall in my weakness fail in emergencies where I must be a success.*20LtMs, Ms 174, 1905, par. 5*

I know I can say, Thou, Lord, hath made me Thy messenger. Thou, Lord, hast laid upon me great responsibilities in various lines, and I am grieving my soul because of my physical weakness. Thou hast commissioned me to speak the words Thou hast given me and declare with pen and with voice the things Thou hast shown me. I have tried and am trying to do this in messages of reproof, messages of warning, and also messages of encouragement; but my hope is failing, that those who are departing from the faith will receive the messages.*20LtMs, Ms 174, 1905, par. 6*

Grant, oh Lord, that I shall be truly strong in the strength Thou shalt give me, to make clear the representations and figures presented in the power of Thy Spirit, that those who are out of the way may be convicted and return to Thy way. I must have physical strength to carry these important burdens. I must have daily a sense of Thy favor, for I am hungering and thirsting after Thy righteousness.*20LtMs, Ms 174, 1905, par. 7*

I am relieved. Praise the Lord, oh my soul. I am rejoicing in the

peace of Christ. Hope is strengthening me that this day shall not be as the many days that are past for several weeks—with a tired brain, a burdened heart. Show me Thy ways, oh my Lord. I thank Thee, Lord, that Thy peace and courage have come to me.*20LtMs, Ms 174, 1905, par. 8*

I have been able to read and prepare most excellent matter for Oakwood school. I must have courage in the Lord and not faint when I see that the very men who ought to be a help and to be true guides are being misguided by the many, many words and sentiments coming from mind and voice in night sessions. Oh, will he [J. H. Kellogg] ever understand that the enemy has been working to deceive him in order that he shall put his deceiving science into other minds? This now is my burden, that men are so perplexed with the influence going forth from J. H. K. that they are partakers of his deceiving theories; and notwithstanding all the warnings God has given, they will take up with his specious devising. May the Lord awaken him before it shall be everlastingly too late!*20LtMs, Ms 174, 1905, par. 9*

March 5, 1905

St. Helena Sanitarium, California

No sleep for me through the night hours until after one o'clock. Awakened at four a.m. I take my pen in hand to trace the exercises of my mind. I lost myself in sleep a short period of time after retiring. I was standing before an audience, speaking to them. The Holy Spirit was upon me. I was relating to the people the necessity of holding the beginning of our confidence firmly to the end. I arose and began to write.*20LtMs, Ms 174, 1905, par. 10*

I have come to the narrative in our history when two buildings are now, through much labor, prepared to begin their work in Los Angeles and in Paradise Valley. These places need the very best kind of work done in them, and they can only be a success as their dependence is placed in the Lord God of Israel. We are now to feel that to us are committed the oracles of God, and we must make it our very first work to adorn the doctrine we claim to believe, with a well-ordered life and godly conversation. Self, yes, the self of every soul must no longer strive for the mastery. Christ's character in us

must appear as the one altogether perfect in every respect, and His children are to grow up into Christ their living Head. His mind must be revealed through the mind and behaviour of His witnesses. Self must be exercised in good works after the example given in the life of Christ. There is to be no striving for the mastery. Oh, how my mind is drawn out and exercised in regard to the work to be done! And if self will be hid with Christ in God, then all the pettishness of self will die, and Christ, with all the excellencies of His character, will be formed within, “the hope of glory.” [*Colossians 1:27.*] Holy angels in heaven are gazing with pitiful eyes upon the company of workers struggling among themselves to do something, but not laying hold of the One who declared in His resurrected body, “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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 174, 1905, par. 11*

March 6, 1905

St. Helena Sanitarium, California

Yesterday was a hard day for me. The wakeful hours passed from one o'clock until six o'clock a.m. I slept and my mind was revived with an intensity that is not easily described as I review the light God has given me of the unworked fields. And those who know the truth are represented like the sleeping virgins. Half are represented as wise enough to shake off their sleep, arise, and trim their lamps, while half, professing godliness, have lamps—their Bibles—and not the oil of grace to make use of the lamps to decide to obey the truth. While they begin to see their defects, they will buy of the wise virgins, or borrow from them; but before they can obtain what they seek, the bridegroom comes, and the chance to trim their lamps and enter into the joy of going into the marriage supper has gone. God calls for those who have lamps to trim them, obtain the oil of grace—the Holy Spirit, refresh their lamps, and reflect the light with rejoicing.*20LtMs, Ms 174, 1905, par. 12*

I cannot sleep past one o'clock this morning. I have very much to say, and I am trying to add the oil that Christ is ever wanting to

supply, that the light shall shine forth amid the moral darkness; but I dare not even give oil in helping others with that oil, for they would not appreciate it. I remember the words of Christ, “I have many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.” [*John 16:12.*] *20LtMs, Ms 174, 1905, par. 13*

In the visions of the night, I am represented as being in new companies, bearing a straightforward testimony. I am giving the last testing message to the world. The Lord is willing to impart His grace to everyone who seeks it with a humble heart and contrite spirit, wide-awake withal to make the best use of the powers God has given to each. I am so burdened with the spiritual condition of those who should be the light of the world, shining amid the moral darkness of error. *20LtMs, Ms 174, 1905, par. 14*

Heaven is full of blessings. The Lord Jesus is inviting every 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.” [*Matthew 11:28, 29.*] “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” [*Matthew 7:7.*] A threefold assurance if you will be in earnest to ask, to seek, and to knock. Will you do this? *20LtMs, Ms 174, 1905, par. 15*

Ms 175, 1905

Diary Fragments, April to July 1905

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April 10 — July 15, 1905

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April 10, 1905

Elmshaven, St. Helena, California

My mind is exercised in regard to the southern work. How shall this work be carried?*20LtMs, Ms 175, 1905, par. 1*

April 23, 1905

I awoke at twelve o'clock, and my prayers are ascending to God that He would show me my duty distinctly: Shall I journey to Washington, D.C., to attend conference? I am speaking in the night season before large assemblies, bring up chapters of old experiences. I was presenting the words of Christ on one occasion just before His betrayal and death. *John 12.20LtMs, Ms 175, 1905, par. 2*

July 10, 1905

St. Helena Sanitarium, California

To all interested managers in our General Conference: I wish you to understand that I am every day grateful to our heavenly Father that our printing plant is to send forth the church paper from Takoma Park to all parts of our world, and more than this I am instructed to say that its circulation should be greatly increased. It is circulated in all places in a limited way. The Lord would have this paper come to many more families in England, yes, in many places. It should go to Australia, where there are located large numbers of English-speaking people. And everything should be carefully written, that light shall shine forth as a lamp that burneth. Much more should be

written upon actual experiences and much more given in short articles, right to the point, on Bible present truth. The reasons why we are the denominated people of God are to be repeated and repeated. *Deuteronomy 4:1-13; 5:1-33.20LtMs, Ms 175, 1905, par. 3*

July 1905

Elmshaven, St. Helena, California

The hot wave has come.*20LtMs, Ms 175, 1905, par. 4*

Elmshaven, St. Helena, California

In my own home this morning, but the rooms seem like an oven. Not a breath of fresh air. Yet I am up before day, writing. I feel strengthless. Glad we left San Jose yesterday, because this day seems to be a burning heat.*20LtMs, Ms 175, 1905, par. 5*

July 13, 1905

Elmshaven, St. Helena, California

This morning I have left my bed at four o'clock a.m. Thank the Lord for the rest I have gained through this past night. I have been enabled to lay my burden on the Lord. I have in faith committed my soul to His keeping. I must encourage every soul, Have faith in God. Ask and ye shall receive; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you.*20LtMs, Ms 175, 1905, par. 6*

This morning, July 13, 1905, I have in the early morning hours, while others are sleeping, written these lines; and the Word of the Lord has given the application; and men who choose to walk in darkness will just as surely realize the representation I have copied in my diary, for thus it will be. When my voice may be silent in death, these words will have force.*20LtMs, Ms 175, 1905, par. 7*

July 15, 1905

Elmshaven, St. Helena, California

I have not been able to close my senses to sleep the past night. It is one o'clock. I am seated on my couch writing. My mind is active. Over and over is the mind awake to view scenes that will come to pass shortly.*20LtMs, Ms 175, 1905, par. 8*

Ms 176, 1905

Diary, August 1905

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August 1-25, 1905

Previously unpublished.

August 1, 1905

St. Helena Sanitarium

My mind is drawn out to write. I cannot sleep, and I am so burdened it is no use to attempt to sleep. The presentation to me is that the whole world is becoming that which will bring about that time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation, and the coming of the Lord Jesus in the clouds of heaven will be speedily brought to a close. Who will be prepared for this great day?²⁰*LtMs, Ms 176, 1905, par. 1*

August [21], 1905

Loma Linda, Redlands

I was informed on Sabbath [August 19] there were about two thousand crowded under the very large tent in Los Angeles. I spoke to the people at four p.m. I felt deeply the necessity of the sustaining grace of God. *Second Peter, first chapter*, was my subject. The people listened with great attention.²⁰*LtMs, Ms 176, 1905, par. 2*

But a strange thing happened to me that night. I was taken very violently sick and could not interpret the reason. In the night season I dreamed a physician came to me and said, "You are poisoned, and others will realize the same suffering in consequence of breathing the atmosphere poisoned by many breaths. You will overcome this, but the many and continuous meetings—meeting after meeting—are not advisable. You must have a change at once." I awoke and again I slept and the same was

repeated.*20LtMs, Ms 176, 1905, par. 3*

I was very, very sick, but all was done for me that could be done. I slept little and could not eat. Yesterday, Sunday, we took an early train for Loma Linda. I am up at three this a.m., writing a few lines. The atmosphere is very much better, and I lay down in the cars and slept, but was so weak I could not eat breakfast or dinner. I loathe food. But this atmosphere is beneficial. There is health in it. I am away where I need not inhale the many breaths, and I can now see I was poisoned as I have been many times. Always at such times there was excruciating pain so violent that I could scarcely endure it. I am not as sick and nauseated this morning as yesterday. I thank the Lord for this relief. The Lord is healing me.*20LtMs, Ms 176, 1905, par. 4*

On Sabbath, a twenty-dollar bill was presented to me to apply where it was most needed. I sent it to Elder Haskell to help defray the expenses of his school of workers. May the Lord bless his labors.*20LtMs, Ms 176, 1905, par. 5*

I am instructed that these meetings should be carried in a more healthful, precautionary way. The people must have more opportunity to express their minds. So many discourses should not be crowded in, because the people cannot digest so much and are not benefited by crowding in discourse after discourse. I am cautioned that I should guard my strength, for I have much to do, and I will endeavor to do this for the future. May the Lord forgive my imprudence on these important occasions. I am instructed that so many discourses crowded one upon another are not the most successful way to carry such meetings. The people must have a chance to work themselves.*20LtMs, Ms 176, 1905, par. 6*

I am really in a very weak condition, and being held in the meetings so continuously is injurious to the health of the body and the health of the soul. There are many things to come before the people, and they cannot digest too many discourses. There has been a decided victory after victory gained, which means much to our future work. But there are positive dangers in sitting so many hours collected together with so little opportunity for exercise of the muscles. There must be a work done to preserve health and strength in these

meetings. When so many are collected together, if they are not very careful in their diet, they will suffer. May the Lord teach us to be wise, and may we reason from cause to effect.*20LtMs, Ms 176, 1905, par. 7*

Monday, August [21] 1905

Los Angeles, Southern California

I thank the Lord for the health and strength the Lord has given on the journey to this place. I will praise the Lord. It was with fear and trembling that I came. I was awakened Tuesday to write special letters to some who are binding themselves together to raise means to build a sanitarium in Colorado Springs. It is an individual party concerned in the matter. I was awakened from sleep. I had scenes presented before me, and I was alarmed at the outlook. The Lord has not called these men to do any such work at this time, and they have not the means but must use their influence in setting matters before our brethren who should now have their attention called to the southern field. The Lord now would have every soul do his appointed work and not get out of his place.*20LtMs, Ms 176, 1905, par. 8*

August 24, 1905

Loma Linda, Redlands, Southern California

Last Sabbath morning I had great pain in my left side and in my breast right over my heart. I may not be able to attend the meeting, but I shall try to do this. But I like not the pain centering about my heart. The whole side is in pain. What shall I do? What shall I do? I see so much to be done and so many things move slowly. There is need of continuous light. The experience of yesterday will not be repeated for today. We need to follow on to know the Lord, that we may know His goings forth are prepared as the morning.*20LtMs, Ms 176, 1905, par. 9*

Brother and Sister Burden, W. C. White, and the household generally attended the meeting in Redlands. I was very sick. The beginning was after Sunday meeting in Los Angeles, after speaking at six o'clock to about two thousand people. Pleurisy, it seemed to

me, set in, and my pain was very severe in left arm and shoulder extending to the left lung and heart. I was in great pain. Every breath was severe. We did all we could do and then, committing all to the Lord, after some time I obtained peace and rest; but I do not want to do anything to bring on such experiences. I was relieved of the acute pain and was up next morning, knowing it was wisdom to leave the ground. My son Willie, Dores Robinson, and his wife Ella May White Robinson accompanied us. I lay down on the seat most of the way and felt relieved after we arrived at Loma Linda. Went several times to Redlands to meet W. C. White who had gone to San Diego. He came at last and we were glad, for he was needed here to understand what we should do. We must do something to obtain physicians and to get helpers whom the Lord will unite with and who will be true to honor God and not glorify self. We must obtain nurses. We will do our best. We want that class who will not pay honor to man and disrespect God. The truth will triumph.*20LtMs, Ms 176, 1905, par. 10*

Last Friday I had another severe attack of pleurisy. We fought it as best we could, and I have not eaten anything for three days but citrus and melon juice with a couple of eggs beat up in it. No solid food has passed my lips for about four days. I have walked out with Dores and Ella May every day, hoping I might be benefited. The large, commodious tent was crowded full; and having to speak, taking in full inspirations of the air full of the hundreds of impure breaths, and sending out my voice so the congregation could hear, affected me—poisoned me.*20LtMs, Ms 176, 1905, par. 11*

Henry Kellogg came to Loma Linda, and I had a few minutes of conversation with him Friday and again on Sunday morning. He left with Willie White and others for Glendale, and will take the cars from Los Angeles for Mountain View, and from there home to St. Helena to attend to his business. Had conversation with Elder Burden and wife. They had consultation with several coming from Redlands. The company were accommodated with seats in the grove of trees and report an excellent meeting. One man who had been a Methodist attended the camp-meeting in Los Angeles and heard the evidence of the truth and accepted the faith and was very happy. He gave one hundred dollars toward the purchasing of Loma Linda. Henry Kellogg left five dollars for his entertainment. All

this helps, and may the blessing of the Lord rest upon them is our prayer.*20LtMs, Ms 176, 1905, par. 12*

August 25, 1905

Loma Linda, Redlands, Southern California

Friday. We have now reached this place. Brother Burden wrote, "We have secured the reservation of this place." As I become acquainted with this place, I am surprised more and more that the Lord has in His abundant mercy wrought in our behalf. Here are the grand buildings abundantly prepared with rooms. In the main building there is a large parlor with carpet of best body Brussels covering the floor; and also the hallway—long, very long—is well carpeted with thick body Brussels so a footfall cannot be heard. But I will not undertake this description, for I wish others to do this. I have felt more than thankful that this grand place was placed within our reach. On every occasion that I am called to speak upon the grand subject of temperance and our medical missionary work established in all parts of our world, I have been accustomed to bow before the Lord and cast my helpless soul on One who is ever to be acknowledged our sufficiency, giving us His full assurance, just before He ascended, after His resurrection.*20LtMs, Ms 176, 1905, par. 13*

Ms 177, 1905

Diary Fragments, September - October 1905

California

September 1 - October 31, 1905

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September 1, 1905

Institution Loma Linda, Redlands, Southern California

I am still under the influence of influenza, but I have felt it to be my duty not to become discouraged and to act as if I were on the sick list and I could do nothing. The Lord will have every one do what he can do—lift, lift. By lifting, you will become stronger to lift. Ways will open before you that you will accomplish a good work, because the Lord's power is back of you if you walk humbly with God. You can do much.*20LtMs, Ms 177, 1905, par. 1*

[September 9, 1905]

Glendale Sanitarium

Notwithstanding the influenza is upon me, I must bear my testimony to the church in Los Angeles. May the Lord strengthen me and direct me in the words I shall speak.*20LtMs, Ms 177, 1905, par. 2*

I spoke from (*Isaiah 58*) chapter, and the Lord strengthened me.*20LtMs, Ms 177, 1905, par. 3*

September 11, 1905

Paradise Valley, San Diego, California

I am grieved at heart when I see the continual increase of restaurants. Talents and capabilities are fully employed to create and enlarge them, and what is gained?—Very little to glorify God, and the end is so near.*20LtMs, Ms 177, 1905, par. 4*

Sabbath, September [23?], 1905

Elmshaven, St. Helena, California

This morning cannot sleep after two o'clock. I received letters from Dr. Holden and J. E. White, which I have tried to answer Friday. This morning my trust is in the Lord. I know not what a day may bring forth. I look back upon my journey of six weeks.*20LtMs, Ms 177, 1905, par. 5*

The camp-meeting was large. About one hundred and fifty tents were on the grounds, neatly arranged. It was a village of tents. I spoke before the congregation seven times. The Lord helped me.*20LtMs, Ms 177, 1905, par. 6*

September 28, 1905

St. Helena Sanitarium

I have had a broken night—not suffering with bodily pain, but I am burdened heavily with the contemplation of the work which I see should be done.*20LtMs, Ms 177, 1905, par. 7*

October 8, 1905

Elmshaven, St. Helena Sanitarium, California

I have not been able to sleep after one o'clock a.m. My mind is burdened very much more than usual. The question is with me, Why are we not all more deeply stirred as we see the increasing wickedness in our land? We are in possession of the Word of God, which comes to us who believe the Word as light shining amid the moral darkness. The Bible is our instructor and reveals to us how we may each take possession of the inheritance which all who believe in Christ may possess through faith. We have our assurance from the Bible that we have not followed “cunningly devised fables.” [*2 Peter 1:16.*]*20LtMs, Ms 177, 1905, par. 8*

October 15, 1905

Elmshaven, St. Helena, California

Awakened at half-past eleven o'clock. I could not sleep, but I could pray. I am asking my heavenly Father for help, special physical help, and clearness of mind, that I may place in proper order the multitudes of books containing testimonies borne, that in any emergency they can be used. Then shall I have finished my work and rest a little moment until the indignation shall be past.*20LtMs, Ms 177, 1905, par. 9*

I see such representations of that which will be that will substantiate the truth for this time. We are warned by God through the prophet Daniel. I have an earnest experience of what is and what shall be, and it does seem so difficult to arouse our people to understand the true bearing of the signs of the times. I beseech all who are sleeping at their posts to see and sense how many unimportant, uncalled-for matters are absorbing the minds of those who should be engaged in the very work that God has appointed. They are accumulating extra responsibilities, but not the very work the Lord has set them to do.*20LtMs, Ms 177, 1905, par. 10*

I am informed that now, just now, is the period of time when special warnings are to go forth, and the trumpet is to give a certain sound in proclamation of what is to be, and many things are rushing in of lesser consequence to make of none effect the subjects that now should arrest the people. Unimportant matters are stealing in, and the human mind becomes absorbed in trifling matters, and the subjects that mean so much to every soul in our world have little effect. The messages that should come to the people to prepare them for the greatest issues are treated indifferently. The world is now becoming more and more as it was in the days of Noah.*20LtMs, Ms 177, 1905, par. 11*

October 1905

St. Helena, California

I cannot sleep after twelve o'clock. A large congregation was before me. I was speaking in regard to the work to be done in our churches. We must encourage them to cultivate genuine trust in Jesus Christ. These days are days of peril and of real trials, but we must bear them right loyally. I will not fail nor be discouraged. Judge not. *Matthew 6*. Christ gives His disciples a form of prayer;

wonderful, it is, in its simplicity.*20LtMs, Ms 177, 1905, par. 12*

October 22, 1905

Elmshaven, St. Helena Sanitarium, California

The past night has been one of some sleeping, but more of earnest prayer to our heavenly Father who has given for our salvation His only begotten Son, who gave His own life a sacrifice for the sin of the world.*20LtMs, Ms 177, 1905, par. 13*

October 23, 1905

Elmshaven, St. Helena Sanitarium, California

I have not had a night of sleep, but a night of much prayer. The cause of God is in peril as Dr. Kellogg and those who deceived with him are prompted by the same spirit which led to rebellion in the heavenly courts and is very active now in them, working out the plans of the fallen foe. I have special instruction what I shall do, and the Lord has given me light and strength to do this very work.*20LtMs, Ms 177, 1905, par. 14*

October 24, 1905

Elmshaven, St. Helena, California

Tuesday morning. I thank the Lord with heart and soul and voice I have slept well during the night, notwithstanding I carry a heavy burden for the responsible men of Battle Creek. Yet the light given me is clear and unobstructed in the course I am to pursue. How grateful I am to my heavenly Father for the peace of mind in and through the manifestations of the grace of God. I have, it seems, a renewal of strength, for the Lord saith, "I have a special work for you to do." The representations made to me in the visions of the night are the same as have been made in regard to Battle Creek.*20LtMs, Ms 177, 1905, par. 15*

October 24, 1905

This has been a day of distress of soul, represented to me by some things I shall trace upon paper. My heart is wrung with anguish. W. C. White and his mother have had a praying season, and it has seemed we were, as represented to me, in a strong current, trying to swim against the tide. This is the case, but it is no use to converse in regard to it.*20LtMs, Ms 177, 1905, par. 16*

I learn reports are circulated that W. C. White manipulates his mother's writing. All have known how much W. C. White manipulates his mother's writings, when he has been separated from me very much of the time for the years before this year 1905; and we have, when we could get together, planned much and done so little in issuing books. But I utterly deny the charges.*20LtMs, Ms 177, 1905, par. 17*

October 31, 1905

St. Helena, California

I awake at three o'clock. My heart goes forth in grateful thanksgiving that I am free from aches and pains. My right hand is calm and steady, and I can fill my fountain pen without spilling a drop of ink. I thank God that for many years this hand has seldom been weak. I can walk up and down stairs with perfect ease, and some days I go up and down as many as twelve times.*20LtMs, Ms 177, 1905, par. 18*

I desire with heart and soul to do the work that God has given me as His messenger. I am anxious to give people the evidences of our faith as found in the Scriptures. There are many today who present strange doctrines, giving the Scriptures a wrong meaning. Elder Ballenger thinks that he has new light and is burdened to give it to the people, but the Lord has instructed me that he has misapplied texts of Scripture and given them a wrong application. The Word of God is always the truth, but the doctrines that Elder Ballenger advances, if received, would unsettle our faith in the sanctuary question. Already Elder Ballenger has mystified minds by his large array of texts. These texts are true, but he has placed them where they do not belong. [This entry from *Ms 145, 1905.*]*20LtMs, Ms 177, 1905, par. 19*

Ms 178, 1905

Diary Fragments, November &mdash December 1905

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November 2 &mdash December 20, 1905

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November 2, 1905

Sanitarium, California

I thank the Lord for a good night's rest. I slept until three o'clock. I did not sleep much the night after the Sabbath; for during the night a very impressive scene passed before me. There seemed to be great confusion and the conflict of armies. A messenger from the Lord stood before me, and said, "Call your household. I will lead you; follow me." He led me down a dark passage, through a forest, then through the clefts of mountains, and said, "Here you are safe." There were others who had been led to this retreat. The heavenly messenger said, "The time of trouble has come as a thief in the night, as the Lord warned you it would come."²⁰*LtMs, Ms 178, 1905, par. 1*

I awoke at twelve o'clock, with such an impression on my mind as I shall never forget. [This entry from *Ms 153, 1905.*]²⁰*LtMs, Ms 178, 1905, par. 2*

November 12, 1905

Elmshaven, St. Helena, California

Sabbath, November 11, I spoke in the church at St. Helena. I read from *Revelation 14*. I spoke but a short while. That chapter is a sermon to us all. And it is essential that every one who claims to believe the Word read and put to the tax his capabilities to understand every word that is written concerning what shall transpire in the last days of this earth's history.²⁰*LtMs, Ms 178, 1905, par. 3*

November 15, 1905

St. Helena, Napa County, California

I am this morning very grateful to my Saviour. Yesterday, through a misstep coming down the back stairs, I fell on the lower platform, with foot bent under me, and had to be helped up before I could straighten my limb. I had much pain, but no bones were broken; and therefore I felt to praise the Lord for His keeping power.*20LtMs, Ms 178, 1905, par. 4*

The twenty-sixth of this month I shall be seventy-eight years old—too old to be in the din of the battle, and yet I am not excused. I feel the need of the grace of God every moment. I dare not put confidence in myself. I wish the constant direction of One who understands the very things I need and [who] will supply them.*20LtMs, Ms 178, 1905, par. 5*

I am perplexed beyond measure to see and to feel the great mistakes that are being made by men of capability, who can but see the ruin and shaken condition of J. H. Kellogg, and yet will sustain the man in his crooked ways and in his subterfuges and erratic course of action that deceive souls. This strengthens him in his course. All who will stand by his side will reap the result in their perverted action. While God is displeased and the man's soul is becoming more and more in a position to be destroyed, and that without remedy, the best that I could do is to let him alone.*20LtMs, Ms 178, 1905, par. 6*

I need in this age of my life the security and serenity of mind that is obtained through the Christian hope, which hope all may have who put their trust in God and rest there as a child in the care of a parent. Paul has represented "which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil." [*Hebrews 6:19.*] My anchor is cast within the veil, whither Christ, the forerunner, hath for us entered—gone before. Our hope is fixed upon Christ, the Rock of ages, a Rock rent purposely that our anchor may find a holding place. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid." [*1 Corinthians 3:11.*] Our anchor must find its place in the rent Rock. There are even now spiritual shipwrecks. There need not be; but the minds of men who

become unbalanced in having their own way will make strange movements, and we must individually know for ourselves that the Word of God is our directory. Christ has taken the mediation between God and man.*20LtMs, Ms 178, 1905, par. 7*

December 15, 1905

St. Helena Sanitarium, California

I thank the Lord this morning. Looking at my watch, it is half-past three o'clock. I have not slept as many hours for more than a week. I have in my heart to praise the Lord, and with my voice I will thank and praise His holy name. I will trust in the Lord.*20LtMs, Ms 178, 1905, par. 8*

My heart has been greatly troubled and in pain. I have had irregular pulse. I am all the time carrying a heavy burden for souls. There is one case that I long to help, but he will not be helped; and he has, notwithstanding his many reproofs and warnings, refused to humble his heart which has developed so great departure from truth before God. He is presented to me with an attendant hovering about, very busy; and it is the same that visited the holy pair in Eden and was their counselor to partake of the forbidden fruit. The man has his adviser. It is one who was once the covering cherub in the heavenly courts; and notwithstanding, for years this seducing spirit has led Dr. Kellogg; yet his associates have permitted themselves to be blinded, and they have sustained him and confirmed him.*20LtMs, Ms 178, 1905, par. 9*

December 20, 1905

St. Helena Sanitarium, California

I am aroused in the night at half-past twelve to write some things that have been presented to me again and again; but I have delayed, hoping, praying that some change would come to break this awful spell, which has been gaining entrance among us since the proposition was made in Battle Creek that the school should be continued there one year. That was the most unfortunate voice and influence that could have come to the cause of God. The Lord inspired no such movement, and the result has been that many

souls are confirmed in unbelief in the straight truth that has been proclaimed for half a century among us as a people.²⁰*LtMs, Ms 178, 1905, par. 10*

Ms 179, 1905

Problems of the Work in Berkeley

“Camp-meeting,” San Jose, California

July 1, 1905

Previously unpublished.

Elder Corliss solicited my help in advice on Friday. He said it was essential for the interest of the cause in Oakland, and especially Berkeley, that they [Elder and Mrs. Rice] go to some other location. Elder Rice and his wife were to be present, and Elder Knox. They desired them to go to some other section of the country, that their influence was not for the best over the church in Berkeley, and it was not satisfactory that Elder Rice and his wife should both draw wages.²⁰*LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 1*

I said I had a great desire for the settlements in the outskirts of Oakland and had spoken in meetings before we left for Australia. These places should have special work done in various ways to lead them to understand the truth; and when Brother and Sister Rice proposed to settle out of Oakland and take up work there, I felt a great joy come to my heart and told them I was much pleased. We were riding in a carriage. I said, “I think the Lord will give you success, for it has been presented to me for many years that the settlements out of the city of Oakland ought to have special help after our camp-meetings have been held, that work should be done to fasten the truth upon minds, and nothing scarcely had been done.”²⁰*LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 2*

I have much interest in the outskirts of our cities and thought if a work, genuine missionary work, could be done, it would be according to the light given me.²⁰*LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 3*

Well, the influence of Brother and Sister Rice is not good [Elder Corliss said]. There is trouble in the church in Berkeley. They had made a proposition for them to go to a certain location in some other place. [I asked,] What other place have you selected? Well, they thought Santa Cruz; and as they have been placed in

authority, Elder Corliss and Elder Knox were to attend to the matter, for the church would not be suited with their labor, and they desired my influence to bring this about.*20LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 4*

I said, I cannot understand this matter. This report is a surprise to me. This movement means very much to them. They have a home they have fitted up. The mother of Elder Rice has given them a cow. They have worked early and late to make the humble residence comfortable for their family, and unless there was something definite to be brought to charge them with—[such as] unfaithfulness in their work—I should not want to use my influence to have them sent away to another place. This movement means much to them; and were you in their place [it] would mean much to you.*20LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 5*

Some things were mentioned in regard to their children. They were visiting theaters; and several such things were mentioned, [such as] she dressed in expensive clothing, and these things did not have a good influence in the church. But is not the work of reaching the higher classes the very work they have been engaged in? Quite a number have been converted, and these people will inquire in regard to the movement, and a very bad impression will be made upon minds. Then you must bear in mind [that] they take themselves with them [wherever they go] and all the objections you charge against them.*20LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 6*

Some things were said that hurt my heart. I do not relate all that was said. Brother and Sister Rice wished to have an interview with me evening after the Sabbath, but I could not have any more burden upon my mind. I had Sabbath night scene after scene opened before me. I could not have an interview with them. I must ask the Lord to take this matter in hand. I could not listen to any more, and the Lord presented matters to me that had transpired, and I wrote out some things.*20LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 7*

The church in Berkeley were, some of them, confused. But the labors of Elder Rice and his wife were of that character [that] they could reach a class that others had not attempted to reach; and [even] if they should undertake, the work would not make a success. There were persons in the church that would have to have

their hearts converted before their tongues could speak the truth in righteousness. There was presented to me, that had your minds been unprejudiced, [had you] done the investigating that in truth was due to Elder Rice and his wife, you never could have taken a course that brings you under the censure of One who judges righteously, who never makes a mistake. I have been in the past night permitted to view many things.*20LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 8*

These two the Lord has made His instruments to be workers together with God. Their first consideration has been to seek and search for the lost sheep and spare no pains or [let] selfish desires interpose to draw them from the work. Those who have made their complaints have been engaged in a work that will not stand the tests of the judgment. They [the Rices] are settled as inexpensively as possible, and they do not place themselves in a position of selfish indulgence.*20LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 9*

The chapters of their past experience have revealed mistakes and errors in judgment; but the reproof of the Lord has come to correct the mistakes and errors, and the Lord has accepted their reform when light has come, and the Lord has had [His] eye upon both. Straight testimonies have come to Elder Rice to correct his errors, and the Lord has accepted his repentance and has, notwithstanding his mistakes, pardoned and given him favor with Himself.*20LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 10*

They have stood ready in the position to leave their work to go at any time to the call of those in the highways, which have not been few, and at early hours or late hours they have had words to speak to the higher classes or the lower classes. The complaint was made that their children were allowed to go to theaters. This they can explain, for the Lord would not have His people give that example. They have had the blessing of God, and souls have been converted from the higher classes. If the church members had acted in a Christianlike manner and co-operated with Elder Rice and his wife, working from the same high platform, there would have been many more souls converted, and minds would have seen the truth and been an advantage in their influence to help others.*20LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 11*

But the church was not right with God. The unruly spirit, the unconverted mind and heart, has done mischief that has never been repented of. This is the field which they were adapted to work in, and the Lord has not given them their dismissal from the work. I have never been in their home because there was special labor upon me in preparation of books, and I thought I had all I could possibly carry. If those who ought to have come into unity and helped the church had [had] clear eyesight, they could have seen things more clearly; but the one great trouble has been [that] Elder Rice received pay for his labors and Sister Rice for her labors. Neither has received overpay for his work.*20LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 12*

The Lord sees the very inwardness of the whole matter. I was surprised that they should suppose Elder Rice and his wife would uproot from their home and plant themselves in another place; for if his errors and wrongs were so manifest, he would take himself with him to any new place. There is a right way to manage all these matters, and that is, inasmuch as Elder Rice and his wife are the Lord's workers, the Lord will use them to His name's glory where they can accomplish the greatest amount of good on a certain class that others cannot reach.*20LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 13*

It is envy and jealousy and evil surmising that has nearly destroyed the healthy influence of the church in Berkeley. The Lord is not glorified by the course pursued toward them by Elder Corliss and Elder Knox. These men should never repeat the course in any place that has been carried on [in] this case. Should these, Elder Rice and wife, consider it was their place to consent to the human judgment of the men, who are human like themselves, to leave the field of their labor without light from the Lord, while the doors were open in high places and calls made for them to explain the Scriptures to the higher classes, and they have no evidence from the Lord concerning their duty to leave an open, inquiring field for the truth and specify to these persons [that] they cannot visit them, they would be walking contrary to the will and Word of God.*20LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 14*

Souls are to be visited, hunted for, and the Scriptures opened to them by the ones of their choice. There are precious souls that

have been converted through their instrumentality; and had the church in Berkeley appreciated their labors and prayed for the work they were doing to be successful, that church would have been blessed. But the wicked jealousy, the evil speaking [page missing; incomplete] *20LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 15*

Had the elder of the Berkeley church humbled his heart before God and put away evil from his heart, there would have been altogether a different state of things, and the Lord would have worked to connect many souls with the Berkeley church. But evil surmisings, jealousies, evil speaking, evil working have been of that character that the Lord's Holy Spirit has been grieved away. I was bearing message after message, especially in the San Jose camp-meeting. I have them reported, but the work that might have been done was not done in that meeting. *20LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 16*

I was prepared to say to Elder Rice and wife, if I saw their minds were to heed the orders given them to go to any other place because their influence was not right and what [it was] supposed it should be, [that] they would have stood under the disapproval of God. They would have let the enemy have a victory, and [they] themselves would be under the condemnation of God [in] leaving a work they could do, which the Lord had given them to do, and to uproot under the impression that they were disqualified to do that work. It would be a false statement's power to deprive the very classes they could reach. Those who have served in this kind of work have not dealt justly or loved the Lord supremely and have not been under the sanctification of the Holy Spirit of God. *20LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 17*

No man is to be swayed from his duty, and the work the Lord has given him to do, by any human agency. Unless he has some light from the Lord, they would be doing injustice to those who have had marked evidence of the work which they were appointed to do. God has given them a place to work to reach a class of people, that they both could move in unity to accomplish this work, and this is the very work He would have them to do. *20LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 18*

Elder Corliss remarked that in the work in foreign countries there were mistakes made, but another in his place might not have done

any better. The leader of the church in Berkeley is in need of the courtesy of Jesus Christ. Brother Steel needs the humility of Christ. He [Christ] invites all, everyone in the church at Berkeley, to make diligent work for eternity, to clear the King's highway.*20LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 19*

There has come confusion, and many words and feelings have been expressed that hearts under the influence of the Holy Spirit would not have, in words and actions done. Words came to me that movements were being made to carry through a church meeting and expel Brother Rice from the Oakland church. I was so busily engaged in the work that pressed upon me for Battle Creek, and to prepare matters to go to our brethren to guard them from the things that were contemplated there, that if the work was carried out, I would come before the church in Oakland, should take the matter up point by point. Elders Knox and Corliss came to me with the points of accusing Elder Rice and wife. There had been some things concerning visions that claimed to be given back, but I bore my testimony. Elder A. T. Jones was moving quite strongly, and Elder Rice also. Both were out of the way. They saw their mistakes. It had reached other countries; but the Lord corrected this matter and confessions were made, which I am certain the Lord pronounced healed.*20LtMs, Ms 179, 1905, par. 20*

Ms 180, 1905

Christ's Object Lessons

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Place this gift from the Lord Jesus in the hands of those who have not had the light that it contains. Much more might have been done than has been done by the Healdsburg school in the sale of this book if teachers and students had united to make the work a success.*20LtMs, Ms 180, 1905, par. 1*

The blessing of God will rest upon the buyer and also upon the seller. My brethren and sister, have you done all that can be done in your vicinity to circulate *Christ's Object Lessons*? This is an evangelistic work. May the Lord stir up the minds of our people to take hold of this work anew and to act their part in diffusing the precious light contained in *Object Lessons*. The reading of this book will remove many difficulties from minds. Its circulation is one of the means ordained of God for reaching the people and overcoming prejudice. By the sale of this book, the gospel is introduced into the homes of the people.*20LtMs, Ms 180, 1905, par. 2*

The Lord would have young and old obtain the precious experience that is to be gained in selling this book. In His wisdom Christ has given you this work to do, and by its performance you will obtain means for the relief of our schools.*20LtMs, Ms 180, 1905, par. 3*

The Huntsville school is in need of help. Let our people take hold earnestly of the circulation of *Object Lessons*, and they will obtain money for the Huntsville school. If you will act your part faithfully, the school can have the buildings which it so much needs.*20LtMs, Ms 180, 1905, par. 4*

Said Christ to His disciples, "Ye are the light of the world." [*Matthew*

5:14.] My brethren and sisters, act your part in circulating *Object Lessons*, and thus make these words true to you. *20LtMs, Ms 180, 1905, par. 5*

There are many mission schools to be established in the South, and by selling *Object Lessons* you may help forward this needy work. Let not those living where there is no school feel that no duty in this matter rests upon them. There are many, many colored children and youth who need the advantages of the Huntsville school. This school should have facilities for accommodating a larger number of students. The school farm, intelligently worked, will help to make the students self-supporting, and many more could be received were the necessary buildings provided. And I feel sure that the students at this school will make the most of the advantages provided for them at the institution. *20LtMs, Ms 180, 1905, par. 6*

My brethren and sisters in the South, will you not act your part in the good work of helping this school? Have you not some time to spare that you can devote to the sale of *Object Lessons*? By taking up this work, you will be acting as missionaries for the Lord Jesus. His approval will rest upon you as you try to assist Brother Rogers and his fellow laborers in their work. By circulating *Object Lessons*, not only will you be helping the Huntsville school, but you will be placing in the hands of men and women a book containing most precious instruction. *20LtMs, Ms 180, 1905, par. 7*

I would present to your notice also the school that Brethren Magan and Sutherland are establishing at Madison, Tennessee. Under many difficulties these men built up the Berrien Springs school. Brother Magan always worked with great ardor, often denying himself of needed rest. There were those who looked with suspicion and disfavor upon the removal of the college from Battle Creek, and this made the work of these men very hard and trying. *20LtMs, Ms 180, 1905, par. 8*

Brethren Sutherland and Magan worked beyond their strength, and Brother Magan had three attacks of typhoid fever. For a time he was almost an invalid, and this threw a large amount of work on Brother Sutherland. But he pressed on in the work with his faithful associates. By and by Brother and Sister Druillard joined them, and

about two years ago Brother Druillard died at his post. After a year of great suffering, Sister Magan also was laid away to rest. One of the many things at Berrien Springs that shows the deep interest of this faithful sister in the work there is Memorial Hall, a building into which she put five hundred dollars—money that she herself had earned. When attending the Lake Union Conference at Berrien springs, I had the privilege of speaking in this hall.*20LtMs, Ms 180, 1905, par. 9*

Sister Magan sleeps in Jesus, the sleep from which none ever wake to weep. “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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 180, 1905, par. 10*

Brethren Magan and Sutherland felt that they had a work to do in the South, and they left Berrien Springs, not because they had made a failure of the work there, but because others could carry on the work they had begun, while they felt impressed to take up pioneer work. They went to Nashville and have secured a beautiful location for the school that they desire to establish. There are four hundred acres in the property, but there are no buildings suitable for school work. Suitable buildings must be erected, as was done at Berrien Springs. The purchase of the land left the brethren very short of funds, and they need help in the erection of the school buildings. The workers connected with this school must have help from our people. These men are faithful workers. Whatever duties demand their attention, they are ready to take them up.*20LtMs, Ms 180, 1905, par. 11*

Ms 181, 1905

Be Earnest and Steadfast

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Never was there a time when it is more plainly the duty of the people of God to understand that actions are determined by motives. Those in positions of responsibility are very apt to judge others by themselves. Doing many things that are not in harmony with their profession, they judge others according to their own deviation from righteousness. But as they pronounce judgment upon others, they condemn themselves. *20LtMs, Ms 181, 1905, par. 1*

We need now to repent before God. Those who show a repentance that means reconversion will not be left to beat about in the fog of uncertainty and discouragement. He who knocks at the door of mercy and asks forgiveness will receive that for which he asks. The Lord understands the voice of petition. Ask then; in everything by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known unto God. *20LtMs, Ms 181, 1905, par. 2*

“Every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” [*Matthew 7:8*.] Continue to present your requests to God; continue to ask for the blessings which you must receive from His never-failing goodness. Knock at the door of mercy and grace with a sincerity and earnestness which show that you will continue to knock and seek until your efforts are rewarded by the bestowal of the gifts that are needed by all who perfect a Christian character. *20LtMs, Ms 181, 1905, par. 3*

“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 I have 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.” [John 16:32, 33.]*20LtMs, Ms 181, 1905, par. 4*

“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.” “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 your’s also. But all these things will they do unto you for My name’s sake, because they know not Him that sent Me.” [John 15:16, 18-21.]*20LtMs, Ms 181, 1905, par. 5*

Here are two opposing elements, with two different leaders. One party is under the control of Satan. He is their captain. Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, is the leader of the other party. He laid off His royal robe and kingly crown, and clothed Himself with the garment of humanity, that He might stand at the head of the human race, bearing the trials that we must bear, and meeting the temptations that we must meet. The power of the temptations brought against Him was as much greater as He is higher and purer than we are, and yet not for an instant during His sojourn in this earth did He swerve from His loyalty to God. He lived a life pure and undefiled, unmarred by spot or stain of sin. It was in His right to place one hand upon the throne of God in heaven, while with the other He laid hold of fallen human beings, and has raised them from their degradation. To all who receive Him, He gives power to become the sons of God.*20LtMs, Ms 181, 1905, par. 6*

“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.]*20LtMs, Ms 181, 1905, par. 7*

Be careful what you teach. Those who are learners of Christ will teach the same things that He taught.*20LtMs, Ms 181, 1905, par. 8*

The religious bodies all over Christendom will become more and more closely united in sentiment. They will make of God a peculiar something in order to escape from loyalty to Him who is pure, holy, and undefiled, and who denounces all sin as a production of the apostate. Christ came to counterwork the theories of the great deceiver. In His life no sin appeared. He could say to His enemies, Which of you convinceth Me of sin? He was in a world of sinful human beings, yet He “did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth.” [*1 Peter 2:22.*]20LtMs, Ms 181, 1905, par. 9

No requirement is laid upon man that Christ has not obeyed. We can overcome as He overcame, if we will avail ourselves of the help of the three great powers of heaven, who are waiting to answer the demand made upon them by God’s people for power to defeat satanic agencies.20LtMs, Ms 181, 1905, par. 10

“Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth.” [*John 17:17.*] Christ’s teachings are truth. Those who surrender their wills to the divine guidance will be protected from Satan’s snares. Draw nigh to God in your helplessness, and He will draw nigh to you. He will lift up for you a standard against the enemy.20LtMs, Ms 181, 1905, par. 11

“As thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I sent them into the world, and for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.” [*Verses 18, 19.*]20LtMs, Ms 181, 1905, par. 12

Let not the theory be presented that God would dwell in the soul-temple of a wicked man. No greater falsehood could be presented.20LtMs, Ms 181, 1905, par. 13

“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.” [*Verses 20, 21.*]20LtMs, Ms 181, 1905, par. 14

These words present God and Christ as two distinct personalities.20LtMs, Ms 181, 1905, par. 15

Christ prays that a pure, holy love may bind His followers to

Himself, and to the Father, that this close fellowship may be a sign that God loves as His own Son those who believe in Him.*20LtMs, Ms 181, 1905, par. 16*

Still the Son of God urges His petition to His Father. Read *John 17:24-26.20LtMs, Ms 181, 1905, par. 17*

Let no man claim that the subjects of the enemy are the temples of God. Read *1 Corinthians 6:9-20.20LtMs, Ms 181, 1905, par. 18*

The Lord is speaking through His apostle to those who claim to be Christians. He is not speaking to those who have made no profession of righteousness. We are to make no concessions to the enemy. We are not to change one principle of the truth that we have received from God. We cannot hold converse with those who are in league with evil angels. Christ never purchased peace by compromise.*20LtMs, Ms 181, 1905, par. 19*

Ms 182, 1905

The Christian Life

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We are living in a time when there are but two classes in our world: those who trample upon the commandments of God and those who honor God and love His Word, using the weapon that Christ used in His battle with the great deceiver—the sword of the Spirit, “It is written.” *20LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 1*

Christ clothed His divinity with humanity to make it possible for human beings to be partakers of the divine nature, overcoming the corruption that is in the world through lust. What is the result when the repentant sinner sees the privilege that is his in being enabled to unite with Christ? He is filled with thankfulness and rejoicing. “Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous, and give praise at the remembrance of His holiness.” [*Psalms 97:12*.] And as long as man keeps humble and lowly, God blesses him. But when he gives place to self-exaltation, he ceases to depend on Him who is the source of mercy and peace and love. Self-sufficiency clothes him, and he puts himself in high places. *20LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 2*

The Lord desires His servants to be cheerful, but never selfish or filled with pride. “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*.] *20LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 3*

Happy and sure experience. The joy of the love of God in the soul is derived from and connected with the service of God. A cheerful, happy temper belongs to the soul who walks humbly in a perfect

way of the Lord's choosing. "Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord." [*Psalm 105:3.*]20*LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 4*

A strange work is leavening the ranks of Seventh-day Adventists. There is seen pride, self-seeking, self-exaltation, a sense of self-sufficiency. Self is placed where God should be. Those to whom these words apply do not know God. They do not know themselves. They have impulses for good, but their hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil spoil their religion and their experience. Self and selfishness bear sway, and the words and acts exert a wrong influence on their associates. They wear a self-satisfied smile, but they have spoiled their record. Hearts are made sad and sore by their course of action, and angels weep while Satan rejoices.20*LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 5*

It is religion of this kind that makes so strange a showing. True religion leads men and women to work, not for the exaltation of self, but for the blessing of others. How little pure, sincere, Christlike love is seen! God calls upon His people to be sincere, as true as steel to principle.20*LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 6*

"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." [*John 17:14.*] Their actions do not harmonize with the actions of the world. The pure, unselfish life of the true Christian is a reproach to the worldling. Those who are genuinely converted will not link up with the world. They will not follow the ways and practices of worldlings.20*LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 7*

"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." [*Verses 15, 16.*] They are serving a different master from the one served by the world, and they are to keep themselves entirely separate from the evil practices of the world.20*LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 8*

Christ labored untiringly to save perishing souls, but in all that He did, He kept God's standard of perfection uplifted. He presented clearly and plainly the requirements of the Word of God, pointing to this Word as the guide by which His workers were to be protected from the evil that they would meet in this world. On every side they

would come in contact with polluted sentiments, and Christ prayed, “Sanctify them though Thy truth: Thy word is truth.” [*Verse 17.*] *20LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 9*

“As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.” [*Verse 18.*] The disciples had not been chosen from the learned men of Israel. They were humble, unlearned fishermen; but they were willing to learn of Christ, and He taught them the highest of all wisdom. Christian worth does not depend on lofty birth or brilliant powers, but upon heeding 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.*] A heart that feels its constant dependence on the Lord Jesus is necessary to success in the Christian life. Christ’s disciples must work as He worked. As they give themselves wholly to Him for service, the similitude of His character is stamped upon their hearts by His Spirit. *20LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 10*

“And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified though the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word.” [*John 17:19, 20.*] These words include all who will come to Christ in repentance, confessing their sins. But there are many who will not do this. They will do anything but confess their sins. They are unwilling to humiliate themselves and will continue to put off the humiliation until at the judgment they will be forced to confess their unworthiness to enter heaven. *20LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 11*

I thank God that the way is opened for all to come to Christ and be saved. The words, “Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word,” come sounding down along the line to our time, gathering out from the world precious, blood-bought souls. *20LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 12*

The message that Christ bore we are to bear. There is a sanctification of soul that all may have—a sanctification that will reveal the outworking of the principles of truth in the daily life. It rests with us to place ourselves where God can give us this sanctification. We are to reveal the purity of character that Christ revealed, that we may set a right example before those who are

seeking the right way. God expects us to help them, that their senses may not be confused by the uncertain movements and unchristlike manifestations of character of those whose lives are patterned after the lives of worldlings. It is required of us that we copy the model that Christ has revealed in His life. We shall see evil and vice all about us. There will be seducing spirits, and here is our greatest danger. But the Word is our guide. In contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, we are to speak and act in a way that will be a savor of life unto life. There will be gainsayers who will play upon words, and who will ridicule the most sacred things, but we are not to retaliate. Every word is recorded in the books of heaven.*20LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 13*

We shall have to keep up a constant warfare with the evil devices of humanity as exhibited in ourselves. Christ came from heaven to give us strength to do this, to make it possible for us to conquer in the struggle.*20LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 14*

Without Christ, human beings cast aside truth and righteousness as if there were no heaven to win, no hell to shun. They seek to trample down the truth. But truth lives, and truth will triumph.*20LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 15*

Those who amidst the perils of the last days are seeking the salvation of their souls need to study carefully the prayer that Christ offered for them just before His trial and crucifixion. They will need to cling close to the One who gave His life for them, that they might have power to become the sons of God, power to obtain the victory over sin. They are to live the Christ life, revealing purity and holiness. Never are they to gloss over sin. Never are they to have perverted appetites and passions. These appetites and passions are to be uprooted and cast away. The children of God are not to be slaves of passion. Their lives are to show that the truth has sanctified their souls. The reason is to be sanctified and carefully guarded as a precious, heaven-sent gift. Their hearts are to be gladdened by the rich promises given them and the bright prospects before them. Every feature of their experience is to be radiant with heaven's brightness. Their lives are to be filled with thanksgiving.*20LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 16*

“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.] This argument is ever to be borne in mind in every family, in every church, in every school. The unity of believers is the evidence that is to convince the world that God sent His Son to save sinners. Satan says, “I will defeat God’s plan. I will make men selfish and bigoted, seeking honor and glory for themselves.” Let us not help him to carry out his evil design. Let us have confidence that God sent His Son to save perishing souls. *20LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 17*

“And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one.” [Verse 22.] My brother, my sister, I am bidden to ask you the question: Are you converted? Are you receiving the endowment of glory that the Father gave His Son? Are you revealing the meekness and lowliness of Christ? “I in them,” by the faith they have in Me, “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.] How high and holy the thought! It seems too great for us to comprehend. But the promise is sure and steadfast. Christ is able to save to the uttermost all who come to Him. He is our completeness. He fits human beings to be partakers of the divine nature. He whose heart is sanctified through the truth is one with Christ in God. He has the wisdom that is first pure, then peaceable. *20LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 18*

Let those who preach the gospel so present the truth that men and women shall hear the message that God has given for these last days. *20LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 19*

“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.] *20LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 20*

It is through the power of the Word that souls are led to believe in Christ. He who has received the sanctification of the truth will reveal

in the life the unity and tenderness and love that bind heart to heart. The Christian does not fix his affections on self. He works for the good of others, receiving and imparting grace for grace. He realizes that Christ is his efficiency, and he seeks most earnestly for the divine presence, that he may be one with Christ, complete in Him.*20Lts, Ms 182, 1905, par. 21*

Christians are to be knit together in the bonds of love and charity. They are to be one in heart and purpose and sentiment, guided and controlled by the Word of God. Are we revealing this oneness? The unity for which Christ prayed is not to be regarded as a sentiment, but as the purpose of God for us. It is in accordance with the councils held by the Father and the Son that there shall be perfect unity among those who name the name of Christ. This is a holy, sanctified unity, which forbids all alienation and strife. Why should it not be seen among us? It will be seen when believers are sanctified by the Holy Spirit. If we expect to be united in the courts above as members of the family of the redeemed, should we not be united in the church here below?*20Lts, Ms 182, 1905, par. 22*

The words "I in them, and Thou in Me" [*John 17:23*] reveal the nature and character of the union that is to bind His followers together. This union is needed in the church now, just now. Complete union with Christ and with one another is absolutely necessary to the perfection of believers. Christ's presence by faith in the hearts of believers is their power, their life. It brings union with God. "Thou in Me." Union with God through Christ makes the church perfect.*20Lts, Ms 182, 1905, par. 23*

"The glory which Thou gavest Me," as the channel of conveyance, "I have given them, that they may be one, as We are one." [*Verse 22.*] We are to bend every energy to the attainment of this oneness. The gifts that God has bestowed upon His people are not to create diversity, but are to blend in harmony. Medical missionary workers are not to regard it as of no consequence whether or not they respect the ministry. God calls for unity. The trumpet that calls His people into line will have a certain sound.*20Lts, Ms 182, 1905, par. 24*

It is an honor to be ambassadors for God, an honor to belong to a

church gathered out from the world to stand before the world as God's commandment-keeping people. The keeping of the Sabbath of the Lord is the sign that is to distinguish God's people from the world.*20LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, 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: 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.*]*20LtMs, Ms 182, 1905, par. 26*

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The Nashville Sanitarium

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There is nothing so well adapted for the education of people in healthful living as our sanitariums. Connected with every sanitarium that is established there should be God-fearing, upright physicians whose highest aim it should be to honor and serve the Lord. *20LtMs, Ms 183, 1905, par. 1*

A sanitarium is greatly needed in Nashville. It should not be in the city, but out of the city. *20LtMs, Ms 183, 1905, par. 2*

Brother Hayward needs to have connected with him as his helpers men not of the same stamp of character as himself, men who will broaden his ideas and increase his usefulness. Brother Hansen also needs to be brought in contact with other minds. Brother Hayward and Brother Hansen are too self-centered. They need to labor in connection with other men, that the work in which they are engaged may be broadened and built up. *20LtMs, Ms 183, 1905, par. 3*

Both of these men are carrying a heavy load. Without help they can never accomplish that which needs to be done. Health will be sacrificed, and life. They need to break away from their circumscribed ideas. "Self-centered" was the word spoken of them. *20LtMs, Ms 183, 1905, par. 4*

There must be continual growth. When suitable buildings are obtained, and when Brethren Hayward and Hansen unite with helpers who will bring in spiritual methods, [and with] the converting influence of the Holy Spirit, an impression will be made by the medical ministry work that cannot be made by the present staff of workers alone. *20LtMs, Ms 183, 1905, par. 5*

God says to Brethren Hayward and Hansen, Blend with your fellow workers. Do not bind yourselves up within yourselves. As medical missionary workers, you need freshness and new trains of thought.*20LtMs, Ms 183, 1905, par. 6*

I made the suggestion that a sanitarium building should be put up on some part of the Madison school farm. The two institutions could, I urged, have been far enough apart so as not to interfere with each other, and yet near enough for the workers in each to be a help and blessing to one another. This is God's plan that each should be a [help and a blessing to the other]. This was the instruction given me regarding the establishment of our institutions at Takoma Park.*20LtMs, Ms 183, 1905, par. 7*

The medical workers at Nashville have not seemed to see the advantages of this arrangement; nevertheless, it has great advantages. Fresh ideas and fresh thoughts would be brought in. In the union of the two institutions there would be a life and vitality that would be a great blessing to both, and the best impression would be made on the unbelieving community.*20LtMs, Ms 183, 1905, par. 8*

A decided broadening of plans, and a great increase of power, would be the result. Much more would be accomplished in right lines. The physicians from the sanitarium could give the students in the school talks that would be an inspiration to them, and the teachers in the school could give fresh thoughts to those connected with the sanitarium.*20LtMs, Ms 183, 1905, par. 9*

I might say much more in reference to the way in which these two institutions might help one another, but I will leave the matter with you all to contemplate, after saying, Get away from your narrow, circumscribed plans. Let fresh suggestions have room, and the medical missionary work that shall be carried on in Nashville will have much more breadth and much more spiritual power and can be carried on with much less expense. You will have a clearer sense of the greatness of the work. The Word will be fulfilled, "And they shall be all taught of God." [*John 6:45.*]*20LtMs, Ms 183, 1905, par. 10*

As sensible men, place yourselves where you will not go on doing

as you have been doing—expending your strength largely and yet accomplishing less than you might accomplish. You will soon have nothing in the bank of physical capability to draw upon. You are exhausting your capabilities when it is for your present and eternal good to have a deposit to draw upon. The result of using the powers of mind or body unwisely is a deterioration of these powers.*20LtMs, Ms 183, 1905, par. 11*

Ms 184, 1905

A Message to Our Leading Physicians

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I have a message for our physicians. My brethren, the Lord has committed to each of you a work which is plainly outlined in His Word. You are in great need of clear discernment in order that you may not betray the sacred trust committed to you.*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 1*

Those who are connected with the Battle Creek Sanitarium have evidence that the testimony borne by me during the General Conference of 1901 was of God. At this meeting the Lord encouraged Dr. Kellogg, but Dr. Kellogg has used this encouragement to exalt and glorify himself. He has lent himself to the service of the archdeceiver, who is playing the game of life for his soul.*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 2*

“Where,” said the angel of God, “has been your discernment? Could you not discern that in following him, you will soon be adrift in faith and doctrine? Dr. Kellogg does not know that by his course he is ruining himself. He may think to build up the reputation of a great man, but the greatness he would gain is worthless in the estimation of heaven. ‘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.’ [*Matthew 5:19.*] Men may call him great, but by the heavenly host he is called the least.”*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 3*

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 his version of the testimonies that God has given me for His people. If you sustain his propositions, as you

are in danger of doing, you will displease the Lord God of heaven.*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 4*

The Lord does not acknowledge Dr. Kellogg's course as pleasing to Him. God condemns the course that he has followed. His boasting is abhorrent to Him. He may think that he has clothed himself in the garments of righteousness; but should he come thus clothed to the marriage supper of the Lamb, it would be seen that he has on the dress of a civilian.*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 5*

The Lord Jesus was displeased with Dr. Kellogg's course of action at the Oakland Conference. At one time it was presented to me that angels clothed with beautiful garments were escorting Dr. Kellogg from place to place and inspiring him to speak words of boasting which were offensive to God. Heavenly messengers were viewing all that took place. They heard the words and witnessed the acts that were of a nature to bring glory to man rather than to God.*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 6*

At this time our brother was not led by the Spirit of God. His threats that he would bring the law to bear upon those who crossed his track showed that he was in the same condition as those to whom the Laodicean message is addressed.*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 7*

My experience during the Oakland Conference was a very painful one. The Lord instructed me that I was to have no conversation with Dr. Kellogg, lest I give him occasion to misinterpret me and to present my words in a false light to his fellow physicians. I have repeatedly been instructed to have no controversy with the Doctor, because the enemy works upon his imagination, leading him to make statements that are not true. Those who accept these statements and carry them out in practice will separate themselves from the great Medical Director.*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 8*

This is a time when Satan's deceptive power is exercised, 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.*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 9*

Christ never compels men to accept Him or to believe His words.

Were He in the Battle Creek Sanitarium in person, He might not be able to lead all to stand on His side, where they could see the terrible deceptive working of satanic influences.*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 10*

When Christ was on this earth in person, He said of the cities which had seen so many of His mighty works, “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.]*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 11*

From this scripture we learn that those who place themselves in a position of resistance against holy influences are not affected even by the pleadings of Christ Jesus.*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 12*

The first three messages that I bore during the Conference of 1901—messages that bore unmistakable evidence of being given under the inspiration of the Spirit of God—made a deep impression on Dr. Kellogg’s mind. At one time during the Conference, the Doctor came into my room and told me that during one of my talks, his brother, who was sitting beside him, was deeply touched by what I said. His tears flowed freely, and he said, “John, she speaks by the inspiration of the Spirit of God, 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.”*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 13*

But the enemy, he who worked on the minds of the angels in heaven to lead them to disloyalty, has been working on human minds. I have been instructed that Satan seeks to link up with men bearing large responsibilities in the Lord’s work in order that he may fill their minds with evil devisings. Under his influence, men will suggest many things that are contrary to the mind of God.*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 14*

Our physicians, upon whom important responsibilities rest, should have clear spiritual discernment, so that they shall not act like blind men. They are to stand constantly on guard. Dangers that we do not now discern will soon break upon us; and I greatly desire that

our physicians shall not be deceived.*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 15*

The showing at the Battle Creek Sanitarium is not in harmony with the Lord's design for that institution. I have been instructed that in building so large a sanitarium in Battle Creek, men have followed their own devising. They have not been led by the Lord, but have gone decidedly contrary to the light that He has given. I write these words in order that the example that has been set in Battle Creek shall not be followed in other places; for it is not in accordance with God's plan. Instead of so large an institution being built in one place, plants should have been made in cities in which there is nothing to represent the truth.*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 16*

The sanitarium at Battle Creek will place in close association a large number of believers and unbelievers. The Lord is calling for separation from the world, but this institution will call for the mingling of our youth with worldlings. This association will bring great temptation to the youth. The genuine work of soul-saving that could be done, were fewer unbelievers gathered together in one place, will be greatly retarded.*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 17*

Every believer who constantly realizes his dependence on God has his appointed angel sent from heaven to minister to him. The ministry of these angels is especially essential now; for Satan is making his last desperate effort to secure the world. The movement at Battle Creek is one that will help the enemy to spoil the faith of many. It will tend to destroy the identity of Seventh-day Adventists as the Lord's peculiar people.*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 18*

Every satanic agency is now at work with power from beneath.*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 19*

The day of death is not set before us in the Word as the great constraining motive that is to impel us to be zealous and earnest in our service for God. What motive does God present in His Word to His workers, ministers, and 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 great day, we are to proclaim to the world the last message of mercy, that men and women may be prepared for Christ's coming.*20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 20*

The enemy will devise many plans to occupy minds and to divert attention from this message. But we are to go forward with our work. 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. *20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 21*

At this time, when wickedness is at its height, ministers of the gospel are crying, "Peace and safety." [1 *Thessalonians 5:3.*] Upon those whose minds are thus set at rest, sudden destruction cometh. Unprepared, they shall not escape. *20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 22*

When Christ comes to gather to Himself those who have been faithful, the last trump will sound, and the whole earth from the summits of the loftiest mountains to the lowest recesses of the deepest mines will hear. The righteous dead will hear the sound of the trump and will come forth from their graves, to be clothed with immortality and to meet their Lord. And those who pierced the Saviour, those who scourged and crucified Him will also be raised, to behold Him whom they mocked and despised coming in the clouds of heaven, attended by the heavenly host, ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands. *20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 23*

"The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heaven shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat and the earth also, and the works that are therein shall be burned up." [2 *Peter 3:10.*] *20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 24*

This scene has been presented before me as fully as I could bear to behold it. Then the scene has changed, and representations of things existing at the present time have passed before me. I have seen men who have been placed in positions of trust as watchmen, molding and fashioning the work in accordance with worldly policy, which God condemns. The medical missionary work is sick and needs the restoring power of the great Healer before it can accomplish a work in harmony with its name. *20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 25*

"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly." [*Zephaniah 1:14.*] *20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 26*

Christ gave His life for the salvation of the world. One place is not to be worked over and over again, while other parts of God's world are left barren and unworked. God's only begotten Son gave His life as a propitiation 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. "Christ also hath loved us," Paul writes, "and hath given Himself for an offering, and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor." [*Ephesians 5:2.*] This He did that we may be all that He desires us to be—representatives of Him, living lives that reveal His fragrance of character, His purity of thought. He died that others, beholding Him, might be led to desire to be like Him—pure and undefiled, wholly acceptable to God, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. *20LtMs, Ms 184, 1905, par. 27*

Ms 185, 1905

Interview/Regarding Canon City Sanitarium

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Report of Interview with Drs. Wade and Hills Regarding the Canon City Sanitarium*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 1*

Mrs. E. G. White: There were some things that were presented to me in reference to Dr. Place putting a sanitarium a short distance [from the Boulder Sanitarium]. That is something that was never done in all our experience. It never had been done. Then there were other representations made, which I dare not now say what they were until my mind is just as clear as possible. It is written somewhere, but I have not been able to find where.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 2*

(Some conversation ensued in reference to the location of Canon City. It was said to be about one hundred and eighty miles or nearly two hundred miles by rail from Boulder. It was then suggested that in order to refresh her mind with the situation, Sister White reread the statement regarding the enterprise, as dictated by Dr. Hills. The statement was then read.)*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 3*

E. G. White, reading: "Which remain in the treasury." What does that mean?*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 4*

Dr. Hills: It is not sold out. It is not sold to any one.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 5*

E. G. White: Now I do not know as I am prepared to say much. The difficulty has ever presented itself with linking up with unbelievers. In every institution that we have had, it has been a forbidden thing to do that. There was a danger. We cannot depend on the minds of

any one who is a transgressor of the law of God, with the Bible open before them. We cannot depend on them, because the enemy works the mind, and therefore I would not consider that it was any favor from the light that was presented to me, but it would prove a hindrance in the end that you do not understand now, because the enemy is working constantly through his agents. They may be ever so favorable, but notwithstanding that, there will be crises that will come; and as these crises come, our people will be brought into a position of extreme trials, if they mingle and have been bound up in any way with the worldlings.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 6*

Dr. Hills: That whole thing is bound up in that word "treasury." We saw that thing, and we saw that if we accepted any support whatsoever from the world, and allowed them to have any part in the management of it, they would do as you say, because they cannot be depended upon. But we arranged it so, and they are willing to have it so, that while they are interested in a money way, they must be absolutely silent as regards the management of it whatsoever.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 7*

W. C. White: Is not that contrary to the principles of a stock company? Is not the foundation principle of a stock organization that each man shall be interested according to his investment?*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 8*

Dr. Hills: I meant to say that they never could control it in any way. They will have their interests, because they own the stock; but the controlling interests will always be with us.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 9*

Dr. Wade: When this first came up, that was the very first question brought up by the businessmen, and they made us pledge that it would never pass out of our hands. Mr. Baker said, "I want this fixed so that it will never pass out of Dr. Wade's hands, because we know that the Adventist people are a success in the sanitarium business, and we want it held in their hands."*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 10*

W. C. White: Well, you can acknowledge your intention, but you cannot bind the thing.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 11*

Dr. Hills: But supposing we always owned a majority of the stock, that settles that proposition; they cannot get away from it.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 12*

W. C. White: Do not the minorities in a government largely influence a government?*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 13*

Dr. Hills: They may try, but the government is there just the same.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 14*

Dr. Wade: If it was thought best, there are Seventh-day Adventists that will take this stock, without selling a dollar to outsiders.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 15*

W. C. White (to E. G. White): The statement was that if they wanted to be free from outsiders, that they could sell this stock to Seventh-day Adventists. There are Seventh-day Adventists that would take it.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 16*

E. G. White: The institution that has been established in Colorado, the representation has been to me that that should be cleared out before the means should be drawn from our people that should be cleared off; and let that stand no longer the reproach it has been; and Brother Place has not carried the thing as he ought to have carried it.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 17*

Dr. Hills: That could certainly be done, and without interfering with this other matter at all.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 18*

Dr. Wade: It really would help the other matter, because it would unify everybody in that Conference.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 19*

E. G. White: What is the entire price of this site?*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 20*

Dr. Hills: It is all paid for, it is all in our hands now, clear of debt. We own the well and own the land.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 21*

E. G. White: It is the building you have got to put up?*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 22*

Dr. Hills: Yes.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 23*

E. G. White: Now I do not know as I can say anything more about the matter. I see it looks like a very favorable opportunity, but cannot that institution be cleared before you have to draw from any source to make your buildings?*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 24*

Dr. Hills: That is what we were anxious to do—was to get the means without calling upon our people. If we did call, they would respond, but we did not want to do that, because we want their strength and support to go to Boulder, and we can get this money from other people and have it in such a shape that we will have the controlling of it, while they may have a voice in the matter. It never will go out of our possession; it will remain among this people, while we are using this outside means. The people there at Canon City are very anxious for it.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 25*

Dr. Wade: Another thing: when a change of politics comes, we may not get that donation.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 26*

W. C. White: What are the conditions on which that \$20,000 are offered you?*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 27*

Dr. Wade: We have on our part to agree to expend a certain amount of money in the erection of the building.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 28*

W. C. White: How much?*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 29*

Dr. Wade: Forty thousand dollars. That is substantially correct. If we have the state donate us this labor, this item will come in that, the cement will come in that, the lumber will come in that, so that while the original outlay seemed to be great, the fact is that we can make a good showing on a comparatively small outlay. I am satisfied that less than \$20,000 will do it. We were to put 40,000 improvements on the property. Everything that is donated to us counts on the improvements.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 30*

Dr. Hills: It has been our purpose to get at this thing with a small actual outlay and at the same time keep it where we could handle it.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 31*

W. C. White: Now you see it is this way. If my opinions were of any value, I could talk a lot. If Mother were free to express her own opinions, she could talk a lot; but that is not what you want. Representations made to her led her to write what she did. Certain things were presented to her, and she expressed that the best she could and sends it to you. Now if she does not feel free to say much today, the best way is for you to give a statement of it and let her take the matter before the Lord; and if she gets additional light for you, she will get it to you as soon as she can.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 32*

Dr. Hills: We wanted to be sure that everything was understood about it, so that she would know what to consider.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 33*

W. C. White: I went over this with her the other morning. She read the matter, and we discussed the different things, and I gave her all the information I could. I see that it is fairly clear in her mind.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 34*

Dr. Hills: We want it to be clearly understood that there is a way to do this thing right now without in any ways interfering with Boulder, and that it is possible to have a well-equipped institution without any expense to our people.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 35*

E. G. White: How soon do you return?*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 36*

Dr. Hills: We wanted to go very soon, within a few days. We are planning to leave San Francisco on Friday.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 37*

E. G. White: Now if there is anything comes to my mind, and I can find what I had written out, I will let you have it. The presentation is very favorable that you make, but why the matter should have been presented before me, in the matter of warning, I do not know. It was this: one point was, it was not for the best to begin to raise means till that institution was clear.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 38*

Dr. Hills: That is why we came to talk with you about it, because we wanted it to be clear to your mind that we are not to interfere with

the other institution.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 39*

E. G. White: That was one point, that that institution had stood as a reproach so long. It might have been cleared.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 40*

W. C. White: Then the other point you have mentioned—the danger of linking up with worldly men and using worldly capital, the danger of that influencing the enterprise differently than the promoters intended. Then you mentioned a third point to me this morning, that you have not spoken this afternoon, and that was the prospect of disappointment in the combination of men. Perhaps you have something to say about that.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 41*

E. G. White: There would be, in connection with any combination of outside parties, disappointment. You need not expect anything else than that there would be disappointment; and because the enemy moves upon minds, they will decide one way or the other. You see decisions will be made one way or the other, and that in moving very guardedly, you will save a lot of burden of trouble. The light that has been given me is that the co-operation of outside parties is not safe to link up <with>, and [your] leaning upon them is not safe.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 42*

Dr. Wade: In selecting these men, they have promised to resign from that board at any time we wish them to resign. There are two men who are not Seventh-day Adventists who promised to resign at any time we wanted to put another man in their place. One of these men is a banker. He is considering the Sabbath question very seriously, and he has told one of our ministers, Elder Grainger, that he intended some time, as soon as he gets his business in shape, to keep the Sabbath. The other man is a Scandinavian who is very much interested in the truth. We have hoped and prayed for these two men, and hoped that we could bring them into the truth, and that if they did not accept the truth, we would place Seventh-day Adventists in there. It seemed that God directed us in selecting these two men. Dr. Hills and I prayed over this question a great deal, and we were led right back to these men every time. We realize this whole thing, the question of bringing outside men in with us; but they are only elected till the fifteenth day of next December,

long before we would commence any active work. We have hoped, especially Mr. Evans, that he would take his stand for the truth. But we have looked ahead. We have seen the truth of what you have said, the danger of having men tied up with us that were not of our faith.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 43*

We guarded some of these questions in binding the institution to keep the Sabbath, while that can be literally true, unless we had the complete control they could influence it one way or the other. For that reason we had their term expire December 15, 1905. And the institution, having the control of stock in the treasury, can choose exactly the men they want to take their place. We have hoped that by associating ourselves with these men, and setting a godly example before them, we could help them to the truth; but we ourselves thoroughly believe it is better to have the entire five staunch Seventh-day Adventists, just as you told us. I thoroughly believe that to be a fact; but we hoped, if these two men were associated with us, we could help them. There are five men on the board, and three have the control, and the three are Seventh-day Adventists. Of the other two men, Mr. Evans is a banker, and Mr. Frederickson is county treasurer. They are both Christian men, though not having accepted the Sabbath. I believe they are free to be led out into more truth. But the thing I wanted to make plain is that their term expires December 15; this coming December they will be directors no longer after that, unless we should reelect them.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 44*

W. C. White: It seems to me that I have a very clear picture of what you are doing, and I think that Mother has as clear a picture in her mind as she can get of something she has not personally seen.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 45*

Dr. Wade: I have been in private practice for six years and have built up a patronage around there, and I want the institution to give my patients treatment in. In private practice it is impossible to practice medicine without the use of drugs, because the majority of people are too poor to hire a nurse.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 46*

W. C. White: Do you expect to leave your practice?*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 47*

Dr. Wade: I will put my private practice into it. We are about twenty miles from Cripple Creek—65,000 to 75,000 people. They come to Canon City when they get sick, and at the present time they are scattered around amongst houses. If there is a sanitarium there, I can fill it from Cripple Creek many times over, and it would never draw a patient from the Boulder Sanitarium.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 48*

E. G. White: About the drawing patients, I do not think that is anything of an objection. Brother and Sister Kress have felt very fearful that some one would establish a sanitarium in Adelaide. I wrote to them that they need not have any fears of that; because [of] the sanitariums existing in cities, there would be plenty that could be accommodated and never interfere with them at all. But the interest that would be awakened would be rather to their advantage. As far as that is concerned, I have not anything on that, it was the combination; and how much this combination takes in, it seemed an element that <would be objectionable>.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 49*

Dr. Wade: We can eliminate that entirely. We came to get advice on all these questions.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 50*

E. G. White: I believe the Lord will give light on this matter, that you feel that you will understand about the matter. I cannot say anything more now; I must get the particulars that I have in order to see what I have written.*20LtMs, Ms 185, 1905, par. 51*

Ms 186, 1905

Remarks/Sister White's Remarks at the Los Angeles Church

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Extracts Taken From Sister White's Remarks at the Los Angeles, California Church

I am glad to meet so many here and I know the Lord is working for Los Angeles and for San Diego. The Lord wants the work carried on intelligently in these places, and in Riverside and Redlands. All are responsible to God for all the talents He has given them. Their physical strength must be employed to His glory. If we place ourselves in the right relation to God we shall see of His salvation. The Lord wants all in Southern California to have a larger growth in grace, and there can be if every one will consider that God has given him his work. Now is our favorable opportunity and there never was a more favorable time to work Los Angeles.*20LtMs, Ms 186, 1905, par. 1*

Efforts are being made by the ministers to bring the truth before the people, and I hope every member of the church will feel and act as they did in 1842, 1843 and 1844. Then they used to come in the morning and bring their lunch, and eat it there at noon lest they should fail to hear all that was said. The power of God rested upon Elders Himes, Miller, Fleming, and Stockman as they gave the message, and I want to see advance made as we have a knowledge of the truth. The message was carried on in those days in the spirit of sacrifice.*20LtMs, Ms 186, 1905, par. 2*

I have been shown again and again that the people, like the foolish virgins, are asleep and have no oil in their lamps. What is the oil? It is the Spirit of God. It is emptied out of the olive trees to the lamps.*20LtMs, Ms 186, 1905, par. 3*

The light given in regard to Southern California is that they are far

behind in the work because they do not realize the time in which we live. Our God is a God of intelligence and He wants every human being who claims to be a child of God to grasp all he can of the truth. Instead of spending time in preparation of food, have your food simple and bring forth the Word of Life. Christ said, If ye eat my flesh and drink my blood ye shall have eternal life. It is the Word we are to eat. The flesh profiteth nothing. It is the Spirit that is to enter into our lives. As it comes out in our lives it will be imparted to others. We are to have our hearts in constant communion with God, for we are preparing for eternal life. The Lord wants us to put on the whole armor and be prepared for emergencies. It is our work to stand in the right relation to God, and every person must have an individual experience in the truth that comes through the Word, so that you will be prepared to give meat in due season and to sow beside all waters. You want to realize the work resting upon you and prepare for consecrated service, having on the whole armor, and having done all God requires you, to stand. Now you stand for you have principalities and powers. Spiritual wickedness is in high places, therefore we need that power from above.*20LtMs, Ms 186, 1905, par. 4*

The time has come to work Redlands, and we have a small but neat meetinghouse there. It is a big problem to reach the people of all these cities. There has been something done in Los Angeles and other of these cities but not a hundredth part of what should be done. I told a number that we ought to have sanitariums around these places to reach the people. Night after night the work was before me that should be done. Around Riverside and Redlands they told us there were already 60 physicians and no room for more and they were afraid if a sanitarium was established it would bring tubercular patients. All this seemed to shut us off. Finally Brother Burden found Loma Linda and wrote the particulars, and I said, This is from the Lord. It is the place where we can reach the people of Riverside and Redlands.*20LtMs, Ms 186, 1905, par. 5*

The truth must be preached as represented in the Bible. Give the warning in the highways and hedges. When I heard Brother Simpson was working with success in Los Angeles just as given in the Word, I thought we must reach the people where they are. I felt to weep and to pray to God for His help that Brother Simpson's

health might be preserved, and that others might feel the responsibility of going to work and meeting to pray and improve every opportunity. *20LtMs, Ms 186, 1905, par. 6*

My message is: Out of the cities. There are places out from the cities that have buildings that we would be able to secure where there was grass and flowers with plenty of grounds, where we could take the sick like a family, and let them drink in the atmosphere of heaven. In the cities there is nothing but walls and enough to keep them sick. We want to get them out where there are singing birds, with flowers, with trees and shade, where they can be in God's line. Then the sick would have a remedy by using natural methods in securing health. Water, pure air, and to be near nature will restore health. When we began in Battle Creek the Lord blest wonderfully as we used these means. How drugs come in is a mystery to me with all the light God has given. The Lord does not want us to go into the cities to establish sanitariums unless there is some feeder in the cities to lead them out where they can get correct treatment. *20LtMs, Ms 186, 1905, par. 7*

The problem is, Where is the means coming from? I have done all I could. I have given *Christ's Object Lessons*, and not one penny have I used for myself. There have been two hundred thousand dollars raised for 300 thousand books. The sale of these books has been a blessing to those who have sold them. All this had been done for the relief of the schools. Now to relieve the sanitariums of debts we are preparing the book *The Ministry of Healing*. *20LtMs, Ms 186, 1905, par. 8*

There is spiritual wickedness in high places, and we want every piece of the armor on that the Lord has provided for us. When we are fully clothed and have the gospel shoes on, there will be more travelling from house to house and from church to church and you will see the power of God revealed. In establishing the work at Loma Linda we want you all to take hold as though you are interested in it. I have a longing for souls to come to a knowledge of the truth, and I tell you, angels of God are descending that ladder the same as Jacob saw, bringing us help. They carry our prayers and bring us the help we need. Through lack of faith we see we have not the means on hand to go on with the work. If I had done

that, the work never would have been established in Australia. That work is now self-sustaining and they are sending their means here.*20LtMs, Ms 186, 1905, par. 9*

I want every soul to be working in love and fear of God and to arouse, for doing good will remove prejudice. God will help us in this line of work. We shall see the glory of God revealed through His people. The Lord will help in the work at Loma Linda, and I want them to be sure and secure the property, for I knew God was leading in the move. That was the way I felt when they pointed out the buildings on the way to Washington.*20LtMs, Ms 186, 1905, par. 10*

Everyone has a work to do for the Master. There is an individual work to be done in giving the last message of mercy to the world. Not one is to be sleeping at this time. Humanity must be clothed with divinity, because for our sakes He became poor that we might be made rich. He wants us to show that humanity can grasp divinity and can stand. When the sick come to our sanitariums, they will see divinity in humanity ready to help humanity, for as many as received Him to them He gave power to become the sons of God. That is our work, to become the sons of God. And how? Humanity must grasp divinity through Christ. It is the robe of Christ's righteousness that is the channel, and every one in this house is to be a channel to reach others. Those who are partakers of Christ with His sacrifice shall become the sons of God, and through Christ's righteousness we shall escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.*20LtMs, Ms 186, 1905, par. 11*

Some shall depart from the faith and give heed to doctrines of devils; they will mix up truth with heresies. They asked me in Battle Creek what will we do when Sister White is taken away? I believe just as I did when the great tent was pitched and ministers and lawyers selected Mrs. White to be their speaker. I never saw more interest, and the blessing of God rested upon me in my weakness so they could hear every word in that large tent. Sister White believes just as she did when she gave that message. If you could see the pile of books I have written you would know if she dies there are views written that will speak. Although dead, she is still speaking.*20LtMs, Ms 186, 1905, par. 12*

Light came to me months ago that there was work that must be done. A company of us were praying and the power of God was in our midst. If any come up with modern thoughts of the Holy Spirit which takes off from the sanctuary, we need to be on guard, for God wants us to stand in the right position. This truth has been given us point by point and if we take a piece out of our faith it will leave us, as Christ said, on the sand. If we stand on the Word nothing can move us, for it is riveted to the rock. Ministers may present theories that God has never given. If you have God for the pillars of truth, you will not be turned away, for He is the foundation of gold, silver, and precious stones.*20LtMs, Ms 186, 1905, par. 13*

The word that comes to me is that we must revive the testimony of the dead among the living. There will be species of error brought in, but where are they when they are established? There is no more truth to that then. We must not be moved by any sophistry that man can bring in. We need the truth once delivered to the saints—the testimony of the dead to be revived. We know the Holy Ghost spoke these things. I know wherein I believe and what is the foundation of my hope. I stand where I have for the past 50 years. I have not changed. We want to be where we can speak the truth to those in need. We want all to have the truth in the inward parts.*20LtMs, Ms 186, 1905, par. 14*

You need to be established in the truth. Don't give away all the things you have heard. (*Revelation 3*) tells you the things to be brought to mind. Brethren and sisters, we should have more harmony. How will we have it? Take care of number one. Don't complain of others, but go in tenderness, for it will have a wonderful effect on hearts. Our sanitariums are places for the soul-sick to recover as well as those who are sick in body. We want every one who works in them to have a living connection with the Lord. The physicians can feel individual sorrows and tell them what is the truth. Don't tell them the Sabbath the first thing, but let them see Christ, and then they will ask about the Sabbath. Let them see the Bible in the lives about them. Let them lead out and ask you questions and they will see that the Lord is working, and in this way God will manifest Himself through His people. Dress so as not to be slouchy—neat, but natural. Be saving so as to help the work in Nashville, Huntsville, and New Orleans, for these places need help.

We hear some talk about their field being hard. We are to endure trials so that you may go where you can be an example as workers. Young men and women should be working. "I write unto you young men because ye are strong." [1 *John 2:14.*] We want our young men to take hold of the work. We want every one to stand by our institutions, and if you have means you do not use, sell it to prepare souls that are ready to perish, and thus give back to God His own. The Lord has given His people means, and they should be selling out to help carry on the work. *20LtMs, Ms 186, 1905, par. 15*

I have done all I can with *Christ's Object Lessons*. We must do all we can to reach the higher classes. The cities need working. We can reach them by administering to them in sickness. Those who fear God and know how to speak a word in season should present health reform, for every one must be on the side of Christ. We want means to meet the bills as they come due on the Loma Linda Sanitarium and we must go to those who have means and ask them to use self-denial, for we want you to help. The blessing of God will rest upon every one that will help in this work. Loma Linda will become the leading institution for training of workers on the Pacific Coast. *20LtMs, Ms 186, 1905, par. 16*

This conference has not stepped as they ought to and have lost much by not doing. When God places anything before them, they are to say, What can I do to help in the matter? The light I have is that there are means that can be secured to go on with this if they would counsel those who have means and let them feel they have a voice by putting in their money. There will be means enough, and the Spirit of God will help those who will try to secure it in the southern part of the state. From the light I have there is no reason why they should depend upon the General Conference to help. If all in the conference take hold, you can carry it through. All should in accordance with the light God has given. You can have the book *Ministry of Healing* to help in the matter. I will do my part and am willing to advise with those who have means. *20LtMs, Ms 186, 1905, par. 17*

Ms 187, 1905

Talk/Extracts from Remarks at Mountain View, California

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I have been in continual perplexity by the letters of inquiry that have received in regard to certain points in testimonies that are reported, and they want me to explain this and explain that and explain the other. Now, I want to do this, but it has taken time.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 1*

For weeks I have not been able to sleep after one o'clock. I am awakened early by the strong representations that are made in regard to the state of things in our work. I steady myself and try to write them. It would open and open and open, until recently a presentation was made to me, "Take the writings that have been given you for the space of so many years. There you will find that these questions are all answered. Take these writings, and put them in book form."*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 2*

Only last night, I felt as though my life was put out. It seemed as though I could not enter into any kind of labor, but after that was presented to me I said, I will do just as the Lord has said. I have piles and piles and piles of matter in manuscript form, and I did not look at that at all. I try to meet the wants of the present time. The light that is given to me at the present time is that the light that is given in the past will meet the issues of the present and the future. Repeat it over and over and over again. The people need it.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 3*

I was able to sleep until nearly three last night, and then this morning I got up and commenced to search. I had just one book with me, and I found many things that I consider just as applicable now as then. Some personal matters I shall not produce here, but here are some things to the managers and foremen of the Review and Herald Publishing House, the Pacific Press, the London House,

the Echo Publishing House, the Christiana Publishing House, and the Hamburg Publishing House. It was in 1899 that this was taken off upon the typewriter. Now here I speak of the state of things.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 4*

I am alarmed by the spirit of rivalry that is coming into our ranks and our publishing houses. It is most manifest in our older printing houses, but the same spirit is working elsewhere. It is displeasing to God. Not that I am accusing our office here. No, I am not accusing them, but I present the principles which must guard the interests of every soul connected with our offices and with our institutions in any line. If it is allowed to exist, it will grow and strengthen, and as it grows and strengthens it will crush out the missionary spirit.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 5*

Bear that in mind. One institution is not to get itself into a fever lest some other institution shall have better advantages than they have. It will grieve the Spirit of God, and lead to such a course of action as will drive away from the institution and its workers.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 6*

That is why matters are presented that should not exist. Our institutions are very sacred in the eyes of God, and unless He has free access to every room and to every heart, then there is a hindrance, there is something that needs to be corrected. Every one have our varied phases of character, and we want to be in that position that we shall be under the control of God. Then we shall have none of this spirit arising. As I see our various institutions are coming into existence, sanitariums and such things, it reaches to every institution, and every one of us should be in a position always to help, never to hinder, never to let anything come in that shall spoil our own likeness to Christ. We cannot afford it. It is an expensive business.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 7*

Let us consider all these things. I am going to get this out in print, and I thought I would like to speak it out right here, that we may begin the work of searching our individual hearts to see what is there that will in any way mar the spirit of unity for which Christ prayed in the *seventeenth chapter of John*. He prayed that lack of unity should not exist. Love expressed would be to the world as

credentials, if it was cherished, if it was practiced, that God had sent His Son.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 8*

Here are a large number that have come into the truth, that believe the seventh day is the Sabbath. But from the light that God has given me, there is not one-hundredth part done which, if they walked individually in the counsel of God, will be done in the future. There will be men taken right from the plow, just as Christ took the fishermen and united them with Him. What did He say to them? Did He say, Go to the Jews, and go to this one and that one, and learn, then come and follow Me? No, He said, Leave your nets and your boats, and come and follow Me. I will make you fishers of men.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 9*

Every one of us shall bow in humility to Christ as our Head. He is the power that is to be with us. We look to men, and we are watching men, but we want to be beholding Christ, that by beholding Him we shall be changed into His image. Then when we are changed into His image, we shall work the works of Christ. We shall do just as He did. We shall go out. Our ministers will not be hovering around the cities. If God has called them to bear responsibilities in the work, it is to put themselves to task, to qualify themselves, which they can do if they will, to fit them for any emergency that may arise.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 10*

Let the heart be emptied of all selfishness, Brethren, we have a lot of it. We have tugged it along as though it were a precious treasure that we could not let go, unless we placed ourselves in an exalted position. Then we took a course that they could not receive us.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 11*

Hereditary and cultivated tendencies cling, and if you let them in, they will get the better of you. These things I am to speak to you. This is preparation day. We want this day to be diligently searching our own hearts, and see what we must do to get in a right position.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 12*

It has always been presented to me that our publishing houses, our sanitariums, our schools should be more after the order of the schools of the prophets. We are to be watching every development of our own character, so that it shall not militate against the work of

the Holy Spirit of God.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 13*

We should have just as large an interest for the youth, no matter what their hereditary tendencies are. When they are the most objectionable, they need your help the most. And when I travel—O what pity I have for families that cannot manage their children. “Send them to me,” said I. One mother said she could not do anything. Said I, “Send them to me,” a brother and sister. I took them, and I know that the Spirit of God helped me in changing their disposition.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 14*

In our institutions I have heard surly, repulsive answers to questions asked, when such persons should be treated as students in a school and patiently taught, line upon line—in order to do the most perfect service. Educating for what? That their hearts may become temples for the Holy Spirit to dwell in.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 15*

And if you can say very straight things, you may call things by their right name if you manifest the tenderness of Christ. It is no use to put the vim into your voice. Just as soon as you do, there is an opposing influence in that heart that has not been subdued by the Spirit of Christ, which you must know will be developed. You must work with these souls. They may act inconsistently and imprudently, but you are to bring them by your example to a position that is right. These things have been upon my mind for sometime.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 16*

The apostle Paul declares—just look at this declaration, how many times I have thought of it—“Ye are our epistle.” How can this be more suitable than in the office of publication? There should be a positive, and different influence, with many in our institutions. “Ye are our epistle, ... known and read of all men.” [2 *Corinthians* 3:2.] We understand the character of the heart by the temper of the words. Christ is our efficiency. The lives of His followers are to be an exposition of the sacred truths of His Word. Men on the earth are to see that we are not of the same character as they. And we shall shine as lights amid the moral darkness of this earth.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 17*

Just think of it. Just consider it. Buried with Christ in baptism, and the three great powers of heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy

Ghost take us up. And when in emergency, you feel that you know not how to go, you just plead with Christ, "You told us, Lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world. [*Matthew 28:20.*] Now give me power to stand on vantage ground," and you will have it.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 18*

The gospel lived in every department of our work is an influence that will save souls from perdition. I know it will. Whatever or whoever they may be, if we will come to them feeling that we have hold of the Lord and His Spirit, it will work upon their hearts. Not every one, because I know that there are some that, although they are impressed, will not yield.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 19*

They are thinking, when perhaps they do not know it. All the light of truth has not shone. It may be men living in the world, but living up to the very best light they have, therefore God wants us to come in connection with them that they may have the next page of light opened to them, the great light of present truth.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 20*

O, the Lord is willing that we reach a much higher standard. You have greater light, greater advantages.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 21*

There is more than one Cornelius. There is more than one whom angels visit. They are connected with the world. They have never had the Sabbath truth brought to them, therefore we want every soul that can to be a representative of Jesus Christ. There are many you will find all ready, if you go to them and introduce the truth. They will just walk right in it.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 22*

There are youth and children that need educating. This work should not be done in an impatient, faultfinding manner.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 23*

Now I knew that you were from all parts, and I wanted these things to sink into your hearts and minds. Every one who is subordinate to the will of God is under Christ as a learner.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 24*

From the Word of God, those at the head of our institution are to

learn day by day how to speak as Christ would speak.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 25*

The apprentices come and place themselves in a position where they can get advantages, and their parents entrust them there, and expect that men who have years of experience in the printing office will lead them to Christ. They are God's property.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 26*

Jesus sat down to eat with the publicans and sinners. Do you suppose He went there to give them no lesson? Every word that He spoke on such occasions was a lesson, and every word that you speak in the company of unconverted men is to be such as will recommend Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 27*

I want that every one of us should take these admonitions for close inquiry with ourselves as to whether we are going to receive, at this meeting, divine grace and the power of the Holy Spirit of God, which He has said He is more willing to give to them that ask Him, than parents are to give good gifts unto their children.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 28*

Now, there is the promise spread right open before you. You come to the Lord sacrificing your own ideas and your own feelings and grasp the principles, and then carry out the principles, and the power of God will just as surely be with you.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 29*

We have one of the greatest works to do, and we are to fashion ourselves to do it. We are not to buy and sell and get gain as though that were our business. "Follow me," says Christ, "and I will make you fishers of men." [*Matthew 4:19.*] All around here is a community to be warned. You can see souls that are around here, and you can speak to them. You can let your light flash forth. You can be kind and tender and pitiful. God calls upon you to have the sweetness of the Spirit of Christ, that you may win others to the truth.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 30*

I wanted to say this much to you this morning, and God help you to work to the point. I think there is a splendid time now, this day, if there is anything between brother and brother, anything that you

think should be taken out of the way or that you have suffered to remain, take it out of the way. It is preparation day, and more than that, it is the great day of atonement, when we are to confess our sins. We are not here to make sins, but we are here to confess our sins. There is an examination going on, and God help us that we may meet the standard.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 31*

I want to say one word more. When you get the Holy Spirit into the heart, you know what it did on the day of Pentecost. No man had to say that anything was his own. Everything was the Lord's. They were brethren. We want just such a spirit, and you need not be afraid that you will lose all that you have, if you should get in such a spirit, because God will work for us a hundredfold. There were 3,000 converted that day when the Holy Ghost had rested upon them. There were thousands converted in a day. That is the religion we want. Clear the King's highway. Lift up the standard; for Christ's sake lift it up. It has been trampled long enough. Lift up the standard, brethren and sisters, and the grace of God will come right in and you will find that the measures that will take an hour or two hours to bring around, can be accomplished in five minutes. He can do more for you in five minutes than you can do in hours. God wants you to break. Fall upon the Rock and be broken.*20LtMs, Ms 187, 1905, par. 32*

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Acts 1:1-4. Now here is a commandment, that “they should not depart from Jerusalem.” *20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 1*

But I want to go on to the second chapter. *Acts 2:1.* What had they been praying about? Christ had ascended to heaven, and now they had been praying for the Holy Spirit which was promised them. And if we would pray more, if we would be more instant in prayer instead of talking and gossiping about this one’s faults and that one’s faults, and somebody else’s faults, let me tell you we should be approved of God. He wants every one of us to have sanctified tongues and sanctified voices and sanctified brains, which means a sanctified heart. And when the sanctified heart is really as we should have it, then the sanctified brain, and all the powers of the being, will be in accordance with the will of God. *20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 2*

The time is short now, and we have but a little while in which to proclaim the message of mercy to a fallen world. We want to be praying for the Holy Ghost, that we shall be prepared to receive it. *20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 3*

Verses 2-5. It was a special occasion. There was the greatest gathering at Jerusalem. And why should not the disciples depart from Jerusalem until after the Holy Spirit had come upon them? This demonstration must be made so there should be publicly given to the Jews and all that assembled together that Jesus Christ had ascended to heaven. This is why the message must be first commenced at Jerusalem, for they had been so intimidated that they did not dare to take their position in regard to Jesus Christ. They were [one page missing here] *20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 4*

Persecution was permitted to arise to scatter from Jerusalem, to

scatter them out into various places where the message of Christ would be proclaimed in new places that had never heard the message.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 5*

And it is some marvel to many that our office of publication should be moved here to Mountain View. Well, it is because they knew that they must get out of the cities according to the directions that God had given. This seemed to be in every way a favorable place, and therefore they located here. Now as they have located here in this place, it is not that they should make a Jerusalem of it by any means, but that those who know and understand the truth, you have cities around here; you have places where you may go in. You are to consider that the world is to be warned. You are not to settle down with the idea that we have a cluster of brethren here together, and here we will abide. God wants everyone that is capable of giving the message to exert every power that He has given you, that the truth shall come to those who know it not. He is preparing hearts to receive it.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 6*

Now, everyone that is connected with this office of publication here, and is interested in the works that may be established here in this place, is to consider that he must hold himself, while here, in a position of consecration and devotion to God, and prepare to take the message that God has given them to new places.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 7*

Keep the work advancing, and never allow commercial business to come to any man that is a preacher, to devote his time part to preaching and part to commercial business.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 8*

We have none of us too much brain power; we have none too much capabilities; we have none too much talent, for we are to meet others in the highways and we are to meet them in the byways, and we are to give them the message of truth. Everywhere that you can enter, where the truth of God should be proclaimed, you are, if they give you permission, to speak the Word of life.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 9*

You need not attack their positions. You have a Bible, you can talk from that. You can go into the congregation Sabbath after Sabbath

or Sunday after Sunday, and you may take the truth to them, and there are many that will listen to what you say. I can tell you that minds are stirred up and are troubled and worried about the wickedness and the judgments that are abroad in the land, and well they may be; for He that is to come will come, and will not tarry.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 10*

Now, we want you to go from this meeting with a consecration to God that you never have had before. We want all evil speaking put away. We want everything like the old man to be crucified. “Ye are dead,” says the apostle, “and your life is hid with Christ in God.” There is where our life is. “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things that are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.” [*Colossians 3:3, 1.*]*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 11*

We want to be working for the reformation of the unconverted. When you get in their society, see what you can do, and when you feel that you have got a commission to teach the truth, there is a whole world lying in wickedness. You can go from place to place as evangelists. You can enter into their houses with our books. You can become acquainted; you can bow your knees in prayer. You can sing the songs of Zion—two always going together—and you will find you will awaken an interest in hearts. What we want is this house-to-house labor as well as the ministerial labor that you may be called to perform. You want to get acquainted with your neighbors. You want to understand whether they have the truth or not. When we consider that in the judgment these will come right up to us and say, “Why didn’t you tell us these things?”*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 12*

When I was at Nashville, I had been speaking to the people, and in the night season, there was an immense ball of fire that came right from heaven and settled in Nashville. There were flames going out like arrows from that ball; houses were being consumed; houses were tottering and falling. Some of our people were standing there. “It is just as we expected,” they said, “we expected this.” Others were wringing their hands in agony and crying unto God for mercy. “You knew it,” said they, “you knew that this was coming, and never said a word to warn us!” They seemed as though they would almost tear them to pieces, to think they had never told them or given them

any warning at all.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 13*

The next scene presented was a messenger in a house, who took a map, and showed them on that map where were cities, where were villages, where there were places that should be visited. And there were only a few places dotted here and there where they had visited. Here are those that can go forth, and will they go forth? He pointed to these places, to the cities and villages and the different places that have not been worked—scarcely nothing done in them. Here were men and women that knew the truth.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 14*

They may not be ministers, they may not be ordained, but they know the principles of truth and understand the Word of God. And here this messenger of God pointed out the places, and work that must be done in the South. Here was the work right around them in the South.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 15*

They came together to the meeting, and we had an excellent meeting. We had a sort of a conference meeting. I spoke some words. “Now,” said I, “I am not going to take up all this time. I am going to have you that are here, who have got a word for the Lord, to speak.” Well the ministers spoke short, and then the people began to bear their testimonies. We had a wonderful meeting; it was an excellent meeting. Well, why didn’t they preach all the way through? I will tell you why. On the Sabbath, as they assemble together, they have a short discourse, except on special occasions, and then give every one that feels a burden an opportunity to bear his testimony. It is their time. It is their time to bear their testimony. And it is their time to pray to God and get a fitting up, that they may go forth to take up the work that is to be done and that should be done—house-to-house labor in the evangelistic work that can be carried into neighborhoods and cities and villages.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 16*

There is abundance to be done if you will only do it. Now there is where it is presented to me, with that map and those places. We feel intensely over these things, and we want to see the work of God done where there is nothing. How do you suppose they are going to be warned? Why do you suppose you have been

converted to the truth? It is that you may become God's messenger. You may go to one and another that you know. You may introduce the subject to those you do not know. You may carry these publications with you, and you may distribute these publications. There are works that you may do on the right hand and on the left. *20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 17*

A few nights ago I was awakened with this, "They know not the time of their visitation." [See *Luke 19:44.*] Why don't they know it? Because nobody is there to tell them. God wants messengers, and He wants us to put on the whole armor of God, and having put it on, "to stand. For we war not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers in high places." [*Ephesians 6:11-13.*]*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 18*

Now all these things we meet. It is satanic agencies. Do you think that we have not any powers that are arrayed against every one of us to cultivate hereditary tendencies in every soul that does not seek to overcome as we should? Do you think Satan is dead? If you are hasty of speech, you must overcome that. If you have a violent temper, you must overcome that. And if you understand wrongly, and report things that are not true, you have got that to overcome. God expects that every one of us will stand in our lot and stand in our place. *20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 19*

I have thought, What can I say, or what can I do, to awaken our people to understand that if you have the truth, the message, you can handle that message, even if you are not ministers. You can speak a word in season, one here and one there. And you may set the mind in a train of thought so that they will not rest until they search the Scriptures, and see for themselves what saith the Scriptures. *20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 20*

I want to speak to you in Revelation. Now we know that the *Revelation* came to John, and John was one that was always speaking the truth. His faith did not change at all. There are men who come up and tell you some great fallacy. You just set them aside. *20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 21*

1 John 1:1-5. Don't you distribute our God through nature. He is not to be found in leaves and roots and trees. He ruleth in the heavens,

and He imbues His people with light that shines into the chambers of the mind and illuminates the soul temple. John had beheld that light and he could not hold his peace. Even in his old age he would speak of what he had seen and heard. He was the oldest man living that had seen Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 22*

Verse 6. Will you bear that in mind? God wants us to catch every divine ray of light that shineth from the Word of God, and carry with us the publications, that they may impart light to every soul. See if you cannot deny yourselves in some way, and put a paper into their hands as a present, that they may have it with them and read some important things. Now, we have got to be wide awake. We have got to sow the seed in order to have the fruit manifested. You cannot expect fruit unless you plant the tree, or unless you sow the seed. Then you may expect that you will see some harvest.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 23*

Verse 7. “as he is in the light.” You see it is our privilege, God wants us. Christ said, “He that will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.” [*Mark 8:34.*] We have a living Christ, who says, “If I go to My Father, then I will send you the Comforter.” [See *John 16:7.*] Well, the Holy Spirit of God is to come to us in power, as soon as we have faith to embrace it, as soon as we recognize it.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 24*

[*1 John 1*] *Verses 7, 8.* They had gotten tired of hearing that testimony. They tried to kill John. But God says, “He is my life, he shall live.” He had a work to do through John, and they could not kill him; therefore they took him on the barren isle of Patmos. They thought that if they put him there then his mouth would certainly be stopped. But now we read:*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 25*

Revelation 1:1-5. Now I want you to mark all these points, how Jesus Christ did come to John as we shall see.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 26*

Verses 6, 7. We do not want to be on the wailing side. We want every soul to be convinced with the Spirit of God that there is nothing that enters into the kingdom of heaven that defileth. We want you to understand that point. Those who enter in will be without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. And you want to teach it

to your household. You want to sanctify your households unto God. You have no time to lose. We pierce Christ when we pierce His servants, when we say things and do things that will cut off their hope and courage. Let us not do that any more. It does not profit you any. It shows that your hearts are unconverted.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 27*

Verse 8. Here is a personage brought to view distinctly. Every effort is going to be made to make a non-entity of Christ and of God. You will see that will come in to be met. You will have to meet all these things, and if you let the enemy come in, he will spoil your faith, and you will find, let me tell you, that you have got nothing to lay hold of to resist all these spiritualistic ideas.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 28*

Verse 9. Everyone has a testimony to bear. We must have Christ in our hearts.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 29*

Verses 10, 11. Here were the churches. All these things in Revelation represent the churches in the land. We find through the list of the churches that there is a call made. I cannot begin to tell it all, but the latest is the third angel's message. It is to be proclaimed, and we are to carry the banner with the inscription, "The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." [*Revelation 14:12.*] That is what we are to bear. There is no such thing as these spiritualistic ideas that must come into our mind at all, that we have no personal Christ and we have no personal God. Brethren, hold fast to the sanctuary. Hold fast to Christ Jesus; hold fast to the Father. And every point of present truth that we have heard that we have experienced, we are to proclaim whenever we shall go.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 30*

In the judgment you will have to give an account for the neglect, the much talking that you have among yourselves to find fault. Go out and take the truth to others, and you will find that you have not the disposition to find fault that you had. You just go in the name of the Lord. There is a work for you to do, and if you do that work the blessing of the Lord will be upon you.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 31*

[*Revelation 1*] *Verses 12, 13-16.* He had a countenance, did He not? Yes; He had a personality and He had a countenance that was like the sun shining in his strength.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 32*

Verses 17, 18. Praise God! Praise Him! Praise Him that He is alive forever more, and that He has grace and strength and power! He is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him than parents are to give good gifts unto their children. Think of these things. Study the book of Revelation.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 33*

Verses 18-20. Chapter 2:1. Now you can see that every one of us has a connection if we are children of God. We have a connection with heaven by the angels that descend that ladder of shining brightness, and reflect the light and the glory of God. They are ascending and descending that ladder of shining brightness to give light, to give grace, to give strength. And when you neglect your prayers in your house, you say, We can do without you. That is what your conduct says. We want the living prayers going up to God that we shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. We must cling to that faith that is unto salvation.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 34*

Verses 2-5. Now there is a love that is gone from us, and we had better cultivate the love of Christ in our hearts. We had better devote our strength to pleading with God in prayer that we may have a new heart. "A new heart," He says, "I will give you." [*Ezekiel 36:26.*] Then if He will give us a new heart, let us take it. Let us stop complaining and faultfinding and talking unbelief. Let us put on the whole armor of righteousness, and let us seek the Lord, and having done all, to stand. Stand firmly for the truth. Do not be wavering this way and that way, because some will bring a fallacious message unto you. We must hold the first message we had from the beginning.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 35*

[Revelation 2] Verse 5. Chapter 3:1. I can only touch a point here and there. There are a good many who have a name to live, but they are dead. Why? Because the life-giving power is not in them. They are not connected with the Life-giver. When the life-giving power comes to us we are not dead. "If ye then be risen with Christ, by baptism, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God." [*Colossians 3:1.*]*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 36*

[Revelation 3] Verses 2, 3. Will you remember how you received the

faith? what convictions did you have when you received it? Now they will come with their sophistries and tell you this story and that story. Be just like John, and hold fast what you have received from the beginning. Do not throw it overboard because somebody has a fallacious story or some sophistry or some science or hypnotism or any such thing as that. Cling to the Mighty One of Israel.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 37*

Now here is something a little cheering. *Verse 4.* Do you not want to be among that number that have not defiled their garments by anything that they have done? And if they have, we have got a testimony to repent.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 38*

Verse 5. Is that not what you want? We want a living, personal Christ. And those who are throwing Him away, or burying Him in the leaf or the tree or somewhere else—we want to tell you they do not know Him.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 39*

Verse 5. Now you just take that, carry it home with you. Do not, I beg of you, take up the old magazines that are flooding our world, and pay your pennies out for them, and read and search these magazines and keep them so all visitors can get hold of them. Put them away; do not spend your money for them. There is not enough in these magazines that will pay for the reading. God help you that you may search the Scriptures. We have but a little time. We must not load down our brains with this stale food or such food as you may find in these magazines. We cannot afford it.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 40*

We want the food that is the Word of God, that we can digest, and can impart to others the benefits of what we receive. We shall have that food that comes from the living Christ, who says, “I am the living water.” He says, “I will give to you the living water. I am the bread of heaven, that came down from heaven. If they eat My flesh and drink My blood they shall have eternal life.” He did not tell you to eat the food that is in these magazines and these romances. That is why there are nine-tenths of us having such little experience, and have so little to say about the Bible.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 41*

Oh, in 1844 we searched it, and day and night we had our praying

seasons. In the night season the power of God came in our midst, and the shouts of triumph would come up as we were waiting for our Lord. We are waiting for Him now. He is nearer than when we first believed. We want a rich experience.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 42*

Verses 6-8. Don't make complaints that you have no spirituality. Don't make complaints of any one but just yourself. "Behold, I have set before thee an open door," and what you want is to apply right to that open door, and you want the Holy Spirit of God to come right into your heart, and you want it to cleanse the brain temple from every thought that is a hindrance to the will of God. You want Him to take possession of the temple of the soul, and there you may have a healthy atmosphere, and your heart may be joyous.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 43*

"I know Him. I know him," saith the Lord, "for he followed Me. And here is the open door. No man can shut it." "For thou hast a little strength, and hast kept My word, and hast not denied My name." [*Verse 8.*] Shall we not have more strength? Shall we not draw from the living fountain?*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 44*

Verses 9, 10.—"patience." You have to have patience. What is His patience, can you tell me? O, if we would come up to our position that we had years ago, thirty years ago, I will tell you Christ would not have had to refer to patience. He is waiting and waiting for you to do your duty. He is waiting for you to carry the message, and when you have done your duty and the world is warned, Christ is coming, and He will take us to Himself. But this laziness, this indolence, this having no speech for God, let me tell you it is bringing condemnation upon our souls.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 45*

"Thou hast kept the word of my patience." [*Verse 10.*] You have not given it up. You have kept the word. Christ has the patience to wait till He can see the witness carried to all parts of the earth that He meant should be carried long ago, and then the work would have been completed.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 46*

But here is the whole army of the powers of darkness, that we are warring against, to keep us from bearing the message of life and

salvation to those that know it not. And cities are unwarned all around us. It keeps me awake. I cannot sleep after a few hours in the night. I am planning what we can do to get the message of warning before the people.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 47*

Verses 10, 11. The devil is trying to get something else before us, that we shall lose that crown that is waiting for us in the heavenly courts. We have a personal Saviour, one who is pleading for us in the heavenly sanctuary, that we shall have the crown of life. It is not sophistry. It is not an idle tale. It is no story that Satan has connected that we shall give adherence to. It is the very light that God gave away back in 1842 and 1843 and 1844.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 48*

And we know that every point was established by the miracles of God's mercy at that times. I know, for I was in the message. I know, for I witnessed the miracles. I know, for I felt them upon my own person. And I can testify to you, we have a personal, living Saviour today that is pleading in our behalf in the heavenly courts, while Satan and his angels are working with all their power and determination to keep the world in sin, and to keep us so occupied with various things that we will not give the last message of mercy to a fallen world. Now, we had better sacrifice a great deal rather than to be found where we are deficient in doing our duty. There is a great work to be done in our world.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 49*

The Southern field is to be looked after. And do not anybody, when means is passed in for that Southern field, pass it right out into somebody else's hand to go to some other source. Don't you do it. God will hold you to an account if you do. The field is wide enough, and it wants all that can be produced to carry on the work—not all that can be produced, but your share of it there. There is a great deal to be done, and we cannot afford to be extravagant in anything. We must come right to the point of self-denial and self-sacrifice.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 50*

Verses 12, 13-16. Where is our zeal? Where do we see that we have a warmth of love to Christ that draws us out to the erring and those that are falling out by the way. Where, I ask you, is that energy and spirit that we should exercise to save perishing souls?

Well, He doesn't leave them there. He spues them out of His mouth. *Verse 17.* We are not all in that condition, but a good many of us are. We are not left right there to sink.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 51*

Verses 18, 19. I bring to you today the repenting message. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, exercise your repentance. Confess to one another; pray for one another that you may be healed. Whoever has an occasion against any, go to him, pray with him, and the healing grace of God will go with you. Christ says, right there, Where there are two or three together in My name, there am I in their midst, and that to bless. It is the repenting and the confessing, and then Christ comes to relieve us.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 52*

*Verses 19-22.**20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 53*

I have only touched upon a point here and there, because I wanted to carry through a train of thought. I want to tell you that we have got a great work to do, that where there is alienation, where there is strife, it is for you to repent, and do not go in that way, for so Christ Jesus is being pierced in the person of His saints. Do not go on in this spirit, but go right out in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and repent and be converted that your sins may be blotted out, that they will not remain.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 54*

Now, that is what we want, and will we work to the point? Will we take hold of the work and do as we have never done before, to cleanse our garments and our souls, to get a white garment washed in the blood of the Lamb, to get the gold not obtained by any intrigue, not obtained by any dishonest action, but get that gold that is tried in the fire? Get that gold of character which is virtue and love for one another. Let me tell you you have not a liberty to do underhanded work in any line of transaction of business, but take your stand for God and for heaven. I wish you would do it before you leave the house. I think we had better be in earnest.*20LtMs, Ms 188, 1905, par. 55*

Ms 189, 1905

Sermon/Remarks at Mountain View, California

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Mark 1:1-4. We are going to have this experience repeated. It is to be in every place where there is a city and where there is a town. It has to be in every place, colored as well as white. Somehow the enemy seems to work so that everyone shall be disheartened from taking hold of the colored work, but I do not mean it shall be. I shall bear my testimony just as long as I have a breath of life in my body in regard to that.*20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 1*

But I want to read on. *Verses 5-8.* That is what we need. Not merely to rest upon our baptism, that we have had, as sufficient, but we want the Holy Ghost just as much.*20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 2*

Verses 9-11. O what an occasion that was for the people that were looking for Christ and expecting Him! *Verse 12.* "And immediately the Spirit driveth Him into the wilderness." *Verses 14-17.* Now that is their calling. And straightway—instead of going to the priests and the rulers—straightway they forsook their nets and followed Him.*20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 3*

Verses 19-24. Notwithstanding the Satan was opposing them, the Spirit of Christ was at work. There came that message that would acknowledge Him as the Son of God. "And Jesus rebuked him, saying," *verses 25-29.**20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 4*

And here it is stated that He healed the mother of Simon. Now He says, *verses 35-38.* After He had given His message, He did not hang over them. He let that message do its work, but He went right on to other places, that He might publish the message; and this is what we want.*20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 5*

Verses 39-44. Do you know why He did not want them to tell?

Priests and rulers would have been right after Him to hedge up His way in every way possible. And they did try.*20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 6*

Verse 45. Now I wanted to say, brethren and sisters, something as I spoke to you on Sabbath. It is no use for us to feel that we are doing all that God wants us to do, because I know we are not. I know it its kept before me night and day, and I have not slept a wink after two o'clock, and I have got up at half past three—I thought I would try to sleep—and have been writing, writing. This is the only way that I can relieve my mind. I want to tell you that we are not doing one-thousandth part, as a people, of what we should do. You have not begun to be awake. You have not begun to rise to the necessities of the case where the people are that have never had the truth.*20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 7*

In regard to what has been said, as he has mentioned it, it is duty for me to say something about this. I have a book that is coming out that gives the whole history of my letters to him [Edson White] and the work that was done, that the people shall have it. Because it is this very thing that should be done that is not being done in many respects. There are the whites all around everywhere, there are the cities, there are the villages, and all these things, I am bearing a message that our people are to be baptized with the Holy Ghost.*20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 8*

Now, I want to know if our people are seeking the Lord with that earnestness and decision. When they receive the Holy Ghost they will be taught of God, and we shall not have any of this misunderstanding that we have tried to strip from the people for so long, and do as we have been doing since we came over here from Australia. The colored people must have help. But I have wrenched myself every way I can, and I cannot see what I can do, only to bear my testimony in the name of the Lord God of Israel.*20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 9*

And I want to say we have a great interest now pending at Washington. We expect there that this question of the law is coming up, and every soul of you needs to be in prayer that you may beseech the Lord with all the powers of your being. Get ready first;

get the Spirit of God first, and be pleading for yourself that God will let the Holy Spirit come upon you, and then you will begin to understand that you have prayers to offer for those in Washington. It now is pending whether a law is passed to forbid any working on Sunday. This is the devil's movement.*20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 10*

And I want to say that we want very much more of a union and connection with God, and if we have it we shall be so moved by the Spirit of God that when we see the work and hear so much about it, we will go just as those disciples went. Christ said to them, Leave your nets, leave your ships, and follow Me. Now they were not called to go to a place like Battle Creek, and stay there five years to get ready. God is not in that business at all. He wants that every one who has a knowledge of the truth should start out and go to work under some ministers if they have not the experience. They should go out among the people and go from house to house.*20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 11*

Now I see that Brother Corliss is looking very anxious. He would be glad to do all this work, but if God has given you the privilege, Brother Corliss, go out where you may feel an interest to go out, God will help you. I want to say, brethren and sisters, we want the healing power of God under the Holy Spirit's influence. We need the healing power of God. I know those that have been working hard all their lives, like Elder Loughborough, have a little home, and he almost wanted to make an apology for it. I find Brother Corliss living in a barn, until he can get means to get a little house. We do not oppose that, Brother Corliss. We do not oppose Brother Loughborough for being here. They are the old hands that have helped with their means and with their physical strength and with their mental powers, and we want to say to you, "Let not your heart be troubled—may be also." *John 14:1-3.20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 12*

Now I want to say that I feel like guarding the old hands in the work. There are a good many things I feel like guarding. I have had it laid open that I was to see that the aged ministers were respected. I wish to give my testimony to the point that we must esteem them very highly for their works' sake. Now I want to tell you that this is

repeated to me over and over and over again.*20Lts, Ms 189, 1905, par. 13*

There is not a zeal and earnestness. If the power of the Holy Spirit was upon you, you could no more be so content with unwarned neighbors all around you. I cannot see a man or woman in the street, but what I think, O, do they know the Lord is coming? As I ride on the cars through the cities I think: Have they been warned, has the light been shining into these cities that they shall have the truth? I think, if those fishermen could be called right from their fishing boats and set to work, the very same Jesus Christ calls, the very same teacher calls you to go. "Go," He says, "teach them all that I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [*Matthew 28:19, 20.*]*20Lts, Ms 189, 1905, par. 14*

If there were many more going out and finding places where they could work for the southern people, it would be to your advantage. I know how the first work was commenced. They would come and there would not be room, and little children would be lying right on the platform, while the characters were being made on the blackboard, and they were trying to copy it off. Little children in the school of all ages, old people, they would do their washing, then they would go a mile or two to get to the meeting, that they might hear what was said of the Bible.*20Lts, Ms 189, 1905, par. 15*

We are half dead. Now what was Christ's message? He tells us that He had somewhat against them because they had left their first love. And then He tells them again that they are sick and ready to die. "I have not found thy works perfect before God." [*Revelation 3:2.*]*20Lts, Ms 189, 1905, par. 16*

Now, my brethren and sisters, I would not have come here, I would not have felt it was my duty to leave my home, but I said, "I shall go even if it rains." They all said, "You must wait and see if it is going to be fair." "No," said I, "if it rains it rains, and if I have a message I will bear it." And this is the message that I bear.*20Lts, Ms 189, 1905, par. 17*

I believe every soul of us has a responsibility to encourage the men that are trying to work in the colored field, because I have seen it,

and I understand it. And I want to say, before ever I saw Huntsville, in the night season there was a people all around in Huntsville. There is an institution right close by Huntsville where there is a colored school—the state normal school for colored teachers. There they are supported, they are sustained. They have people to look after them. But when I went to Huntsville—before I go away, if I can, I will read you something about it.*20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 18*

I want to tell you it is time that we were converted. When my son was in such distress to know what to do, a messenger came into my room. My head was bowed down upon the table and I was in great distress. The messenger came and put his hand upon my head and said, I have a message for you. And that message was to say to the people in the South to put a little receptacle—that was the name—put it in every house where it can be put. Ask the fathers and mothers to educate their children to self-denial instead of spending for candies and those things, to put their money in this little receptacle. And in doing that, said he, the Spirit of Jesus Christ will be operating upon the heart of that child, and upon the heart of the mother, and the mother and the father and every one that is in the house can give to that receptacle, and those that come into the house, believers or unbelievers, tell them what it means, and ask them if they do not want to contribute for the Southern field.*20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 19*

Let me tell you all America is under obligation to the colored people in the South. The whole of America everywhere in every place is responsible for these colored people, that they did not take them just as soon as they were released from slavery. If only they had done it! We are years behind. If only they had taken hold of the work—I do not know how to express it.*20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 20*

He delivered Israel. You see how hard it was for them to be delivered. The whole of Egypt had to be destroyed. The prosperity of the whole of Egypt had to be destroyed in order to get them out. When they had got them out, Pharaoh said, “Go quick,” because the firstborn were dead. “Go as quick as you can, but leave your flocks and your herds behind.” “No,” said Moses, “we will take every head of cattle, and every sheep, and we will take them along with

us,” and he had to consent. [See *Exodus 10:24-26; 12:31, 32.*] *20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 21*

Then they went. Now God was leading them. How was it? They thought they had made a terrible mistake. There was the pillar of cloud leading. There they came right in between the mountains, and there was nothing but inaccessible mountains and the Red Sea, and what were they going to do? O, they began to mourn and they laid themselves on the ground, and they were in agony. “We cannot go up these mountains, and it is the Red Sea.” God said to Moses, “Go forward.” [*Exodus 14:15.*] “Why,” said he, “the people are ready to kill me.” Said He, “Go forward.” They had not gotten to the Red Sea then. They heard the tramp of horses and chariots, and they saw the king and his armies, and they were following hard after, and there was the Red Sea and there were the mountains. *20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 22*

Now, the Lord just worked with that pillar of cloud. He would go first behind, and then He would go before. He came between the Israelites and the Egyptians, so that the army could not see the children of Israel. And then the light became so great that they could not discern where they were going. But they went right to the Red Sea and the rod of God was laid upon it, and the path was made plain, and the Israel of God marched over on dry land. And there stood Moses and the minstrels singing and glorifying God, and there was Pharaoh’s army that was destroyed. *20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 23*

Do you think that God designed that the colored people should be left in a worse position than when they were in slavery? In slavery, their masters had an object to see that they had enough to eat, and to see that their bodily health was kept in a right condition. But nobody owns them now, and if they have anything to eat, it must be just as little as possible. They are just as much slaves, only in a great deal worse condition. *20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 24*

As it has been opened to me, great care has to be used. I have written to my son over and over. Great care, so as not to act imprudently, and let everything be known that you are going to do. You have got to keep your councils to yourselves, and you have got

to work just as carefully as you can. It is the hardest field that there is in this world, and if ever a field should be sustained, it is the southern work.*20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 25*

I began to say that before ever I saw Huntsville, I was taken to a large farm, and there were trees. There was a large peach tree orchard and other trees all in the most flourishing condition, and there was a school for colored people and everything seemed to be nice and pleasant, and I felt so grateful for this. Well, when I began to talk to our brethren about it, they said, There is nothing like that at Huntsville. I was perfectly astonished.*20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 26*

And when I went there and saw what there was, and asked for a bath, they said there was nothing there to get a bath. Haven't you a tub? We haven't a tub on the place. Only we have sawed a barrel in two and when we wash we use that barrel.*20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 27*

Well, everything was in a dilapidated condition. There is where they have got a few together to have a school. "Why," said I, "this is not the place at all that is presented to me." I was so astonished. I looked around. Said I, "Carry me over the farm." They had gone a few steps and the harness came to pieces. Then they had to stop to fix the old harness. Then we went round and looked at things. O how my heart ached! "Why," said I, "this land must be cultivated." And I began to think where the place was that I had seen. But from the representation they give me now, they are on the road, they are on the way so that that representation will be perfect.*20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 28*

They say that from the peach trees there the peaches have been developed and have been sold, the very best kind. But I told them to cultivate the land. Cultivate the land. And we got different hands to take hold of it, those who had the tact and ability to handle the colored people, and they will make that land blossom like the rose, as you may see. It won't be roses, it will be something that will be self-supporting. I wanted to say that that was presented to me before I went there. I have my testimony here, and you shall have it in time.*20LtMs, Ms 189, 1905, par. 29*

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Remarks/Remarks at the Pacific Press Stockholders' Meeting

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Since I have been here I have had a representation in regard to the much light that has been sent to the different offices, to open before them all the improvements that they could make by heeding the Word of the Lord. Here is something that was brought when Brother Bartlett and Brother Wood concluded to withdraw themselves from the work and go into speculation. There will be temptations come in every line, no matter what it is that they can take hold of. A man's individuality, train it in the right direction. This was repeated. This is a message to them, but it was repeated. *20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 1*

[Extracts quoted are from *Ms 60, 1898.*]

"The institutions that God has established, and especially here in Australia" The very same repetition has been made in other institutions appointed of God to do a special work by giving to the world by their influence and example the last message of mercy ever to be given to a fallen world. *20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 2*

Every man's soul must be in such connection with God that they can give the Word in season. An angel of God was represented as standing close by their side to make that impression upon the hearts of unbelievers, that they would carry it away with them. And the time would be that they would take their position upon the truth unless they those appointed utterly refused to have any influence upon them. *20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 3*

"As the light from a lighthouse warns of breakers on a rocky coast, so must our institutions stand so that we can give warning. ... Keep in vital connection with the great Master-worker, seeking to use every entrusted talent in an effort to become perfect yourselves in

every line of the work through the imparted wisdom of Christ, that you can impart what He will impart to you to the unbelieving ones that shall come within the hearing or under the influence of these institutions. ... This is of more value to the world than sermons, because it is the truth lived. It is the truth practiced. The world is watching you more than you have any idea of, ready to criticize your words and deportment in business transactions.*20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 4*

“No one who is worthy to act a part in connection with the work of God ... healthful condition.” We want a healthful atmosphere that is circulating in our own souls, in our own brains, that we may give light, that we may strike the right cord so that we may sow the seeds which God would have us to sow in righteousness.*20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 5*

“They are to do the work. All those that believe the truth are under solemn responsibilities to carry that work. It is to be done as faithfully as it is possible for them to do it. By the exercise of industry, frugality, and economy they will improve, and they will rise to a higher and higher standard, until God can call them to go out. ... Let the aims of every worker be that they will be in co-partnership with the great Worker. No room, not so much as a corner is to be left in the heart for over-reaching, selfishness, underhand work, or any species of these things.”*20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 6*

By the grace of God every provision has been made for us in the pledge that is made at our baptism, and He says, “Lo, I am with you, even unto the end of the world.” [*Matthew 28:20.*]*20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 7*

Well, this is carried before me night after night, and it has been night after night until I could not sleep, I have not been able to, but a few nights, past one or two o'clock. This morning I slept till nearly three.*20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 8*

“They should move in harmony with their brethren.” There is a diversity of characters. There is a diversity of leaves on a tree, but the same tree produces the same leaves. And although they are not exactly in form as others, exactly all in one form, yet they are to be perfect in their form, perfect in their development, and yet they are

diverse, just as the church varies in their capabilities, in their traits of character. But if they perfect these traits of character they combine together to make a complete whole. And when they do this, the Holy Spirit of God will work with them in such power that the time is just before us—when there will be those to whom you are circulating the manuscripts and the reading matter—that they are all ready to take their position on the truth.*20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 9*

But we must be where we have got a right hold upon God ourselves. The Laodicean message to the church belongs the church at this time, at this period of our history, and He tells us that we are distasteful, that we are neither cold nor hot. “I would then that thou wert either cold or hot. So then ... my mouth.” [*Revelation 3:15, 16.*]*20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 10*

But He does not leave us there. You see His mercy, don't you? He does not leave us there; He does not drop us right into the pit. “I counsel thee to buy of me” [*Verse 18.*]*20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 11*

Those who wish to mingle with their work the commercial, and have their minds affected by that kind of work, they are neither cold nor hot. They may have commercial business to attend to that has got to be done to advance the work and the cause of God, but here is God that wants us, not for the gold's sake, to give our capabilities, our brain, our nerve power, so that we shall not stand in a position to realize the importance of the truth for this time. It seems as though it is taking the very life and soul out of me, that it is so hard to make our people understand it, and I want that every one of us should appreciate the brother, just as Christ appreciates us.*20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 12*

We are Christ's heritage. He died on the cross for us. He gave His life for us, and we are to shine as lights in the world. We are to let our light shine before men that they have something to see, that by seeing our good works, they shall glorify our Father which is in heaven. That is how He is glorified. He is not glorified by your occupying a position. It is not the position that glorifies and exalts a man; it is the man that has fast hold of God that exalts the position.

And God wants every one of us to stand alone and with Him.*20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 13*

Ye are laborers together with God. Ye are God's husbandry. Ye are God's building. Then do not work so that He cannot build you up in the most holy faith.*20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 14*

They should move in harmony with their brethren, and should be educated in these lines that there may be harmony in diversity. One may have something to say very different from what another has to say, but it is in the very same line, it is in the very same work. They must not make a narrow channel that they must speak and act just as the minister speaks and acts. Let God take the young men right from the plow. Let Him take them as Jesus took them, right from the fishing boat. "Follow me." "I will make you fishers of men." [*Matthew 4:19.*]*20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 15*

Christ took human nature, and in His own life worked out the problem, showing how humanity, with all its objectionable features, may link up with humanity. It is by heeding the invitation, "Come unto me" that all may work in Christ's lines. [*Matthew 11:28.*]*20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 16*

You will not set yourself up as a criterion, but you will point them to the Man of Calvary who has given His own life, and can wash our garments and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. Now here is the exhortation. It is to "buy of Me gold tried in the fire, and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed." [*Revelation 3:18.*]*20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 17*

We are to see clearly and distinctly what the will of the Lord is, and then He tells them, Behold, I stand at the door, and knock. If you will open the door, I will come in and I will sup with you, and you with Me. What a wonderful thing that is from the pronouncement of their being so worthless. I will sup with you and you with Me. And then the exhortation is given. He is trying every soul; He is trying them to see if they will be true and faithful, and then He says that every man that "overcometh shall sit down with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame and am sat down with My Father on His throne." [*Verse 21.*] Now the work of overcoming is thrown upon us. The work of diligently guarding our individual selves is thrown upon

us, and God help us that we may obtain a right hold of Jesus Christ, that we shall shine as lights in the world.*20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 18*

We want a strength that we have not now. We want a power to prevail with God as did Jacob. There was poor Jacob praying, and the Lord Jesus came to him, and he did not recognize Him. But there the Lord just began to wrestle with him, and wrestled as with an enemy. First one seemed to get the victory and then the other. For Christ just placed Himself in accordance with the being that He was wrestling with. And then at last He touches his thigh. He has got to give an affliction. He cannot gain a victory over the man until He has to afflict him, and then when He afflicts him, he casts his helpless soul upon Jesus Christ. He says, "Let me go." "No," he says, "I will not let thee go except thou bless me." [*Genesis 32:26.*]*20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 19*

Now we want more Jacobs. We want more that hold on. "I will not let Thee go." [*Verse 26.*] He wouldn't consent. And then what? The blessing came upon him. He blesses him, and then he was prepared to meet Esau. With the blessing of God shining in his countenance he comes right to meet Esau, and Esau sees that he is with the angel of God. That is the very conviction that Esau had. He came to slay him, but he could not do anything. There was his army, but he just harmonized with Jacob in that very work, and God Himself made the impression upon the mind of Esau. I will not attempt to say any more now, but at some time I may be able to say more.*20LtMs, Ms 190, 1905, par. 20*

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This chapter contains a message that is to be given to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people upon the earth. In view of the scenes here brought to view, we know that it will not profit us to bury up our talents in worldly business or in commercialism. It will not profit us to become so engrossed in the things of this world that we have neither time nor thought for the work of preparing for Christ's coming, that we may be among the number who will be sealed. The important work for us at this time is to make sure that our robes are washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb.*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 1*

Do you ask how this may be done? John tells us in his gospel: "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 by him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men." [*John 1:1-4.*]*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 2*

That is what we are trying to tell you. Our singers sing of it. Our preachers preach it. Christ is our life, and He desires to give to each one of us a life that will measure with the life of God. Do you not desire to understand the science of eternal life?*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 3*

"The light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not." [*Verse 5.*] The passion for money-getting dulls the comprehension of eternal truth. Farms, real estate, bank stock, and money investments absorb the time and attention of men; and if death comes to them suddenly, they are unprepared. In their

anxiety to obtain temporal advantages, they have lost life, eternal life. Such will not be among the number whom Christ will lead by the living waters, to open before them the eternal weight of glory which is theirs. *20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 4*

This company of the redeemed are they who have heeded the words of Christ: "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.*] *20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 5*

We see the conditions existing in our world today. Robbery, bloodshed, and every kind of crime abound. The prophet says of this time, "The wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." [*Daniel 12:10.*] Many do not wish their minds disturbed with the truth that all things are soon to come to an end. They turn away from those who seek to enlighten them. The Spirit of God is being withdrawn from this world. The wickedness of the wicked is increasing. Men are determined to have their own way. *20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 6*

"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John." In the same way there are men sent from God today to bear a message. "The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe." [*John 1:6, 7.*] *20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 7*

God's messengers desire to see you believe. All heaven desires you to believe. Christ gave His life that you should believe in that Light. 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.*] *20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 8*

John continues, "He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light." [*John 1:8.*] Those who are to bear witness of the Light must have the light in them. No one can bear witness to the Light, unless that light is shining into the chambers of the mind and into the soul temple. There must be an abiding witness, that they may proclaim it with all the confidence and all the assurance

possible. They will speak the truth, but it is not their words that will impress hearts. It is the power that is back of their words, it is the presence of Christ, the Light, that makes the impression upon the human mind.*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 9*

“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.” [*Verses 9, 10.*] In their greed for money and worldly gain, the world failed to recognize the Son of the living God, who came to live among men. “He came unto his own, and his own received him not.” [*Verse 11.*]*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 10*

Israel had been chosen of the Lord as His peculiar people. Enshrouded in the pillar of cloud, Christ led them forth from their Egyptian bondage. By mighty miracles He prepared the way before them. He communicated the light to Moses at every step. But when He came to His own chosen people, they knew Him not. They refused to acknowledge Him.*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 11*

“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.” [*Verses 12-14.*]*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 12*

He guided them through the wilderness. Moses was their visible leader, and he made one mistake. He complained. O, it means something for a child of God to complain. We have a Saviour, why should we complain? If we have a Saviour, why should we not trust in Him? The children of Israel provoked Moses to anger with their complaints and their unbelief. He had been commanded to speak to the rock. He was not told to strike the rock, but he did strike it three times, and turned in anger to the people that they should take such a course of rebellion and charge all their disappointments upon the one who was leading them under the supervision of God. Moses was in a responsible position before God as a teacher and an example to the people. Because of this one mistake, God told him

he had forfeited his right to enter into the land of Canaan. He pleaded with God to rescind His judgment, but the Lord could not do it.*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 13*

Think of the experience of Moses when you do wrong, when you turn out of the way, when you dishonor your God. Think of how you give occasion to the world to reproach the Lord God of heaven. You cannot afford it. The cause of God cannot afford it. The church of God cannot afford it. You who claim to be following the Light of the world must walk worthily and circumspectly.*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 14*

Mother and fathers, in their family, must give the influence to that family that they are under the control of a personage who left the royal courts of heaven, who laid off His royal crown, who laid aside His royal robe and stepped down from His high command over the angels. For our sakes He left His riches and became poor—born of poor parentage. He might have come and convinced the world if He had only come and taken a multitude of angels with Him, He might have convinced them that He was the Son of God. But no, no. He would stand with His divinity clothed with humanity, that His humanity might encircle all the temptations that should come upon humanity, and much stronger as Jesus Christ was the strength and the power of His people to overcome through Christ. Christ stood in His perfection—not a blot nor a stain upon His character. What? did He bear all this for you and me? He did. Why? That your humanity might have the overcoming power to resist and overcome the darkness in the world through the power of Jesus Christ, divinity united with humanity, that every soul that lives might lay hold of that divinity and overcome every temptation that should come to them.*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 15*

When we think of the sacrifice of Christ in our behalf, how shall we regard His work? In every part of the world God is working to bring them in, every tongue and from every nation. We have established the work in all these countries, and the workers are there diligently at work. What are you doing with the goods that you claim as yours, which are only loaned you in trust to invest right here in this world in teaching and watching the course of humanity and bearing a testimony to them, just as I am bearing a testimony, and just as you

have heard the ministers bear their testimony? There is testimony to be borne which He has told in Matthew. He has given the directions.*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 16*

I will read a verse or two in Matthew to let you see what He says. He told the disciples, after He had risen from the dead and proclaimed over the rent sepulcher of Joseph, "I am the resurrection and the life." [*John 11:25.*] That means I live for you. It is life for every one of us that will believe in Jesus Christ as our risen Saviour, and we are to take hold of it. He told them that He would go into a mountain that was appointed them.*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 17*

"And when they saw Him, they worshiped Him: but some doubted." [*Matthew 28:17.*] Some are doubting always. Some are criticizing always. Some are finding fault always. But let us stop it. It does not do any good. What will we do? We will just take the words of Christ, and we will educate ourselves in faith to be His little children—educate ourselves to speak the words of Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 18*

"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 to the end of the world." [*Verses 18-20.*]*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 19*

Have you been baptized in these names? These three highest powers in heaven are pledged to you if you have died unto sin, been buried with Christ in baptism, and rise, to live just the same life you did before? No,—in newness of life. These powers are pledged and they will never fail one of you. You can just as surely and utterly rely upon these powers when you are downcast. And when you are oppressed, you may remember that pledge—the three highest powers of heaven—that you need not obey the world; you need not follow their fashions; you need not be corrupted with their society. Come right out from the world. "Be ye separate and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you. I will be a Father

unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters saith the Lord Almighty.” [2 *Corinthians* 6:17, 18.] Are you not glad of that? Have we not reason to rejoice? We certainly have. [*Matthew* 28] Verse 20.20*LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 20*

Now that you have been baptized, you are to go and teach all nations. Many are begging and entreating and pleading, Send us messengers, send us men. Where are they? Are there any consecrated, devoted men right here in Los Angeles? Are there those that will educate and train themselves, that they will be fitted for the work of God to proclaim His Word to those that are in darkness? I have been trying for years to do that work. I have given the royalty upon my books. I have taken nothing from Europe, but thousands and thousands of dollars have I given, that they should educate, that they should translate into all languages; and they are trying to do it.20*LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 21*

We have men who have the spirit of the truth upon them, who when they first went to Russia were thrust into prison and did not know when they would come out. But God in mercy opened the prison doors and set them free, and they are at work now in all parts of the foreign countries to establish the truth. But what they want is workers. And they want means to sustain the workers in these fields. And we want those who want to make some sacrifice for Christ. We want them to help in every way possible, that we may even sound the truth in the field here of Southern California, and in the Southern field, and as we go to Washington, into the different cities.20*LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 22*

They must hear the truth, and they are unworked. We want that you shall be united with us in doing the very work that God wants done, that you may have the reward of Christ. Now He says, “Go ye therefore and teach all nations” [Verse 19.]20*LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 23*

There you see you have just to perform this work. You must be on a high level. You must stand on a high platform of eternal truth. You are to be an example so that you may teach others. You cannot afford in your dealing to try to get the best of the bargain. It will not pay. If you want the crown of life, you must imitate and practice the

self-denial and self-sacrifice of our dear Redeemer. *20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 24*

I have felt all my life that I could not do too much. God has helped me, till now, in my 78th year, I came here from St. Helena to speak to you here. I have felt all the way, although the burden of writing was upon me so strong that for two nights I was up nearly every hour of the night tracing with my pen the instruction that was needed. I had no chance to rest, and when I was on the cars, I felt just as I have felt many and many a time, all rested. I thought I would catch a nap in the morning, but I could not get the time. I have felt the power of God resting upon me, and I felt that the canopy of peace was encircling me round about as I was there in the boat and in the cars. I felt so peaceful and was so glad. I never had a pleasanter journey in my life. I praise God! I glorify His name! He has done this for me, and He is willing to do just the same for every one of us. *20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 25*

Verse 20. Do you believe that? I believe it. If I did not, I would not be here. I dread to ride on the cars now. There are so many accidents. I would rather remain at home, but then I think if God wants me, I can go and He will protect me, and if I die, I can sleep in the Lord, and say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." And I want you to be in just the same position. I want you to be where you have a living trust in a living Saviour. I want you to feel that you have the three great powers of heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to take supervision of you, and that He will have a care for you unto the end of time. *20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 26*

Now, what are they to teach? Whatsoever I have commanded you. I want to dwell a moment on that. I want to tell you that every conceivable thing is coming in that the devil can bring in. All his science in the name of science, and hypnotism, and various things. He will make people sick, and then he will bring them out of the sickness, and they will say, This miracle is worked by the power of God. Now, it is the power of the devil that will work mightily. It is stated that he would bring down fire from heaven in the sight of men. If it is possible he would deceive the very elect. *20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 27*

But you must stand as the elect, that you cannot be decided? Why? Because you have listened to the Word of God, and you know it is true, and you stand not by the representations of anybody that is around you, but you are clinging to the mighty One. You have hold of the mighty One, and He will keep you, that you will have such faith in Him that you will keep your soul, in what way? By believing in Him and doing the very works that He does, and you will be counted among those who are washed and made white in the blood, the provision that was made to cleanse you from all sin and unrighteousness. I believe in Him. I trust in Him.*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 28*

We do not want to do as they do with their bank stock, to try to get everything that they can just to themselves. No, we want you to have it, and we are willing even to hire money, that we can produce and build sanitariums. I am in debt today because I have done it. It does not worry me a bit. I pay them every time that it comes around, the interest for the money. Not one fails, and I want to say to you that I want every one of you to have a living connection with Jesus Christ, the Prince of life. I want you to be clothed with His salvation, I want you to be of that number that we have been reading about here in Revelation. We read of the company again. *Revelation 14:1-5.20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 29*

Fathers and mothers, be careful that no guile is found in your mouth in your family. Be careful that you educate your children for the future, immortal life. It means something for you to have the care of children. Fit them up to be children of God. They are His little ones, He has purchased them with His blood, and you are to seek to prepare them for the courts above.*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 30*

That is what we are trying to do with all the powers of our being. We are trying to establish sanitariums, that we may teach the people how to live healthfully. We are trying to teach them that their morality, their piety, the very health of the blood flowing through their veins, is at their command if they will follow the light that has been given them to take charge of the brain and bone and muscle that God has given.*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 31*

You should be very careful what you put into your stomach. You

can make yourself and your children all cross-grained by keeping this stomach all the time at work and wearied out and quarrelling with so many mixtures that you put in your stomach. If only you would simply eat the food that would sustain life, and not crowd it.*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 32*

You hear again and again—I have read it—of men, great men, intelligent men, learned men, who went to a feast and they feasted, and as they were just about to get in the cars they dropped dead. What was the matter? O, heart failure. It was will-failure. It was a failure to preserve themselves in the very best condition of life. The father and the mother may educate their children that they do not live to eat, but eat to live, and therefore the precious mind which God had given us must be kept clear from all the stimulus of tobacco, and from all the rum and everything of the kind.*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 33*

Isn't it a marvel to you when they have the courts of justice, and the senators and the judges and the witnesses, and you have it through the papers; and then they have to spend time and money to try them, all must be tried, and take their time. O, if that time could be spent in sweeping away every saloon that there is in our land, they could put a stop to it right away. But the senators love the rum. The lawyers love the rum. The people love the rum and the tobacco and all these things. Therefore you cannot make it go.*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 34*

Satan is taking possession of the human family, and very soon in heaven it will be said, "It is done. He that is holy let him be holy still, and he that is filthy, let him be filthy still." [See *Revelation 16:17; 22:11.*] That is just the testimony that will be borne. And we want that every soul should be in a position that they shall be where there is no guile found in their mouth. They will not lie to get the advantage of their neighbor, to get their property to undermine them.*20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 35*

We ask you, Will you be laborers together—it does not say alone—together with God? Will you do the work of God's appointment? He wants you to be the light of the world. He says, "Ye are the light of the world." And then He says, "Let your light so shine before men,

that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” [Matthew 5:14, 16.] Here is the honor and glory of God that you are to maintain. *20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 36*

He says, “Every dollar of gold and silver is Mine.” [See *Haggai 2:8.*] It is His money, and why do you hold on to it with the world perishing in their sins and in their iniquity, when there is a life for them that measures with the life of God? We want every one to see and understand the truth. How can they do it without a preacher? How can they preach except they be sent? We have the tithe that we gather in from our people. It does not go half as far as we are wanting it to. I want to know who of the congregation will be prepared to take hold of the work intelligently and do something now while you can. *20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 37*

You have only got a few hours. The four winds are ready to blow. We can see the storms; we can see the threatenings. We can see the multitudes that go down to death. What is the matter? The Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the earth, and we want you that can to come and hear what the truth is. Hear as for your life. It is for your life. It is for the present happiness of your life, and it is for that eternal life, which measures with the life of God. We want you to hear as souls that are ready to perish. But we do not want you to perish. Now He says: [*Revelation 14*] Verses 6-9. *20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 38*

Now here is another angel. Here is the patience of the saints. This is the third angel. “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” [*Verse 12.*] Verses 13-18. *20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 39*

Please read these things. The angel came from heaven and found John exiled there on the isle of Patmos, and told him all these things that were to transpire in the last days. He wants us to know it. He wants us to be prepared for it. He wants us to have the crown of life, that we shall not perish with the wicked. We are very anxious that you should have it. I will just read a few words in *Revelation, third chapter. Verse 18.* “gold.” What is it? He has promised us, “Let not your heart be troubled” [*John 14:1.*] Now that is what He is preparing for us, and we want to prepare for it. *20LtMs, Ms 191,*

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Those that enter heaven, let me tell you, will know it here on this earth, that is, they take right hold of heavenly things. They do not seek the fashions of this degenerate age. They seek the heavenly disposition, and they seek to speak in a heavenly manner. They seek to overcome, and we want every one of you to engage in the warfare. You are soldiers of Jesus Christ. "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire" [*Revelation 3:18.*]20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 41

This is the Word of the living God. It is the spirituality that is in Jesus Christ that holds us. He came to our earth to represent perfection in humanity, and now we must manifest perfection here on this earth, in order to enter where He is in His glory.20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 42

Verse 19. You that have lived a half life to Christ, He wants you now to anoint your eyes with eyesalve that you may see there is something else, that you must go deeper.20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 43

Verses 20, 21. "to him that overcometh." The battle is before us. Do not think you have overcome if anyone stirs your temper, that you will let loose a whole mouthful of bitter words. It will not answer, because your words are a talent, and your spirit is a talent. It is God's talent, and He wants that talent in brain and bone and muscle, in speech, in voice. All these He had died to have you use to His glory, to wash you and make you white in the blood of the Lamb.20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 44

Verse 21. Do you see that He had all that battle to go through, with Satan tempting Him at every step that He would commit sin, that the whole world would be lost? He preached, and then He would go out into the wilderness and pour out His heart and soul before God. He was praying for us. He has left this world, and gone to His Father, but He says, "To him that overcometh ... churches." [*Verses 21, 22.*]20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 45

Now we want that everything should done by us so that the people that come out to hear, may have food to eat. Christ will be with

them, that they may have a hope. You do not need to go to any neighbor and inquire, What shall I do? You have the Word, and then you may inquire, you may go right to the *31st chapter of Exodus* and you will find there, from the *twelfth verse* to the last of the chapter, just why we are keeping the Sabbath. You will find it all stated. It is stated just as plain as ABC why we are keeping the Sabbath, and the result of keeping the Sabbath. "Ye shall know," God says, "that I am God, that doth sanctify you." [Verse 13.] That is why we are keeping the seventh-day Sabbath. *20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 46*

There is not one single thread of sanctification placed in Sunday, only the devil makes it a power, that he should intimidate the people that they shall not keep the very day God has given them to keep. Remember, it is the *31st chapter of Exodus, from the 12th to the 18th verse*. Then if you will read there, you can trace out the connections with it. It is just as plain as ABC, for He honors it as His everlasting covenant. Does that change? We do not want you to be deceived. We do not want you to come up to the judgment transgressing the law of God. *20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 47*

We want you to know that there is a life that measures with the life of God. We want you to know that you can teach your children. God help every one of you that you may walk in His footsteps, and the money that you are wasting of God's just to gratify pride, we ask you to put it into His treasury. The money that you are wasting on different things is God's money. If you want that the Lord God of heaven should have His own, if you want to return to Him His own, you just help us in the missionary enterprises, which we are seeking to carry out all over our globe. I want to tell you that the success we have, in letters, in papers, and all these things telling them, is not in vain. One soul is worth more than the whole world. I want to know about this money that may be sent. *20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 48*

I call upon you in the name of the Lord God of Israel to make a determined effort that you will come in unity with God, and be co-laborers connected with Jesus Christ to work for the salvation of your fellow men that are around you. And if you do this, the light of heaven will shine into the chambers of the mind and into the soul temple, and you will be all light in the Lord. I thank God from whom

all blessings flow. *20LtMs, Ms 191, 1905, par. 49*

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Sermon/Thoughts on *Isaiah 58*

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Isaiah 58:1-3. Now the answer. You see they are accusing God unjustly. "Behold in the day of your fast, ye find pleasure, and exact all your labors." Now, you can see there are two sides to the question. They say one side, God shows them the other side. *20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 1*

Verse 4. ... "wickedness." We had better not do that any more. We had better make a change in all these things. We had better not be accusers, but we had better take care of individual self, to see that we are walking in the footsteps of the Lord. Shall we not have the strife and debating put away, and come straight to a "Thus saith the Lord"? We are under control of God. We are not amenable to the opinion of men, but what is the opinion of God concerning us individually. *20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 2*

Verses 4, 5, 6. Now turn over the picture. That is God's plan. *Verse 7.* When you see the necessities of those who need help, relieve them. Do not hide away. Do not go away where you do not come in contact with them, fearing that your conscience would rebuke you. *20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 3*

Verse 8. ... "as the morning." Is not that a wonderful thing? *Verse 8.* Thy rearward is the glory of God, when you acknowledge your brotherhood, when you are not so selfish as to bring yourself up with your own ideas and your own plans. This is a recipe for sickness, for despondency. It is a recipe for evil surmisings. It is a recipe for all that are inclined to speak words that will impress their neighbor or their friend. Shall we take it? *20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 4*

Verse 9. Shall we not hear Him? I am ready to hear you. Seek, said

Christ,—it is just in harmony with what Christ said, “Ask and ye shall receive.” [*John 16:24.*] There are no ifs or ands about it, “Ye shall receive.” Do you do it? Or do you go and tell your neighbor of all your troubles and all your difficulties? Can they help you? You want to be educated that you have got a promise from the Lord God of hosts, and you are going to take that promise and you are going to depend upon it, and you are going to ask, for He has said, “Ye shall receive.” He still goes on to give us the promise threefold. “Seek, and ye shall find ... opened unto you.” [*Matthew 7:7.*]*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 5*

Then I ask you, Why are you in such a poverty-stricken spiritual condition in the church? I ask you why you do not come right to the help of the Master in taking Him at His word and be co-laborers together—together. You forget the together, don't you? You forget, when you have your burdens to bear, that there is a together. “Laborers together with God.” [*1 Corinthians 3:9.*]*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 6*

What we want is to stir up the gift of faith that is within us. We want to take God at His Word, and we want to rely upon Him as a little child. He calls you His little children, and we want to depend upon Him. We do not need to be barren and unfruitful, mourning and grieving, and sitting in dust and ashes. God did not tell us to do that. He has told some that they had better be sitting in dust and ashes to repent of their hard-heartedness and of their sins. Now, if we will put that away, we do not need to sit in sackcloth nor ashes, for God wants His people to come up on vantage ground. He wants them to stand as the light of the world. And that is what He wants of us. Gathers the divine rays of light, and scatter them in the pathway of others.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 7*

[Isaiah 58] Verses 6, 7. Let us work on the right side. *Verse 8.* There is health in working in that way. As you try to help others, the blessing of God comes upon you. The health springs forth speedily.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 8*

Then He tells you to call, and He will answer. “If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke.” [*Verse 9.*]*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 9*

Verse 10. Will you try the recipe? *Verse 11.* What, I ask you could not our churches do if they would come into this position. They would be like a watered garden and like a spring of water whose waters fail not. What is the matter with the church? They are shut in with themselves, and they do not get out of self. “And they that be of thee.” (*Verse 12*)—“waste places.” *20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 10*

What is that? Every one of you will see the light that there is in the law of God. Every one who wants the light and will come right to the Bible will see that the Sabbath—it is the Sabbath of the Lord—that He made for every one of us to be observe. It is the man of sin that has put his false day where God’s law should be. It is the man of sin that instituted the Sunday; it is not God. *20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 11*

Verse 12. You read the *thirty-first chapter of Exodus, beginning with the twelfth verse* and you will see what it means to be a restorer of paths to dwell in. “If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath” [*Isaiah 58*] *Verses 13, 14. 20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 12*

Is that not plain enough? Let us think of these things. We do not want to come up to the judgment keeping a day of man’s invention, when God has given a day for us to perpetuate until He comes to take us to Himself, and then even in the new earth, He says, From Sabbath to Sabbath ye shall come up before the Lord. You will keep the Sabbath there. We do not leave it behind; we keep it in the new earth, the day that He created for man and all that was upon the earth. *20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 13*

Isaiah 59:1. Why then do you act as though it was? Why do we act so faithless? Why do we not take right hold? The Lord’s hand is not shortened that it cannot save. We have the right; He has told us to go forth in His name. He has told us to baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and to preach His gospel. *20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 14*

Now when they rise up out of the water, they represent Christ rising up out of the sepulcher to proclaim over the rent sepulcher of Joseph, “I am the resurrection and the life.” [*John 11:25.*] Thank God! Thank His holy name! We will praise Him that there is a resurrection, and as we are raised up out of the water, what do we

profess? We are dead unto the world. "If ye then be risen with Christ ... hand of God." [*Colossians 3:1.*] And you can bring light, and you can give Him power, and you can bring holiness and purity and love, if you will only do just as God tells you to do.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 15*

There is so much misery in our world because the commandments of God are trampled upon. It is high time that we take our position more steadfastly in favor of God and His righteousness. The Lord will help every one that will come to Him as learners, as His little children. And if you come as little children, He can give you His wisdom so that He can entrust with you the highest kinds of talent, that you can trade on those talents and increase these talents to the glory of God to the salvation of souls that are ready to perish.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 16*

Our life will be filled with light and power, and we shall not be destroying ourselves in any way with the use of tobacco to benumb our brain sensibilities. We do not have one particle of brain to spare. We want every power of our brain organ, that we may use it to be wise in judgment, to teach transgressors the way of life, and to help them in every way to plant their feet on the commandments. Do you think if this world were obedient to the commandments of God that they would be in the condition of strife and adultery and thieving and robbery and every kind of evil influence? It is the result of the transgression of the law of Jehovah. If they had obeyed the law of God, they would have ridden upon the high places of the earth, and they would have been fed with the heritage of Jacob our father, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 17*

Isaiah 59:1. What is the matter? You do not ask Him? You carry you own will to the Lord and you make a few words of prayer, and instead of saying, Lord, I have asked Thee and now believe Thou wilt give me judgment and wisdom and correctness of ideas, and that I shall not listen to the devil's sophistry, which is just now coming in. And mark my words, it will come in a hundredfold more than you have ever thought of, to deceive, if possible, the very elect. Now the elect had better be sure, in the place of thinking they are the elect, to know that they are the elect, because they keep the

commandments of God.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 18*

Then you cannot afford to sell your brain into the liquor saloon. You cannot afford to take a glass of liquor, and then you go reeling around. Who are you? Are you the light of the world? No, you are a nuisance in the sight of God when you are in that condition. You have taken the vitality out of your limbs and out of your brain, and that sets your limbs staggering about, and how do you look before men? You do not care. You have the appetite, and you mean to keep it, many of you.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 19*

Now, consider there is a world to be saved, and the money, that is God's that you have put into the liquor. You will see it one day just as it is, and that day is fast approaching upon us, when it is said, let him alone. He is joined to his idols; let him alone.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 20*

But we do not want to let anyone alone. We want now to let the light of truth come into your mind, that you may see, that you may be saved, that you can take right hold of the name of Jesus Christ, because His "hand ... face from you." *verses 2, 3, 4*. We cannot afford to give the least countenance by keeping open the liquor saloons, and giving license by law for them to deal in liquor, when they know what it does. Anciently God says, If a man keeps an animal that he knows pushes with his horns and he is not restrained but kills a man, that man's life is something before God. Christ bought that with an infinite price, and that life is not to be thrown away. He gave His own life that every one of us might have that life which measures with the life of God.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 21*

Now, the Lord said, speaking right from the holy mount, if it is known that this animal pushes with its horns, is vicious, and kills a man, that man shall lose his life, and the beast too. Now think of it.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 22*

Lawyers, senators, judges, if they are here today, I want you to think of it when you give a vote that the liquor shall be sold, and you are guilty with the liquor seller of all the consequences that grow from the disposing of that liquor to human beings. And for what they do under that liquor you will have to give an account to God in the judgment. It will not pay.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 23*

What we want now in this world in the little time we have is to make it just as near heaven as we can, and we are to put away every vicious habit. We have none too much brain that we would stupefy it with tobacco or with liquor. We want all the brain nerve power we have, to glorify the Lord God of heaven. We want to learn the best way to reform those that are in sin and iniquity. We want to find out what we can do in the redemption line.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 24*

The Lord God of Israel has a tender regard for us, and He gave His precious life, you will read in *John 3:12*. How did Jesus treat that?*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 25*

Christ went through the baptism, although He was not a sinner at all. He never committed sin. It was on our behalf, to set an example to every man living to come under the ordinance of baptism. He left us the example. There He goes on and reasons with Nicodemus, and then He tells him that “God so loved” [*Verse 16.*]*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 26*

Now we have come here in this part of the country, and we have come here to seek in every way, that we may establish sanitariums, to obtain money for ourselves? No, not that. It is to educate those that are sick how to get well. Not to take drug medication; that only leaves the poison in your system, but it is to use the very methods that God wants you to use.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 27*

Deny yourselves. Do not indulge in gluttony or in liquor drinking. You do not need it. Here is an education to be obtained—how to keep your bodies in the right condition of health. They take persons just on the borders of the grave, and do their best to save them. They put them under a close diet. These persons will recover, and they will thank God for their recovery, and what they have learned. We want to be health reformers and we want to be temperate in all things, that we may keep a level brain, and that we may know that when we see evil, we will not call evil good and good evil. We want to call righteousness righteousness, and we want to call evil just what it is.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 28*

The Lord would have every one of us come under control to the Holy Spirit of God. And if you will do that, the money that you spend

in liquor, millions and millions of dollars, you could feed the suffering, you could save that money and could help the poor. We read, and we have notices sent to us, of the sufferings of those that are in foreign countries starving to death. We try to help them all we can. But America and the Southern field demand our attention, and yet we have sent missionaries to other countries, to help them.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 29*

I sent to one that was in Africa, a family that had a large amount of property, and they had the light of truth. I sent to them. Now, said I, you young people, I talk to you by letter, the money that you spend in indulgence in wine or any of these pleasure resorts, how much you might accomplish for the cause of God. I asked this son, ten or twelve years ago, I begged of them for Christ's sake to come right out of Africa—the mother was a widow—to come with her children, grown up men and women, physicians among them, and see if it would not break the spell over the young members that were heirs to the large property.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 30*

I told the young man, I will make you my agent. I want you, whenever you want to spend any money in liquor, to put it right into a box, a denial box that we have all through the South in every house, that when you want self-indulgence to remember there are souls to save, that we can carry on the missionary work among the colored people. I want you to consider this. Now I will make you my agent. I will ask you to save your soul in doing this thing. You are drinking and you are playing cards, and you are doing this and that and the other. He always claimed to be a friend of Mrs. E. G. White, and I dwelt upon that. You said if I would write to you, you would heed what I told you. Now, I tell you this: I wrote three times, and then I received no answer from him.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 31*

About three weeks ago, I received a letter from him. O, he says, Mother White, if I had heeded what you said to me! I have lost nearly all my property, and now what will you say about my coming now? I wrote him a letter; said I, Come, come, it is not too late. If you have lost your money, perhaps you can save your soul. Your mother, yourself, your brothers, Come, said I, we will try to encourage you, to place you on vantage ground.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 32*

Now what if he had taken that money and put it where it would have been of use in the place of encouraging other men? But he knew the truth. He repents of it now, and I hope that we shall see him in this country before long.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 33*

I want to see those who are throwing away, and worse than throwing away their money for these indulgences—What are you doing? God has given you talents, every one of you, and now what are you doing with those talents? Are you using the talent of means and the talent of influence to lead others down to ruin? You cannot afford it.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 34*

I want to say there had ought to be a temperance pledge circulated at every meeting that is held on the grounds where there is a camp-meeting or where there is a tent meeting, that they shall place their name on record to be temperate in eating and to be temperate in drinking, and give God His own means, and this temperance will preserve the health, and this temperance will preserve the mind.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 35*

God gives to every man according to his several ability. Then if you have the ability, it is for you to exercise that ability to the honor and glory of God. We have a God, and we want to acknowledge Him. We want to do His will. We want to glorify His name. We want that every soul that shall come to the knowledge of the truth should become strictly temperate in all things.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 36*

O how many times I have been called up to go and see a poor tobacco devotee. “Will you,” he said, “pray for me?” “Certainly,” said I, “I will.” I knelt down and prayed with him. The Spirit of God came in, and he was set free.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 37*

In two weeks he sent again. “I have fallen again to the indulgence of appetite. Will you come and pray for me?” Said I, “Yes, I will.” Said he, “This is the last time.” It was the last.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 38*

I saw, as I was standing in a congregation in Michigan, a man with a little soldier’s coat around him and all wizened up, and his wife by his side, and he had children. Someway the Spirit of God impressed

me to speak to that man right in the congregation. "Now," said I, "my friend with the soldier's coat"—I could distinguish him. "I want to know if you will let alone that tobacco. If you don't, you will go to liquor drinking very soon. You have gotten about to the point now. Will you let it alone? In the name of the Lord, will you let it alone?" *20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 39*

Well, he stood up before the congregation, and he said, "That is a hard question. I will take it up. I may fall, said he, but I will take it up." I did not see that man there again. The next I heard he was a Sabbath school superintendent, and he was considered one that was doing an excellent work. *20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 40*

One morning he came into my house at Battle Creek, Michigan, and walked up with the tears running down his face, and stretched out his hand to me. Said he, "Sister White." "Why, I do not know you; you have the advantage of me." "You do not know that man with the little drawn-up coat on? You do not know him, do you?" "No, I do not," said I. "You are another man. Thank the Lord, you are born again, and you are another man." "I am," said he. He was dressed nicely, and it seemed as though he was a head taller than he was before. *20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 41*

Now, that is what the reformation did for him, and we know that reformations can take place. But you must not let your appetite make you a slave. *20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 42*

There is money enough here among those in this congregation that will support ministers in the field, and there are those that offer themselves for the ministry, but we give them all that we can, and that is all we can do. *20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 43*

We are building sanitariums, and we are trying to bring these poor people, trying to break them off from these habits, and, thank God, we meet with success. *20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 44*

But I am taking more time than I ought to. But I want to say, How much money can be devoted to the missionary work, to try and convert the poor souls that are now under the ban of Satan, and impossible to break away? Now, if we go right to them, and pray with them and for them, and they are converted, we shall see them

and meet them in the kingdom of glory. These souls will cast their glittering crowns, if they are saved, at the feet of Christ. Then they will glorify Him, that have been washed in His blood, that they have been saved with the everlasting salvation, and they touch the golden harp, and fill all heaven with rich music and with songs to the Lamb.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 45*

And there is nothing that enters into heaven that defileth. There is not a branch on the tree of life that bears tobacco, and hadn't you better leave it off right here, because a perverted appetite can never enter the kingdom of heaven.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 46*

We want you to have a place there. We want you to see the King in His beauty. We want you to behold His matchless charms. And we beg of you, for Christ's sake, to be reconciled to God.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 47*

Teach your children self-denial. Sabbath school teachers, or Sunday school teachers that have a pipe in their mouth or use tobacco, it is so disgusting with some of the children. I have known them to come home and vomit, because it had spoiled their stomach and sickened them. Now, these teachers, why not come right up to the help of the Lord to crush this demon appetite? God wants you in His kingdom. Christ paid the price for every soul there is here, and He wants you to be converted from all these sinful ways.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 48*

And the money that you have used for tobacco, put it in the self-denial box, and send it to us at Nashville, where we are trying to educate the colored people, and send a little line that you have reformed. It would be worth more than twenty or forty or a hundred dollars a week if one soul was converted from these wrong habits. Talk it, and pray it, and seek to bring this reform right into your homes, and let your children know you are converted. And if it will not be the means of converting them, then it will be a new chapter in my experience.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 49*

God wants you to come to the gates of the city of God with all your children, your little children, and He swings back the gates of the holy city. There He bids you welcome in through the gates, and He says, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been

faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things.”
[*Matthew 25:21.*]20*LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 50*

Then who do these persons seek? They seek the very ones that gave them the straightest testimony upon rum and tobacco and all these selfish indulgences, and they clasp their arms right around their necks, and there with face all aglow they praise God for the testimony that they bore them.20*LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 51*

Let us wake up. Let us awake out of sleep. Said Christ, “Ye are the light of the world. A city Let your light” [*Matthew 5:14, 16.*]20*LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 52*

If you are lost, it is because you have ruined yourselves. God has done all He could. He has given you His Son, His only beloved Son, to die a most cruel death. What for? To pay the price for your souls. Now He wants every one to repent, to search the Scriptures. Put away your novels. Put away your romance. Put away all frivolity of conduct. There is a heaven to win, and a hell to shun. And we want to stand right by your side, that you may win heaven.20*LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 53*

We want you to save your means that you devote to ruining yourselves, and send it where we can labor for the colored people in America, for they are a legacy to every person that is in America. And means are needed to establish schools to educate and train the colored people to work for the colored people. It is to train the people that we must walk in all humility before God, and to stand in your God-given humanity, and say, I have overcome by the blood of the Lamb, and the word of His testimony.20*LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 54*

What a work is to be done for us! Will you take hold of it? Will you help one another, and help in every way possible that you may have a right to the tree of life? Christ will give you the leaves of the tree of life for the healing of the nations right here. What do you mean? I mean the Bible. I mean the words of promise. He will give you the leaves of the tree of life that will heal you from every false habit, and He will open a way where the peace and glory of God shall be revealed in you.20*LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 55*

Now let every one of us see what we can do in standing up in noble dignity to glorify the God of heaven that has given us power—"to as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." [*John 1:12.*] The Lord help every one of us. My very heart knows not how to let go of you. My very heart yearns after you, and I pray that the Lord will open your understanding to keep as far away from the liquor saloons as possible, and put that money into the treasury, and let me tell you, those that are with you here will let you know just where to put it, so that it will have a converting power to spread the gospel all through our world. We want to send it to the foreign missions. I have been sending to these foreign missions all the royalty on my books that are sold in the foreign countries, thousands and thousands of dollars, and send them the means of these royalties in America that are sold in order to translate into different languages the many books that God has given me to witness before the world of what is truth.*20LtMs, Ms 192, 1905, par. 56*

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Revelation 1:1-3. It seems here at this period of the world that everything in the line of reading trash—love stories, disappointments in love—it is all this trash. From the light that I have we should keep such things out of our hearts and out of our minds. We have something to study.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 1*

Verses 3-6. Do we glorify God in our minds when we give it such kind of food as all the trash that is flooding our world? Now, the Lord wants us to act upon the subject of temperance, just as surely as the drunkard that partakes of the liquor, and it benumbs his sensibilities and his faculties so that he does not appreciate righteousness, and judgment, nor even of the common duties of life.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 2*

Verses 7-9. “The Word of God”—he would follow it, he would preach it, he would present it wherever he was.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 3*

“I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day”—that is the Sabbath—“and heard behind me”—*verses 10-20.20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 4*

So there is a light that is to go forth from us, and here we are to be the light of the world. Christ said it. And if we are to be the light of the world, we are to gather up every divine ray of light and let it shine upon the pathway of others. Never was there a time in our history when it was more essential for us to stand in living communication with God than at the present time. Light is sown for the righteous, and truth for the upright in heart. Now, that is what we want. We want to gather all the divine rays of light that shine on these churches. We want to be one of them, and we want that light to shine upon us. Here we read in the *second chapter.20LtMs, Ms*

193, 1905, par. 5

Verses 1-5. Now here is a work that is before us. There is a love that should dwell in the hearts of every one of us that live in response to the love that dwelt in Jesus Christ. He has given His life for us. He has taken us into right relation to Himself if we will exercise that love for one another that He has shown to us. And it is of the highest value to us to be placed in such a connection with Jesus Christ that His light and His love shall shine into our hearts. I never saw a more opportune time where we ought to be taking heed to the things that are taking place right around us to show us what must come upon the earth soon. Well, why is it that these things are presented to us of losing the first love? Now I will read in the *third chapter* a verse or two. *20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 6*

Verse 1. “hast received.” They did receive. They did have the quickening influence of the Spirit of God. They did have it so that they appreciated the truth, and He says, (*verses 3-4*), “few names.” Now here is the blessed part of it. *Verses 4, 5.* We see that some will have their names there. But others have forfeited all right to have their names there, because they have not walked in the counsel of God. “I will confess his name ... his angels.” That is worth everything to us. *20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 7*

Verses 7, 8. “shut it.” You can have the truth of God, and there is no power on earth that can shut away that truth. *20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 8*

We have a crown. We are running a race here in this life for the crown of glory. Now that is what we want. *20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 9*

Verses 11, 12. Now we are to seek in everything to be overcomers. We have had presented before us a clearness and light, that if we would keep the example of Jesus Christ before us, we should certainly imitate His life. What shall we do? Imitate His teachings, and we should have the pleasantness in our life that Christ has in His life. And when we think of what He has done that He might give us eternal life that He has promised, why what kind of effort shall we make that we may gain that life? What shall we do? *20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 10*

Well, we have the promise, "Seek, and ye shall find." Now, I come to the Lord in my feebleness in my weakness, which I have borne all my life nearly. I come to Him and say, Now, You said it. I do not say, Make me believe it. I would not insult my Lord when He says, "Ask and ye shall receive ... opened unto you." [*Matthew 7:7.*] I want to carry out this principle and if I lack it, it is because I do not come right up to believe that God will do just as He said He would. Now, this is what we want. We are here on trial, and we have established institutions, sanitariums. We have established them in various parts of our world.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 11*

When I went to Australia, we felt that just as soon as possible we must have a Health Retreat. I made my house a hospital while I was there, because I pitied the suffering and the sick and had no place to take them. So we opened our house, and when the teachers at the school became overworked, I went to them and told them, You are overworking. Now you must remember that it is your privilege to guard yourself diligently lest you shall put out the life that God has given you. Your appetite, everything. Now I say, Come right to my house and stay a few weeks until you can obtain strength to carry on your work. You must not be discouraged. Come right to my house, and we will help you. We will help you every way that we can, and charge nothing for your board.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 12*

Well, we would find believers and unbelievers. It was not all believers, but we found the unbelievers began to take knowledge of us, that we had been with Jesus, that we were trying to carry out the principles of the gospel.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 13*

And then they asked us, What will you do now when the Sunday law is carried into execution? Said I, I have got that all mapped out in my mind what I will do, and what I will advise you to do. Make Sunday a missionary day. Go right out from house to house and carry the publications, not the trash of the world, but carry the publications that will teach them how to obtain eternal life. You are giving them in thus doing an opportunity to read and to inform themselves.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 14*

When families would be taken sick, I went to see them. We cooked

for them, and we took care of them in their home until they came up from the sick beds. Then, in one family, the head of the family—there were several children that took hold to begin to examine—had ability enough, but he was steeped in drunkenness and tobacco. He was from a high family, but all these intemperate habits had him to pieces. But instead of finding fault with him, I tried to help him to the truth. His wife had been washing for a living, and when she would bring in the money, he must have that tobacco or liquor, he must have it, until he took hold of the truth. He had a mind that he could comprehend it. He took hold of the truth, and said he, “Here goes the pipe, here goes the tobacco, I will take no more. I will have nothing more.”*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 15*

What did his wife do but break out weeping. “Why,” said he, “what are you crying for, wife?” “O I have thought how I have felt all these years while I have been dividing my pittance, that I earned, over the tobacco for you to indulge in your appetite for tobacco. I have thought how much better our family would have been.” I lifted up the quilt that was near me on a bed, and I saw there nothing but just the coarsest straw, and a blanket spread over it. How my heart ached.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 16*

“Now what am I going to do?” he said. “Come to my place. You work, and we will pay you for what you do.” We knew that was the way to take up his mind. We brought him in and he commenced to work. Well, he did not earn one fourth of what we gave him, but we wanted to encourage him. He was weak, and he had to gain strength. He did gain strength, and that noble mind exercised itself and began to come back, and we were so grateful for it. He was so weak physically. But we made no difference. We took him right on the place. Whether he earned money or did not earn money, we gave him his wages every time. It was saving a soul from death, that is what we were doing. He did the right thing by his family, and then his influence began to be exercised around in the neighborhood.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 17*

Still another, a fisherman, would walk right down and talk to the fishermen. Well, that humble fisherman brought, O, so many into the truth by going to their houses and telling them what the Lord had done for him.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 18*

There was one who came up running without a hat on his head, and he said, "Come down. It is two miles, but I cannot stop, I have to go right back." Said he, "There is a young man there who is dying and we want you to come right down." Well, we went down, and there he was. There was a large family, all large, stout grown-up men, and here was one who would not touch liquor. This was the very one that was sick. He would not touch liquor nor tobacco, but he had contracted a fever, and they did not know how to take care of him. Now, this fisherman that was reformed, he had learned from us, and he went right in to take care of that case. He worked with it until he mastered it. The physician had come 25 miles, that would cost 25 dollars. He looked at him, and said, What shall we do for him? "Well, if he gets to be very weak, give him a little liquor." "No," said he, "I will not give him a drop of it."*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 19*

But he took the case through until it seemed that we had gotten the victory; he stayed there to watch, and came up again, running, without a hat on his head. Said he, "Come down quick." Well, we got the team up and went down that way. There was that poor man. "What is the matter, what has brought him so?" "Well, the doctor said,"—they were all drunkards, his brothers and his father—"he said if he manifested any weakness, give him a little liquor." Well, what was a little liquor to them? They poured that liquor down his throat until he ceased to breathe, kept pouring it down and pouring it down, till they put out his life. When we came into the house, the mother said, "O you are a little too late. My son—they poured the liquor down his throat until he gurgled and gurgled his life away." There they were, drunk themselves. That is how the intemperance was doing.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 20*

We went to work. We could do nothing for the man, he was dead. But we thought we would do something for that neighborhood, and we went to work, and there were souls converted. We held meetings, one up in our meetinghouse, another would be held there. When they asked what they should do, said I, "On Sunday go right out and take this missionary work. Find souls wherever you can, and work for them." Now, that is just the way that we have tried to do. We want to see a greater intensity on these subjects.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 21*

These sanitariums are a very solemn thing to us. It costs money to put up the building that we are trying to put up, but I say "Amen" to all that is done with it. The Lord is at work, and we want to prepare treatment rooms, so we can give treatments in the right way. There were no treatment rooms. The house is nice, it is good. We praise God for it. I looked at it, and struggled to obtain it. But the missionary works all around had to be seen to, as well, and it was difficult to obtain the money to obtain these institutions. But God has put them within our reach. He saw what we must do. And whenever He put it within our reach, we thanked the Lord.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 22*

I feel that we ought to be the most grateful people in the world. I do not want any one that has charge here to feel discouraged, if they see the means is limited, because the Lord will provide the means. He will do it. And we do not want any one to lose their faith, but we do want that there should be exercised in the house here good common sense. We do want that those that shall engage in the work here, that the number should not be so limited to save means that some of the precious ones, the nurses, those that are doing their best, will fail in strength. Now, God has given us strength, and He wants us to preserve it. He does not want us to expend that strength needlessly. He wants us to know that when we have gone far enough we should stop. If anybody should say, "Here you should work more," let them understand that we have somebody that owns the body, that has bought it with a price, and that we must take care of the body, so as not to use it up needlessly.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 23*

Now, we have those that are ministers. Well, they have given themselves to the work until it seems as though there was no hope for them. My husband died because of overwork. We went together, united together for 26 years, and the Lord was with us. The blessing of the Lord was with us, 36 years it was. Now we want that every one of you should feel under solemn obligation to God, that in a sanitarium where there are sick people to be attended to and cared for, it is of the greatest consequence that you have a cheerful countenance, cheerful words to speak, and that you are not willing and waning away because you give too much attention and work yourself too hard.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 24*

Those that have been accustomed to the sanitariums may have to learn that there is a limit to endurance. One may have the strength that he can do double what another can do, yet that other mind may be a planner. He may be an architect, and in planning, it wears the brain, it tells on the brain nerve power. He wants every one that shall have any connection with this institution, he wants that there should be a tenderness and a care and a light going forth from us to those very ones, to help them to help themselves.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 25*

It is not virtue in me to sacrifice my life and put it out, although I have nearly done it many times. I spoke to 20,000 people in Groveland, Massachusetts, by the count of the tickets they took, and after I had spoken in the forenoon, our people came and said, There is no voice can reach them but yours. Can you give us a short discourse in the afternoon? Well, I said I would do it, and I did do it.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 26*

As soon as I had closed, I knew that I had exercised myself more than I ought to, but there came up 12 men, one a noble-looking man, and he was the head of a large party of temperance people. He said, "We can have the house Monday night, and we can get it for so much less. Will you come and speak to us?" I turned to my husband and said, "How can I do it?" "You know," said I, "that Monday is the gathering in day, the souls gather in Monday. I have got to stand here and work for those that shall be brought in." There were 75 baptized there. But my husband said, "The Lord can give you strength," and I agreed to go there.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 27*

When the time came, I was so used up that I could not read a text in the Bible. I could not go to the baptism. I did not know what to do. The distance was 5 or 7 miles. Elder Haskell said, I will take my team and you need not be troubled about getting on and off the cars.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 28*

I thought, If I can only get up in the desk, and lean on the desk, perhaps I can stand on my feet. The men went before me, one temperance man, as far as liquor is concerned, but the tobacco was streaming down his beard, and as we went up he said, "Mrs. White,

give them the tobacco question strong." I looked at him. "And this from you?" said I. "Yes," said he, "this from me; there is no man to talk against tobacco, but a woman can. A miserable habit," he said. Said he, "You may convert me." *20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 29*

Well, we went up. "Now," said he, "I will give you \$20, if you will speak tonight," and I told him I would. My husband was there, and when I got to a certain point, said he, "I will just touch a bell, and you stop, and then take it up again. We want to make the collection then." *20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 30*

I stood upon my feet, tottering. It seemed to me I should fall. Looking to the Lord, it seemed an impossibility. But the blessing of the Lord came upon me and such sweet peace, such comfort of love, it was like a canopy that was shut down over me. Behind me there were 25 men on the platform. I was just as clear as though the matter lay printed out before me, when I could not read a word in the Bible before, I was so weak. But the blessing of God came, and they knew it. My husband said strong men there got hold of his hand and wrung it. "So," said he, "I do not know when I will get over it, they wrung my hand so as you were talking." They said they never heard anything like it. It was God, not me, that gave me that word to speak to the people. That place was Haverhill, Massachusetts. It was Groveland where I spoke to the 20,000. *20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 31*

There had been the greatest opposition to our faith, to the Bible truth that we were presenting. They ridiculed our people right in the streets. Those very persons came up to the stand and begged of me to stay with them that night, spend it in their families. They gave me as many as ten invitations. But I wanted to get back among our own people. I had done my duty. I had done what the Lord wanted me to and I went back. I felt not the evil effects that I dreaded I should feel. But I want to say we cannot be presumptuous. That case took away every particle of opposition. The people that lived there that were trying to keep the Sabbath, they said they should think it was a new world, for every one took off their hat and shook hands with them, when before, they would cross over to the other side of the street. *20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 32*

Now, the Lord will work for us. He has worked for me in such cases. He did in Europe, and it seemed so queer to them that a woman should get up to speak. It was Armory Hall, and there were bishops and ministers, and to think that a woman should get up before them and attempt to speak. But the power of the Lord was upon me. The grace of Christ carried me through. At first there was sneering, sneering, but I had not talked ten minutes before every sneer was hidden, and the tears were coursing down their cheeks. Well, these are just items in my history as has been in Switzerland, in France, in Norway, and Italy and all through those countries. The Lord has given me a testimony for them.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 33*

Now I want to say, The Lord wants every one of us to take care of what capability there is. Now I see here those that need care. I feel sorry for them. I feel as though I could weep as I see them, because the strength is exhausted, but I want to tell you that Christ is the great missionary. He can do great things, and I trust in Him. And every one of us must trust in Him in our weakness.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 34*

Do not let us be improvident of our strength because some that do not know our infirmities may feel to blame us because we do not do more. Let each individual take care of his own soul, unless you have evidence that there is lazy neglect. God wants every one of us to make improvement here. He wants that there should be an educational power here.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 35*

We hear that there are persons that will come here to this sanitarium, and I shall advise by all means that they come. You do not want to use up every scrap of vitality that there is in this work here. You cannot afford it. Here are the many meals at the different times that have to be gotten. That is a tax. There is a tax here and a tax there and a tax somewhere else.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 36*

Let every one of us stand here as sensible men and women, and know that women cannot stand on their feet for ten hours a day. That is impossible. There must be a care of the mortal frame that God has given.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 37*

I know that one person can do more than another person in the same time. There will be a slowness in doing the work, and

sometimes it is a great trial. I think they might do better if they would handle their hands a little more expeditiously. In some things I think they might do better. But still, we are not to be judge of another's strength. You cannot tell.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 38*

Now here we have two nurses to take care of one case. It is a life and death question, and they are giving forth of their strength, until I insist upon one leaving here and going where she can get rest and sleep, and she must do so. But we have got to get somebody in the place, and they ought to be here. Now if there are those—I have been inquiring, and we find that there is a woman and her husband—get them by all means. And when you come to a stand and do not know where the money is coming from, you just write to Sister White, and if necessary she will go right to the bank, as I have done repeatedly, and draw money and pay 8% interest.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 39*

I stood there in Australia. I worked there for the teachers, bringing them to my house and keeping them until they would gain strength to go one with their work. The strength that we have is very precious, the intelligent strength to be nurses, that they can give lessons of instruction to those that shall come here. We want this to be an educational school. We want that the power of God shall be revealed as the great Master Healer in the restoration to health of those that are sick.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 40*

But you have to have courage for yourself; you cannot sit down in unbelief; you must do what you can do.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 41*

When they came to St. Helena—our sanitarium was there—there were those that were given up to die. Said I, “They are not going to die.” Brother St. John, they said he could not live, it was no use. I went in and spoke to him. Said I, “St. John, what is it?” Well, he said there was no life in his limbs, he was chilly all the day. Said I, “We will cure that.” I went and got two great mill blankets and folded them up. I got hot water in hot water bags, and put them right over the blankets, and let the blankets come clear up around him, and we kept him right there in bed from morning till night for three weeks; and then he began to feel as though he was getting a little

life in his body. He was all used up. He is alive today. How astonished we were when he came and said, I have bought a piece of land right next to yours and I am going to clear it. And he did clear it.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 42*

It is not best to place ourselves in peril. I shall advise some here to make a change, in order to preserve the strength that God has given them. I cannot do otherwise, that is my mission. They say, Are you a prophet, Mrs. White? I do not claim to be a prophet. Then what are you?—A messenger. Well, what does that mean? To look after the orphans and the fatherless, the overworked and the motherless, and to take the youth that are where nothing can reach them and bring them into my home and educate and train them. And when I see a man of hoary hairs, when I see him toiling, toiling, I think of the past—of what he was—and when I see him in such a position, I want to speak a word to him in season. Now, my work is not to allow oppression anywhere, to go right to them and ask them: “What are you doing?”*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 43*

God wants us to love one another, and He wants this institution to stand. What is our work? The medical missionary work, that is our work. Why? Because they can anticipate, they can read, they can understand enough to know that the human being is God’s property, and that they must take care of what little strength they have, if they will continue to have strength.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 44*

What is money to us? What will a man be profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Well, if souls are so precious as that, what will a man give in exchange for his soul? Now, if it is presented in that light before us, every one of us must have hearts of flesh, and not of steel. Every one of us must be in a position where we must watch, watch, watch. In the sanitariums that I have been acquainted with, there would be a poor young man struggling to get a medical education, but where were the fathers and mothers to see that they were going down into the grave, where were those to watch for them? One was brought home to live a few days, and then die. What good did their education do them?*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 45*

Every one of those should have had men and women of sensibility to read in their countenance just what was going on, the physician especially.*20LMS, Ms 193, 1905, par. 46*

Now, this is a sanitarium. It is not a hotel. People are not working here as in a hotel, they are working here because they want to help the sick and the suffering. And God will give them intuition, He will give them understanding of mind, He will give them judgment, every man that is in connection with the work.*20LMS, Ms 193, 1905, par. 47*

We want every one to link together; we do not want any one that shall have communications that had not ought to be, finding fault, we do not want any such spirit here. We want this to be a place where angels of God can come in. We want this to be a place where the mighty power of God can work through human agencies.*20LMS, Ms 193, 1905, par. 48*

Now, if one is so indolent that he cannot be kept, then separate him from the institution, but do not let a lack of harmony come in. We want perfect unity. We want that not a soul should be in discord. If you have anything to say, do just as the Bible says, Go right to the one and talk with him. Do not tell what somebody said, but go right to the one and talk with him, and tell him. You may talk with me, because the Lord has given me the burden of these souls, but do not go to a poor weak soul, just as weak as you are in spiritual things, what good will that do? God help us to come to the light as He is in the light.*20LMS, Ms 193, 1905, par. 49*

You may have the happiest time here in this sanitarium. The glory of God may be revealed, and you can seek God and He will help you. He will give you understanding; He will give you wisdom. Our sanitariums are to stand upon the highest level of any kind of enterprise in our world. In commercial business, in mines they may have, they may come and ask you to invest your means in these. I told them at the camp-meeting, we have got our institutions that we are establishing, and we cannot afford for you to try anything for to gain money to put into mining stock. We have got the highest mine to work in that was ever touched or thought of. It is the hidden treasure of Christ. He declares that this treasure shall be found, and

we want to teach the men and women how to find it.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 50*

Our sanitariums were to be built so that we could have a communication with those that have been unnecessarily against us. We want them to have the truth as it is in Jesus, and we calculate to do all that we can to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 51*

Now, I do not know but that I have talked long enough, and we will have a little season of prayer. This is the last day I shall be with you for I do not know how long, so you will bear with me. Let every one have faith in God. I cannot have faith for you. You must have faith for yourself. I can ask Christ to look upon every sick and afflicted one, but you must cast your helpless soul upon the merits of a crucified and risen Saviour.*20LtMs, Ms 193, 1905, par. 52*

Ms 194, 1905

Interview on School Veranda

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Ms 195, 1905

Fragments — Truth is to be Cherished

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Truth is to be cherished, and if you barricade your soul with solid principles of Bible truth, you will not fail to [know] that His word can be relied upon. But when giving to your children an education of the greatest importance, bear in mind truth, always truth, is to be sacredly cherished as their shield and buckler. *20LtMs, Ms 195, 1905, par. 1*

Truth is to be kept prominent. Him whom the Lord makes free is free indeed when you would educate your children to go forth in the world to become useful by practical labor. You may speak to them to be industrious, to be constantly studying how to be ingenious and increasing [in] capabilities, to avoid companionship with those who are seeking the company of worldly, irreligious associates. But dwell more especially upon the [truth], always speaking the truth, even when it appears to be against your individual interest. Have truth ever kept before the members of your family. Tell them with the most earnest manner to never suppose they can favor their own reputation by speaking a lie. *20LtMs, Ms 195, 1905, par. 2*

Many professing to be Christians and standing in exalted positions of trust are not to be depended upon. A man that has educated himself to be false in his statements and will hide himself from acknowledging what is truth by stating a lie will make lies his refuge and make any statement to accomplish his purpose. Such a man will not do equity and justice under trial, but will falsify and degrade sacred responsibilities rather than to tell the truth, which would place him at [an] inconvenience to gain some advantage [unless] a lie is [found] easily coming from his lips. *20LtMs, Ms 195, 1905, par. 3*

Influence

“Gather up my influence and bury it with me,” said a youth. That request can never be fulfilled. Past influence has gone forth and is unchangeable, repeating itself in the future. Future influence alone can be moulded and refined and sanctified through earnest effort, depending upon our Lord Jesus Christ whose property we are, having purchased us by a contract with His Father.*20LtMs, Ms 195, 1905, par. 4*

The skeptical words spoken are a seed sown and therefore may be acted upon by some mind and produce its fruit of tares. That evil seed sown in the mind produced fruit. We have the need of the converting grace of Jesus Christ [that] will make clean thoughts and pure words. That angry glance, that infidel seed sown, may produce its results on one mind and may cause much unhappy reflection to some sensitive soul. Influence that is produced by a converted soul is ever bearing the right fruit as long as that soul feels his dependence upon God.*20LtMs, Ms 195, 1905, par. 5*

Ms 196, 1905

Testimony Regarding A. T. Jones

NP

1905

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This early morning, 1905, I am deeply impressed. A scene was presented before me in [regard to] the deportment and actions of A. T. Jones. You have not the power of mind to act advisedly on other minds as has J. H. Kellogg [just] because your ideas and your deportment is of the same character as J.H.K.; for his influence is acting a lie—insidious, deceptive, and so assuming that his (J.H.K.'s) influence is seductive. Handling a lie, he makes it appear as verity and truth. But as A. T. Jones lacks refinement and appearance, his influence is not as dangerous under the hand of the tempter. He will exhibit a coarse, unrefined, untrained element of character. He possesses extraordinary expressions of coarse-grained character, and [with] the enemy working on that mind, he will be changeable according to the influence brought to bear on the individual expression of mind.*20LtMs, Ms 196, 1905, par. 1*

I knew that A. T. Jones was in danger and therefore we thought he would change if more important responsibilities were laid upon him; and, believing the testimonies as expressed in the Conference Bulletins, he could, if he heeded the testimonies—[following] his own published words—become a man led and taught of God through his own expressed assertions. But his own spirit, unless under the control of the Spirit of God, would develop its coarseness, and its impulsiveness, and unenviable character, for character speaks. Therefore we used our influence, W. C. White and myself, to save the man, to draw him to the Pacific Coast, and to place him in California over a conference where we could see and advise him. But his own spirit became unruly under any restraint. The power of the mind uncontrolled acts upon others and the love of supremacy would [cause him to] become an oppressor if everything did not go according to his dictation, unless under the constant influence of the Holy Spirit to make him what he should be—a faithful minister of

Christ.*20LtMs, Ms 196, 1905, par. 2*

As is the mind, so is the impression it makes. As the image must first be in the die before it can impress the coin, so must the impression be made upon other minds. It must first exist in the spirit and in the mind of the person. There is an impossibility of assimilating a lovely spirit if it be not converted after the divine similitude. Unless the soul itself bears the converting impress of the divine character the coarseness and the unamiable will appear—the general character, unconverted, will appear. The unamiable animal in the man will appear and become natural and produce its objectionable fruit. We need not have it thus. We must try to save the man if possible, for one sinner doeth much harm, and I must guard our people from the evils.*20LtMs, Ms 196, 1905, par. 3*

I now have a very plain expression which I must give at some period of time. There is an expression upon human actions and the human attitude that reveals the deformity of the human mind. The Lord God is high and lifted up and all expressions will be in accordance to the verity and bear the stamp of the impression made on the mind, whether it be good or evil. We have a work to do, but we have to be guarded never to entrust such persons with leading positions.*20LtMs, Ms 196, 1905, par. 4*

We thought that the fear of God, and the value of the human soul's will and important positions, would have an influence to guard A. T. Jones, that he would reason from cause to effect and altogether a far superior mould would appear in his character, but the opposite has been revealed. His lack of refinement and self-discipline remains unchanged, unconverted to refinement in his manners. Hence, I am to say he must not give his habits of coarseness to the people to be occupying a position to guide others. God is dishonored in his independence, in his rough manners, for he will spoil the flock of God and the ones connected with him must suffer.*20LtMs, Ms 196, 1905, par. 5*

Ms 197, 1905

Diary Fragment Regarding Dr. J. H. Kellogg and Judge Arthur

NP

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I have a representation that Dr. Kellogg is making a spoil of souls. He has tried his arts upon Lawyer Arthur in business transactions, and although I have conversed plainly with Judge Arthur to be guarded, I have heard much talk passing between Lawyer Arthur and Dr. Kellogg. And the result is [that] the sophistries presented by Dr. Kellogg will have their influence and he [Judge Arthur] will demand unjustly for his services. An unseen messenger of heaven is in every assembly and is taking record of all the exactions, which is not a personal matter but the work [that is] connected with the Lord's work. There was a book [and] the angel was tracing the overexaction which [should] never be represented, neither before saints nor sinners. No Christian [in] dealing with his fellowmen in any respect has an excuse, because it is the fashion, to charge a high price for any of [the] work which he does.*20LtMs, Ms 197, 1905, par. 1*

Lawyer Arthur is to beware, for he must not engage in any enterprise that leaves a shade of dishonesty upon his Christian profession. We are all under supervision of God and He, the Lord, is making His account in the books of heaven. Mistakes have been made in dealing unjustly, in dealing with brethren, members of the Lord's family. Whatever their calling—as lawyer, as minister, as physician—they are dealing with the workmanship of God. Whatever their calling, they have to meet their accounts traced in the books of heaven. But there is one that is doing his best to make it appear that unrighteousness is justice. Dr. Kellogg has done much that he will wish in that day when the case comes up in the heavenly courts that [he had not done]. He would be glad if he could begin over again and present a different record. So also will Judge Arthur. Being a lawyer, if he has the fear of God before him in all his cases which he has to handle, he receives his reward in

the effort to [do] justice and equity in every case. But he has listened to an adviser and his judgment and justice have been perverted. Strong lawyer fees were exacted to be met on the great day of final accounts. The judge, the lawyer, may have acted their part shrewdly, but it will be at a greater expense than any lawyer or accountant had calculated when the word is heard, "Woe unto you lawyers." [*Luke 11:52.*]20*LtMs, Ms 197, 1905, par. 2*

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Not because we first loved Him did Christ love us; but “while we were yet sinners,” He died for us. [*Romans 5:8.*] He does not treat us according to our desert. Although our sins have merited condemnation He does not condemn us. Year after year He has borne with our weakness and ignorance, with our ingratitude and waywardness. Notwithstanding our wanderings, our hardness of heart, our neglect of His Holy Word, His hand is stretched out still.*20LtMs, Ms 198, 1905, par. 1*

Grace is an attribute of God exercised toward undeserving human beings. We did not seek for it, but it was sent in search of us. God rejoices to bestow His grace upon us, not because we are worthy, but because we are so utterly unworthy. Our only claim to His mercy is our great need.*20LtMs, Ms 198, 1905, par. 2*

The Lord God through Jesus Christ holds out His hand all the day long in invitation to the sinful and fallen. He will receive all. He welcomes all. It is His glory to pardon the chief of sinners. He will take the prey from the mighty, He will deliver the captive, He will pluck the brand from the burning. He will lower the golden chain of His mercy to the lowest depths of human wretchedness, and lift up the debased soul contaminated with sin.*20LtMs, Ms 198, 1905, par. 3*

Every human being is the object of loving interest to Him who gave His life that He might bring men back to God. Souls guilty and helpless, liable to be destroyed by the arts and snares of Satan, are cared for as a shepherd cares for the sheep of his flock.*20LtMs, Ms 198, 1905, par. 4*

It was the outcast, the publican and sinner, the despised of the

nations, that Christ compelled to come to Him. The one class that He would never countenance was those who stood apart in their self-esteem, and looked down upon others.*20LtMs, Ms 198, 1905, par. 5*

“We are saved by hope.” [*Romans 8:24.*] The fallen must be led to feel that it is not too late for them to be men. Christ honored man with His confidence, and thus placed him on his honor. Even those who had fallen the lowest, He treated with respect. It was a continual pain to Christ to be brought into contact with enmity, depravity, and impurity; but never did He utter one expression to show that His sensibilities were shocked or His refined tastes offended. Whatever the evil habits, the strong prejudices, or the overbearing passions of human beings, He met them all with pitying tenderness. As we partake of His Spirit, we shall regard all men as brethren with similar temptations and trials, often falling and struggling to rise again, battling with discouragements and difficulties, craving sympathy and help. Then we shall meet them in such a way as to encourage them, that they may say with confidence, “Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall I shall arise; when I sit in darkness the Lord shall be a light unto me.” [*Micah 7:8.*]*20LtMs, Ms 198, 1905, par. 6*

The world is out of joint. As we look at the picture, the outlook seems discouraging. But Christ greets with hopeful assurance the very men and women that cause us discouragement. In them He sees qualifications that will enable them to take a place in His vineyard. If they will constantly be learners, through His providence, He will make them men and women fitted to do a work that is not beyond their capabilities; through the impartation of His Holy Spirit, He will give them power.*20LtMs, Ms 198, 1905, par. 7*

Christ’s heart is cheered by the sight of those who are poor in every sense of the term; cheered by His view of the ill-used ones who are meek; cheered by the seemingly unsatisfied hungering after righteousness, by the inability of many to begin. He welcomes, as it were, the very condition of things that would discourage many ministers. He corrects our erring piety, giving the burden of the work for the poor and needy in the rough places of the earth to men and women who have hearts that can feel for the ignorant and for those

that are out of the way. When the Light of the world passes by, privileges appear in all hardships, order in confusion, the success and wisdom of God in that which has seemed to be failure.*20LtMs, Ms 198, 1905, par. 8*

It is not the saint but the sinner that needs compassion. The angels have special charge of weak and trembling souls, those who have many defects, many objectionable traits of character. "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.*] If any injustice is done to them, it is counted as if done to Jesus Himself; for Jesus identifies His interests with that of the souls He has purchased at an infinite cost.*20LtMs, Ms 198, 1905, par. 9*

Angels are ever present where they are most needed. They are with those who have the hardest battles to fight, with those who must battle against inclination and hereditary tendencies, whose surroundings are the most discouraging.*20LtMs, Ms 198, 1905, par. 10*

Temptations may 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. Let us put our whole trust in the One who understands our temptations and trials, the One who alone can master temptation. Many are premature in their efforts; in their own strength they enter the conflict, not realizing that the Captain of their salvation is at work for them, ready to do for them that which they cannot do for themselves. If they would talk with God in prayer, by faith grasping His promises, they would receive strength for the conflict, and need not fight so terrible a battle.*20LtMs, Ms 198, 1905, par. 11*

When we believe the promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," we shall be strong to endure. [*Matthew 28:20.*] We need a constant sense of the abiding presence of Christ. He is our righteousness.*20LtMs, Ms 198, 1905, par. 12*